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# Earthquake in Türkiye and Syria Appeal

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Dear supporter,

**In early February 2023, powerful earthquakes and aftershocks devastated parts of southern Türkiye and northern Syria. In the immediate aftermath, countless people were left homeless in below-zero temperatures, without protection from the elements. Today, hundreds of thousands are still forced to live in temporary housing. In Syria, the earthquakes compounded the impact of years of ongoing conflict.**

In Türkiye and Syria, the destruction extended to shops, offices, and agricultural infrastructure; many people lost their livelihoods in addition to their homes. Further complicating matters, both countries had previously faced enormous challenges: Türkiye is home to approximately 3.6 million<sup>1</sup> registered Syrian refugees, about 1.7 million of whom lived in the area impacted by the earthquake. In Syria, 13 years of conflict, an economic crisis, extreme climate events, and disease outbreaks, in addition to the earthquake, have created a dire humanitarian situation.

Consequently, millions of people continue to require urgent support. From permanent shelters and food to clean water, sanitation, and access to health care, including mental health and psychosocial support, the needs remain enormous. In the year since the earthquake, the Turkish Red Crescent and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent have continued to respond to support the affected populations' humanitarian needs, ensuring that people can live with dignity and safety. This lifesaving assistance has included the provision of healthcare services and psychosocial support, financial assistance, temporary accommodation and shelter, food, water, clothing, hygiene supplies, and other essentials.

This assistance would not have been possible without the generosity of people like you, and the support and matching funds from the Government of Canada. This support has enabled the Canadian Red Cross to make a positive impact through its on-the-ground local partners. We have also supported the Government of Canada in sending relief items to help the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement's response in Türkiye.

The job is far from complete, however. The need for humanitarian assistance remains pressing, and recovery will take years. The people of Syria and Türkiye have a long and difficult path ahead, but the Canadian Red Cross and our Red Cross Red Crescent partners will walk alongside them in steadfast solidarity.

Sincerely,

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

<sup>1</sup> Stat from International Organization for Migration.

# Red Cross Red Crescent **IMPACT** in Türkiye



The Turkish Red Crescent's dedicated personnel and volunteers have invested over 664,000 days aiding those affected by disaster, distributing more than 426 million meals and 11.6 million essential items like hygiene kits and heaters, crucial during the winter as many live in temporary shelters.

The cash assistance program has been vital, supporting over 460,000 families with expenses like rent and groceries, and helping 1,500 small businesses and farmers rebuild their businesses. This aid not only addresses immediate needs but also fosters local economic recovery, enhancing community resilience.

Thanks to your support and government contributions, we continue to make a significant impact, providing hope and opportunities for rebuilding lives. Continue reading below to see how the services have helped those impacted.

## Response in Türkiye



**Humanitarian Assistance:**  
reached over 10.5 million people with crucial aid.



**Healthcare services:**  
More than 47,000 individuals received healthcare through mobile units, including dental care.



**Dignity kits:**  
Distributed 40,000 kits to vulnerable groups such as young girls, women, and the elderly.



**Shelter provision:**  
Installed 2,880 shelter containers for thousands of people in earthquake-affected areas.



**Relief Item distribution:**  
Over 22,200 items, including blankets, hygiene kits, and kitchen sets were sent, supported by the Government of Canada and the Canadian Red Cross.



**Expert support:**  
Five Canadian Red Cross experts supported efforts in Türkiye, focusing on operations, shelter, and inclusive protection, with backing from the Government of Canada and donations from Canadians.

# Red Cross Red Crescent **IMPACT** in Syria



With the help of over 4,000 dedicated volunteers, the Syrian Arab Red Crescent has tirelessly supported earthquake survivors. They have reached 3.5 million people with humanitarian assistance and in the past 12 months have delivered 23.7 million humanitarian services, including first aid, ambulance services, mental health support, clean water, cash assistance, and reconstruction efforts. The ongoing success of these initiatives is possible thanks to your generous contributions. Here's how your support continues to make a significant impact on the lives of those affected.



## Life-Saving Health Services:

Over 6.8 million people received vital health services including first aid, emergency transport, and mental health support from the Syrian Arab Red Crescent.



## Humanitarian Experts:

Nine experts from the Canadian Red Cross supported operations and public health initiatives in Syria, this was funded by the Canadian government and Canadian donors.



## Cash Assistance:

Delivered financial aid to 167,490 individuals, helping them cover essential expenses and support their recovery.



## Water and Rehabilitation Services:

Installed 392,300 water services, such as tanks and pumps, improving water access for thousands of families.

**With backing from the Government of Canada**, the Canadian Red Cross helped the Finnish Red Cross run mobile clinics to provide first aid and basic needs in communities. After operating for several months, they transferred the management of these clinics to the Syrian Arab Red Crescent. The Canadian Red Cross continues to collaborate with them to enhance long-term public health and emergency response.

# Thank You for **YOUR** Generosity



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**With deep gratitude, the Canadian Red Cross thanks our donors, businesses, organizations, provincial governments, and the Government of Canada for contributing to our Earthquake in Türkiye and Syria Appeal.**

The Canadian Red Cross has contributed over \$25 million to support Red Cross Red Crescent humanitarian relief efforts in Türkiye and Syria, along with \$10 million in matching funds from the Government of Canada.

Millions of people throughout Türkiye and Syria continue to live with the impacts of the devastating 2023 earthquakes. Your generosity means we can continue to support them in the years ahead as they and their communities recover. Thank you for responding to their need.



**Thank you**  
**for delivering hope to those**  
**affected in Türkiye and Syria.**