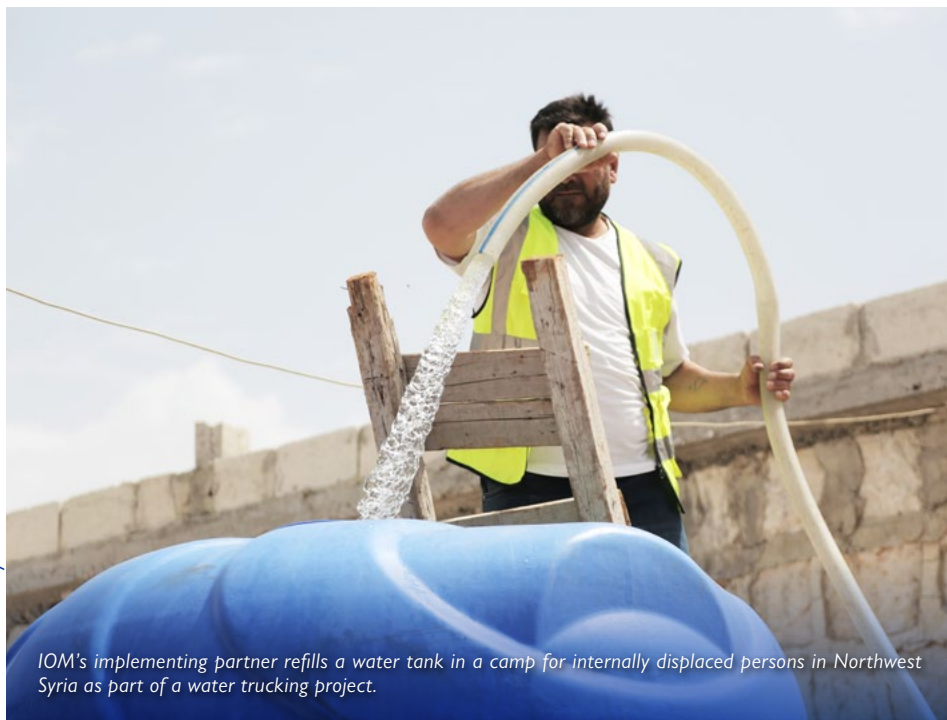


# TÜRKİYE AND SYRIA 2023 EARTHQUAKES – RESPONSE UPDATE

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IOM's implementing partner refills a water tank in a camp for internally displaced persons in Northwest Syria as part of a water trucking project.

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**2.5 Million**

relief items, including shelter materials, dispatched<sup>1</sup>



**22 Million USD**

In-kind contributions



**29,806**

shelter-related items provided across Türkiye and Northwest Syria



**72%**

of IOM emergency appeal funded

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

The travel permits of Syrian refugees who have relocated from 11 earthquake-affected provinces to other regions in the aftermath of the earthquakes will be extended for 90 days after the expiration of previously issued permits. This policy applies to all provinces, with the only condition being that individuals or families must have already been issued a travel permit in the destination province after the earthquake. Those planning to leave the earthquake-affected provinces will still need to obtain a travel permit in the province of their registration.

Meanwhile, Syrians under temporary protection residing in Istanbul but registered in other provinces will be required to return to the provinces of their initial registration by 24 September. However, those who evacuated themselves to Istanbul from the affected provinces and obtained permits will be allowed to stay until a second announcement is made.

The Government of Türkiye is at the final stage of formalization of all the informal settlements in the earthquake-affected provinces.

In earthquake-affected provinces, the demand for healthcare personnel remains high, with many medical doctors leaving the area as they are unable to meet their basic needs. It is expected that more doctors will continue to leave.

Health concerns across the border in Northwest Syria are also critical. Cholera cases continue to increase, and a lack of cancer treatment has led to protests by cancer patients, their families, and activists at the Bab Al-hawa crossing. On 26 July, reportedly, the first group of cancer patients in Northwest Syria crossed to Türkiye through Bab al-Hawa. In total, 44 cancer patients have crossed the border to be treated, 30 of whom were new patients while 14 of whom were old patients who have been treated in Turkish hospitals before.

