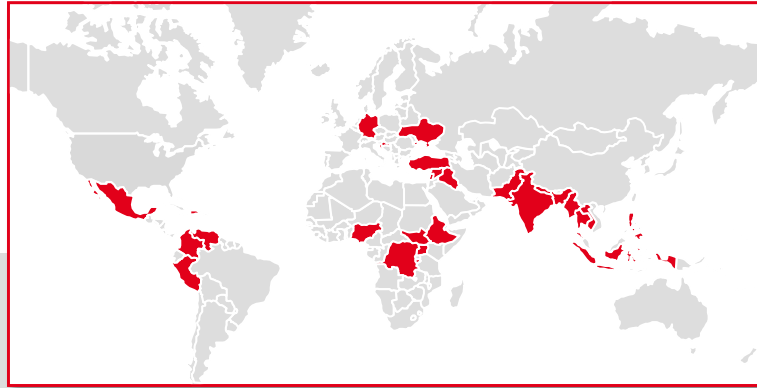




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Earthquake Emergency Response Türkiye / Syria

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Current Situation

6th February 2023, at 4:17 UCT a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit the area of Southern Türkiye/Northern Syria, followed by several strong aftershocks:

- Epicenter: Pazarcik, Region of Kahramanmaras, Türkiye
- The earthquake was also felt in Cyprus Lebanon, Syrian, Greece, Iraq, and Israel
- Most affected provinces: Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana, Adiyaman, Malatya, Osmaniye, Hatay, and Kilis

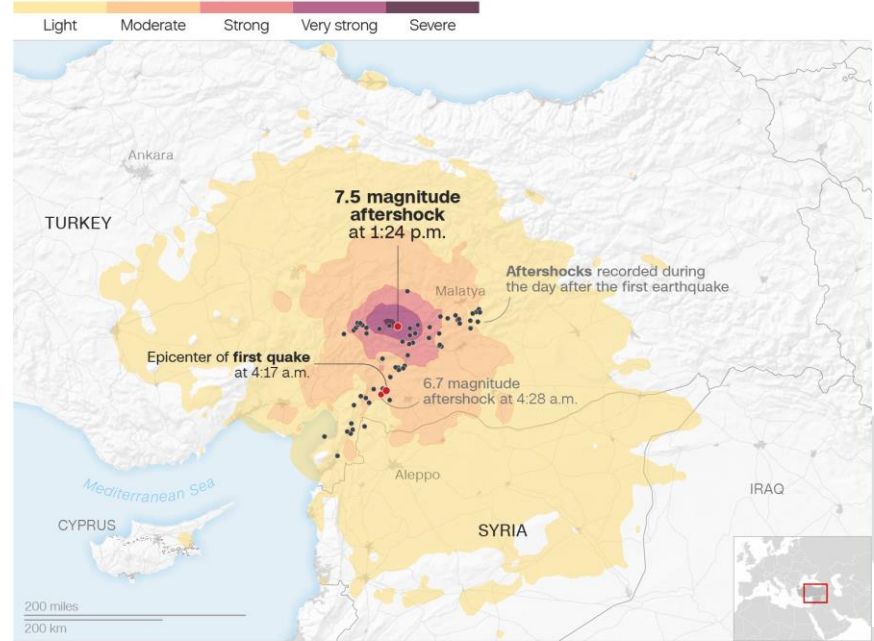
Situation (as of 08/02/2023 06:00 CET):

- At least 125 aftershocks, including one at 7.5 magnitude detected at 1:24 pm the following day 80 kilometres north of the epicentre (CNN) and several measuring 4.0 or greater
- Three aftershocks 6.0 or greater (CNN)
- 5.0-6.0 aftershocks still likely to occur

More than 60 aftershocks recorded – including a major one at 7.5 magnitude

Early in the afternoon a powerful aftershock was recorded around 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of the epicenter of the 7.8 earthquake that rocked Turkey and Syria on Monday morning. It's among more than 60 aftershocks recorded.

Shake intensity of the 7.5 magnitude aftershock



Note: Map shows quakes of 2.5 magnitude and over, recorded through 7:43 p.m. local time (1:43 p.m. ET).

Sources: US Geological Survey, LandScan
Graphic: Henrik Petterson, CNN

Humanitarian Situation

As of 8th Feb (12:00 CET):

- More than 11,100 casualties have been registered in Türkiye and north-west Syria
- In Türkiye 8,574 deaths and 50,000 injured have been reported
- In Syria at least 2,530 deaths have been reported and more than 3,000 injuries
- Death toll is likely to increase further with many people still trapped under the rubble, and freezing weather conditions hampering rescue efforts
- A combined total of more than 10,000 houses have been destroyed
- 23 million people are affected by earthquake in Türkiye and Syria (WHO)
- Gas flow through pipelines has been stopped in Kahramanmaras and Gaziantep to mitigate risks of explosions
- Türkiye's President Erdogan visits region after declaring three-month state of emergency in 10 provinces on Tuesday



Information Source: [UNOCHA 8.2.23](#)

Humanitarian Situation

in the conflict areas in the north of Syria 4.1m people already depended on humanitarian assistance before the disaster (s. [Syrian Arab Republic: 2023 Humanitarian Needs Overview, December 2022](#)). The real impact of the disaster in Syria may be higher. The complex governance situation of the area makes a coherent picture difficult to achieve.

The [UN OCHA Earthquake: Flash Update No. 1](#) states that the majority of those affected by the disaster are women and children and that Syrian communities are simultaneously hit with an on-going cholera outbreak and harsh winter events including heavy rain and snow over the weekend.

Logistics:

Airports

Airports in Gaziantep and Sanliurfa open to humanitarian flights, but a bottleneck effect is being experienced.

Electricity & Communications

Disruptions of the energy supply in several districts. Telecommunications suffering from chronic disruptions.

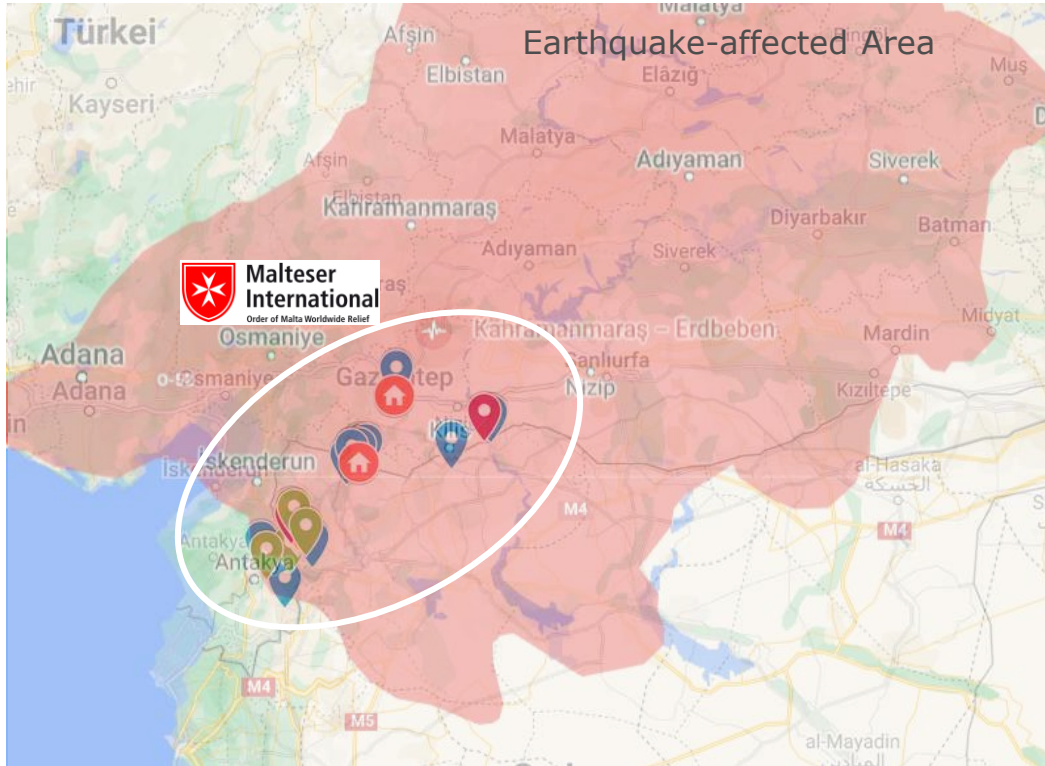
Water

Access to water and sanitation in north-west Syria extremely challenging according to WASH Cluster, significant internal wave of internally displaced people from communities to camps expected

Roads

The road connection between Osmaniye and Gaziantep is closed due to damage.

MI Pre-positioning



19 Medical facilities



1 Warehouse



1 School



3 Camps



2 Offices

- Offices in Kilis and Gaziantep not damaged
- MI staff is well, however all have affected family members
- According to MI staff, partner staff are accounted safe for as well

International Response

Turkey

- As of 07/02/23 - 12:50 pm, The INSARAG Global Lead was deployed yesterday to Ankara (Türkiye). 2 UNDAC Teams were deployed yesterday (Malatya and Adana), followed by 14 USAR Teams (Heavy and Medium). 41 USAR TEAMS have been confirmed and are mobilizing. 69 Teams are on stand-by and monitoring the situation.
- AFAD (Turkish Civil Protection): total number of search and rescue personnel in Türkiye is 25,693 and international personnel from 65 countries
- UNDAC, INSARAG and EMT mobilized
- \$25 million grant released by CERF

Syria NES

- Urgent need for heavy machines for debris removal; tents; isolation sheets and heating materials; food; water trucking and garbage removals; ambulances, medicine and blood units; fuel and generators; safe spaces for women and girls
- Only five percent of need for search and rescue operations currently covered due to lack of machinery and bad weather conditions
- Four interim shelters are being established in Idleb and Sheikh Bahr area to accommodate at least 360 families

MI Response

MI Team of 18 people based in Gaziantep, Turkey, supporting and coordinating aid projects in the cross-border area on a permanent basis together with four local partners:

- Independent Doctors Association (IDA)
- Hand in Hand for Aid and Development (HIHFAD)
- Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS)
- Turkish Red Crescent (TRC)

On 07.02.2023 a team of 4 people consisting of team leader, logistician, communications, program manager deployed to Kilis to support Country Team

Current activities:

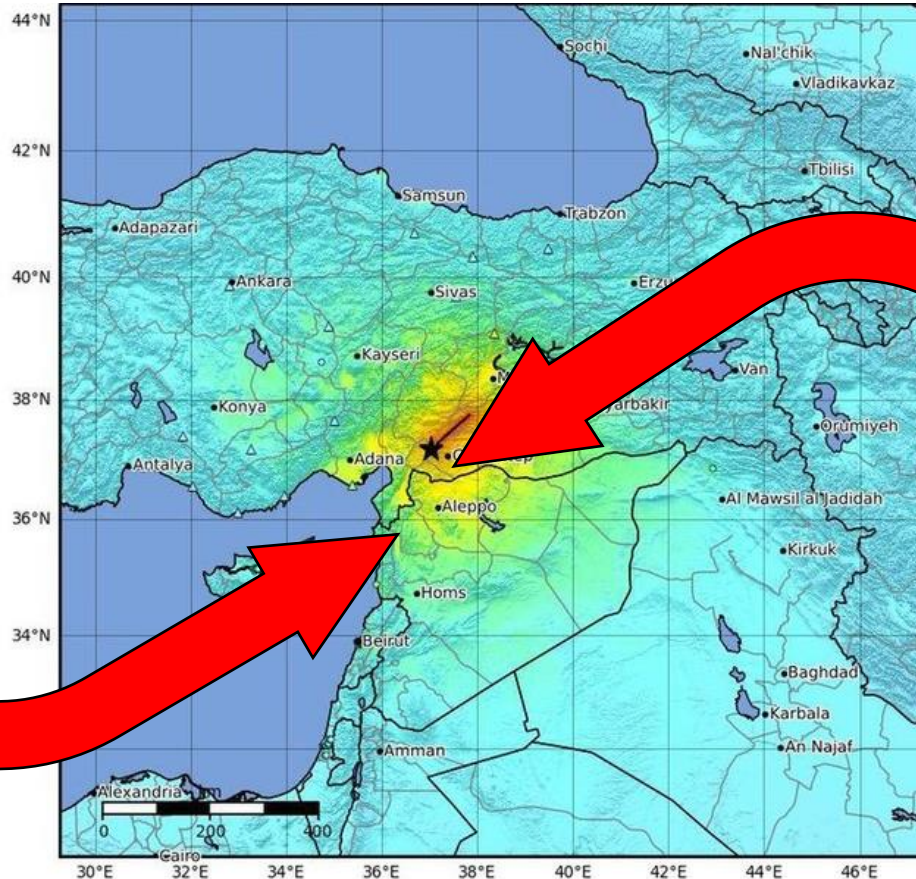
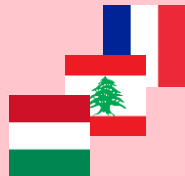
- Initial emergency relief efforts
- Coordination with other organizations
- Assessment and procurement of aid materials

Outlook: The number of casualties is expected to rise further. Secondary effects such as waterborne diseases and exposure are a real threat. Major support will likely be needed in the long term. Syria is likely to be more heavily affected than Turkey due to its more pronounced structural weaknesses.

