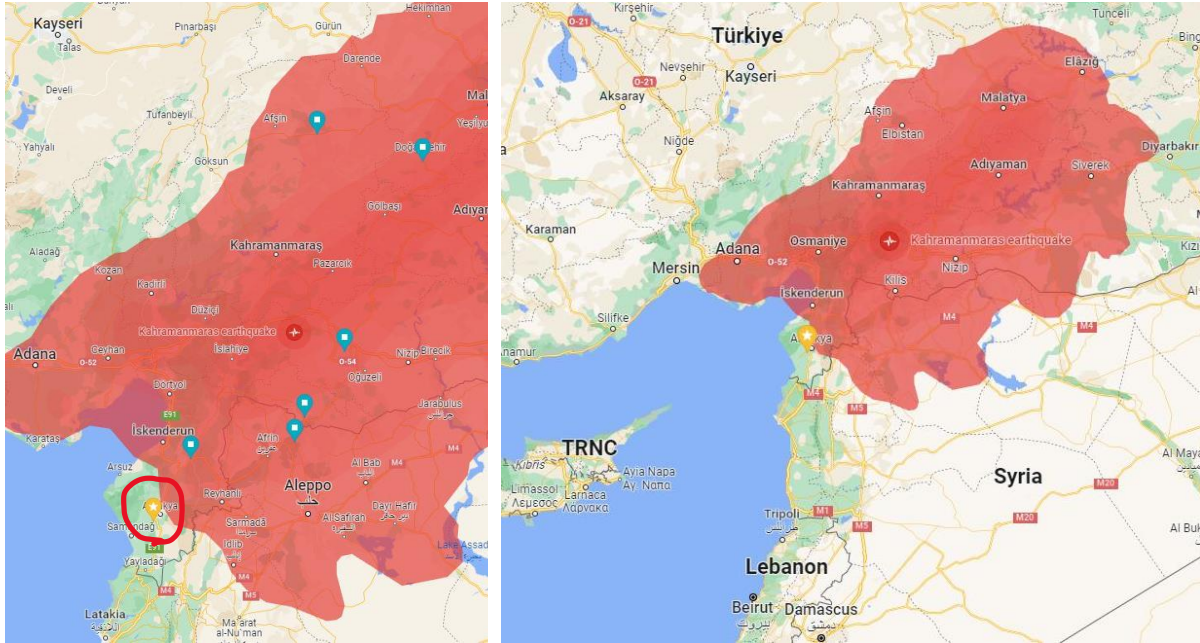


## Türkiye-Syria Earthquakes Emergency Update: New 6.4 Earthquake Hits Defne District of Hatay

*International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation would like to extend our sincere condolences to all those affected by the earthquakes last week. IBC employees in the region are safe and accounted for, though some have lost family members and loved ones and saw their entire homes destroyed. Thank you to all who are mobilizing and to the heroic search and rescue teams on the ground. Immense and continued cooperation is needed to prevent further loss of life and suffering.*

### Emergency Update: New 6.4 Earthquake Rattles Hatay



*Tonight's 6.4-magnitude and 5.8-m aftershock further destroyed Hatay/Türkiye and was felt in NWS and Lebanon*

At 8:04p.m. tonight while search and rescue efforts were still going on in Hatay from February 6<sup>th</sup> 7.5- and 7.8-magnitude earthquakes centered nearby in Kahramanmaraş, the district of Defne in Hatay was hit with its own 6.4-magnitude earthquake and several aftershocks including the highest at 5.8-m just minutes after. According to the Ministry of Interior Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency AFAD in Türkiye, there were approximately 32 aftershocks and three citizens reportedly who lost their lives in this new quake. In addition, there were 42 emergency calls reported, resulting in 213 individuals who were transferred to various hospitals in the surrounding area. Turkish Health Minister Fahrettin Koca said 295 people were injured with at least 18 seriously hurt. More buildings were reported damaged in the Hatay district townships of Samandag and Kirikhan, particularly in the rural areas. The death toll from the earthquakes that hit two weeks ago has risen to at least 41,156 in Türkiye according to AFAD with the number still expected to increase throughout recovery operations. Ten provinces of Türkiye remain under state of emergency as illustrated in the maps above, but rescue efforts only continue in two provinces including Kahramanmaraş and Hatay.



