

## Situation Report #12

March 15, 2023

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 15 million people have been impacted by devastating earthquakes and aftershocks in southern Türkiye and northern Syria.
- Project HOPE has released a rapid assessment of needs among displaced populations in the following affected provinces in Türkiye: Adıyaman, Gaziantep, and Kahramanmaraş.
- Efforts are underway to deliver containers for shelter and hygiene supplies to local authorities in Adıyaman, Antakya, and Kahramanmaraş to support long-term relief efforts.
- Project HOPE's Emergency Response Team (ERT) continues to identify local partners to respond to current and future needs in the region.

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

Recent inclement weather has complicated humanitarian efforts across the earthquake zone.

Extensive rain caused flash flooding, trapping cars and people and worsening access to basic services. Telecommunication systems are down in some areas and water supply has been heavily compromised.

This torrential rain has impacted both formal and informal displacement settlements for those initially displaced by the earthquakes, flooding tent communities and further compromising the already precarious water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) systems.

As a result of this flooding, at least 10 people have died and at least five are reported missing.<sup>[1]</sup> Among the deceased are five Syrian nationals who drowned in a basement apartment during the March 15 flooding in Sanliurfa.<sup>[1]</sup>

Meanwhile, major seismic events continue to pummel southern Türkiye and northern Syria, including two 4.7- and 4.5- magnitude earthquakes in Malataya, Türkiye, and a 4.4-magnitude earthquake in Hatay, Türkiye this week.<sup>[1]</sup>



*Şanlıurfa's city center endured heavy flooding on Wednesday, trapping cars and compromising water supply, electricity, transport, and telecoms. At least five people have died and several are still missing. Şanlıurfa is only one of the multiple cities impacted by the significant rainfall. Photo by Project HOPE staff, March 15, 2023*

More than one month since the first deadly tremors, the official death toll has climbed above 50,000, with an additional 132,000 injured.<sup>[iii]</sup> A rapid escalation of relief efforts — predominately in health, protection, psychosocial support, shelter, and WASH sectors — is necessary to meet the needs of the more than 9.1 million survivors in Türkiye and 8.8 million survivors in Syria who have been directly impacted by the disaster.

Humanitarian interventions in Syria have been strained by several access limitations, including those related to the ongoing civil conflict. This week alone, relief efforts to Aleppo City, among the cities most devastated by the earthquake, were suspended when the airport was forced to shut down due to nearby air strikes. Almost 80,000 families (roughly 360,000 people) have been displaced by the earthquakes and have relocated across 10 provinces.<sup>[iv]</sup>



*Formal and informal camps and settlements have been impacted by the heavy rain. A Roma settlement in Şanlıurfa, established prior to the earthquakes, is shown here underwater after this week's rain. Photo by Project HOPE staff, March 15, 2023*

## PROJECT HOPE RESPONSE

Project HOPE is working closely with Turkish government officials, humanitarian agencies, and local nongovernmental organizations to respond to the extensive needs of the impacted population in Türkiye. The Emergency Response Team has completed an assessment of health and WASH needs in the Turkish earthquake zone, which can be found [here](#).

Project HOPE's Emergency Response Team has secured 60 housing and latrine/shower containers to support essential services for displaced populations. Forty units have begun to arrive in Adıyaman and will be located adjacent to University Hospital to support health staff who are providing key care to approximately 10,000 people in 2,150 containers in the under-construction shelter city.

An additional 20 units will be delivered to the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Family and Social Services in Kahramanmaraş to provide shelter to health workers and to facilitate the administration of essential services to displaced populations. Also, 15 container units will be delivered to a local partner in Hatay Province in order to provide shelter for health workers and essential services such as a public kitchen and laundry service.

Project HOPE has distributed 3,000 hygiene kits to the Ministry of Family and Social Services in Kahramanmaraş and is also coordinating a distribution of 15,000 hygiene kits through a partner to camps throughout the affected area, including the sites assessed in the needs assessment report mentioned above.

Project HOPE has identified immense needs in mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) for survivors who will be dealing with the long-term impacts of trauma. In collaboration with local partners, Project HOPE plans to implement MHPSS activities in the affected area, which will complement efforts by local authorities and organizations.

In Syria, Project HOPE is working with a local partner to provide primary health support to earthquake-impacted populations in the northern region of the country. Project HOPE is also delivering an Interagency Emergency Health Kit (IEHK) to a local partner in Syria to support primary health care services for up to 10,000 people over a three-month period. Project HOPE's Emergency Response Team is currently allocating additional IEHKs and other resources to both current and new partners in Syria.

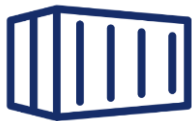
## Project HOPE Impact at a Glance



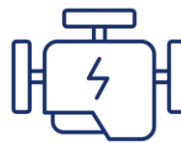
**2,500 POUNDS**  
of medication en route to  
Syria



**18,000**  
**HYGIENE KITS**  
en route for distribution in  
Türkiye



**75 SHELTER AND  
LATRINE/SHOWER  
CONTAINERS**  
for health and protection  
support



**14**  
**GENERATORS**  
procured for health care  
support



**150 ASSISTIVE  
DEVICES**  
procured for IDPs



**14,250 NFIs**  
distributed to earthquake-  
impacted populations in  
Türkiye

<sup>[i]</sup> [https://www.lemonde.fr/en/international/article/2023/03/15/turkey-multiple-dead-after-floods-in-earthquake-affected-provinces\\_6019461\\_4.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/en/international/article/2023/03/15/turkey-multiple-dead-after-floods-in-earthquake-affected-provinces_6019461_4.html)

<sup>[ii]</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/turkiye/turkiye-2023-earthquakes-situation-report-no-9-13-march-2023-entr>

<sup>[iii]</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/turkiye/wfp-turkiye-and-syria-earthquake-response-situation-report-7-13-march-2023>

<sup>[iv]</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/syrian-arab-republic-earthquakes-situation-report-no-3-09-march-2023>