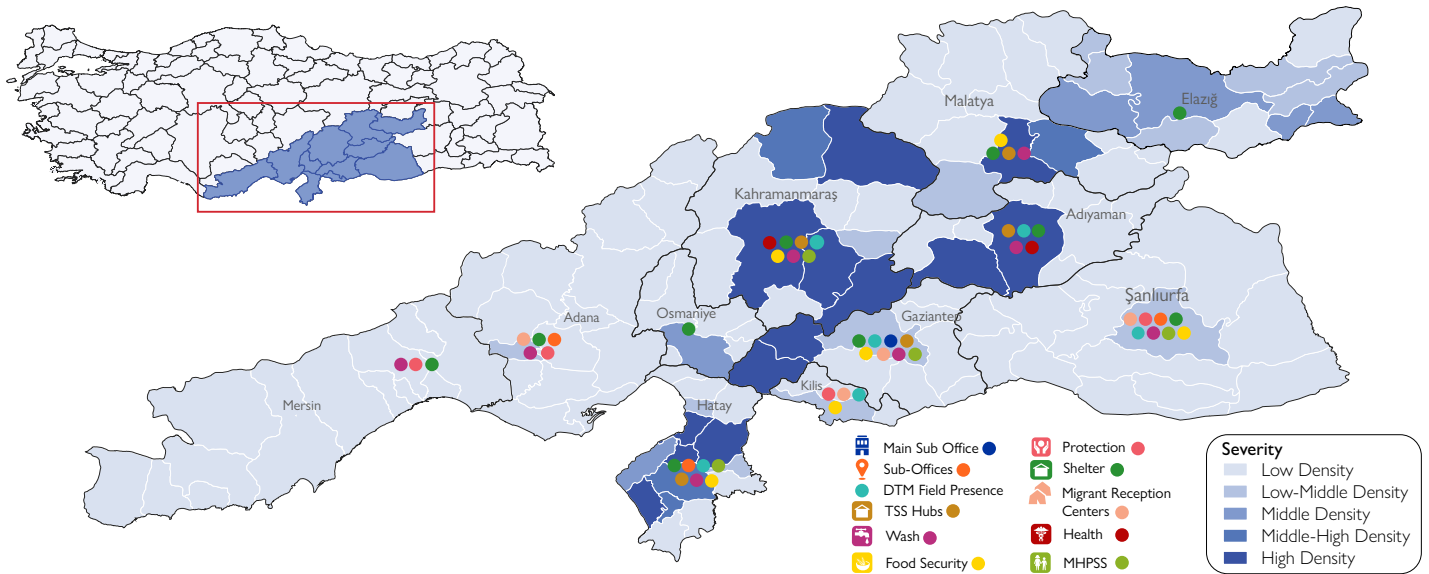
Despite the expiration of the UN Security Council Resolution 2672 authorizing cross-border aid through Bab Al-Hawa crossing, the UN continues to use Bab Al-Salam and Al Ra'ee for aid delivery and UN personnel missions.

## KEY MESSAGES

1. Adequate access to healthcare services and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) resources and facilities in post-earthquake provinces in Türkiye remains crucial, especially with persisting high summer temperatures.
2. The Government of Türkiye is in the last stages of relocating and closing informal and formal tented sites, to fully transition to formal sites in which multisectoral services are centralized.
3. In parallel to humanitarian assistance, scale up of recovery and reconstruction activities calls for heightened coordination and cooperation among the parties involved.
4. The authorization of UN cross-border aid to Northwest Syria should be extended to the maximum duration possible to provide much-needed relief assistance to populations displaced by the conflict and the February earthquakes.
5. IOM is strengthening its presence in post-earthquake provinces through establishing field offices and deploying dedicated teams.
6. IOM's consolidated appeal for its earthquake response, totalling USD 161 million, has reached 72% of its funding target. Specifically, the earthquake response in Türkiye has received 52% of the requested funding, while the response in Northwest Syria has reached 114% of the funding goal.

<sup>1</sup>In Türkiye and Syria since 06 February 2023

TÜRKİYE RESPONSE



Additional food security, S-NFI and protection support for earthquake affected populations has been provided in Ankara, Aydın, Edirne, Izmir and Kayseri provinces, and is not shown in this map. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

**52%** of USD 110 million funding target reached



IOM Türkiye's Shelter and Non-Food Items (S/NFI) team continued to provide assistance over the last two weeks. As a result, a total of 1,525 sleeping mats were donated to the Defne Sub-Governate in Hatay, which will be distributed to households residing in Relief Housing Units. Additionally, the sub-governate received 500 hygiene kits to be distributed to affected populations in the coming weeks.

To further improve accessibility to Water, Sanitation And Hygiene (WASH) facilities, 75 pieces of 500-litre water tanks were successfully delivered to the Antakya Municipality during the reporting period. These tanks will be connected to toilets and showers previously delivered by IOM. In cooperation with the Presidency of Migration Management, a total of 420 hygiene kits and 420 jerry cans were distributed in a formal tent settlement in Antakya. Moreover, 48 single toilets, including one for persons with disabilities, were distributed in Kahramanmaraş.

