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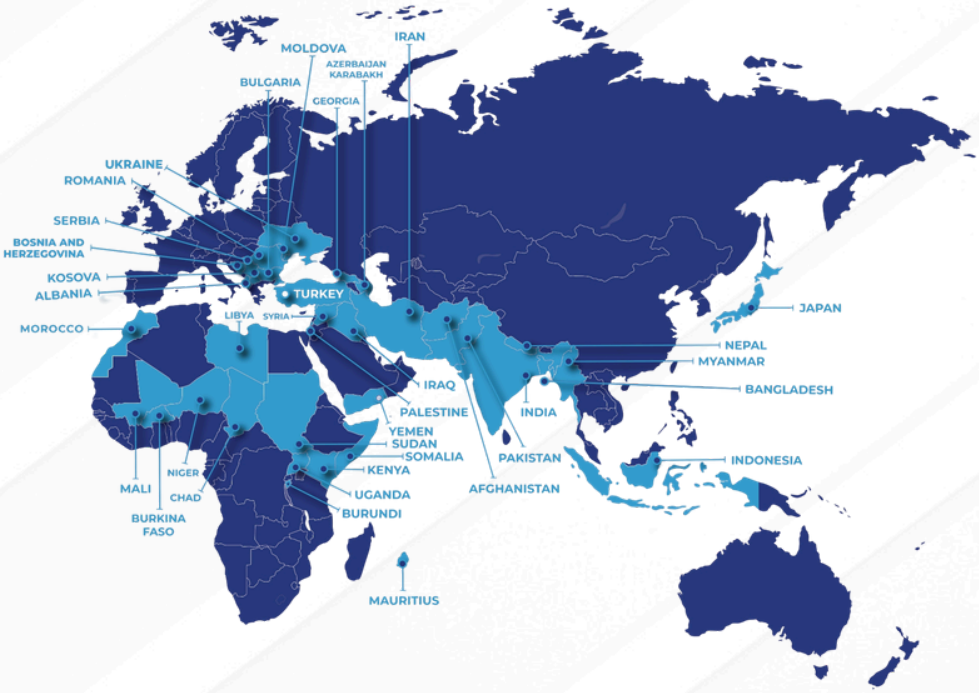
About IBC

For more than 24 years, International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) has been reaching out to people around the world who are struggling to access emergency relief, healthcare, education, and rehabilitation services. IBC serves people engaged in its programming without discrimination of any kind.

IBC works in collaboration with local communities, NGOs and national authorities to deliver targeted, meaningful programming, particularly in the areas of gender equality, emergency relief, reintegration into society, and sustainable development. Leveraging relationships with universities, international research centers, and global donors, IBC is able to combine technical expertise, a broad range of resources and long-standing experience in the field to drive change and support the fundamental rights of all.

IBC is a Special Consultant of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and a member of the International Community of Volunteer Associations (ICVA).

Since its creation, IBC has been and remains committed to effecting long-lasting, locally driven development in the pursuit of fairer, more equitable living conditions for us all.

















EARTHQUAKE ZONE SERVICES

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) implements humanitarian aid and development projects for communities affected by crises and disasters. Operating across a broad spectrum—from emergency response interventions to long-term social development programs—IBC supports vulnerable populations in accessing their fundamental rights.