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Meanwhile the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported a few days ago that 5,791<sup>1</sup> people have died in Syria (Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) reports 4,525 in Northwest Syria alone as of today)<sup>2</sup>. ACU also reports as of today that more than 70 humanitarian workers have lost their lives in Northwest Syria. Humanitarian organizations with offices in southern Türkiye have also reported loss of staff and family members but there is no total count as of late. The working situation for personnel based in Southern Türkiye and Northwest Syria is dire and bleak already and although much aid has been provided from the international community, more support is urgently needed especially in the wake of tonight's new 6.4-m earthquake in Hatay, which was already over 50 percent flattened from two weeks ago. In addition, the nearby province of Adana is under watch for potential seismic activity in coming days, according to leading earthquake experts.

**To that end, this emergency situation update is a call for urgent support to IBC so that we may provide the following items in response to the most recent 6.4-m earthquake on top of the general appeal, which are called for especially in and around the districts of Hatay-** IBC has been active in Kirikhan and Antakya while developing longer-term programs there. At this time, IBC seeks urgent support for the procurement, purchase, and distribution of:

### Urgent Shelter & Winter Needs

- **Heaters for the tents: \$100 USD each**
- **Sleeping Bag: \$25 USD**
- Blankets & Winter Clothing-Blanket: \$12 USD
- Winter coat, boots, socks for kids: \$32 USD
- Winter coat, boots, sock for adults: \$60 USD
- Bedding: 90x190cm bed: \$115 USD
- Pillow: \$8 USD
- Quilt: \$16 USD
- Bed set-single: \$16 USD

### Hygiene & Sanitary Kits (for children/adults); Diapers, Food, Blankets, Basic needs packs

- Baby care kits (including baby diapers): \$7-8 USD
- Wet wipes (120 in package): \$1-1.50 USD
- Pacifier: \$1.50 – 1.80 USD
- Feeding Bottle: \$4.50 USD; potentially on backstock
- Diaper Rash Cream: \$3 USD; potentially on backstock
- **Power banks-8000 MAH POWERBANK: \$11 USD**

### Drinkable water, canned & other food

- Canned food: \$2.50 USD
- Drinkable water: \$0.50 USD
- Baby Food (in the jar): \$1.50-\$2 USD
- Baby Formula (powdered): \$16.50 USD; on backstock
- Wheat for Bread Production: \$32 USD/50KG

<sup>1</sup> 14 February OCHA Flash Appeal: Syrian Arab Republic Earthquake (February - May 2023). Available at: <https://bit.ly/3xlTlkj>

<sup>2</sup> Earthquake NWS Situation Report. 20 February 2023. Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU). Available at: [https://acu-sy.org/periodic\\_imu\\_reports/syria-earthquake-situation-update/](https://acu-sy.org/periodic_imu_reports/syria-earthquake-situation-update/)



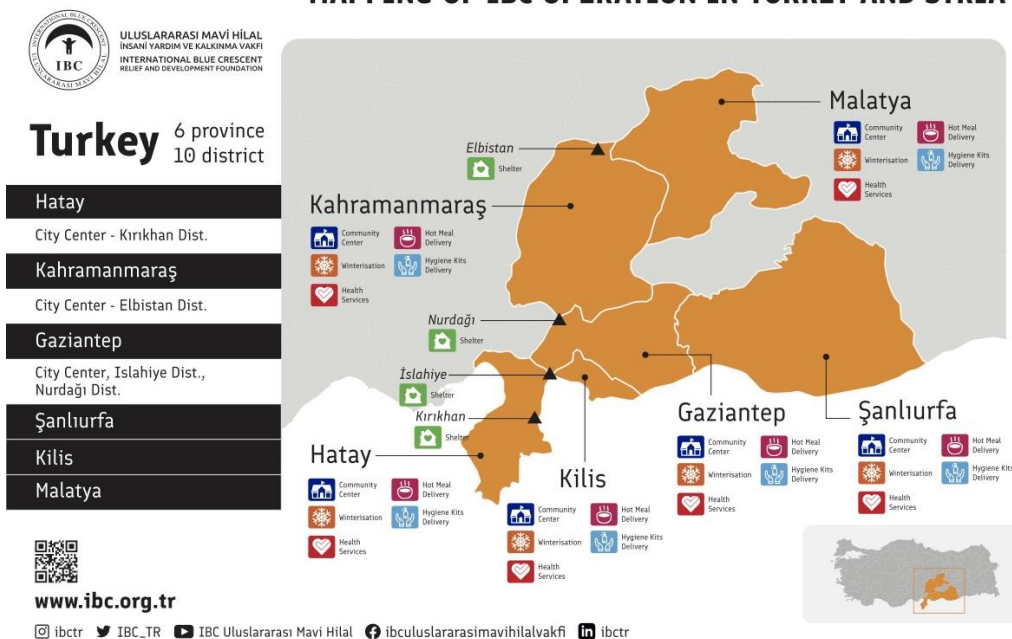
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After Antakya, which is the central district of Hatay, Kirikhan is the district with the most destruction and death from the first two earthquakes. IBC Field Staff in Hatay commented that even the debris removal operations have not yet begun. IBC has been assigned a plot of land in Kirikhan to set up a container camp of up to 500 containers and has begun the works to do so. We will continue to work 24/7 to provide relief efforts in the hard-hit province of Hatay and surrounding areas. For earthquake survivors, IBC is working tirelessly to provide food, water, shelter, warmth, and essential needs. Headquarters staff, in concert with global partners, are mobilizing flows of vitally important medical supplies, food, hygiene kits, and basic needs equipment to fulfill the needs of the earthquake victims. Personnel on the ground continue to operate crucial, lifesaving operations while plans to expand and intensify activities are finalized. For now, IBC Kilis Community Center continues to serve as a major hub for coordination and relief efforts, including for cross-border response into Syria. As a result of the assessments undertaken by IBC field staff and partners so far, **IBC has been taking the following actions:**

