

# TÜRKIYE EARTHQUAKE

## SITUATION REPORT #4



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### AFFECTED POPULATION IN NUMBERS



**15.8 million**

Population in the 11 affected provinces including 1.7 million refugees and 2.6 million youth (15-24 age)



**4.1 million**

Women of reproductive age (estimate)



**226,000**

Currently pregnant women (estimate)



**25,000**

Expected births to happen within a month (estimate, under normal circumstances)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- UNFPA is scaling up its services to reach those in dire need by engaging more mobile teams in earthquake response activities.
- Around 8,900<sup>1</sup> individuals reached with life-saving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and gender-based violence (GBV) support including dignity and maternity kits in Türkiye's earthquake-affected areas.
- UNFPA's [appeal](#) for the earthquake response is requesting \$19.7 million and aims to reach 1.5 million individuals needing life-saving humanitarian support. Only 23 per cent of the appeal has been funded so far.

### SITUATION UPDATE

- Following the two earthquakes on 6 February, and the earthquake on 20 February, **another 5.4 magnitude earthquake** occurred on 27 February in Malatya province, resulting in dozens more injured people.
- 11 provinces were affected by the earthquakes in southeastern Türkiye, including Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Elazığ, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye and Şanlıurfa, with about 15.8 million inhabitants, including 1.7 million refugees.
- Half a million people were evacuated from the affected provinces. Over 350,000 tents and 8,500 containers have been set up by the authorities to meet shelter needs in the affected provinces.
- Around 45,000 people lost their lives in the earthquakes (as of 1 March).

<sup>1</sup> The number of individuals reached includes (i) around 5,900 individuals reached with SRH and GBV services at UNFPA supported service units, that was complemented by kits or RH commodities distribution and (ii) 3,000 individuals reached with dignity kits at reception centres distributed by Presidency Migration Management in collaboration with UNFPA.

- Access to **safe deliveries** and post-natal care is a major concern as many health facilities are damaged or services were disrupted.
- There is a high need for **mobile and temporary service units** and SRH supplies in the affected provinces.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE NEEDS

- **Sexual and reproductive health needs:**

The earthquakes caused severe destruction of health facilities and SRH supplies. At least 15 hospitals have suffered partial or severe damage. Hospitals or hospital wings at risk of collapse have been evacuated by emergency services, with patients referred to facilities across the country and field hospitals established to provide continuity of care. Moreover, 3 weeks after the earthquake, UNFPA and its partners observed a shortage of SRH supplies in the affected areas as well as an increased demand from the communities to access contraceptives.



*UNFPA providing reproductive health support to new mothers and their newborns in Şanlıurfa, Türkiye  
Photo: UNFPA Türkiye/Zeynep Atılğan 2023*

- **GBV services provision and protection needs:** In times of crisis, women, girls, and other vulnerable groups face an increased risk of GBV. There is a need to establish new shelters for women and girls exposed to GBV. Older women living alone in rural areas need external support to access basic necessities and life-saving services. UNFPA and its partners observe that vulnerable groups, including people with disabilities, migrants, refugees and key populations, face many barriers to access humanitarian aid. There is a need for GBV mainstreaming in shelter, WASH and temporary settlements sectors (primary needs identified). Municipalities are in need of support for gender-sensitive programming, as the capacity of women's organisations in the region has been negatively affected by the earthquakes.
- **Basic needs for hygiene and dignity supplies:** Access to basic necessities remains a severe problem in the earthquake-affected provinces, particularly for menstrual hygiene, sanitary products, and clean underwear. According to preliminary assessments, girls and young women living in the tent settlements are lacking essential information about sexual and reproductive health, including puberty and menstruation, and they have limited access to SRH services and menstrual hygiene materials.
- **Persons with disabilities** are particularly vulnerable in times of crises and have difficulties accessing basic necessities, information and health services due to their disability situation. Many persons with disabilities, including refugees, have lost their assistive devices/mobility aids (eg. wheelchair, walking stick, hearing device, glasses) in the earthquakes, which limits their mobility and access to information and services, including health and protection, and increases their risks of GBV, especially for women and young people with disabilities.

