

# Syria Türkiye Earthquake Response (STER)

World Vision

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On February 6 two earthquakes of 7.7 and 7.5 magnitudes took place in Türkiye's Kahramanmaraş Province, followed by subsequent earthquakes of 6.4 and 5.8 magnitudes on February 20. Collectively, 11 provinces in Türkiye's southeast region and neighbouring Syria were impacted. The tremors were felt by millions of people across the region up to 1,000km (621 miles) away. According to government and UN sources, more than 55,190 people have died and 129,490 have been injured. OCHA's flash appeals for Türkiye and Syria collectively note that 17.9 million people have been directly affected, 10.1 million need humanitarian assistance and the humanitarian community is asking for 1.398 billion USD, to address the issue. Additionally, heavy

rains in Türkiye and Syria have caused flooding and have exacerbated the shelter crisis in both countries. World Vision stepped in to support affected people within hours of the earthquakes and the floods by working through local partners. These efforts continue.

On March 20, the international community met in Brussels to collect funds for post-earthquake support in Türkiye and Syria. Together, they raised EUR7 billion in grants and loans of which EUR 911 was collected in grants for Syria, in addition to EUR1.7 million in grants and EUR4.3 million in loans for Türkiye.<sup>1</sup> It remains to be seen whether grant pledges will materialize into funding and humanitarian action in the coming months.



Map of World Vision Syria Response countries – showing where WVSR is responding

<sup>1</sup> <https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2023-03/Pledging%20Statement%20of%20the%20International%20Donors%E2%80%99%20Conference%20for%20the%20people%20in%20T%C3%BCrkiye%20and%20Syria.pdf>

## Key Needs

### Türkiye:

As of March 16<sup>th</sup>, approximately 2.3 million people live in temporary settlements in earthquake-affected areas, of which 1.6 million (70%) live in scattered informal settlements. Overcrowding and unsafe and unhygienic living conditions in shelters pose significant risks.

The needs and risks continue in many sectors, such as health, education, protection, shelter, food security, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). Health services (mental health), shelter, water-sanitation facilities, protection (psychosocial support), and continuity of education are priority needs.

### NW Syria:

In NW Syria, shelter and education are the two priority sectors. WV's rapid assessment noted that 94% of respondents reported their home had been damaged in the earthquake. Half of these reported that it had been destroyed. Additionally, OCHA reports that, "Heavy rain and storms affected northwest Syria (over the weekend of March 25) flooding 30 displacement sites, 1,500 tents were destroyed or damaged." In the education sector, 84% of needs assessment respondents reported that the earthquake had negatively affected their ability to access education for their children. Many schools were damaged and over 100 are being used as temporary shelters for displaced people. Multi-purpose cash remains one of the most effective modalities for delivering aid since the underlying vulnerabilities of the population mean that households have variable and urgent needs.

## STER Goal

Through a combination of private donations and grants, World Vision Syria Response, through the Syria and Türkiye Earthquake Response (STER) is responding in the earthquake affected areas of Türkiye and NW Syria. WV will respond mainly through the organization's partners to provide WASH support, education, health and nutrition assistance, shelter and survival items, cash and voucher assistance, livelihoods, and child protection activities.

- **Phase 1 – Emergency Assistance (First 30 Days of the Response: February 6- March 5)** - In the Emergency Assistance phase, World Vision put its ongoing programming on pause. It was critical to ensure that employees and their families were safe. Once this was assured the team rapidly began allocating funding to partners and conducting direct implementation through MPCA, find out more in our first Situation Report [here](#).
- **Phase 2 – Stabilization (March 6 to end Sept 2023)** - Programming transitioned from immediate life-saving activities to rehabilitation of critical WASH, Education, Livelihood (cash for work), and Protection activities.
- **Phase 3 – Rehabilitation (Oct 2023 to Sept 2024)** - We will continue to strengthen our response by integrating the STER into ongoing programming.

## Rapid Assistance provided (as of March 25)



**Türkiye:** World Vision started WASH activities through its partner Support to Life (STL) by providing 30 days' safe water for 9,600 people, provision of 2,400 hygiene and dignity kits, provision of latrines for 2,000 people for 30 days, provision of 600 emergency water storage containers, provision of communal water tanks in Adiyaman and Hatay.



The day after the flooding on March 17th and 18th, World Vision provided clean water and NFI kits to the flood-earthquake-affected populations of 2,500 people in Sanliurfa, Türkiye, mainly targeting refugees in informal tent settlements.



World Vision is working with the Turkish Red Crescent to provide support to 322 households in Sanliurfa through NFI and voucher support to the affected communities.



**Syria:** In Syria, World Vision has been supplying heaters and fuel to combat the cold weather for 2,545 households and 4,916 students and teachers. In addition, 11,463 people affected by the earthquake have been given a meal. 2,004 households received cash distributions and 2,262 people received a hygiene kit to care for their basic needs. Blankets and other items were distributed to 1,447 households.