- Daily hot meal distribution in Kilis, 6,000 meals 3x/day
- Hot meal and blankets distribution started in NWS- in total 40,000 including 20,000 in Türkiye and 20,000 in NWS
- Establishing hot meal and food parcel distribution center in Hatay
- Delivered 4,000 thermal blankets to Gaziantep
- Provide wheat flour to Sanliurfa Municipality Halk Ekmek, distribute bread freely
- Establishing a shelter center of 200 prefabricated components in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş and undertake all needs
- Support municipality in Sanliurfa for shelter housing 9,000 people; deliver baby food and diapers, sandwiches, blankets



### **IBC Activities in development in Türkiye (Multiple Locations):**

- IBC plans to be operational at Kilis, Sanliurfa Center, Maraş Center/Elbistan, Islahiye and Nurdağ/Gaziantep and 2 locations in Hatay Center and Kirikhan to be determined later in contact with local authorities



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- In addition to community center tents already set up in Kilis and Sanliurfa, IBC will also establish in Kirikhan/Hatay, Elbistan/Kahramanmaraş, and Nurdagi and Islahiye Gaziantep, four community centers initial plan to run for 6 months
  - From each center, daily food, hygiene materials, blankets and hot meals for 1,000 people will be distributed
- Mobile teams of five staff are in five cities in Karahmanmaras, Gaziantep, Kilis, Hatay, Sanliurfa are continuing assessment for more programs
- IBC plans to establish prefabricated camps around the four community centers units of 100 prefab houses with all sanitation and other facilities with a potential to expand to 500 houses and run them for at least six months
- Immediate distribution of relief items in Hatay (blanket, food, hygiene, etc. to be decided by IBC according to ongoing assessments)
- Hot-meal distribution in Kilis IBC Community Center, Sanliurfa Community Center that already continue and at the newly established community centers in Kirikhan/Hatay, Islahiye and Nurdagi/Gaziantep, Elbistan/Kahramanmaraş and will continue for 6 months. Each community center will provide hot meals to 1,000 persons daily
- Medical checks, treatment, and provision of basic medicine will be available in the community centers too by employing a doctor and a psychologist
- Mobile health consultation (A team of a driver and a nurse ; to visit families living on the streets, to do health checks especially for children and elderly, to call an ambulance or organize the transport if deemed necessary); In each city in total four mobile health consultation teams will be in force
- Distribution of 20,000 blankets in Hatay, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Sanliurfa, and Malatya
- 20,000 Monthly food parcels distribution in Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, and Sanliurfa
- 20,000 Hygiene packages distribution in Hatay, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa and Kahramanmaraş
- 5,000 heaters to be distributed in all four provinces