Continuing to contribute to recovery efforts, IOM will work with an implementing partner to support affected the rural agri producers will be linked to the consumers and public and private organizations through a platform, to prevent production interruptions through pre-sales and contracted production agreements.

Furthermore, in partnership with another implementing partner, IOM will contribute to addressing early recovery needs through sustainable and innovative solutions, utilizing the [Resilience Innovation Facility](#) and digital fabrication technologies.

During the reporting period, 1,569 families – out of the targeted 5,000 vulnerable families from migrant, refugee, and host communities – benefitted from unconditional/unrestricted cash assistance. In total, 506 individuals also benefitted from IOM's Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) activities in Adana, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Mersin and Sanliurfa.

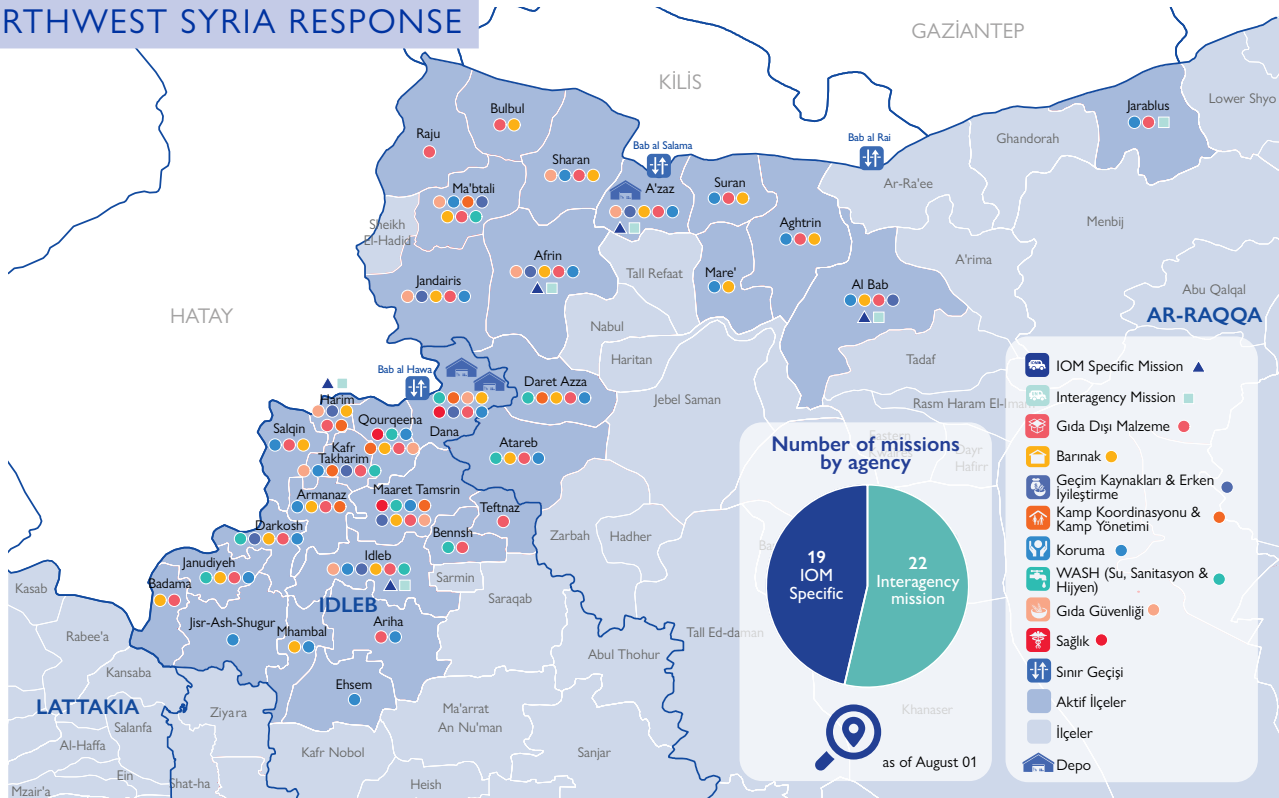
With the government's plan to close informal sites, IOM's Temporary Settlement Support (TSS) partners will reorient mobile activities accordingly. To date, TSS partners have visited over 850 sites for site profiling and referrals to various humanitarian actors for assistance. As part of TSS activities, IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) team started data collection for the second round of site mapping in Adiyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, and Malatya through remote phone interviews with key informants.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated figure based on National Average Household Data and number of Shelter and NFIs dispatched

