

# Türkiye and Syria – Earthquakes

MARCH 17, 2023

## SITUATION AT A GLANCE

**54,448**

Earthquake-related Deaths Reported in Türkiye and Syria

*Media – March 2023*

**240,000**

Number of Damaged or Destroyed Buildings in Türkiye and Syria

*UN – March 2023*

**2.7**  
MILLION

Number of People Displaced in Türkiye

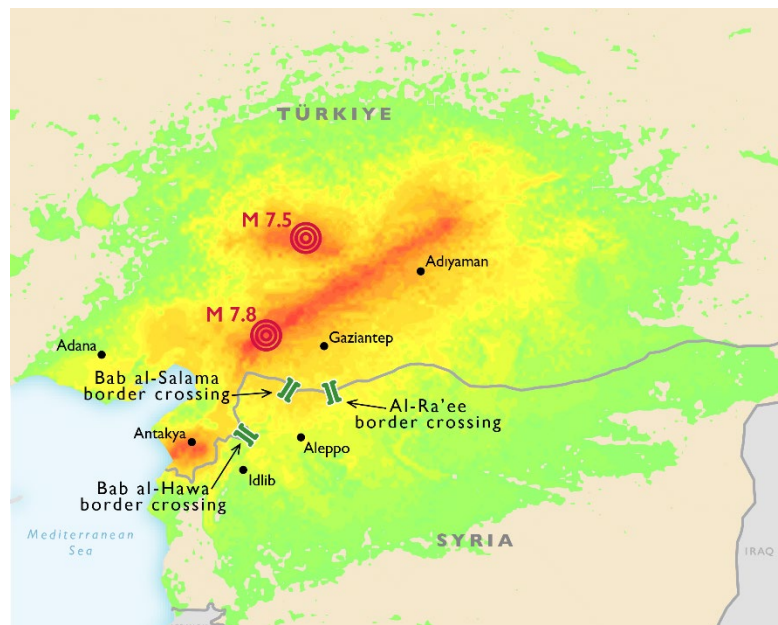
*IOM – March 2023*

**500,000**

Number of People Displaced in Syria

*UN – March 2023*

- Heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding in earthquake-affected areas of Türkiye have resulted in 14 deaths and secondary displacement.
- Relief actors, including USG partners, have restored WASH access for 234,000 people and vaccinated nearly 1.4 million people against cholera in northwest Syria.
- Markets remain relatively resilient in northwest Syria following earthquakes, though supply shortages and high prices threaten access to essential goods.



## TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN FUNDING

For the Türkiye and Syria Earthquakes Response in FY 2023

USAID/BHA <sup>1</sup>	\$98,139,682
State/PRM <sup>2</sup>	\$75,000,000
DoD <sup>3</sup>	\$27,600,736

*For complete funding breakdown with partners, see detailed chart on page 9*

**Total \$200,740,418**

<sup>1</sup> USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA)

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)

## TIMELINE

### February 6, 2023

At 4:17 a.m. local time, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake strikes central-southern Türkiye at a depth of 11.1 miles. At 1:24 p.m. local time, a magnitude 7.5 earthquake strikes central-southern Türkiye at a depth of 6.2 miles

### February 6, 2023

GoT calls for international assistance for search-and-rescue operations and to meet the needs of earthquake-affected populations

### February 6, 2023

Ambassador Flake issues a DHN due to the effects of the earthquakes in Türkiye

### February 6, 2023

USAID/BHA deploys DART to Türkiye and activates Washington, D.C.-based RMT to coordinate USG response efforts

### February 7, 2023

USAID/BHA deploys USAR teams from the Fairfax and Los Angeles County fire departments to support ongoing search-and-rescue efforts

### February 9, 2023

USAID/BHA announces the allocation \$85 million in humanitarian assistance for earthquake-affected populations in Türkiye and Syria

### February 19, 2023

USG announces the allocation of an additional \$100 million in humanitarian assistance