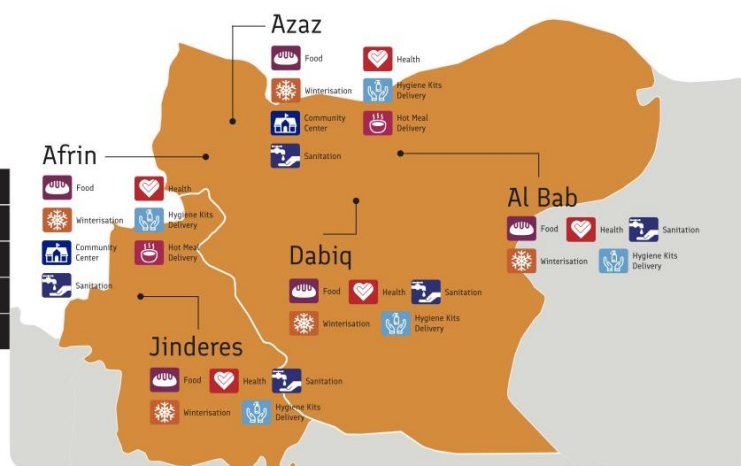


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## **IBC Activities in development in Northwest Syria (NWS)**

### **Ad Dana, Sarmada, Atmeh together with Doctors without Borders (MSF)**

- Support to 1,100 families left homeless providing arrival kits of 5,500 blankets and mattresses and 1,100: arrival items (tarpaulins, floor mat, insulating mat, fire extinguisher, rope), hygiene long-lasting kits (towels, sewing kit, comb, nail clippers, mirror, plastic jug for bathing, bucket), hygiene kit consumables (washing powder, detergent, kitchen dish cleaner, shampoo, hygienic pad, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, disposable razors, sponge), 6-person winter kits, kitchen kits
- Run one mobile clinic team in 5 Reception centers in the area by 1-day visit for each center per week, offering primary health services, dressing, mental health, and referral
- 5 OPD kit.; 15 trauma kits; 3 NCD kits
- 3,000 Gibson splints “Casting” (Plaster of Paris)
- Distribute 5,500 bread bags per day for 2 weeks for 1100 families
- Distribute 1,100 food basic items (including Bulgur, Sugar, Rice, flour, oil, tea, Helva, jam)
- Distribute tents for families doesn’t have a place to stay (for 1100 families)

### **A’zaz**

- Starting distribution of food and blankets in A’zaz and medical response through IBC-managed Public Health Units in A’zaz and Dabiq
- Establish community center tent and run for 6 months initially providing daily food, hygiene materials, blankets and hot meals for 1,000 people will be distributed
- 10,000 monthly food kits will be distributed
- 10,000 monthly hygiene kits will be distributed
- 10,000 blankets to be distributed
- 1,000 Heaters to be distributed

### **Al-Bab**

- Mobile clinic in Al-Bab with food for 1,000 families for a month then extended 6 months
- Distribution of 10,000 blankets in total

***\*\*IBC would like to thank its generous partners, donors, and their networks so far who have allowed us to respond urgently to this devastation that has shaken the region to its core\*\*:***

Action Medeor, Bridge, Conrad L. Hilton Foundation, Corus International, Decathlon France, Give2Asia, GIZ, GlobalGiving, IDRF Canada, IMC, JDC, MSF, Muslim Charity, Solvay, Together Rising, UMCOR, WHH, World Jewish Relief



Sheltering in IBC Kilis Community Center



Food, blankets, basic needs in Sanliurfa Exhibition Center



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The earthquakes response is evolving. Medical and general evacuations continue to take place. Shelter/tents, thermal clothing, sleeping bags, heat, water, power supply, and baby care kits are still *urgently needed*. The damage done to roads and infrastructure has made many areas simply unlivable, tonight's earthquake has caused significant new damage to the villages and rural areas of Hatay. As personnel on the ground are tasked with recovering the deceased and evaluating structural damage, the relief efforts to meet the hundreds of thousands of displaced residents must be scaled up immediately, especially for the most vulnerable women, children, elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons facing protection issues due to legal status in Türkiye. IBC will keep all partners and potential donors apprised of the current situation regularly.

We ask our partners and international civil society members to help us in these tragic days so that together we may overcome the suffering of our people.

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**IBC Earthquake Photos Updated Daily:** [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ac8nlHcRNw-9dlZ9h1XzejWN2srCVni3?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ac8nlHcRNw-9dlZ9h1XzejWN2srCVni3?usp=share_link)

**Donate** to help earthquake victims via IBC at **GlobalGiving:** <http://goto.gg/58539>

### In-Kind Donations

Must be directed to AFAD or Turkish Red Crescent.

### Volunteer

All independent individual and groups of volunteers should contact AFAD or UMKE, separate from IBC.

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