## Upcoming activities in Phase 2

**Türkiye:** Starting next week, World Vision will provide NFI kits to 4,500 households in Adiyaman and Urfa in March and the beginning of April in coordination with AFAD and its local partners. World Vision is procuring 25 living containers for the affected population in a village in Suruc (Sanliurfa). In partnership with IBC, World Vision will provide voucher assistance, protection and MHPSS services to community members in Sanliurfa, Kilis, and Adiyaman provinces. 3000 households have been targeted. (15,000 individuals, with short-term transitional three-month emergency voucher assistance (2,500 TL/per household/month).

Additional projects are under design which will provide shelter and NFI in Kirikhan, Hatay. The project targets 200 households. WV also supports the Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) by procuring Hygiene kits which will be distributed to 900 households or approx.4500 individuals in Islahiye (Gaziantep).

A rapid needs assessment for Türkiye has also just been completed and results will be shared soon.

**Syria:** In Syria, a new OCHA funded project is beginning to support children as they return to school. Shelter rehabilitation projects also began last week. Largely, the next few weeks will be focused on the continued implementation of existing programming. Eight primary health care centres and one maternal ward will continue to provide health services for more than 100,000 Individuals in northwest Syria. Cash distributions, and the repair and maintenance of water stations are also ongoing.

## STER Budget



STER has raised over USD56 million through a combination of fourteen grants (62% of total funding) and private funds (38%). An additional USD10.2 million of grants is in the immediate funding pipeline.



## Visits

We are currently waiting for our long-term registration to be renewed in Türkiye and we are hopeful that this will materialize soon as a result of WVSTER's quick mobilization and response in the Southeast following the earthquakes. Visits to Türkiye won't be possible until this formal registration is acquired. As for Northwest Syria, visits of international staff are not possible due to the unstable security situation and high-risk context.



## Donors and World Vision offices supporting the STER



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**World Vision offices in Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, Taiwan, United Kingdom and United States** have also contributed more than 1 million USD in private funding each.

## Key Communications & Advocacy activities

### Communications:

#### Survival Mode

Sudden realisation hits Samer\*, 43, and his family of five. They've been on a safety-seeking journey since they left home in 2018. The family escaped persecution only to embark on a tough quest for survival.

*"We come from a village in Ma`arat al-Nu`man but intense fear drove us out," he shares. "Our house was 300 meters away from everything. Children were affected by the sound of shelling".*

As a result, the family began their quest for peace, moving across the country but to no avail. *"Those who're displaced with nothing don't care about where they stay. It doesn't matter if it's close to home or not. At the end of the day, they left home".* 290 km later, the father finally settles near the Turkish border where things began to improve. He even fished as a hobby. *"I feel accomplished even if I only have a couple of fish,"* But on that dreadful day, a series of aftershocks hit Türkiye and Syria killing dozens and affecting millions– including Samer's family.

This means they had to move to a temporary shelter in Northwest Syria like other people. At first it was difficult to adapt, they lost everything. But a ray of hope shone when, *"They [World Vision and its partner] provide us with potable water on a daily basis. They fill the tanks and the next day they check them to add more."* This provided him with comfort knowing cholera is spreading, *"I've heard about cholera, it's vastly spreading across the northwest. It's concerning".* However, the father is thankful for the water as it helps him protect his children by thoroughly washing vegetables and food.



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### Advocacy:

- Together with 47 Syrian and international organizations, we also contributed to a statement on March 7 calling on increased international support to the earthquake emergency response to prevent further deterioration of the situation in Syria.
- In order to mark the 12th anniversary of the Syrian conflict, and to further influence the March 20 Brussels conference for earthquake relief in Türkiye and Syria, we released our Syria 12 policy brief entitled Dire consequences: 12 years of suffering in Syria, which highlights key advocacy messages on the need for increased funding, access and humanitarian aid, with a particular focus on child protection needs in the emergency response following the earthquakes.

### Other communications products,

- **World Vision** released a report and a press release highlighting the urgent needs across Syria after war tore the country for 12 years affecting its people especially children. Click [here](#) for the report and [here](#) for the PR.
- **Syria Response** talked to dozens of beneficiaries and people affected by the earthquake. Click [here](#) to meet Muhamad\*, he was saved by his father seconds before the building collapsed.
- Hanada\*, 70 was able to get her grandchildren alive while their home was swaying from left to right. They ended up in a temporary shelter. Thankfully, she was able to receive water support alleviating the struggle of leaving everything she owned behind. Click [here](#) to meet her.
- Layla\* is one of the elderly women who escaped with the clothes on their backs only to shelter in a temporary camp. At first, settling in was difficult because she struggled with securing water however, she was delighted when she saw **World Vision** install water tanks and provide water in the camp, she's in. Click [here](#) to hear her story.
- While Southeast Türkiye was barely recovering from the massive earthquake, it was the epicenter for a huge flood that swept everything in its way. To support people affected, **World Vision** and its local partner, Orange provided water bottles, blankets and mattresses. Click [here](#) for the press release.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION