

Situation Report #5 | **June 13 2023**

World Vision has reached 603,334 people in the first 100 days of the earthquake response

On February 6, two earthquakes of 7.7 and 7.5 magnitudes occurred in Türkiye's Kahramanmaraş Province, followed by subsequent 6.4 and 5.8 magnitude quakes on February 20. The twin earthquakes impacted 11 provinces in Türkiye's southeast region and neighbouring Syria. The tremors were felt by millions of people across the area up to 1,000km (621 miles) away. According to government and UN [sources](#), more than 55,190 people have died, and 129,490 injured. At least 15.73 million people and 4 million buildings were affected. About [345,000](#) apartments were destroyed. More than [2 million](#) residents in the affected provinces were evacuated to nearby regions.

Despite the Syria Earthquake [Flash Appeal](#) securing 99% of the required funding of almost 400 million US\$ at the March 2023 Brussels conference, it only covers a three-month emergency response period, and the overall Syria Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for 2023 remains significantly underfunded at just 7.8%. More support is

urgently needed to address the ongoing humanitarian crisis. Additionally, Türkiye continues to host the most significant number of refugees worldwide, with some 3.6 million registered Syrian refugees and close to 320,000 persons of concern from other nationalities.

In NW Syria, shelter and education are the two priority sectors. World Vision's rapid assessment noted that **94% of respondents reported their homes had been damaged in the earthquake**. Half the people we spoke to said the house had been destroyed. In the education sector, 84% of needs assessment respondents reported that the quake had negatively affected their ability to access education for their children. Many schools were damaged, and over 100 are used as temporary shelters for displaced people. Multi-purpose cash remains one of the most effective modalities for delivering aid since the underlying vulnerabilities of the population mean that households have varying needs.



Map of World Vision Syria Response countries – showing where WORLD VISION SR is responding

STER Goal

Through a combination of private donations and grants, World Vision, through the Syria and Türkiye Earthquake Response (STER), is responding in the earthquake-affected areas of NW Syria and Türkiye. Together with our partners, we have started to develop relief programs focusing on the second phase of operation. Our technical team and partners designed interventions that meet impacted population needs. World Vision is responding mainly through partners to provide **WASH support, education, health and nutrition assistance, shelter and survival items, cash and voucher**

assistance, livelihoods, and child protection activities. This phase of the Response will continue until September 2023. Phase three will begin in October 2023 and end in September 2024. During this phase, all earthquake-related activities will start to be fully integrated on a rolling basis into ongoing programming.

In the meantime, our P&C department is fully involved in the recruitment of new staff. Because the Syria Response is grants funded (relatively short project cycles) we have a

high turnover of staff (approximately 40%) but on top of the regular recruitment we are now scaling up. At least 50 new positions are being recruited and as the design and development of new projects continues new vacancies emerge. The decision to do more implementation ourselves has a direct impact on our staff. The renewal of our registration in Türkiye in March meant that since then we have been able to recruit new Turkish staff.

Rapid Assistance provided since the first earthquakes struck

Hours after the Earthquake, our staff in Syria started responding to the impacted population by providing tents, non-food materials, heaters, and fuel; within 48 hours, we allocated almost one million dollars to our partners to immediately begin lifesaving and life-preserving activities. Additionally, World Vision provided multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) directly to vulnerable families in NWS. (Find out more in our first Situation Report here.)

Since the initial response phase, we have begun scaling up our programming through partners and our direct implementation. With our registration in Türkiye being renewed and expanded into more provinces, our P&C department has started scaling up to meet the needs of a scaled-up Response, with at least 50 new positions being recruited. The expectation of more people as new projects are further developed is particularly true in our MEAL team, which we have learned is one of the biggest enablers of success in partnering. As such, the team is being expanded to handle the increased accountability and program monitoring demands.