### February 20, 2023

USAID/BHA-supported USAR teams demobilize and return to the United States

### March 6, 2023

Ambassador Flake hands over DoD field hospital in Hatay to GoT MoH staff

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

### Heavy Rainfall Results in Flooding in Earthquake-Affected Areas of Türkiye

Heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding in Türkiye's earthquake-affected provinces—particularly Adiyaman and Sanliurfa—from March 12 to 15 has resulted in the deaths of at least 14 people, with many others missing, and secondary displacement of some earthquake-affected populations, the Government of Türkiye (GoT) Ministry of Interior Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) reports. In Sanliurfa, the flooding of a local hospital prompted staff to relocate emergency room patients to higher hospital floors, local media report. In addition, while visiting the sites of USAID/BHA-supported programs in Kahramanmaras Province on March 14, USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) staff observed minor flooding in formal displacement camps. Relief actors have responded by relocating flooded tents in some camps to nearby areas equipped with gravel drainage, the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) reports. Additionally, U.S. Government (USG) partner the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is working to deliver timber pallets to settlements in Adiyaman to support the elevation of flood-affected tents and mitigate flooding risks as heavy rains persist. Moreover, TRC has raised concerns of deteriorating hygiene and sanitation conditions in displacement camps due to flooding, particularly as additional rainfall in the region is forecasted for the coming week.

### WASH Needs Persist in Earthquake-Affected Areas of Syria as Relief Actors Bolster Assistance

The February earthquakes damaged or destroyed several safe drinking water sources across northwest Syria, with some becoming temporarily or permanently inoperable. Moreover, up to 30 percent of earthquake-affected communities in northwest Syria reported having their access to water, electricity, and health services disrupted due to the earthquakes, according to the non-governmental organization (NGO) REACH. As of March 15, relief actors had restored access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services to 234,000 people in Syria following repairs and the small-scale rehabilitation of water and sanitation infrastructure in earthquake-affected areas, the UN reports.

The disruption to WASH services puts populations at greater risk of contracting water-borne diseases as Syria continues to face a cholera outbreak. Health actors recorded more than 55,000 suspected cholera cases and 23 related deaths in northwest Syria in approximately 590 communities from late August 2022 to March 11, 2023, the UN reports. Between the March 7 commencement of the ongoing cholera vaccination campaign and March 15, health actors had vaccinated nearly 1.4 million people against cholera in earthquake-affected areas of northwest Syria, representing 80 percent of the 1.7 million people the vaccination campaign intends to reach, the UN reports. The vaccination campaign—led by USG partners the UN

Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and UN World Health Organization (WHO), in coordination with local health authorities, the Syria Immunization Group, and the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization—is scheduled to continue until March 18.

### **Markets Remain Resilient in Earthquake-Affected Areas of Northwest Syria**

Markets across many earthquake-affected areas of northwest Syria remain relatively resilient, though risks of supply shortages, price increases, and strained financial services persist, particularly amid access challenges, according to REACH’s mid-February Joint Rapid Assessment of Markets (JRAM). Following the earthquakes, most assessed communities reported that either all or most vendors in marketplaces were still operating. Among communities that did report shop closures, the average length of closures was 2.8 days before reopening, reflecting resilience amid significant damage.

Despite continued operations, many markets maintain limited supplies of essential goods. In areas most heavily affected by the earthquakes, including Idlib Governorate’s Harim sub-district and Aleppo Governorate’s Jandarisi and Sheikh Al Hadid sub-districts, assessment interviewees reported little to no availability of basic food items in markets. Road networks in these areas sustained significant damage, likely obstructing the delivery of food to surrounding communities, while local food production capacity in these areas remains insufficient. Further, approximately 30 percent of communities assessed in the JRAM reported limited availability of infant formula, exacerbating pre-earthquake challenges for households to afford formula at heightened prices, which could adversely affect the nutrition of infants and young children. USAID/BHA partners continue to deliver critical food and multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) to earthquake-affected populations in northwest Syria to bolster food security and allow populations to utilize cash assistance in local markets where possible.

#### KEY FIGURES



**160**

USAR personnel deployed to Türkiye with the DART

## **NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL, AND U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

### **URBAN SEARCH-AND-RESCUE**

In the wake of the earthquake, the GoT requested international search-and-rescue assistance. In response, USAID/BHA deployed two USAID-funded urban search-and-rescue (USAR) teams from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department who joined USAID’s DART on February 7. The USAR teams traveled with more than 170,000 pounds—77 metric tons (MT)—of specialized tools and equipment, such as hydraulic concrete breaking equipment, saws, torches, and drills, along with advanced medical equipment for search-and-rescue operations. The USAR teams supported GoT-led rescue efforts and structural assessments in Adiyaman Province.

USAID-supported USAR teams consist of 19 functional positions, staffed by experienced emergency managers, planners, search-and-rescue specialists, hazardous materials technicians, licensed engineers and construction riggers, emergency medicine physicians and paramedics, search-and-rescue dogs with handlers, and logisticians. USAR teams perform life-saving technical activities, including specialized search-and-rescue operations involving structural collapse to rescue and recover trapped individuals.

On February 20, DART USAR personnel demobilized and returned to the United States following the completion of rescue and recovery efforts in Türkiye, while DART staff remained in the region to continue scaling up humanitarian assistance for affected communities in Türkiye and Syria. In addition, the DART donated portions of its search-and-rescue tools and equipment to the AKUT Search and Rescue Association, a Turkish search-and-rescue NGO, and the Syrian Civil Defense, also known as the White Helmets.

Additionally, four State/PRM NGO partners have provided staff and other resources to assist with search-and-rescue efforts in southern Türkiye. Overall, the GoT and international governments deployed approximately 234,600 search-and-rescue personnel and 18,000 vehicles, including heavy machinery, to Türkiye.

### **FOOD SECURITY, LIVELIHOODS, AND MPCA**



**2.7 million**

Number of earthquake-affected individuals reached with food assistance in Syria and Türkiye

USAID/BHA supports the UN World Food Program (WFP) and NGO partners to deliver emergency food assistance in both Türkiye and Syria. USAID/BHA also supports the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and its partner the TRC to provide MPCA in Türkiye. Overall, WFP reached an estimated 2.7 million earthquake-affected people in Türkiye and Syria with hot meals, ready-to-eat rations (RTEs), and in-kind food assistance between February 6 and March 2.

In Türkiye, WFP had reached 973,000 earthquake-affected people with food assistance—including 868,000 Turkish citizens and Syrian refugees in Türkiye reached with hot meals and 105,000 Turkish citizens and Syrian refugees reached with family food packages in displacement camps—as of March 2. In addition, with USAID/BHA and other donor support, TRC had provided approximately 79.4 million pieces of bread, 72.7 million hot meals, at least 14.5 million ready-to-eat meal packages, 11.1 million units of soup, and estimated 8.1 million gallons of water, and 4.2 million beverages to earthquake-affected populations in Türkiye as of February 27.

In Syria, WFP and five existing USAID/BHA NGO partners are expanding food and MPCA programming for earthquake-affected populations, with WFP having reached approximately 800,000 earthquake-affected people with RTEs and hot meals as of March 13. Additionally, the UN agency had reached 1.2 million people in Syrian Arab Republic Government (SARG)- and opposition-held areas of northwest Syria with general food assistance rations and cash transfers, the majority of whom are affected by the earthquakes. Meanwhile, NGO partners in northwest Syria are delivering flour and yeast to contracted bakeries to produce subsidized bread and distribute food kits and RTEs. In addition, a USAID/BHA NGO partner is supporting eight bakeries in earthquake-affected areas of northwest Syria to provide subsidized bread to an estimated 284,800 people.

Two State/PRM partners are also broadening existing programs to support

the distribution of MPCA to earthquake-affected communities, including internally displaced persons residing in affected camps, in northwest Syria. Multiple State/PRM partners have also provided food and other life-saving assistance using existing programming funds in Syria. Moreover, State/PRM partner the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) continues to support 160 Palestinian refugee households in Latakia Governorate with food assistance and additional families sheltering in Aleppo's Ein al-Tal Camp with RTEs.



