



EMERGENCY SITUATION REPORT FOR TÜRKİYE-SYRIA EARTHQUAKES

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ABOUT US

Doctors of the World (DoTW) Türkiye/Medecins du Monde(MdM) Türkiye registered as Dünya Doktorları Derneği (DDD) is a Türkiye-based humanitarian non-governmental organization that facilitates access to healthcare for populations affected by armed conflict, violence, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty and exclusion.

DoTW Türkiye collaborates with partners and key stakeholders to implement projects that facilitate access to primary and secondary healthcare services and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services to respond to the medical needs of the affected populations.

DoTW Türkiye is the 16th member of the Doctors of the World (Médecins du Monde) International Network that is committed to meeting the health needs of vulnerable people globally. DoTW Türkiye also has years of experience safely providing access to health care and support to vulnerable populations in Türkiye and Syria in collaboration with local and national authorities and in coordination with other humanitarian actors.

CONTEXT

On the night of February 6, 2023, at 4:17 a.m. local time, a 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck Türkiye and Syria resulting in at least 40,000 at the time of this report.

Türkiye has announced a three-month state of emergency in 10 provinces worst affected by the earthquake. This marks the most powerful earthquake recorded in Türkiye since 1939. The quake was followed by 78 aftershocks, and it hit the region a second time in the afternoon on the 6th of February at 13:24 p.m. with a magnitude of 7.5 in Ekinözü/Kahramanmaras province.

More than 15 million people are affected. In Syria, at least 4,427 people are reported dead as of 13 February with the majority of victims recorded in Aleppo, Hama, Latakia and Tartous. In Türkiye, the authorities count at least 31,643 dead. More than a thousand buildings have completely collapsed, raising fears of even higher human losses.



NEEDS

Türkiye

The survivors need winterization, NFI, emergency kits, heaters, hygiene kits, food, medicine, more services points and emergency health response.

In addition, people are injured on the streets and hospitals are damaged. People need tents because of the high number of homeless. It is imperative to take proactive measures to prevent the spread of communicable illnesses in the affected areas.

DoTW Türkiye has initiated a rapid assessment to accurately determine the needs and promptly deliver efficient services. Otherwise, the earthquake in Turkey has caused refugees to relocate to İzmir and Istanbul.

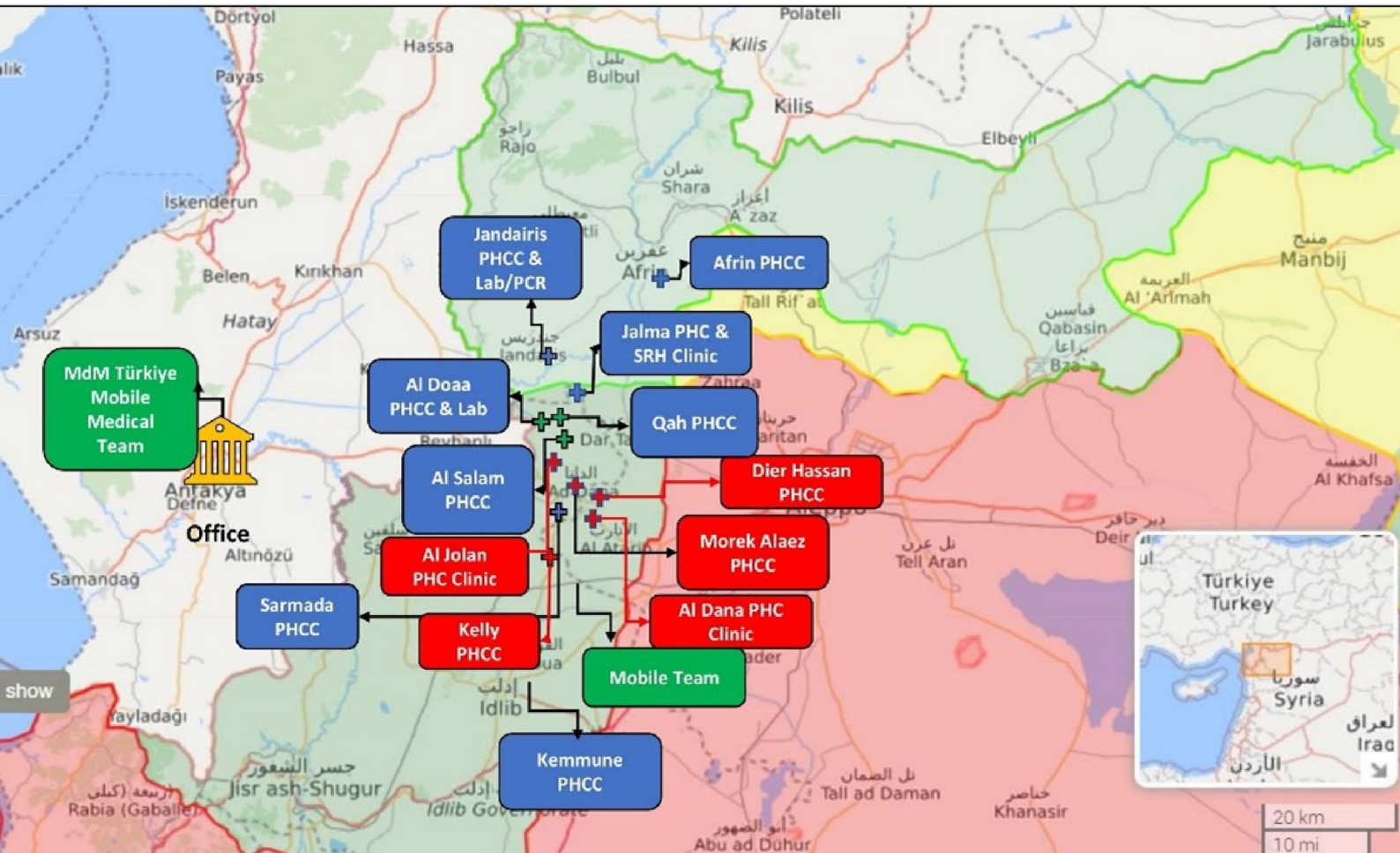
The İzmir team is urgently needed to support the growing number of refugees and host community in fulfilling their basic needs such as basic medicines and creams, baby formula, furniture, rent assistance, cash assistance, clothes, winterization, hygiene kits, market cards, and PSS.

Syria

For Syria, people must travel to Afrin to the hospitals for care which is over 20 km away by car. Hospitals are damaged and overwhelmed. Many health care providers have suspended services.

There is a high need for emergency medical response due to the damage to hospitals. To elaborate; medical kits, first aid kits that includes dressing supplies, surgical consumables, bed covers, and mattresses are among the most needed.

DOCTORS OF THE WORLD TÜRKİYE'S RESPONSE



DoTW-T Türkiye response. Primary Health Care Clinics (PHCCs) in red have been suspended due to funding cuts in July 2022

Türkiye Response

DoTW Türkiye Syria Program Coordinator and his family remain missing. We are still hoping for good news. All staff and their families in Antakya are homeless. DoTW-T's office in Antakya has been demolished.

Hatay, and Antakya are still very hard to reach. Most of the city and buildings are destroyed, blocking roads. Some roads have been completely destroyed in the earthquake. There is no electricity, therefore the city is in darkness at night and the weather condition is unbearably cold. The airport was opened to planes on February 12.

Many people are still trapped in buildings. To reach a larger audience, a Spain disaster team consisting of three individuals and a dog has arrived in the field to work in Adiyaman and Hatay. People, including our staff, are sleeping outside in the freezing cold. The roads are incredibly difficult to navigate, and Ankara put a ban on vehicles entering Hatay. However, our emergency response teams are already there.

DoTW Türkiye staff are on the ground with tents. Our senior management and our mobile medical team from Izmir managed to arrive in Antakya late Monday, the day of the earthquake, to support patients and staff. The Hatay office has been strengthened by the support and collaboration of the field teams based in Istanbul and Izmir. Staff are being collected by our teams and being housed in tents we brought near our office.

Eight containers and two baths were received and planned to create a safe space(shelters) for the staff in the short term and serve as a functional facility for providing services in the long term. Additionally, a mobile kitchen has been procured to prepare meals, however, it has not yet begun operations. One container planned as a clinic and DoTW Türkiye's doctors began to provide PHC services there and DoTW Türkiye pharmacy established to provide medicine for affected populations. Furthermore, some winterization and emergency kits were also dispatched to the field.

We are providing first aid response, and once we have funding, we will be able to provide health screening, medications distribution, psychological first aid for trauma, and safe spaces in the future. Presently, DoTW Türkiye is offering first aid services to its staff's families and individuals in proximity to the office who have been impacted. The team has already initiated efforts to offer psychosocial support (PSS) and PHC services to the beneficiaries via Mobile Teams. The activities of the mobile team are not limited to the vicinity of the DoTW Türkiye office, but extend to different parts of Hatay, thanks to the advantage of mobility.



(DoTW Türkiye Mobile Team providing psychosocial support and primary health care services in the field in Hatay, Feb.13-14, 2023)

On the other hand, The Izmir team is urgently needed to provide support for the earthquake victims who have relocated to İzmir. Currently, 40 of the affected individuals (approximately 20 from Gaziantep and 20 from Hatay) have visited the DoTW Türkiye İzmir office, despite the fact that it is not well-known as it is not a field office. They have informed the team that their families are also on their way to İzmir. The municipality has indicated that they provided shelter for 350 people for now, however, it is unclear how many of them are refugees at this time.

It is evident that the number of refugees in İzmir is growing. The Presidency of Migration Management has stated that refugees can change their cities of residence without the need for prior documentation (Residency Permit) for 90 days. Furthermore, refugees who do not have any id, they will need to visit and sign in at the directorate on a bi-weekly basis. It is important to note that Istanbul is not currently accepting changes of address, while İzmir is open to this.

Some NGOs have reported that refugees from Hatay have contacted and/or visited them, but no beneficiaries have reached the DoTW Türkiye yet. These individuals are expected to be among the most vulnerable groups in the future, as they have been affected by the earthquake and have not been granted permission to relocate.

Furthermore, the host community also faces significant challenges in fulfilling their fundamental necessities. This situation takes a toll on their mental well-being, and it is likely that they may suffer from conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, depression, and an impaired ability to recognize emotions.

Syria Response

PHCC Status: 3/3 DoTW-T PHCCs operating. Jandairis PHCC is open over the weekend for patients.

Afrin/Western Aleppo:

We have three confirmed staff dead, but others are still missing. Most of our staff in Jandairis town are homeless.

Afrin city and Jandairis town are badly affected. Jandairis town is almost demolished and needs an emergency response. People are trapped in collapsed buildings but there is no equipment to pull them out. Our staff estimate more than 800 dead around Jandairis town alone. Our Jandairis PHCC's entrance is partially damaged, but it is operating.

Our Afrin PHCCs are open and provide emergency support. They plan to try to reopen some of the remaining PHCs tomorrow with staff who can come or be relocated from Afrin. Some of our staff were volunteering at the hospitals in the meantime to respond to the emergency. Staff are coordinating with the Civil Defense and Hatay Health Directorate.

The roads are passable, but DoTW Türkiye has no vehicles in Afrin. They are stuck in Antakya on the Türkiye border for the moment. We have seconded one of our Orthopedics Doctor to Afrin hospital to help respond to the demand. Local health authorities have asked for our support in health services. We are deploying staff but will need more medication soon. We plan to deploy a mobile medical team (MMT) around the region once we have funding. In addition to the MMT, DoTW Türkiye needs more medications, emergency aid, etc. and tents or containers for homeless staff to allow them to continue working.

Idlib:

In Idlib most of our staff are operational. We have no confirmed dead or any missing staff. Some staff have lost homes and have missing relatives. All 5 PHCCs are operational and respond to the needs.

PHCC: Our 5 open PHCCs in Dana sub-district in Idlib have been operating: Sarmada, Al Doaa, Al Salam, Qah, and Kemmune. The PHCCs are very busy.

Our staff respond to local needs and provide first-aid responses. Sarmada town was badly damaged by the earthquake. Our staff are coordinating with Idlib Health Directorate and others including distribution of medications and services. Our remaining PHCCs in the area (Dana, Jolan, Dier Hassan, Kelly) remain suspended as we do not have funds to reopen.

DoTW Türkiye needs more medications, emergency aid, etc. We have a temporary mobile medical team (doctor, nurse, midwife, pharmacists etc), already in the area but we need funding for the MMT and medications to continue.

We will be redeploying more staff, but it needs support. The Sarmada clinic's mobile team has responded by visiting the Wadi al-Rasif Termanin camp ([Click Here to see Location](#)) to provide medicine and psychological support to those affected by the earthquake. Approximately 20 meters to the east of the Al-Kemmune Clinic, preparations are underway to establish a temporary shelter camp.



Sarmada's Mobile Team visit temporary shelter camp, February 13-14, 2023, Idlib

