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# Morocco Earthquake Appeal

DONOR UPDATE - AUGUST 2024





**Dear supporter,**

In the early morning hours of September 8, 2023, a devastating 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck the Moroccan High Atlas Mountain range. To this day the destruction is still devastating.

The earthquake was felt across distant regions, including Portugal and Algeria. The aftermath of the earthquake saw survivors, fearing further tremors, sheltering on streets as landslide risks complicated rescue and relief efforts. **The earthquake has taken an extreme toll on people living in Morocco, and the humanitarian needs remain immense.**

The Moroccan Red Crescent Society (MRCS) teams were on the ground immediately following the disaster and continue to coordinate closely with local authorities to support those in need. MRCS has around 450 staff and over 8,500 volunteers in 102 branches across the country.

Your support is helping Red Cross Red Crescent personnel to provide essential household and shelter items, including winterization floor kits, installing safe water points and latrines, along with distributing hygiene kits. The Canadian Red Cross mobilized eight humanitarian experts to support the Morocco Earthquake response in-country, as well as four humanitarian experts to support regionally, covering both Morocco and the response to the flooding in nearby Libya.

Approximately 660,000 people were impacted by the earthquake and 380,000 people were left without a roof over their heads. Additionally, we grieve for the families of the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives to this tragic event. **The Canadian Red Cross stands in solidarity with our Movement partners, providing essential humanitarian relief supplies that are desperately needed.**

It is with thanks to the support of donors like you who have extended your compassion to people in Morocco.

For this, we thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Conrad Sauvé'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Conrad Sauvé**  
President and CEO  
Canadian Red Cross

# Earthquake in Morocco

## The Humanitarian Situation | As of March 2024



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Food, shelter, and hygiene are identified as the **top three needs**.



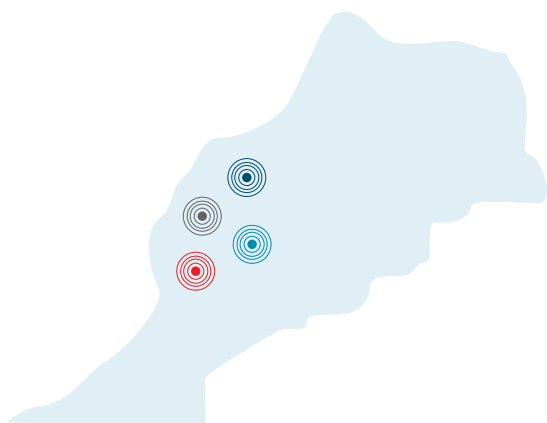
The average family size living in tents is **4 people**.



Many people rely on family members in urban centres for financial support, with journeys to the nearest market ranging from **1.5 to more than 3 hours**.

### Earthquake in Morocco

A 6.8 magnitude shook Morocco on 8 September 2023, at 11 p.m. local time. It struck at shallow depth within the Moroccan High Atlas Mountain range, roughly 75 km southeast of Marrakech. It was reported that a 4.9-magnitude aftershock hit 19 minutes later.



**Geographic priorities are in hard-to-reach areas.** While lifesaving humanitarian aid has reached isolated areas, some villages relying on mountain-path access are still difficult to reach.

- Al Haouz Province
- Taroudant Province
- Marrakech-Safi Region
- Chichaoua Province

# Your Support in Morocco



Moroccan Red Crescent

Since the earthquake families continue to struggle with the aftermath. Many continue to live in overcrowded tents with limited privacy where they are exposed to harsh elements like wind and snow during the winter months along with heat in the summer months. Thousands of people are still battling an absence of stable shelter, clean water, and essential sanitation facilities. **It will take years for people in Morocco to fully recover.**

In response to this disaster, the Moroccan Red Crescent Society (MRCS), with the support of the IFRC, has delivered aid to over **60,000** people. They have shown great resilience and determination given the difficult

circumstances. With **450** staff and over **8,500** volunteers, the MRCS has supported the rehabilitation of **138** water points across **16** localities, distributing over **5,410** hygiene kits, and ensuring access to emergency shelters and psychosocial support throughout the affected regions.

**It is thanks to your support that the Canadian Red Cross, along with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent and other member National Societies, will continue to support those in need.**

## Red Cross Red Crescent Impact in Morocco



**138** water points set up across **16** localities. Additionally, **133** latrines, **107** showers and **23** waste incinerators were set up to cater to immediate needs.



**12,476+** people were reached with **5,411** hygiene kits, **365** dignity kits, and **7,261** sanitary pads.



**3,136+** people received hygiene promotion activities on maintaining hygiene practices post-disaster.









**ABDEL SALAM MAKROUMY**, Director General of MRCS, reflects on the resilience shown and the road ahead.

*“Working alongside local authorities has been crucial in sustaining our humanitarian relief efforts. But our journey from relief to recovery is paved with the determination and heart of our volunteers and the communities we serve. As we look to the future, our goal is not only to recover from this disaster but to build back better, ensuring that our communities are more resilient and better prepared for any future challenges.”*



# Thank You for Your Unwavering Support

Your generosity has amounted to over **\$4.5 million** donated to the Morocco Earthquake Appeal that is now closed. The Canadian Red Cross is grateful for the contributions of donors, businesses, organizations, as well as to Global Affairs Canada for funding that allows us to maintain emergency response capacity and supplies and train our humanitarian experts.



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**Thank you for your generosity and compassion for those impacted by the earthquake in Morocco.**