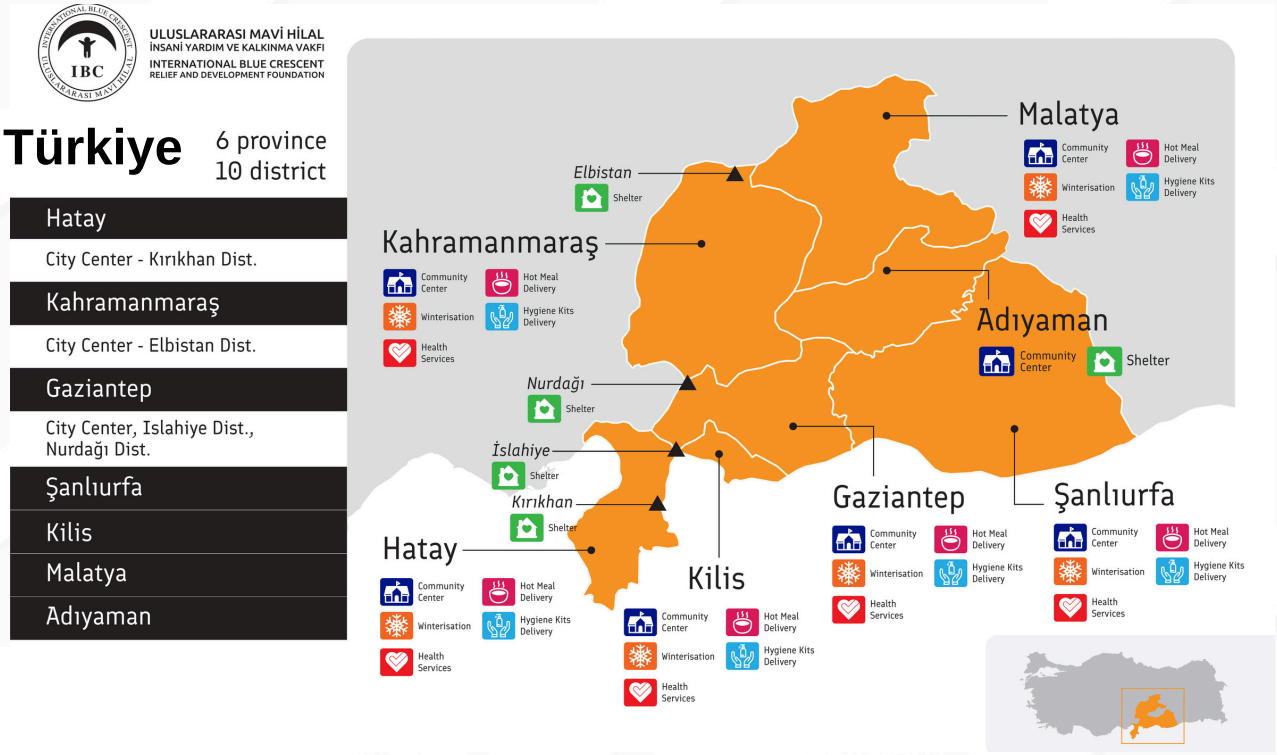
- Shelter Services
- Healthcare Services
- Hot Meal Distribution
- In-Kind Assistance
- Protection Services
- Psychosocial and Psychotherapy Support Services
- Community Centers and Child Caravan
- Child-Friendly Space Activities








MAPPING OF IBC OPERATION IN TÜRKİYE



Following the devastating earthquakes of magnitude 7.7 and 7.6 that struck Kahramanmaraş in 2023, International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) has continued its operations with the objective of improving living conditions in the affected regions and mitigating the physical and psychosocial impacts experienced by earthquake survivors.

In the aftermath of the disaster, the urgent and essential needs of affected populations became increasingly evident. Through regular needs assessments conducted across the earthquake-affected areas, IBC has implemented a range of humanitarian interventions. These include the provision of mobile shower and sanitation units in multiple locations, as well as the daily distribution of over 2,000 hot meals through mobile kitchen services. In addition, IBC has established temporary accommodation facilities, providing shelter to approximately 3,500 individuals at the Kırıkhan–IBC Temporary Accommodation Center in Hatay and the Korea–Türkiye Friendship City in Serinyol.

IBC currently continues its operations across six provinces through a network of 13 community centers—located in Adıyaman (2), Gaziantep (3), Hatay (4), Kahramanmaraş (1), Kilis (1), and Şanlıurfa (2)—as well as two child-friendly mobile units. Within child-, youth-, women-, mother-, and baby-friendly spaces, a comprehensive set of services is delivered, including psychosocial support, educational programs, healthcare services, vocational training, and social activities. Psychosocial support services aim to facilitate recovery from trauma, while education and vocational training programs contribute to enhancing self-reliance and resilience among beneficiaries.

Looking ahead, IBC remains committed to implementing inclusive and sustainable development initiatives to support the long-term recovery and reconstruction of the six earthquake-affected provinces, and to contribute to the restoration of normal living conditions.