Türkiye:

Overall, World Vision, in partnership with local organizations, has provided services to 214,810 people in Southern Türkiye. This included

- providing WASH activities through its partner Support to Life (STL) in Adiyaman and Hatay.
- Distributing dignity kits, baby kits, and kitchen sets in hard-hit villages and cities.
- Distributing over 5,000 hygiene kits in Islahiye and Nurdagi (Gaziantep).
- With our partner, the International Blue Crescent, we began a project to provide voucher assistance, protection, and MHPSS services to community members affected by the earthquakes in Sanliurfa, Kilis, and Adiyaman provinces

Syria:

WV is responding to the earthquake's aftermath through 10 separate projects with institutional, UN, and internal funding, with a combined value of more than US\$14m. In the coming weeks, this will increase as we begin finalizing our project designs.

World Vision and our local partner organizations have directly assisted almost half a million people with essential services in Syria. Recent activities include:

- Through our implementation and that of our partner IYD, we are providing potable clean water to affected communities in Idlib by operating water stations.
- With our partner SAMS, we support six mobile medical clinics that are providing primary health care consultations.
- We are directly implementing structured and non-structured PSS activities in Azaz for children and their caregivers.
- 1,400 households have been reached through emergency cash assistance.

Key Activities in the coming weeks

In **Türkiye**, WV will complete the delivery of 175 living containers to Kirikhan Camp in Hatay Province. World Vision will also deliver 416 New Arrival Kits to the affected communities. These provide a much-improved standard of living conditions for those displaced from their homes by the earthquake – and include glass windows, lockable doors, a sink area, separate living and sleeping areas, and a bathroom with modern fittings and are designed to fit one family. While they cannot replace permanent homes, they provide more protection from the elements, privacy, and dignity than tents.

WV will also be piloting a 'Lift in Fullness Together' (LIFT) project – focussing on promoting the Well-being and Protection of Earthquake-Affected Children, Adolescents, and Caregivers in Gaziantep, Kilis, Şanlıurfa provinces of Türkiye. The project will be implemented directly by World Vision teams. It will move beyond the standard Child-Friendly Space approach to a more comprehensive and holistic package of services and support targeting different age and gender groups. Interventions will include joint analysis of vulnerabilities, risk, and protective factors at all levels, forming a Child-Wellbeing Team, and an Integrated package of services and activities.

In **Syria**, WV has ten projects at the proposal stage, including recent proposals to UNOCHA and the Aid Fund for North Syria (AFNS) to provide education and protection services in NWS, and with the World Food Programme to provide cash assistance to those in camps and informal settlements.

- World Vision expects the delivery and distribution of 18,666 kits for school children, including school supplies, recreational kits, and hygiene kits. This is funded through the Hong Kong government, and we will be able to provide more details in the next Sit Rep!
- World Vision is also setting up tents for vulnerable children to have safe places to play and receive psychosocial support, awareness sessions on several protection topics, and educational support. This is part of the UNICEF-funded 'WAQTI' project being implemented through four partners, including Violet, Orange, TAS, and AFH, and is a significant source of new funding, totaling over \$7m and evidence of WV Syria Response's improved relationships with institutional donors.
- WV will continue supporting eight water stations in 8 Earthquake-affected locations to ensure potable water delivery to these communities. This will include the distribution of water tanks, rehabilitation works for water networks, and rehabilitation of sewage networks in the communities. This intervention is supported by DEC funding and implemented directly by WV.
- Lastly, we will continue supporting access to primary health care services in 7 PHCs through ADH funding while carrying out two cash distributions in June for Earthquake affected beneficiaries. This is implemented through five partners: Shafak, SRD, AHF, Violet, and Alameen.



STER Budget

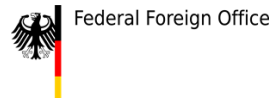
In the first month after the earthquake, we were not sure how much money would be made available, and our first optimistic forecast was that about 10 million dollars would be raised. This was to be on top of the 25 million regular budget (grants and PNS). We now feel blessed that three months later more than 70 million has been committed (for two years). This means that we regularly update our work plan.

