

Syria Türkiye Earthquake Response (STER)



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World Vision is rapidly responding to the 6 February earthquake's impact in Syria and Türkiye. So far, it has dispersed funding to 15 partners across both countries. In North West Syria, WV mobilized its team within hours of the first quake, allowing for a rapid response to immediate needs. This prompt response from World Vision and its partners has meant that over 50,000 people who needed life-saving assistance in the first few weeks of the earthquake's aftermath were able to get it.



Map of World Vision Syria Response countries – showing earthquake-affected area

Key Needs

OCHA's [flash appeal for Türkiye](#) notes that 9.1 million people have been directly affected in the 11 hardest-hit provinces. 5.2 million have been targeted for aid and the appeal is for 1 billion USD. The [flash appeal for Syria](#) says that 8.8 million people have been directly affected. 4.9 million have been targeted for aid, and the appeal is for 398 million USD for relief efforts.¹ In total, 17.9 million people have been directly affected, 10.1 million need humanitarian assistance and the humanitarian community are asking for 1.398 billion USD to address the issue.

Within the first days, WV conducted a [Rapid Needs Assessment](#) in North West Syria. Shelter was the biggest reported issue.

In March, WWSR will conduct another rapid need assessment in Türkiye, focusing on the earthquake's psychosocial impact on children. It will cover some of Türkiye's most badly impacted provinces, including Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, Kils, Adiyaman, and Hatay.

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/flash-appeal-syrian-arab-republic-earthquake-february-may-2023>



Rapid Assistance provided up to 25th February



Fuel
96,851
liters



Ready to eat
meal
12,753
people



Blankets and
NFI kits
919
households



Heaters and fuel
(for household)
2,847
households



Heaters and fuel
(for schools)
4,916
students and
teachers



Cash
distribution
2,004
households



Hygiene
kits
2,050
people



64 % are children
Total number of people
support by World Vision in the
first month of the response

Donors Supporting World Vision's Response



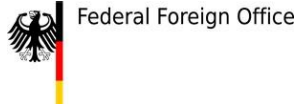
through World Vision Germany



through World Vision United Kingdom



through World Vision Netherlands



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through World Vision Canada



through World Vision Ireland



through World Vision Japan



through World Vision Spain

World Vision offices in Hong Kong, Korea, Taiwan, UK and US have also contributed more than 1 million USD in private funding each.



Key Communications & Advocacy activities

Communications:

World Vision has released four press releases so far highlighting humanitarian needs following the earthquake:

- March 6th - [Deepening mental health crisis in Syria, following last month's earthquakes, warns World Vision](#)
- February 15th - [World Vision deeply concerned about the fate of unaccompanied children in Syria](#)
- February 11th - [Worst needs from earthquake in over a decade, will take over a generation to recover - World Vision](#)
- February 10th - [World Vision warns of spiralling health crisis and spread of disease in Syria following earthquakes](#)
- February 8th - [Children in Syria at risk of abuse and separation as earthquake leaves hundreds of thousands stranded](#)
- February 6th - [Türkiye and Syria hit by catastrophic earthquake](#)

World Vision produced communication materials including stories and impactful videos highlighting survivors' voices from the field.

A written story about a man who lost a sense of reality after the quake stole thousands of lives. After running out of his home, he saw a woman *"holding her son and was not aware that he is dead"* Salim shares. Read the rest of his story [here](#).

Um Abdo is a woman who is trying to overcome the horror and terrors of the earthquake. Despite surviving, there are scenes she tries to work through during an initial psychological session. Click [here](#) to hear what she says.

World Vision immediately mobilised its staff to support people affected by the earthquake in Northwest Syria. Ahlam and Ahmad are a prime example of the importance of timely humanitarian support during crises. Click [here](#) to meet them.

Safa'a is another World Vision staff who was and still is adamant on supporting other affected Syrians with support. Despite having to evacuate her home during the quake, Safa'a was on the ground in less than 24 hours to assess people's urgent needs as a World Vision Monitoring and Evaluation Officer. Meet Safa'a [here](#).

Advocacy:

World Vision's current advocacy is focused on three areas: (1) scaling up the humanitarian response to meet the enormous needs, (2) prioritizing child protection in the response and (3) advocating for increased financial support to meet beneficiary need.

Firstly, we are calling on the international community to rapidly mobilize and equitably support response in earthquake-affected areas of Türkiye and Syria, recognizing respective scales of damage, but also differing pre-earthquake humanitarian needs, constraints on principled response, and domestic capacities. This must be done through more assistance, more access and an increase in funding for both the earthquake emergency response and the overall Syria crisis.

Secondly, we are stressing that child protection must be at the center of the earthquake response, particularly in northwest Syria where children are now extremely vulnerable to exploitation and abuse. This means ensuring protection, child protection, MHPSS services and GBV prevention are streamlined within the emergency response.

Lastly, we are working jointly with the Syria INGO Regional Forum (SIRF) to provide collective messaging for this response and push UN agencies, Member States and donors to meet these needs. Together, we are also preparing for the EU/Sweden-hosted Donor Conference that is taking place on 16 March in Brussels, and which will be focused on mobilizing support and funding for the earthquake response in Türkiye and Syria.

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