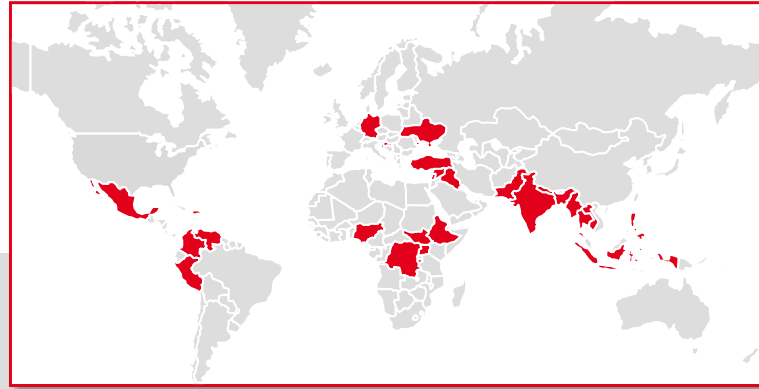




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Earthquake Emergency Response Türkiye / Syria

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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 09/02/2023 06:00 CET):

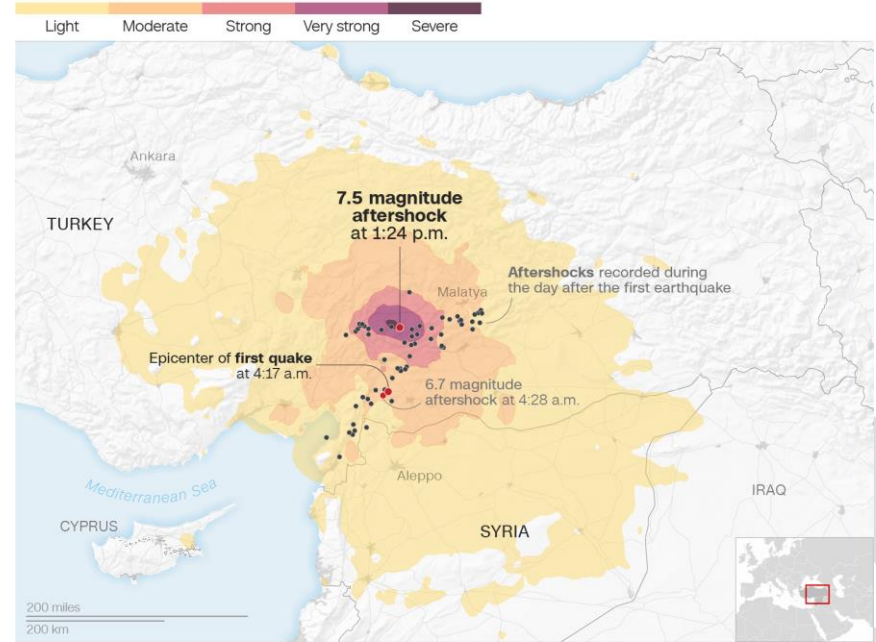
- At least 648 aftershocks reported
- Aftershocks still likely to occur
- Authorities are urging residents to stay away from partially damaged houses due to high risk of collapsing

Source: CNN, OCHA Flash Update No.3 (08.02.23)

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 Pettersson, CNN

Humanitarian Situation

As of 9th Feb (12:00 CET):

- More than 17,000 casualties have been registered in Türkiye and north-west Syria
- In Türkiye 14,014 deaths and 50,000 injured have been reported
- In north-west Syria at least 3,162 deaths have been reported and more than 3,000 injuries, more are expected
- 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
- 4.5 million people affected in Syria, 11,000 families are homeless
- Middle East is experiencing snowstorm that is expected to continue until Thursday (9 February)
- Türkiye: 8,000 people rescued from rubble and 28,000 evacuated out of Kahramanmaras



Recommened sources for ongoing information:

CNN

OCHA Flash Report No. 3

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. 3 on Syria states that the majority of the local population and infrastructure has been affected

Logistics:

Airports and Ports

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

Electricity & Communications

Disruptions of the energy supply in several districts. Telecommunications suffering from chronic disruptions.
Major power outages have resulted in fuel shortages in hospitals in Syria