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Kırıkhan - IBC Temporary Living Area



From the very first moments following the earthquake, the International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) initiated its operations in the affected areas and acted swiftly to address urgent humanitarian needs. Emergency relief packages were prepared and distributed to thousands of people, covering essential items such as water, food, hot meals, tents, hygiene kits, and heaters.

Identifying shelter as one of the most critical needs, IBC established a temporary accommodation center composed of container units in Kırıkhan. Implemented in coordination with AFAD, the Kırıkhan–IBC Temporary Accommodation Center provides thousands of earthquake-affected individuals with access to essential services, including shelter, food, psychosocial support, and protection.

The center consists of 460 container units and has been established with the support of valued partners, including Action Medeor, GIZ, IDRF, CORUS, Muslim Charity, WJR, JDC, World Vision, Good Neighbors, the King Baudouin Foundation, the Hungarian Church, and Caritas. In addition to living spaces, each unit is equipped with essential facilities such as kitchens, toilets, and bathrooms, ensuring adequate living conditions for residents.

Approximately one and a half months after the earthquake, child-focused activities were initiated to mitigate the negative psychological impacts of the disaster and to provide children with safe and supportive spaces. Through the Child Caravan, which significantly contributes to children's physical, cognitive, and social development, activities are conducted three times a day on weekdays. These include creative drama sessions, art workshops, play therapy, and educational games, all designed to enhance children's imagination, creativity, and social skills.
In parallel with child-focused interventions, IBC continues to provide protection and psychosocial support services for adults, along with awareness sessions and legal counselling. To support the psychological well-being of adults affected by post-earthquake trauma, specialized teams deliver regular psychosocial support services. Additionally, awareness-raising sessions are conducted on women's protection services, child protection mechanisms, and legal processes, contributing to increased community awareness and resilience.









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Mobile Kitchen



Within the scope of the earthquake response, hot meal support was provided from the very first days of the disaster through two mobile kitchen trucks deployed in Hatay and Kilis. Supported by funds received from various donors, these operations were carried out continuously for approximately six months following the earthquake.

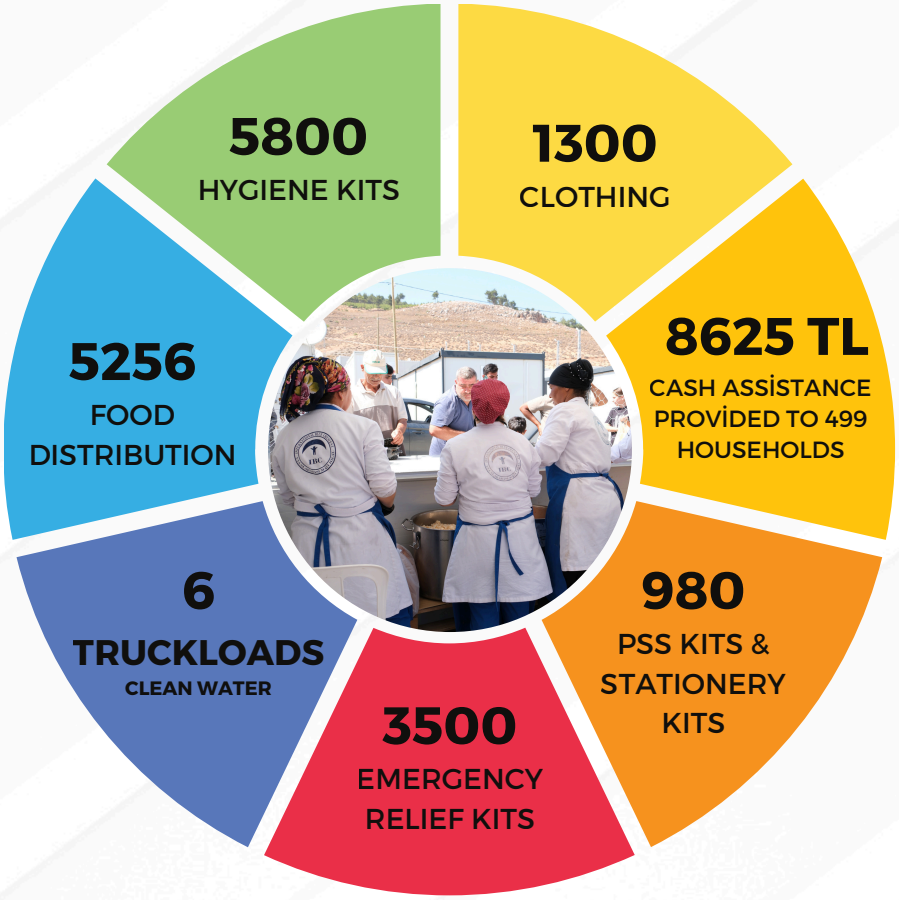
In the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes and the significant losses incurred, the essential needs of affected populations became increasingly evident. In response, International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) conducted regular needs assessments across the affected areas and tailored its interventions in line with emerging priorities. As a result, mobile kitchens, mobile shower units, and sanitation facilities were installed in multiple locations and made available for the use of earthquake-affected communities.