Our Grants acquisition team is making sure the commitments by donors are translated into contracts. This requires proposals and negotiations regarding location, sector, number of beneficiaries etc. Once the contract is signed the budget is entered into the financial system with PBAS numbers. At the end of April out of over 70 million commitments, 16 million were fully approved and entered the financial system and 3 million dollars has been accounted for so far.

Donors and World Vision offices supporting the STER



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World Vision offices in Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, Taiwan, United Kingdom and United States have also each contributed more than 1 million USD in private funding.

Key Communications & Advocacy activities

Communications:

A doctor's oath to support people in need remain unhindered

Syria has been struggling with its health infrastructure for the past two years. Despite that, doctors never gave up on their patients and remained supportive during the most difficult of times- including a 7.8 magnitude earthquake.

When people say that medicine is a humanitarian profession, this is what they mean,

"I had feelings of sadness and helplessness when I witnessed the severe injuries, numerous deaths and people trapped under the rubble. But all of this did not prevent me from fulfilling my duty," Doctor Mujahid*, 34.

Doctors like Doctor Mujahid are at the frontline of every outbreak and disaster. Despite any hardships they come across, they work at their full capacity, prioritise their patients and their wellness above all. The recent earthquakes in Syria were no different.

During that period, Doctor Mujahid - a paediatrician who works with disease surveillance supported by World Vision, kept caring for people despite the death of his relatives. He shares, "One of the prominent events I faced on a personal level was the death of some of my relatives during the recent earthquake. Two families of my relatives perished, and we received the death of a child who was missing for a while".

Despite the heartache, the doctor knew Syria depended on him and had been for the past ten years. So, "I worked hard during this period to provide the necessary support to meet the urgent needs at that time. Because the cases [for the surveillance] weren't as critical," he shares. However, his work was cut short, lack of medical equipment was evident during the quake, staff were at their fullest capacity, and frequent power outages made it challenging. "The hospital wasn't in an ideal condition as there is always a shortage of medical supplies and staff, especially during the quakes".

Doctors like Mujahid are a mercy to people. Despite all the challenges that overcame their way during the quakes, they kept supporting people with medical services. Syria was able to survive the devastating Earthquake thanks to Doctors like Mujahid.



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Advocacy:

- Collaborated with the SIRF group to provide contribution discussing "the lack of focus on durable solutions," as part of preparations for the Senior Officials Meeting took place in Berlin on May 10-11.
- We contributed to the NWS NGO Forum's public briefing note for the Senior Officials Meeting, highlighting the recent earthquake's exacerbation of Syria's humanitarian crisis. These added key advocacy messages emphasise the need to improve the humanitarian Response in Syria.
- Two press releases were developed to shed light on our ongoing advocacy efforts and essential services provided to earthquake-impacted communities in Türkiye and Syria;
- On May 6, we published the first press release, marked the three-month since the devastating Earthquake: [Earthquake-impacted children in Türkiye and Syria still recovering from aftershocks three months on.](#)
- On May 16, we published the second press release, marking the 100-day post-earthquake, Children and caregivers continue to struggle with mental health issues [100 days after the tragic Syria-Türkiye earthquake.](#)

Key Communications and Advocacy resources in the first 100 day

- World Vision has released 11 statements in the first 100 days of the earthquake, focusing on child protection and the impact of the earthquake and ongoing aftershocks. You can read them in the [newsrooms](#).
- World Vision have published more than 15 written story and video highlighting the impact of the earthquake on children and their families, read more about the impact and how we are responding in our stories section [here](#).
- World Vision released four situational reports since the earthquake hit Syria and Türkiye, read [N.1](#), [N.2](#), [N.3](#) and [N.4](#).
- World Vision has released [DIRE CONSEQUENCES: 12 YEARS OF SUFFERING IN SYRIA](#), on the 12th anniversary for the Syrian crises, the policy brief highlights the impact of the crisis, the earthquake and the most pressing needs.

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