Water

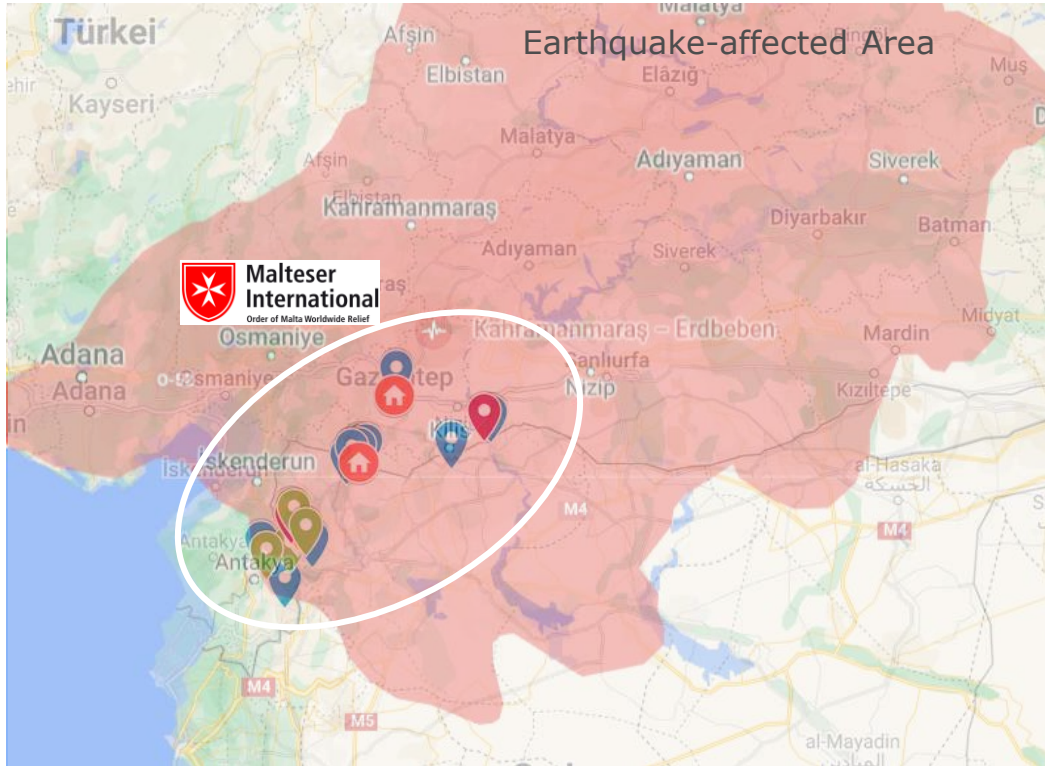
Access to water and sanitation in north-west Syria extremely challenging according to WASH Cluster, significant internal wave of internally displaced people from communities to camps expected
Water cuts have been reported in Gaziantep

Roads

The road connection between Osmaniye and Gaziantep is closed due to damage.
Due to destroyed roads, bridges and passage points aid efforts have been difficult in north-west Syria



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

- AFAD (Turkish Civil Protection): total number of search and rescue personnel in Türkiye is 98,153 (as of 08/02) and 5,309 international personnel from 18 countries
- UNDAC, INSARAG and EMT mobilized
- \$25 million grant released by CERF

Syria

- Primary needs identified include: 1) heavy machines for debris removal, 2) cash distribution, 3) tents, isolation sheets and NFIs, 4) heating materials, 5) emergency food and bread assistance, 6) water trucking and garbage removals, 7) ambulances and medicines, 8) fuel for hospitals and health centers, 9) rental trucks and vans to transport people, 10) reception centers for IDPs and 11) safe spaces for women and girls
- first cross-border UN convoy arrived in Syria following the confirmation on 8 February that two alternative routes are available to reach the UN Transshipment Hub
- Urgent need for emergency kits in overwhelmed hospitals and blood donations
- UN pre-positioned aid accessible but fails to meet need of affected people

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, arrived on 08.02.23 at 11 am (CET)

Current activities:

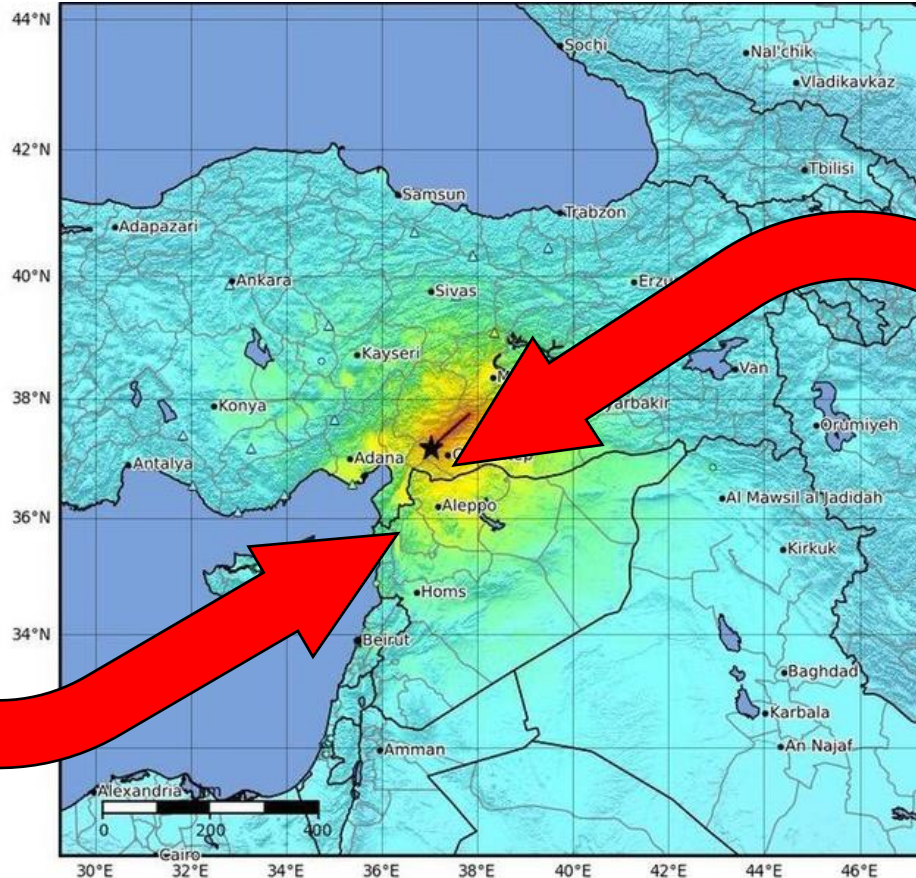
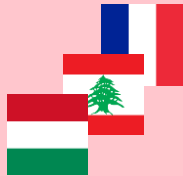
- Screening of Initial emergency relief efforts
- Coordination with other organizations
- Assessment and procurement of aid materials (tents, blankets, ready-to-eat-food, etc.)
- Briefing visit by German Embassy at Kilis Office

- MI supported hospitals in north-west Syria functioning, but at their limit due to the high number of injured people
- Two trucks with a total of 10 tons of relief supplies, such as beds, tents, blankets and mattresses, are leaving Germany today

Intervention Plan

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

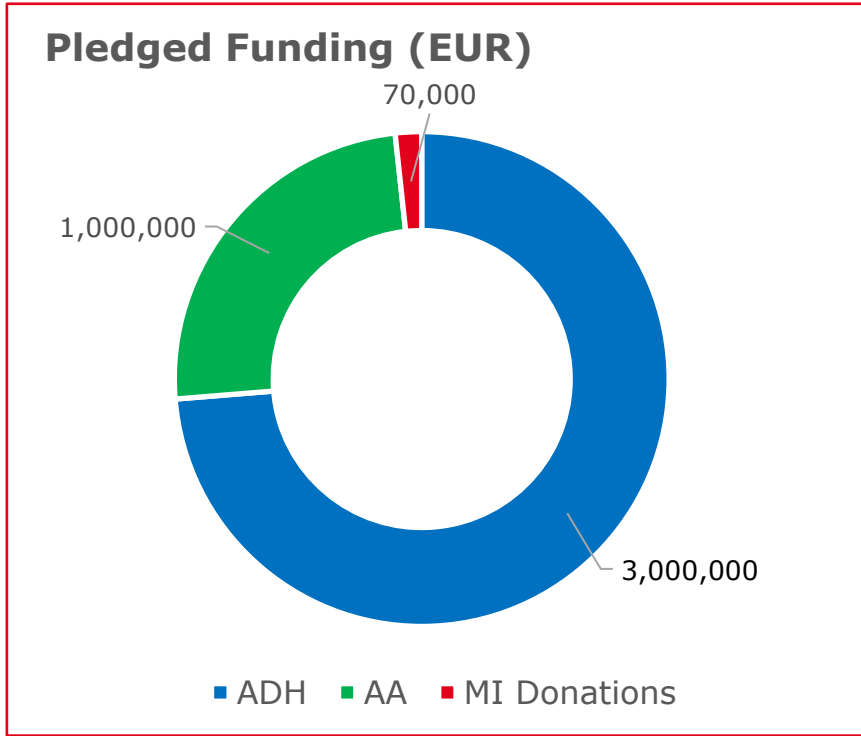
- Deployment of mobile medical clinics, food truck, and relief goods
- Coordination with Ordre de Malte France and representative of Hungarian Relief Service



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 9.2.23

- 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](#)

Please follow this link for regular updates from our Media Coordinator on the Ground

Media



MI's local partners are providing rescue and medical assistance to the people affected. Credit: Malteser International

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”.