**845**

Number of MT of USAID/BHA in-kind relief and WASH commodities delivered to support earthquake survivors

## RELIEF COMMODITIES AND WASH

Between mid- and late February, 10 flights carrying USAID/BHA in-kind relief commodities from the Bureau's warehouse in the United Arab Emirates and a regional supplier arrived in Türkiye's Adana city. In total, the flights transported nearly 845 MT of relief commodities, including 65,000 high and medium thermal blankets; 56,000 14-liter buckets to store water; 189 hygiene kits sufficient to support 100 households each; nearly 41,200 kitchen sets; 520 rolls of plastic sheeting; and 54,800 plastic tarpaulins. USG partner IOM transported the relief commodities to earthquake-affected areas of Türkiye for onward distribution to affected populations to support their shelter and WASH needs. With international donor support, including USAID/BHA and State/PRM funding, IOM had reached 954,900 individuals with emergency relief supplies in earthquake-affected areas of Türkiye as of late February. Furthermore, State/PRM assistance is enabling IOM to support the GoT's efforts to manage displaced populations, including through the provision of data on the needs and locations of earthquake-affected communities.

In addition, with State/PRM support, IOM opened its warehouse in Gaziantep Province's Gaziantep city to shelter 1,200 earthquake-affected individuals and provide them with food and safe drinking water. State/PRM is also supporting UNICEF's efforts to evacuate children in shelters across southeast Türkiye to safer locations, conducting protection assessments, and providing additional support as needed. Meanwhile, the UN agency is working with local authorities to support operations in more than 100 youth centers that have been converted into temporary shelters. USG partner UNICEF had also reached nearly 277,000 people with blankets, electrical heaters, hygiene kits, and winter clothing as of February 28. In addition, with USAID/BHA, State/PRM, and other donor support, UNICEF reached 299,220 people, including approximately 169,000 children, with critical hygiene supplies in Türkiye's Adiyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş provinces during February. The UN agency also procured 52 WASH units with toilets and shower facilities, sufficient to accommodate 10,400 individuals, for installation at temporary displacement sites in affected areas. Separately, State/PRM partner Relief International distributed hygiene kits to 38,000 earthquake-affected people in Türkiye's Adana, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kilis, and Mersin provinces in late February.

In Syria, State/PRM partner the Office of the UN High Commissioner for

Refugees (UNHCR) had distributed nearly 42,000 core relief item (CRI) kits—comprising high-thermal blankets, kitchen sets, mattresses, plastic sheeting, sleeping mats, tents, and water containers, among other items—to more than 200,000 individuals as of March 15. UNHCR had also distributed more than 4,600 tents in northwest Syria as of the same date.



**300,000**

Earthquake-affected  
people receiving  
protection services in  
Syria

## PROTECTION

USAID/BHA and State/PRM are supporting relief actors to respond to earthquake-related protection needs in Syria and Türkiye. In Türkiye, with USAID/BHA support, an estimated 4,500 UNICEF-trained GoT Ministry of Family and Social Services social workers provided protection services—including protection support at child-friendly spaces and awareness-raising sessions—to more than 500,000 earthquake-affected individuals during February. In addition, UNICEF provided psychosocial support and psychological first aid to more than 28,370 children and caregivers in affected provinces. Separately, TRC—through USAID/BHA support to implementing partner IFRC—is providing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services to earthquake-affected populations at 20 collective shelters through 20 trained psychologists and more than 40 workers in coordination with Istanbul University.

State/PRM is also supporting UNICEF's efforts to evacuate children in shelters across southeast Türkiye to safer locations, conduct protection assessments, and provide additional support as needed. Meanwhile, the UN agency is working with local authorities to support operations in more than 100 youth centers that have been converted into temporary shelters and assisting separated and unaccompanied children. Moreover, with USG and other donor support, UNICEF had reached more than 198,000 earthquake-affected individuals in Türkiye with mental health and psychosocial support services and recreational activities as of February 28.

In Syria, State/PRM partner UNHCR has provided nearly 370,000 people with protection services across Syria since the February 6 earthquakes. UNHCR protection assistance includes awareness raising sessions on gender-based violence (GBV), legal assistance, child-protection activities, and psychological first aid.

