



# Earthquake Emergency Response Türkiye / Syria

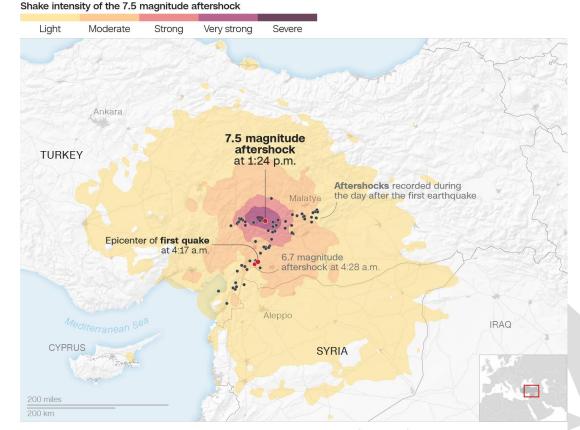
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# Trigger Event

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, Adıyaman, Malatya, Osmaniye, Hatay, and Kilis





Note: Map shows quakes of 2.5 magnite 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**

- UNOCHA <u>Flash Report from 10.2.23</u> Reported:
  - More than 30,000 dead in Syria and Turkey, with the total in Syria likely to be significantly higher. (See Livetracker by IMMAP/ DRC/IFRC for most recent updates: https://turkiyeeq.thedeep.io/)
  - 4.1m people in need of humanitarian assistance in NW Syria and more than 30,000 displaced
  - Over 88,000 injuries
  - o Disruption due to power and water outages.
  - o Urgent need for food, shelter, and medicine
- Difficulties are caused by:
  - fractured political situation, which limits access and coordination in NW Syria
  - Logistical bottlenecks for incoming aid
  - Bad winter weather





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# MI Pre-positioning: More than ten years of aid



#### 2012

MI starts humanitarian response in Türkyie, Lebanon and Syria

#### 2015

Russian intervention in the Syrian civil-war

Massive bombardement of North-West Syria by Russian airforce

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#### 2022

Cholera outbreak in Syria, spill over effects to Lebanon











#### 2011

Start of the Syrian war Refugee exodus into neighbouring countries



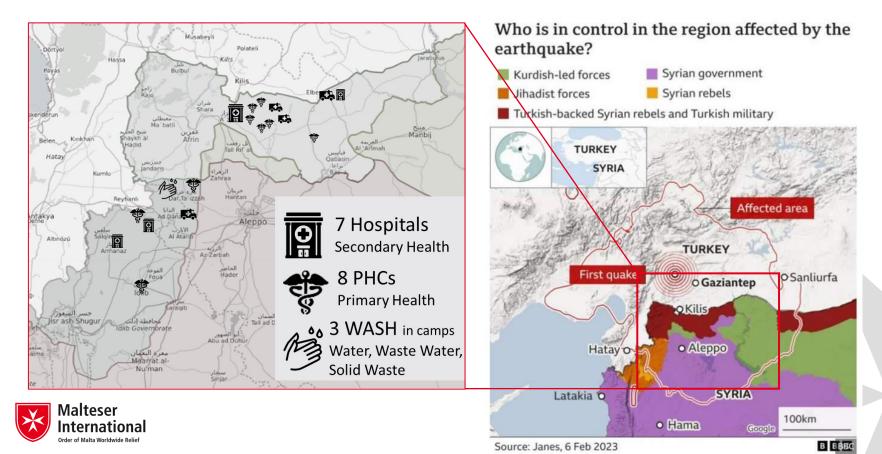
#### 2014

Islamic States controls large parts of Syria and Iraq - spillover effects to Türkiye

#### 2016

Military Coup in Türkiye Turkish military intervention in North-Syria

## MI Pre-positioning: Political Situation



## MI Response

#### Coordination, Communication, Press, Fundrainsg





#### **Deployment of MI Emergency Team**

Cash transfers to allow for partner procurement in Syria

(incl. Aleppo City)





**Procurement of** relief goods





1,840 Emergency Generators

3,300 Sleeping Bags

190 Beds



(Strict Turkish customs regulations in practice only permit the entry of newly procured and packaged relief goods. Collected items are unfortunately not permitted.)





## Other Order of Malta Responses: The Southern Axis



- First scoping mission to Aleppo complete, huge need confirmed
- Access to provide aid and medical support currently not in place due to political situation – solutions being explored including work via partners
- Support being provided by OMF, coordination with other entities



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- Support and close cooperation with OML. First aid provided via members of the French Association in Aleppo. Cooperation set to increase.
- Volunteers and response forces placed on high alert, volunteers to be dispatched to support OML efforts
- Work to open humanitarian corridor via Beirut together with OML to provide medicines and aid to Syria. International donations are encouraged.



# Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta

- Liaison officer dispatched to support the connection between Hungarian Relief operations and longstanding Order of Malta partners in Syria
- Financial assistance and local procurement to support local partners in Syria (primarily churches)





## Order of Malta Global Call



President Thierry comte de Beaumont-Beynac (MI)



HE Amb Georg Graf von President Cedric Chalret du Khevenhueller (MHD)



Rieu (OMF)



Malteser Daniel Solymàri (HUN)



Patrick Jabre (LEB)

Information meeting for senior members of the Order of Malta (Presidents, Diplomats, Hospitallers, etc.) from around the world took place on Sunday 12.2.23 at 19:30 CET

#### Agenda included:

- Update by all Order of Malta organizations involved in providing aid to Syria and Turkey
- Testimony from the field and MI affected staff
- Questions and answers

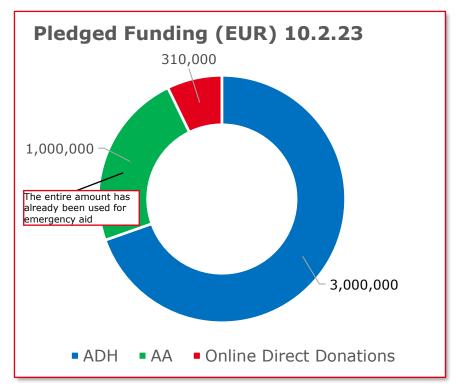
Our sincere thanks go out to all speakers (left)!

The video of the call is available to view HERE.

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## Resources: Current MI Fundraising Result



As of 13.2.23

- ADH MI Fundraising Alliance in Germany (Estimated)
- AA German Federal Foreign Office (Approved)
- Online Direct Donations From MI and MHD websites

Additional Fundraising Ongoing – please let us know what you raise so that we can add it to the total!

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



## Media



Camp Site visit Kahramanmaras, Atatürk Parki, 12.02

## Visibility material taken in Kilis by Malteser International

Certified Photos can be found here

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

This material is available to support your own communications and fundraising activities.



# Media





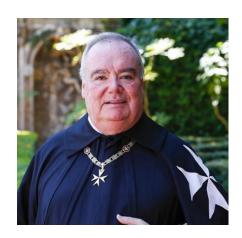
MI's local partners are providing rescue to the people affected.



## 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 on 7nd February 2023:

"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".