Through its mobile kitchen operations, IBC provided over 2,000 hot meals daily. In areas where access to hot meals was limited, targeted distributions were carried out. These included container settlements in İslahiye, dormitories of the Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK), the Fevzipaşa settlement area, camp installation sites, and central Kırıkhan, among other locations.

During the initial emergency phase, daily hot meal distribution reached approximately 1,000 individuals through mobile kitchen trucks. In the following period, in line with changing needs and field conditions, services were adapted to provide evening meals to an average of 200–300 individuals per day. These efforts contributed significantly to meeting the basic food needs of affected populations.

The mobile kitchen trucks were fully equipped with essential infrastructure, including kitchen units, cooking stoves, storage areas, dishwashing facilities, and water tanks, and were operated by teams of approximately four personnel per unit. This enabled the delivery of rapid, flexible, and sustainable services in the field.
Detailed data on the total number of beneficiaries reached during the earthquake response is available in the organization's emergency response portfolio, allowing for comprehensive monitoring of the scope and impact of these interventions.

IN-KIND ASSISTANCE in KIRIKHAN



Clothing Distribution:

A total of 1,300 clothing items were distributed.

- Baby Clothing – 150 items
- Adult Clothing – 860 items
- Children's Clothing – 290 items

Emergency Relief Distribution

A total of 3,500 emergency relief items were distributed.

- Blankets – 2,500 items
- Heaters – 200 items
- Fans – 400 items
  Lanterns – 400 items

Stationery Distribution:

A total of 980 stationery items were distributed.

- Stationery Kits – 500 packs
- Psychosocial Support (PSS) Kits – 480 items

Hygiene Distribution:

A total of 5,800 hygiene items were distributed.

- Elderly Hygiene Kits – 300 items
- Women's Hygiene Kits – 780 items
- Family Hygiene Kits – 300 items
- Baby Hygiene Items – 700 items
- General Hygiene Items – 1,320 items
- Hygiene Kits – 1,500 items
- Powder Detergent – 400 items
- Baby Diapers – 500 packs

Food Assistance:

A total of 5,256 food items were distributed.

- Water – 6 truckloads (216 pallets of 5L bottled water)
- Food Parcels – 820 items
- Food Kits – 436 packs
- Healthy Snack Kits – 4,000 items
- Hot Meals – 2,000 servings per day

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Korea–Türkiye Friendship City in Serinyol



The long-standing friendship between Türkiye and the Republic of Korea has gained even greater significance and depth in the aftermath of the 6 February earthquakes. In response to the devastation and human suffering caused by the disaster, the people and Government of the Republic of Korea have demonstrated strong solidarity and continue to provide meaningful support to Türkiye. The official opening of the Korea–Türkiye Friendship City, established in the Serinyol area of Hatay in the second week of August, took place on 19 October 2023.

The container settlement, which accommodates approximately 2,000 people, is supported by International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) in coordination with AFAD and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), in partnership with Save the Children, Good Neighbours, İlk Umut Association, and KFHI. Within the site, which consists of 500 container units, IBC has provided 170 fully equipped, ready-to-use containers. In addition, IBC has been implementing a range of interventions, including the regular distribution of basic needs kits, women's empowerment programs, psychosocial support activities, awareness-raising sessions, and livelihood initiatives aimed at supporting the socio-economic recovery of the affected population.