Intervention Plan

Aid in NW Syria with support from the Lebanese Association of the Order of Malta (in planning):

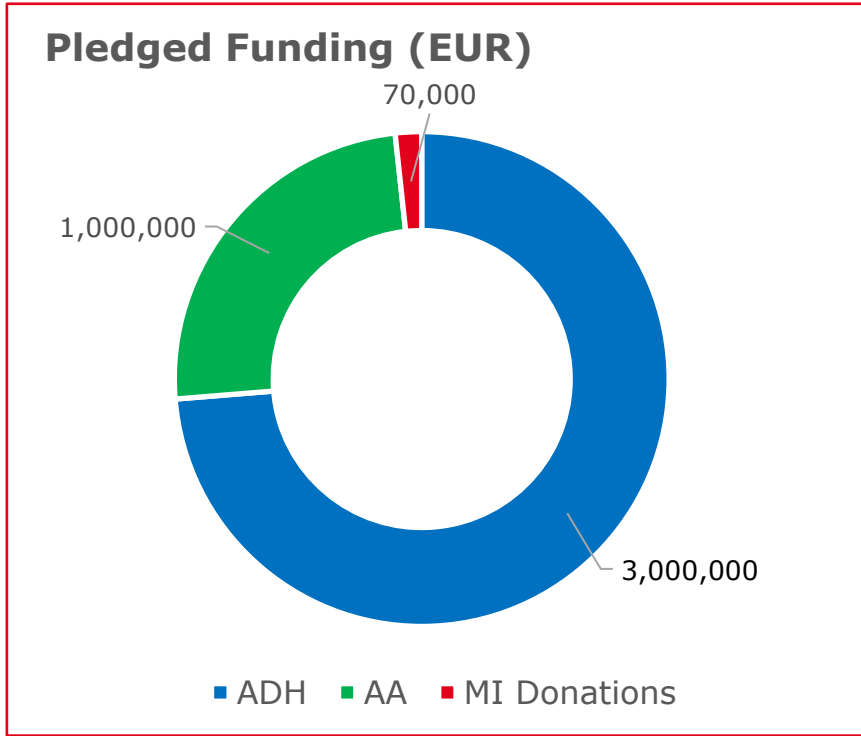
- Deployment of mobile medical clinics, food truck, and relief goods
- Coordination with Ordre de Malte France and representative of Hungarian Relief Service



Aid in Turkey and via partner organizations in NW Syria:

- First aid to affected people by MI-supported medical facilities
- 1.4 million Euros of emergency aid for the supply of relief goods including:
 - Blankets,
 - Mattresses
 - Shelters
 - Hot meals
 - Dry food

Resources



As of 8.2.23

- ADH – MI Fundraising Alliance in Germany (Estimated)
- AA – German Federal Foreign Office (Approved)
- MI Donations – Online Private Donations

Additional Fundraising Ongoing

Further aid measures are being planned and will require medium and long-term resources beyond the emergency relief stage.

Media



Photos taken in Kilis by Malteser International

Photos can be found [here](#)

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Media



Statement from HE the Lieutenant

Following the terrible earthquake that struck in south-eastern Turkey, near the Syrian border, causing thousands of deaths, Fra' John Dunlap, Lieutenant of the Grand Master, issued the following statement:



“Our thoughts and sincere prayers are with all those who have lost their lives, their loved ones, and their livelihoods in the earthquakes affecting Turkey and Syria yesterday. We pray in particular for the relief workers from our aid agency, Malteser International (MI), who are already on the ground working hard to help save lives; as well as for the international team that will arrive to support them from Cologne, Germany, in the coming hours.

We encourage all members and donors of the Order of Malta who wish to [make a contribution](#) to support the work of MI.

Our staff in Syria and Turkey have all been deeply personally affected by this disaster. Many have lost family and friends. Our thoughts are with them especially as they continue their work to serve others even in spite of their own circumstances.

This disaster will disproportionately affect the most vulnerable people. Many of them have been dealing daily with the effects of conflict and displacement since the outbreak of the Syrian Civil War more than a decade ago. We have been working to help them since 2012. And we remain committed to doing so for as long as is necessary. We hope that this terrible tragedy will be a reminder of our common humanity in the face of suffering and help bring an end to needless violence”.