## HEALTH

With USAID/BHA support, the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), UNICEF, WHO, and seven NGOs are delivering critical health services to earthquake-affected populations in Syria, while WHO and USAID/BHA NGO partner Samaritan's Purse are responding to health needs in Türkiye. Notably, on February 13, USAID/BHA partner Samaritan's Purse—in coordination with the GoT Ministry of Health (MoH)—established an emergency field hospital in Hatay Province's Antakya city. The USAID/BHA-funded facility includes a 52-bed inpatient ward, four intensive-care beds, four intermediate-care beds, two operating rooms, an inpatient pharmacy, a laboratory, and an emergency room. Between February 13 and March 15,



**11**

Number of USG partners  
providing health assistance  
in Syria and Türkiye

the hospital had treated approximately 5,400 patients and performed 219 surgeries. In addition, in early March, with USAID/BHA support, DoD delivered, donated, and installed a field hospital—comprising 25 modular field hospital systems, two operating rooms with surgical and intensive care unit capabilities, and 100 hospital beds—to Antakya. U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey L. Flake handed the field hospital over to GoT MoH authorities on March 6 to enable local responders to meet critical health needs.

In Syria, USAID/BHA partner WHO had delivered more than 140 MT of supplies to northwest Syria to address earthquake-related needs as of March 1. In addition, one USAID/BHA NGO partner had dispatched mobile medical units to accommodation centers to support displaced populations in Idlib, deployed 50 community health workers to surgical hospitals, and dispatched three ambulances to affected areas, among other health-related activities as of mid-February. The same NGO also deployed three mobile medical units, multiple surgical teams, and six mobile MHPSS units—comprising child protection, GBV response, and mental health professionals—to provide emergency and primary health care services for displaced populations living in temporary shelters and makeshift camps in earthquake-affected areas of Aleppo. As of March 2, the partner had reached approximately 2,400 people with medical treatment across the governorate. Additionally, the NGO partner is coordinating with health facilities to procure and deliver medical supplies to support continuity of health services in earthquake-affected areas. As of March 1, the NGO had delivered more than 15 MT of cholera kits, medications, and medical supplies to 11 health facilities across Aleppo, Hama, and Latakia governorates. With USAID/BHA support, a second NGO deployed a mobile clinic to Jandaris to provide emergency health services, including trauma treatment and follow-up services, to earthquake-affected populations.

In addition, USG partner UNICEF deployed 33 mobile health and nutrition teams to earthquake-affected areas in Aleppo, Hama, Latakia, Idlib, and Tartus governorates and continued to provide health services at 15 existing clinics in Idlib, Latakia, and Tartus, reaching approximately 219,500 people with essential health care and medical supplies from mid- to late February.

With pre-existing support from USAID/BHA and other donors, between February 6 and March 8, UNFPA distributed more than 520 sexual and reproductive health kits—sufficient to meet the needs of nearly 126,100 women and girls—and more than 31,000 dignity kits to support feminine hygiene needs to earthquake-affected populations in opposition-held areas of northwest Syria. UNFPA also distributed more than 38,800 dignity kits to earthquake-affected populations in SARG-held of Syria. In addition, UNFPA partners in SARG-held areas continue to provide essential sexual and reproductive health services at 14 facilities, while more than 30 mobile teams providing sexual and reproductive health services, GBV treatment services, and psychological first aid are assisting nearly 34,700 individuals. Between February 6 and March 3, USAID/BHA partner UNFPA provided

sexual and reproductive health services to more than 20,000 women and girls, including support for more than 1,350 deliveries and 400 cesarean section deliveries performed at UNFPA-supported facilities in earthquake-affected areas.

State/PRM partner UNRWA is distributing essential medical supplies to affected Palestinian refugees in Syria and offering telemedicine services to limited program participants based on need. The UN agency is also providing essential health and psychosocial support services to households impacted by the earthquakes in Neirab refugee camp in Syria. In addition, State/PRM partner UNFPA is delivering reproductive health services through four existing delivery points throughout southeast Türkiye and is working to maintain access to essential health services and supporting state hospitals by providing medical items, medicines, and reproductive health supplies. The UN agency is also distributing dignity and hygiene kits to affected populations in Türkiye and has provided at least 8,900 individuals with life-saving sexual and reproductive health and GBV support.

With State/PRM support, an implementing partner is also supporting health services for more than 57,000 earthquake-affected individuals in Syria and has provided medical and surgical supplies to six hospitals in earthquake affected areas.