## UNFPA RESPONSE



**2,500 individuals reached** with SRH services and counselling



**3,400 individuals reached** with GBV services and counselling



**7,600 individuals reached** with dignity and maternity kits distributed



**8 UNFPA-supported static service units** deliver uninterrupted SRH and GBV services



**8 mobile outreach teams** provide SRH and GBV services



**1,100 reproductive health commodities** distributed

- Strengthening SRH & GBV service provision and coordination:** UNFPA works closely with all partners in the Health Sector coordination mechanism, and in coordination with the Turkish Ministry of Health to ensure that SRH services remain available to all earthquake survivors. UNFPA is supporting the MoH in its coordination efforts in the SRH field. In this context, UNFPA is procuring 10 tents for 10 affected provinces to be used by the provincial health directorates to ensure SRH interventions are well coordinated and uninterrupted. UNFPA, within its coordination capacity, continues to work with partners to identify the needs of the affected population.
- UNFPA-supported service delivery units:** UNFPA continues to support the delivery of SRH and protection services for the most vulnerable groups through **5 static service units** namely: in Adana (1), Diyarbakır (2) and Şanlıurfa (2). In addition, UNFPA partners operating in Hatay province provided support to the most vulnerable groups residing either in reception centres (specifically those who lost all their belongings and rely solely on humanitarian aid) and in remote neighbourhoods (where people live in crowded makeshift shelters or poor quality tents, with no access to sanitation conditions). UNFPA also supported **3 static service units** in Mersin (1), Ankara (1) and İstanbul (1), provinces with large numbers of evacuees, and is scaling up SRH and GBV services to accommodate the emergent needs of displaced populations.
- Mobile outreach teams** continue to provide SRH and GBV services, including dignity and maternity kit distribution in remote areas. A new mobile team from the UNFPA-supported service unit in Sanliurfa was deployed to Hatay. Currently, there are 8 mobile teams in Adana (1), Diyarbakır (1), Hatay (2), Şanlıurfa (2) and Adiyaman (1) and Mersin (1).



UNFPA provides life-saving SRH services at a temporary camp in Sanliurfa, Türkiye.  
Photo: UNFPA Türkiye/Eren Korkmaz 2023

- **Life-saving reproductive health commodities:** UNFPA works to ensure that SRH services and supplies are accessible in service delivery units and carefully monitors their stocks to guarantee uninterrupted delivery of services. **1,073** reproductive health supplies were provided to affected communities. In addition, the first part of a shipment of the Inter-Agency Emergency Reproductive Health Kits arrived in Türkiye this week.



UNFPA providing dignity kits in Diyarbakır, Türkiye  
Photo: UNFPA Türkiye/Eren Korkmaz 2023

- **Dignity and maternity kits:** UNFPA ensures that women, girls, young people and other vulnerable groups are reached with dignity and maternity kits through its partners. **7,578 dignity and maternity kits** have been distributed, including 4,578 through UNFPA service units and 3,000 in collaboration with the Provincial Migration Management. After 3 weeks of displacement, hygiene and dignity needs remain on the rise.

## IN THE PIPELINE

- **10 tents** for 10 affected provinces to be used for SRH information and services.
- **15,000 dignity kits and 5000 maternity kits** to reach 20,000 women and girls.
- **315 Inter-agency Emergency Reproductive Health Kits** covering the needs of a population of 1 million people, including 250,000 women of reproductive age.

## COORDINATION

- UNFPA operates under the **Health and Protection sectors** of the UN Earthquake Response Coordination Mechanism under. In addition, UNFPA is part of the Earthquake response Information Monitoring Working Group that will monitor the achieved activities under the earthquake flash appeal.
- **UNFPA, with the support of its partners, contributed to the Multi-sector Initial Rapid Needs Assessment (MIRA)** conducted under the leadership of United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) and in coordination with the office of the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations (UNRC), UN agencies and other humanitarian actors. The main objective of the MIRA was to back-up the Flash Appeal for Türkiye Earthquake response with evidence on the impact of the earthquake on service provision, barriers faced by affected populations in accessing services and specific needs related to health, protection, accountability to affected population, among others. The assessment data collection process was finalised, and the partners are joining their efforts in analysing the results per each sector at provincial level.

## FUNDING UPDATE



**\$19.7 M required**



**23% funded**

- **\$4.5 million**, including UNFPA emergency funds, has been raised for the initial rapid response to cover life-saving SRH and GBV services, including Inter-Agency RH Kits, dignity kits and maternity kits. This represents 23 per cent of UNFPA's [appeal](#) for \$19.7 million for UNFPAearthquake response in Türkiye.
- UNFPA has initiated [global](#) and [national](#) donation campaigns targeting individuals and private sector donors that would like to support women and girls affected by the earthquake in Türkiye and the region.

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