<sup>3</sup> Tents: 9,481, RHU: 500, Shelter Container: 168, Rub Hall: 18

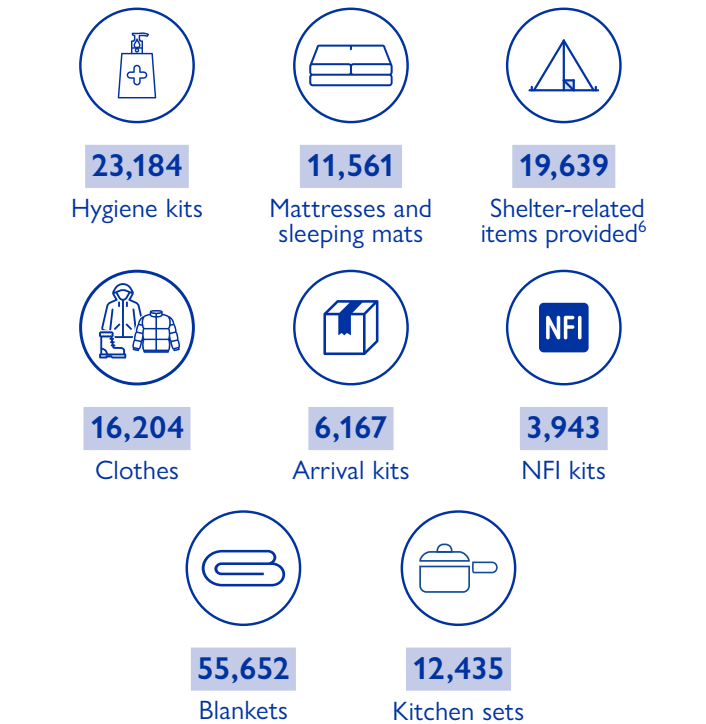
<sup>4</sup> To help mitigate flood water seepage inside shelters

**NORTHWEST SYRIA RESPONSE**



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**114%** of USD 51 million funding target reached



IOM Türkiye's Cross-border team has finalized the replacement of 2,020 tents with prefabricated dignified shelters and the upgrade of WASH infrastructure in 10 camps in Idlib. To date, 90 per cent of constructed transitional dignified shelter units have been occupied by beneficiaries. Two thousand affected households received NFI kits through IOM's implementing partner in Idlib governorate.

During the reporting period, 1,634 individuals benefitted from medical consultations at an IOM-supported hospital. This includes 675 individuals who received sexual and reproductive health services, and 102 women who gave birth to healthy children. IOM's Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) team conducted care and maintenance works in five IOM-supported reception centres through implementing partners.

To date, 2,934 households have been supported with e-voucher assistance, thanks to IOM's food security interventions. IOM's Early Recovery team launched a new project to provide emergency employment linked to critical rehabilitation of civilian infrastructure and recovery support to micro- and small businesses in Northern Aleppo.

As a result of the work done by IOM's WASH team in partnership with three implementing partners over the last two weeks, 61,505m3 of chlorinated water was distributed to affected populations. Additionally, 2,346m3 of solid waste was removed and transferred to the landfill, while 9,424m3 of wastewater was desludged from existing cesspits and septic tanks. In addition, IOM distributed donated items – 40 big volume water tanks, 7,500 jerrycans, 298 generators and 500 hygiene kits. A total of 1,092 residents of camps and reception centres benefitted from hygiene promotion sessions, while 86 women benefitted from menstrual hygiene themed sessions. More than 3,100 affected individuals benefitted from MHPSS activities provided by IOM partners.

<sup>5</sup> 92% are indirect beneficiaries reached through health support provided to medical facilities  
<sup>6</sup> 8,646 tarpaulins, 3,275 comprehensive shelter kits, 711 emergency shelter toolkits, 6,792 tents and 215 tent accessories



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Layla and Omar, on their way to fetch water from a public tap located in another settlement from where they currently live in.

**DAILY TREK FOR WATER IN AN EARTHQUAKE-HIT LAND**

“My elders are already trying hard to keep running the life in our new home. That’s Our part is to provide some water for youngsters to get clean, drink and eat.”

The burden of carrying water weighs heavy on the young shoulders of Layla and Omar. Every day, the two siblings walk a kilometer uphill to fetch water from a public spring tap due to the limited water supply in their settlement.

In partnership with donors, local and national authorities, IOM provides hygiene kits, mobile latrines and showers, garbage containers, clean water and liquid chlorine as well as other various hygiene items to earthquake survivors in Türkiye, to help address basic needs of families like Layla and Omar’s and mitigate public health risks.

[Read more on IOM Türkiye’s website](#)

IOM is grateful to partners that have enabled our rapid response in affected areas and further extends its appreciation for the ongoing support towards our Türkiye and Northwest Syria appeals, including IKEA Foundation, Better Shelter and Flexport.