**275**

MT of relief items airlifted  
by DoD in coordination  
with USAID/BHA

## **LOGISTICS SUPPORT**

At the request of USAID/BHA, DoD delivered approximately 606,200 pounds—275 MT—of emergency relief items to earthquake-affected areas of southern Türkiye. The missions include the airlift of 114,900 pounds, or 52 MT, of critical relief supplies—including blankets, emergency food commodities, generators, space heaters, tents, and winter clothing—from Incirlik Air Base in Adana Province to Adiyaman’s Karagol Koyu town; Gaziantep Province’s Jurdagi town; Hatay’s Antakya, Kirikhan, Hassa, and Samandag towns; and Kahramanmaraş’ Elbistan, Goksun, and Pazarcik towns for onward distribution to earthquake-affected populations between February 15 and 24. Furthermore, on February 25, the DART and DoD transferred nearly 120 DoD-supplied tents from Incirlik to USAID/BHA partner IOM for onward delivery to earthquake-affected areas in Syria and 80 tents to AFAD for distribution in affected areas of Türkiye.

In addition, a DoD shipment of relief commodities—including bedding, cots, and toiletries—arrived on the USS Hershel “Woody” Williams at the port in Mersin Province on February 27 and was transferred to AFAD for distribution at displacement sites and among earthquake-affected communities.



## USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKES RESPONSE IN FY 2023<sup>1</sup>

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>USAID/BHA</b>			
Syria			
IOM	Humanitarian Coordination, Information Management, and Assessments (HCIMA); Protection; Shelter and Settlements; WASH	Aleppo, Idlib	\$7,500,000
UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	HCIMA	Affected Areas	\$15,000,000
UNICEF	Health, Protection, WASH	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
WFP	Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$10,000,000
WHO	Health	Affected Areas	\$1,500,000
Implementing Partners	HCIMA, Health, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Affected Areas	\$8,000,000
	Program Support		\$18,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$47,018,000</b>
Türkiye			
Concern	Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Adiyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Sanliurfa,	\$6,000,000
DoD	Logistics Support	Affected Areas	\$1,500,000
IFRC	MPCA, Protection	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
IOM	Logistics Support, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
Miyamoto International	Shelter and Settlements	Osmaniye	\$500,000
Samaritan's Purse	Health	Hatay	\$3,000,000
Save the Children Federation (SCF)	Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Adiyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş	\$3,500,000
UNICEF	Protection, WASH	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
WFP	Food Assistance, Logistics Support	Affected Areas	\$16,000,000
WHO	Health	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
	Logistics Support	Affected Areas	\$6,312,256
	Program Support		\$309,426
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR THE TÜRKIYE RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$51,121,682</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING</b>			<b>\$98,139,682</b>
<b>State/PRM</b>			
Syria			
UNHCR	Camp Coordination and Camp Management, HCIMA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Affected Areas	\$11,800,000
Implementing Partners	Food Assistance, Health, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Affected Areas	\$11,100,000

<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$22,900,000</b>
Türkiye			
IOM	Agriculture, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, HCIMA, Health, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Affected Areas	\$17,000,000
UNFPA	HCIMA, Health, Logistics Support, Protection	Affected Areas	\$3,000,000
UNHCR	HCIMA, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Affected Areas	\$14,600,000
UNICEF	Education, Health, Logistics Support, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Affected Areas	\$17,500,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR THE TÜRKIYE RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$52,100,000</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING</b>			<b>\$75,000,000</b>
<b>DoD</b>			
Syria			
	In-Kind Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$4,475,623
<b>TOTAL DoD FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$4,475,623</b>
Türkiye			
	Health, In-Kind Relief Commodities, Logistics Support	Affected Areas	\$23,125,113
<b>TOTAL DoD FUNDING FOR THE TÜRKIYE RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$23,125,113</b>
<b>TOTAL DoD FUNDING</b>			<b>\$27,600,736</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKES RESPONSE IN FY 2023</b>			<b>\$200,740,418</b>

<sup>1</sup> Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of March 17, 2023.

## PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed, often in the affected region; reduce the burden on scarce resources, such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space; can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at [USAID's Center for International Disaster Information](https://www.usaid.gov/center-for-international-disaster-information) website and [interaction.org](https://www.interaction.org).
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: [cidi.org](https://www.cidi.org)
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [reliefweb.int](https://www.reliefweb.int).

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