



Children living in a park in Reyhanli district of Hatay, after the earthquake.

17-22 February 2023

## Highlights

- On 20 February 2023, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck Hatay in southern Türkiye causing renewed fear and further destruction after the earthquakes of 6 February. As of 21 February, 42,310 deaths have been confirmed<sup>1</sup>. The Government of Türkiye has declared a three-month state of emergency in the 10 worst affected provinces<sup>2</sup> and requested international support as it leads the national response effort.
- Over one million people are staying in temporary accommodation<sup>2</sup>, facing adverse winter conditions. As of 22 February, over 1,874 unaccompanied children have been identified<sup>3</sup>. Schools across the country have resumed from 20 February, except for those in the 10 provinces, where school opening is postponed to 1 March 2023.
- As of 22 February, UNICEF has reached nearly 277,000 people, including over 163,000 children, with critical supplies including hygiene kits and non-food items such as winter clothes, electrical heaters, blankets etc.
- UNICEF, through its partners, reached 5,100 children with psychological first aid and recreational activities in *Gaziantep, Kilis, Mardin, Diyarbakir* and *Sanliurfa* provinces.
- 3,000 young volunteer, from Ministry of Youth and Sports, who were trained by UNICEF, have been mobilized and are delivering aid and providing information on services available to children and families in affected provinces.
- As of 22 February, UNICEF has received US\$15.2 million against the funding requirement of US\$ 196 million to reach 3 million people, including 1.5 million children, with critical supplies, water sanitation and hygiene, health and nutrition, child protection, education and humanitarian cash support.

<sup>1</sup> AFAD, 21 Feb 2023

<sup>2</sup> Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis, Osmaniye, Malatya, Adiyaman, Diyarbakir, Şanlıurfa, Adana and Elgiz, all in the south-east of Türkiye

<sup>3</sup> Statement from AFAD, 11 Feb 2023

<sup>4</sup> Ministry of Family and Social Services

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## Situation in Numbers\*

9.1 million  
People in Need

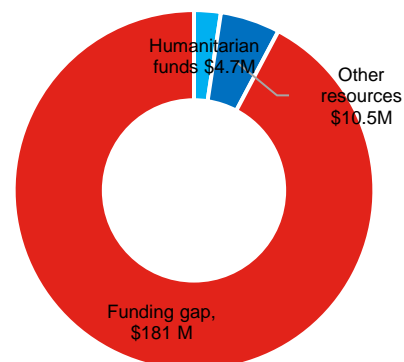
2.5 million  
Children in Need

3 million  
People Targeted by UNICEF

1.5 million  
Children Targeted by UNICEF

\* IA Flash Appeal, UNICEF Türkiye HAC

UNICEF Appeal 2023 (Feb-Apr)  
**US\$ 196 million**  
Funding Status as of 22 Feb  
(US\$ million)



## Funding Overview and Partnerships

Under the [UNICEF Türkiye Earthquake Response Humanitarian Action for Children 2023](#) (HAC) UNICEF urgently requires US\$196 million to reach 3 million people, including 1.5 million children who have been affected by the 6 February earthquakes. As of 22 February, there is a funding gap of 92 percent against this ask. UNICEF is grateful for the quick reprogramming and, generous new contributions from the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM), the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), European Union, including European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), the Government of Japan, Kreditanstalt Fur Wiederaufbau (KfW) the UNICEF national committees for Türkiye, USA, UK, Germany and Denmark and global humanitarian thematic funding, which has enabled immediate provision of critical supplies and services to children and families affected by the earthquake.

Continued and rapid provision of funding will be instrumental to ensuring life-saving WASH, health and nutrition, child protection, education and humanitarian cash support to vulnerable children, adolescents and families affected by the earthquake. Flexible contributions will be critical to enable UNICEF to complement the Government-led response and promptly respond to current and increasing humanitarian needs.

Under the leadership of the Government of Türkiye and within the interagency framework for the earthquake response, UNICEF will work with key humanitarian partners – Government and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), through established interagency mechanisms. Consultations are going with the Ministry of Interior Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) and key ministries including the Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS), Ministry of National Education (MoNE), Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYs), and Ministry of Health (MoH). Through its long-standing presence in Türkiye, UNICEF has already established partnerships with five municipalities (Ankara, Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, Killis, Yuregir) and the union of municipalities, in the earthquake affected provinces which will be scaled up to other municipalities to deliver support to address immediate humanitarian needs of affected children and families. UNICEF is also leveraging private sector partnerships throughout Türkiye.

## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Two weeks after the devastating earthquakes of magnitude 7.7 and 7.6, on 20 February 2023, another 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck *Hatay* Province in southern Türkiye causing renewed fear and further destruction to the fragile infrastructure that remained standing after the 6 February earthquakes. As of 21 February, 42,310 deaths have been confirmed<sup>1</sup>. The Government of Türkiye has declared a three-month state of emergency in the 10 worst affected provinces and requested international support as it leads the national response effort.

It is estimated that at least 9.1 million people in the 11 hardest-hit provinces are in need of humanitarian assistance<sup>2</sup>. Over 1 million people are currently residing in temporary accommodations centers (TACs), facing adverse winter conditions. An initial [Rapid Needs Assessment Report](#) from Relief International, reported of urgent needs for medicines, food including nutritious food for children, appropriate shelter conditions with adequate water and sanitation facilities, warm clothes, basic hygiene items, protection including mental health and psychosocial support, cash support for families and support on continuity of learning. The Government of Türkiye has requested UN agencies including UNICEF to provide critical supplies on health, water sanitation and hygiene and other basic needs.

As of 22 February 2023, 1,874 unaccompanied children have been identified, of whom 1,353 have been reunited with their families and 99 have been taken into institutional care. The hospital treatment process of 422 children continues. Altogether 1,768 children have been identified, while family tracing is continuing for 106 children<sup>3</sup>. Schools across the country resumed from 20 February except for those in the 10 most affected provinces, for which school opening is postponed to 1 March 2023. Approximately 100,000 children have been transferred from earthquake affected areas to other provinces, with the majority enrolled in schools in *Ankara, Mersin, Antalya, Konya* and *Istanbul*. The MoNE continues to assess the impact of earthquake on education facilities, with plans to complete this exercise by end of February. The joint multi-sector rapid needs assessments (MIRA) led by the office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) are ongoing in the affected areas, and UNICEF have provided enumerators. Preliminary findings of the MIRA are expected around 27 February.

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<sup>1</sup> [Press Release Regarding the Earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş – 32 \(afad.gov.tr\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Flash Appeal: Türkiye Earthquake \(February - April 2023\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> Ministry of Family and Social Services

## Summary of Programme Response

**Non-Food Items and Supply and Logistics:** As of 22 February, nearly 20,000 people, including over 15,000 children, have been reached with supplies including, winter clothes and electrical heaters. UNICEF Türkiye has been supporting the procurement and transport of critical humanitarian supplies to Ukraine and refugee receiving countries in response to the Ukraine crisis and as such has been able to quickly leverage active long-term arrangement (LTAs) with 86 local suppliers and service providers to respond to the earthquake.

**Child Protection, Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE) and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA):** Approximately 2,500 social workers from MoFSS, who were trained by UNICEF, have been providing psychosocial support (PSS) activities in affected areas and evacuated provinces and have reached more than 193,000 people. UNICEF, through its partners, has reached 5,100 children, with PSS including psychological first aid (PFA) and recreational activities in *Gaziantep, Kilis, Mardin, Diyarbakir* and *Sanliurfa* provinces to date, with over 1,900 children (1,093 girls, 813 boys) reached in Gaziantep, Kilis, Mardin and Sanliurfa provinces during this reporting period. Furthermore, UNICEF partners identified and referred 58 children (29 girls, 29 boys) and 84 caregivers (46 women, 38 men) to the Provincial Directorate of Family and Social Services (PDoFSS) for case management and specialized services. Information on access to public services was also provided to 114 individuals.

UNICEF provided psychosocial first aid (PFA) and psychosocial support (PSS) training sessions to 220 community-based child protection (CBCP) staff from the Development Foundation of Türkiye (DFT), the Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM), the Youth Sports Foundation (YSF) and Sanliurfa Municipality.

Through its partner, YSF, and in close collaboration with MoYS, UNICEF is providing PFA, individual counselling, case management and social and recreational activities to support children and families currently living in collective spaces within MoYS youth centers, temporary locations and dormitories. With UNICEF's support, 40 YSF Child Protection (CP) staff were deployed and are providing case management and PSS services.

Through its partner ASAM, UNICEF supported the MoFSS to rent 16 vehicles for its outreach mobile PSS teams delivering PSS services in *Kahramanmaraş, Adiyaman, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Adana, and Diyarbakır*; 71 CP staff have been deployed in the field on a rotational basis to provide PSS, case management services, dissemination of relief items, and need assessment activities. Building on the pre-existing UNICEF-supported partnership between ASAM and Izmir metropolitan municipality, ASAM reached 547 individuals (273 girls, 248 boys; 24 women, 2 man) including 521 children (273 girls, 248 boys) with PFA and recreational activities in *Izmir* Metropolitan Municipality and Ahabap Association tent areas in *Hatay*. ASAM staff also provided individual counselling and mental health a psychosocial support services (MHPSS) to *Izmir* Metropolitan Municipality and Ahabap Association staff to enhance their well-being in the context of the emergency.

**Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH):** UNICEF has reached around 258,000 people, including approximately 148,000 children, with critical hygiene supplies to date. The critical hygiene supplies were distributed in *Adiyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaras*.

UNICEF held technical discussions with AFAD and PMM to map basic information on design capacities, current occupancy and WASH infrastructure in TACs, with further discussions ongoing on the areas of engagement and support on WASH interventions – all with a view to scaling up UNICEF support in TACs.

**Health and Nutrition:** UNICEF continues to coordinate with the MoH and other partners to identify priorities to support the government led response on health and nutrition through integration of health and nutrition interventions in different TACs and safe spaces, procurement of essential commodities, promotion of health behaviors, demand for services, and preparedness for possible disease outbreaks. Upon request from the MoH, UNICEF is procuring vaccines (tetanus, diphtheria, rabies, measles, mumps and rubella etc.), vaccination vehicles and cold chain storage.

UNICEF is planning nutrition interventions with partners focusing on integration of the Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergency (IYCF-E) component of nutrition programming.

**Social Protection:** The MoFSS (DG-Social Assistance) is leading the social protection response to the earthquake. UNICEF and the Ministry are in dialogue to design and roll-out a cash transfer program for children and families affected by the earthquake.

**Education:** During the reporting period, UNICEF in partnership with the Yüreğir Municipality, two “Child Friendly Space (CFS)” were established with or near TACs. A mobile truck is being used to reach temporary sites and as a mobile CFS. Approximately 600 children have been reached with re-recreational activities to date.

UNICEF continues to coordinate with MoNE and has held a high-level meeting with the deputy minister and the Director Generals to agree on the UNICEF’s support to MoNE to implement immediate and mid-term planning and prioritize interventions in earthquake affected provinces. UNICEF continues discussions with implementing partners ASAM, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), YSF, Development Foundation of Türkiye (TKV) to make adjustments in ongoing programmes and prioritize interventions focusing on earthquake response.

**Adolescent and Youth Engagement:** The MoYS has mobilized 2,500 youth volunteers to provide response support across 107 TACs in the 10 most affected provinces. These volunteers were trained by UNICEF in past. In coordination with MoYS, 500 additional youth volunteers from UNICEF’s Mahalle (Neighborhood) Support Mechanism were dispatched to MoYS response centres. These young volunteers are delivering humanitarian assistance including aid delivery and provision of information on available services. UNICEF is working with MOYS to support operations in 107 youth centers and dormitories that have been converted into temporary accommodation centers in the 10 provinces.

**Social and Behaviour Change (SBC), Community Engagement and accountability to Affected Population (AAP):** A daily social media listening system has been established to understand the situation, statistics, sentiments, needs and demands, misinformation in order to refine the earthquake response. The interagency rapid assessment has been integrated with question tools to inform SBC and AAP. Assessment findings are being used to inform UNICEF’s response interventions.

**Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy:** Under the leadership of the Government of Türkiye and within the interagency framework for the earthquake response, UNICEF will complement and leverage existing national systems, programmes, capacities, and partnerships to respond to the overwhelming needs resulting from the earthquakes. UNICEF will provide life-saving humanitarian assistance through supplies, technical support, and service delivery, working with local authorities in affected provinces to ensure inclusive age- and gender-appropriate services for children, adolescents and their families. This will include WASH, health and nutrition, protection, education, early childhood development (ECD) and social protection (humanitarian cash).

Under the government led working group supported by inter-agency mechanism, UNICEF will co-lead WASH and education sectors and will co-lead the Child Protection sub-working group under the Protection Working Group and is a member of the Health and Nutrition Working group which is led by WHO. The mapping of WASH actors is ongoing.

**Media and Communications:** Social media messaging has reached over 3.1 million accounts with 130,000 engagements. Follow [UNICEF Türkiye on Instagram](#) for more updates.

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#### Annex A: Funding Status as of 22 February 2023

Sector	Requirements	Funds Received		Funding gap	
		Humanitarian resources received in 2023	Other resources used in 2023	US\$	%
Water Sanitation and Hygiene	13,000,000	2,102,804		10,897,196	84%
Health and Nutrition	19,250,000	2,603,908		16,646,092	86%
Child Protection	39,750,000		2,336,052	37,413,948	94%
Humanitarian Cash Transfer	45,250,000			45,250,000	100%
Education and ADAP	38,750,000	70,000	3,275,889	35,404,111	92%
Non- Food Items	40,000,000		4,901,000	35,099,000	88%
<b>Total</b>	<b>196,000,000</b>	<b>4,776,712</b>	<b>10,512,942</b>	<b>180,710,346</b>	<b>92%</b>