Through the Trauma-Informed Art Programmes regularly implemented in the area, group sessions are conducted on a weekly basis using different themes and artistic materials. These activities aim to support individuals affected by the earthquake in rebuilding their coping mechanisms. Women participating in the community committees established within the living area have actively engaged in production activities in areas where they feel competent, thereby contributing to both individual empowerment and community resilience.

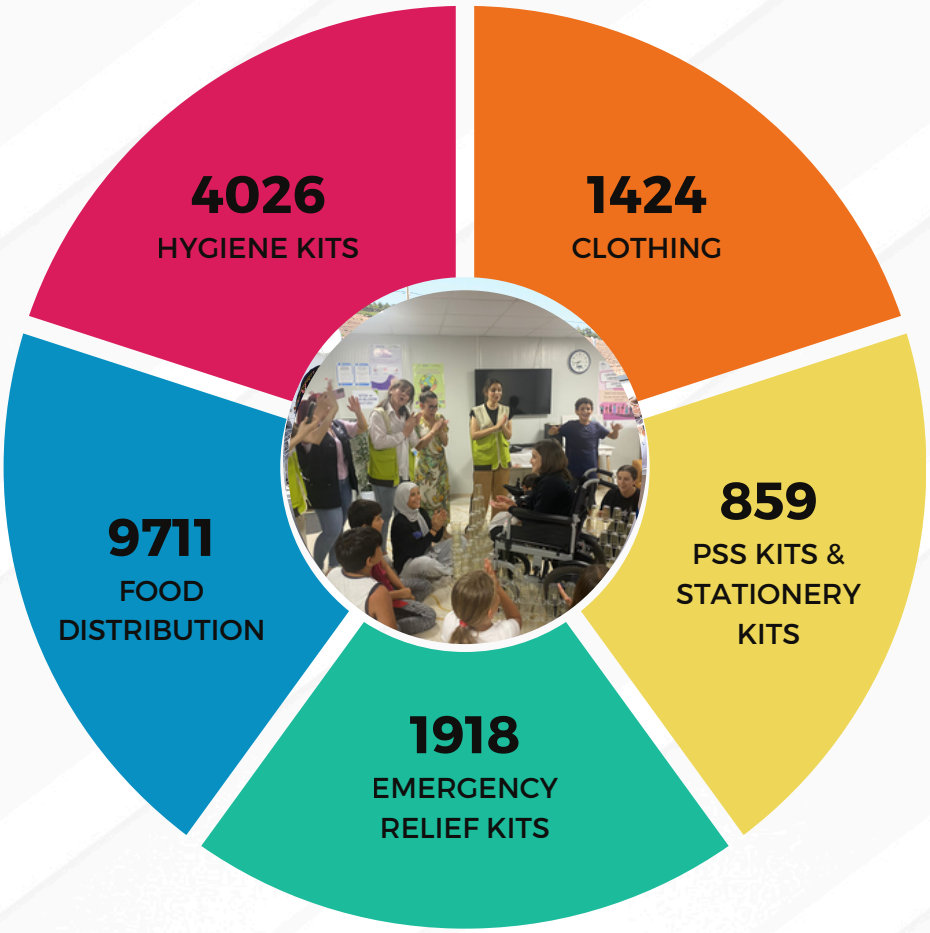








IN-KIND ASSISTANCE in SERİNYOL



Clothing Distribution:

A total of 1,424 clothing items were distributed.

- Adult Clothing – 1,424 items

Hygiene Distribution:

A total of 4,026 hygiene items were distributed.

- Hygiene Kits – 3,495 items
- Baby Hygiene Items – 190 items
- Baby Diapers – 341 packs

Food Assistance:

A total of 9,711 food items were distributed.

- Food Kits – 4,398 packs
- Child Nutrition Kits – 5,126 items
- Olive Oil – 187 units

Emergency Relief Distribution:

A total of 1,918 emergency relief items were distributed.

- Flashlights – 490 items
- Sunscreen – 148 items
- First Aid Kits – 286 items
- Sleeping Bags – 494 items

Stationery Distribution:

A total of 859 stationery items were distributed.

