

RECOVERY & STABILIZATION UNIT

To support Syrians living in Türkiye and to ensure that host communities, partners, and institutions better cope with and recover from the impact of migration and natural disasters, IOM implements the Recovery and Stabilization Programme as part of the Refugee Response Programme. RSU activities complement those in the Regional Refugee Response Plan (2023) and address the additional needs following the devastating earthquakes. IOM's Recovery and Stabilization Programmes promote a resilience-based approach and complement humanitarian assistance. The main objective of the Programme is to enhance the self-reliance of Syrian refugees and host communities through community stabilization, the promotion of income generation by supporting the sustainable creation of jobs and employment opportunities, social cohesion, and strengthening institutional capacities of local and national partners to respond to the increased demand for public services.

Community Recovery and Stabilization Programmes operate at the local level to build stability from the bottom up and take advantage of IOM's presence and relationships in the field. These programmes use a community-centered methodology, involving local communities, vulnerable and marginalized populations (refugees, women, youth), local authorities, and civil society members in all phases of project development, implementation, and monitoring. This process can help empower communities, strengthen support networks, improve social cohesion, enhance the capacity of community members and structures, and foster local ownership, leading to more sustainable recovery outcomes.

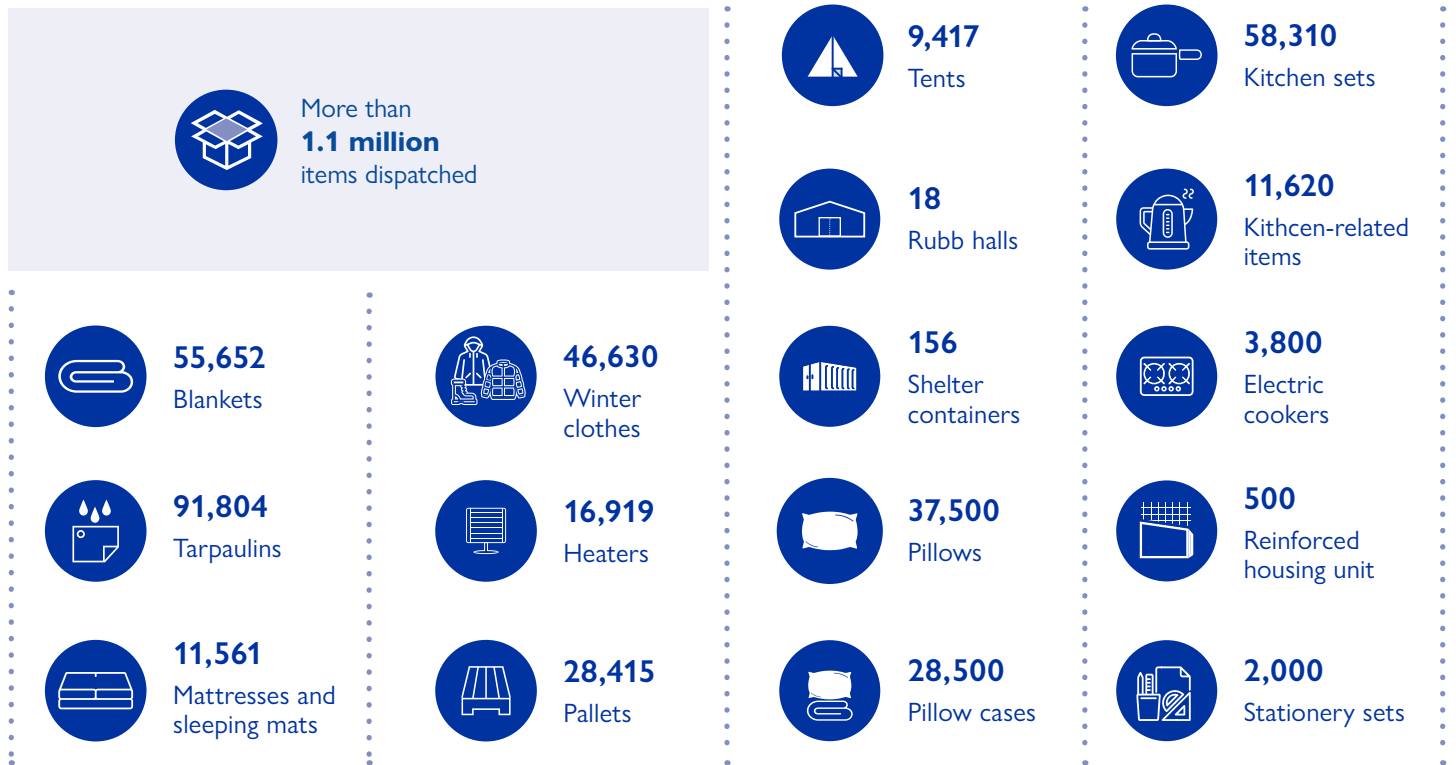


EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIs) SUPPORT

In response to the devastating earthquakes and floods, IOM played a crucial role in assisting affected populations in several regions of Türkiye. IOM collaborated closely with local authorities in Adana, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, Mardin, and Şanlıurfa to provide much-needed support to those in need. One of the key areas of assistance provided by IOM was the provision of essential shelter and non-food items (NFIs) supplies. Recognizing the immediate need for adequate housing, IOM supplied shelter containers, Reinforced Housing Units (RHU), tents, and rubble halls to ensure that affected individuals had a safe and secure place to stay. These temporary shelters were equipped with the necessary items to meet basic needs and provide some comfort during this challenging time. Furthermore, in order to enhance the safety of shelters from harsh weather conditions for families affected by floods, IOM supplied pallets, plastic sheets, and ropes. IOM distributed various essential items such as blankets, mattresses, pillowcases, and pillows to enhance the well-being and comfort of the affected individuals. Furthermore, kitchen sets and cooktops were provided to enable cooking and food preparation. To address the immediate needs of the flood and earthquake-affected population, clothing kits were also distributed. Through its comprehensive response efforts, IOM collaborated with local authorities and provided crucial support to the earthquake and flood-affected populations.

KEY DATA



FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE

To address immediate food related needs of the affected populations IOM swiftly took and provided food kits in, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaras, Malatya and Sanliurfa, IOM also supported with food kits displaced families in Aydin, Edirne, Istanbul, Izmir, Kirklarel and Manisa. Additionally, in collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP), IOM provided eight mobile kitchens in Adiyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaras, and Sanliurfa, serving three meals a day to 1,000 individuals each. IOM also supported public soup kitchens in Kilis, Izmir, and Sanliurfa by providing dry food items to those in need. Furthermore, IOM facilitated the establishment of a public kitchen in the Elbistan district of Kahramanmaras by providing essential equipment and cooking tools. These efforts aimed to address the immediate food needs and ensure the well-being of the earthquake-affected populations.

KEY DATA

- 15,992 families affected by the earthquake in Aydin, Edirne, Gaziantep, Hatay, Istanbul, Izmir, Kahramanmaras, Kirklareli, Malatya, Manisa and Sanliurfa were supported with food kits.
- In collaboration with WFP, eight mobile kitchens were delivered in Adiyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaras and Sanliurfa. Each kitchen serves three meals a day to 1,000 individuals.
- IOM supported public soup kitchens in Kilis, Izmir, and Sanliurfa by providing dry food items to those in need.
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EARLY RECOVERY AND LIVELIHOODS

The Early Recovery and Livelihoods (ERL) programme by IOM aims to support families affected by earthquakes in their journey towards recovery and resilience. This includes establishing financing mechanisms, providing cash assistance to economic sectors, distributing cash and vouchers for agricultural needs, repairing community infrastructure, and offering short-term cash assistance to encourage work resumption and restoration of essential services at the local level. From January to June 2022 IOM's ERL programming supported the Eco-Doku Women's Cooperative in Hatay, which focuses on cultivating unique and scarce types of cocoons such as the Hatay Sarisi and white cocoon. To ensure the safety and preservation of their cocoons, the cooperative was provided with a container as a secure storage solution. In addition to supporting the women's cooperative, IOM also extended its assistance to the Hatay Provincial Directorate of Migration Management. Recognizing the need to improve the temporary accommodation centre, IOM contributed by providing electrical infrastructure and various equipment. These efforts aimed to enhance the living conditions and facilities within the centre, ensuring a more comfortable and suitable environment for those seeking temporary shelter. Furthermore, IOM actively supported the maintenance of a healthy and hygienic environment by offering assistance to the Tut Municipality in Malatya. Three mini road sweepers were provided to support in keeping the area clean and to promote a cleaner living environment for the affected population. Recognizing the importance of efficient office spaces, IOM collaborated with the Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR) in Hatay and Kahramanmaras. To address their temporary office needs, five containers were provided to serve as functional and suitable workspaces.

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- The Eco-Doku Women's Cooperative in Hatay, producing organic silk, has received assistance in the form of a container to ensure the safety and preservation of the silkworms' cocoons.
- IOM provided electrical infrastructure and various equipment to the Hatay Provincial Directorate of Migration Management to rehabilitate temporary accommodation centre.
- To support maintaining a healthy and hygienic environment IOM supported Tut Municipality in Malatya with three mini road sweepers.
- The Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR) in Hatay and Kahramanmaras were supported with five containers to be used as temporary office space.

REGIONAL REFUGEE & RESILIENCE PLAN (3RP)




LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES



From January to June 2023, IOM's livelihoods programming directly supported over 800 beneficiaries in various regions, including Adana, Gaziantep, Istanbul, Izmir, Mardin, Mersin, and Sanliurfa. This assistance included providing micro/small business (SMEs) support cash grants to 176 qualifying businesses. Additionally, 40 SMEs received support through the enterprise development fund, resulting in the creation of at least 80 new job opportunities. The Mersin Women Empowerment Programme, in collaboration with Mersin University, provided entrepreneurship training to 204 individuals. Moreover, vocational education programmes offered training and employment prospects to 18 participants, including both Syrian and Turkish individuals. Community farming activities were also supported, benefiting 71 individuals through the establishment of an aquaponic and

hydroponic greenhouse in Adana and a healthy snacks production facility in Izmir. Moreover, IOM-established Resilience Innovation Facility in Gaziantep, was visited by 1,000 young people who benefited from the co-working space, educational opportunities, and digital manufacturing, design, and prototyping laboratory. In Sanliurfa, IOM also delivered "The Kids Coding and Robotics" programme for a total of 96 beneficiaries in a digital and robotics lab. To assess the impact of the earthquake on the local production sector, IOM, in close cooperation with the Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce, conducted an Earthquake Impact Analysis in Adiyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaras, and Malatya. The analysis aimed to measure and evaluate the effects of the earthquake on the production activities within these regions..

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JANUARY-JUNE 2023

	Total Beneficiaries	Turkish	Syrians			
Cash Grants for MSE Start-Up or Expansion	176	38	138	58	118	Adana, Gaziantep, Istanbul, İzmir Mardin, Mersin, Şanlıurfa
Vocational Training	14	7	7	7	7	İzmir
Community Farming	71	29	43	76	23	Adana, İzmir
Robotic Coding and Training	95	45	50	27	68	Şanlıurfa
Mersin Women Empowerment Programme	204	60	140	141	63	Mersin
Enterprise Development Fund	40SMEs	18	22	3	37	Adana, Gaziantep, İzmir, Şanlıurfa

	Individuals Visited from January to June 2023	 +18	 +18
The Resilience Innovation Facility (RIF)	1,000	600	400

BASIC NEEDS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES

WINTERIZATION SUPPORT

IOM provided one-time cash assistance to 3,000 households in Adiyaman, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis and Mardin during the winter. The assistance was determined using a formula developed in collaboration with the Basic Needs Working Group. In total, 2,250 beneficiaries were refugee/migrant households and 750 were Turkish households, in total 15,602 individuals. The assistance was restricted for winter-related items like coal, stoves, winter clothes, blankets, and mattresses. Through this targeted intervention, IOM addressed the immediate needs of vulnerable households, both refugees/migrants and Turkish, impacted by the winter conditions in the specified regions. The provision of cash assistance for winter-related items played a crucial role in helping these households cope with the challenges of the season and improve their overall living conditions.

