

01 RESPONSE TO
THE EARTHQUAKES 2023

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

The German government supports Türkiye directly in dealing with the effects of the Syrian crisis, namely forced displacement and migration, via bilateral measures of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and EU co-financing. The GIZ programmes supporting Turkish authorities, local partners and communities are coordinated via the Support to Refugees and Host Communities Cluster (SRHC). Furthermore, the cooperation between Germany and Türkiye also focuses on climate change mitigation. In this context, GIZ has been implementing projects on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economy and Climate Action (BMWK) and the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV). The Energy and Climate Cluster's focus is reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency in public buildings and decreasing the use of dangerous chemicals in the textile industry.



BACKGROUND

On February 6, 2023, two devastating earthquakes struck Kahramanmaraş, affecting eleven provinces in Türkiye and northwest Syria. The earthquakes aggravated the already-existing socioeconomic challenges in the affected provinces. According to official figures, over 15 million people have been directly affected, accounting for 16.4% of Türkiye's total population. 1.7 million are Syrians under Temporary Protection (SuTPs) accounting for half of all SuTPs in Türkiye. Approximately 50,000 people in Türkiye and 7,200 in Syria lost their lives, and over 115,000 people in Türkiye and 14,500 in Syria were injured. According to reports, 230,000 buildings collapsed or suffered significant damage, forcing 3.3 million people in Türkiye to leave their homes.

RELIEF MEASURES BY GIZ

In addition to wide ranging assistance for people in need, which has been an integral part of GIZ's portfolio on Refugees and Host Countries since its establishment, a total budget of EUR 5.05 million was shifted into emergency response (as of 1st May 2023). As a result, GIZ in Türkiye has been able to respond quickly to changing circumstances.

GIZ TÜRKİYE PROJECTS

PEP	Promotion of Economic Prospects for Refugees and the Host Community in Türkiye
CLIP 2	Improving Community-based Social Services for Refugees and Vulnerable Residents of the Host Community in Türkiye
QUDRA 2	Strengthening the Resilience of Refugees, IDPs, Returnees and Host Communities in Response to the Protracted Syrian and Iraqi Crises
EXP	Turkish-German Exchange Project on the Integration of Syrian Refugees into Host Communities
ECE	Early Childhood Education for Syrian and Vulnerable Turkish Children
MHPSS	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for Syrian Refugees and Residents of Host Communities in Türkiye
NEXUS	Career Guidance and Social Cohesion



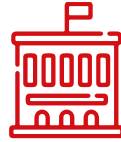
BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT

Around 30,000 individuals benefit from blankets, hygiene kits, winter clothing, food items, baby products, and special items for persons with disabilities.



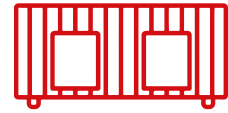
FOOD ASSISTANCE

More than 97,600 meals per day are distributed for two, three and five months in different locations. 600 containers equipped with kitchen equipment to support meal production. Equipment and supplies procured and employment opportunities supported.



SUPPORT TO THE MUNICIPALITIES

32 containers are procured for different needs of the municipalities.



SHELTER SUPPORT

200 containers are procured for Hatay in coordination with PMM.



EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESSES SUPPORT

138 individuals are provided with provision of unconditional cash transfer for three months and compensation of stipends and salaries for the on-hold training and employment activities. Rental and social security costs of the small enterprises are supported.



EMERGENCY PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Provision of psychological first aid, child-friendly areas (tent, caravan) and psychosocial support services for municipal personnel affected by the earthquake and emergency psychological support to people affected by the earthquake.



TEACHING AND LEARNING MATERIALS FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

2,000 preschool bag kits to be distributed to preschool children in emergency centres and public preschools in earthquake affected provinces. Preschool bag kits include stationary, learning materials, and hygiene kits.

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