- Psychosocial Support (PSS) Art Kits – 859 items

Programmes in Serinyol

HEALTH PROGRAMME

Within the scope of the programme, informative and interactive sessions were conducted for community members on key topics such as basic hygiene practices, communicable diseases, chronic illnesses, family health, and referral pathways to health centers and hospitals. The programme aimed to raise awareness about health-related issues and to enhance participants' understanding of where to seek appropriate care and available treatment options. A total of 941 participants attended the health programme sessions.

PSS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The objectives of the psychosocial support activities are to enhance the well-being of earthquake-affected communities by facilitating group sessions with adults and girls, providing safe spaces for social interaction and personal expression, raising awareness on general mental health issues, and delivering psychoeducation on topics identified based on participants' needs. Within the scope of the programme, art-based trauma prevention practices and emotional regulation activities were implemented. A total of 822 participants attended the psychosocial support programme sessions, and 50 individuals received one-on-one counselling.

GENDER EQUALITY PROGRAMME

The Gender Programme aims to support women in promoting gender equality, raise awareness on gender-based violence, and facilitate access to referral mechanisms, legal rights, and mental health services. In addition, the programme seeks to identify the needs and priorities of participants.
Sessions are designed to focus on psychological well-being, emotional support, effective communication skills, and strengthening coping mechanisms in challenging situations. Safe spaces have been established for women and girls, providing secure environments for participation and interaction. These spaces are open seven days a week and are equipped with shared amenities such as seating areas, sofas, tea and coffee facilities, ovens, and refrigerators. They are designed as social spaces where women and children can spend time comfortably, rest, and engage with one another. A total of 1,766 participants attended the Gender Programme sessions.

COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

The overall objective of the programme is to establish sub-committees that provide a platform for residents of the container settlement to express their needs, requests, suggestions, and feedback, and to facilitate their active participation in solution-oriented processes. A total of five committees, composed of residents living in the container settlement, have been established.

LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME

Within the scope of the programme, employment opportunities were provided to support residents of the container settlement who lost their jobs and livelihoods following the earthquake, with a focus on medium-term recovery. A total of 52 individuals benefited from the programme between November and June.

Participants were selected based on specific vulnerability criteria, including survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), individuals with no household income, and those without any form of property ownership. In addition, participants received training aimed at enhancing employability skills, including CV writing and effective communication in the workplace.









LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT PROJECTS

Cash Assistance Project

Cash assistance amounting to TRY 8,625 per household was provided to 499 households affected by the earthquake and who had lost their livelihoods, in order to meet their urgent needs such as food, shelter, and heating.

Support Project for Small Businesses

In Kırıkhan, which was severely affected by the earthquake disaster, the Small Business Support Project was implemented to support individuals' reintegration into economic life and to strengthen the social fabric of the region. Within the scope of the project, entrepreneurship training, grant support, and advisory services were provided to individuals affected by the earthquake, particularly those from disadvantaged groups. By enabling participants to establish their own micro-enterprises, the project aimed to enhance their psychological well-being while contributing to the economic recovery of the region.
Following an approximately four-month training period, grants were awarded to 20 business owners or entrepreneurs who successfully completed the programme and met the predefined selection criteria, in order to support the establishment of their businesses.

Supporting Earthquake-Affected Fruit and Vegetable Producers and Strengthening the Agricultural Value Chain in Samandağ, Hatay

This project aimed to contribute to rural development by focusing on three key stakeholder groups: farmers, SMEs, and cooperatives. Under the supervision of the Blue Crescent Foundation, training programmes for farmers were initiated, while business development experts were engaged to design and deliver training activities for SMEs and cooperatives. The project supported a wide range of activities—from agricultural production to business management—and made a significant contribution to the economic and social development of rural areas.

Youth Training and Employment Support Project in the Construction Sector

Within the scope of the project, 140 young individuals aged 18–30 received skills training in construction works, along with job placement support. The programme provided participants with the opportunity to learn fundamental construction skills from experienced professionals and to obtain industry-recognized certification. In addition, tailored coaching on job search processes and access to an extensive professional network enabled participants to improve their employability and access job opportunities more effectively. Through this project, a significant contribution was made to increasing youth employment in Hatay.



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