E-VOUCHER MARKET CARD SUPPORT

IOM provided assistance to 1,868 vulnerable refugee and Turkish families, benefiting a total of 9,760 individuals. The specific grant amount was determined through collaboration and coordination between IOM and its partners in the Basic Needs Working Group. The purpose of this support was to help these families access food and hygiene items. Beneficiaries were able to use the grants to purchase such items from a predetermined supermarket chain located in İzmir, Osmaniye and Şanlıurfa.



BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE DISAGGREGATED BY PROJECTS

Project Title	Winterization Support	E-voucher Market Card Support
Individuals	16,552	9,760
Households	3,000	1,868
Men	4,533	1,833
Women	2,190	2,649
Boys	4,087	2,651
Girls	3,846	2,627
Province(s)	Adıyaman, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Mardin	İzmir, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa
Donor	PRM	PRM



IOM teams distribute blankets in Kahramanmaraş
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IN-KIND SUPPORT

In close collaboration with municipalities and local entities, IOM provided essential support to the most vulnerable populations, including Syrians under Temporary Protection (SuTPs), migrants from various nationalities, and the Turkish community. The distribution efforts encompassed a range of critical items such as NFIs, hygiene kits, drinking water, core relief items, and food kits. Recognizing the diverse needs of these vulnerable groups, IOM ensured the provision of NFIs that were essential for their well-being and daily lives. This included items such as blankets, clothing, kitchen sets, and other necessary supplies. Hygiene kits were also distributed, comprising personal care items to maintain cleanliness and health. To address the crucial need for safe drinking water, IOM facilitated the distribution of drinking water to ensure access to

clean and potable water sources for the affected communities. In addition, core relief items were provided, offering essential resources and support to those in need. These items could include items such as mattresses, plastic sheets, and other emergency supplies to address immediate shelter needs.

By collaborating with municipalities and local entities, IOM effectively carried out the distribution of these vital items, ensuring that assistance reached those who needed it the most. Through this comprehensive approach, IOM played a significant role in supporting and addressing the immediate needs of Syrians under Temporary Protection, migrants from various nationalities, and the Turkish community during times of vulnerability and crisis.



IOM teams distribute hygiene kits in İstanbul.
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IOM staff assessing the shelter to be rehabilitated in İzmir.
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REHABILITATION/UPGRADE OF CRITICAL SHELTER

IOM rehabilitated 851 shelters in Adana, Istanbul, İzmir, Kilis, Mardin, and Mersin. This initiative aimed to provide safer, more dignified, and humane living conditions to 4,221 individuals, offering increased privacy and protection from severe weather. The majority of these shelters belonged to Turkish citizens who rented them out to Syrians. In order to maintain social harmony within the community, IOM closely collaborated with local authorities during beneficiary selection. The focus was placed on shelters requiring urgent repairs. To prioritize households, a meticulous selection process was designed, considering socio-economic vulnerabilities, shelter conditions, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) conditions. Initially, local municipalities provided a list of damaged houses. Field engineers then conducted comprehensive assessments, evaluating both the shelters and the WASH facilities, and categorizing them based on the extent of damage. Additionally, protection factors such as lighting, locks, doors, and windows were taken into consideration.

COMMUNITY STABILIZATION PROJECTS

In order to support local authorities and improve community spaces IOM rehabilitated projects in seven provinces: Adana, Bursa, Gaziantep, Hatay, Istanbul, Kilis, and Şanlıurfa. A total of 15 communal spaces were upgraded/established, including public parks, laundrettes, social service centers, youth centers, and more. These upgrades aimed to enhance access to essential services, promote innovation, and meet various community needs. The selection of these infrastructures involved close coordination with local government authorities, ensuring the projects aligned with local priorities. Once each project was completed, the sites were handed over to the respective municipalities for future maintenance, as per the agreements between IOM and municipal representatives. These improvements directly benefitted approximately 12,684 individuals from migrant, refugee and host communities, fostering positive change and improved living conditions.

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