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SIX MONTHS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES IN TÜRKİYE

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How UNDP Türkiye is supporting earthquake recovery to rebuild lives and livelihoods

An earthquake survivor learns a new vocation at a UNDP course in Ankara



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What is the situation?

The earthquakes in southern Türkiye on 6 February 2023 and the days that followed killed 50,700 people, destroyed more than 313,000 buildings and left 3.3 million people homeless across a territory of 110,000 sq km covering 11 provinces with a total population of 15.6 million (see map).

Six months later, at least 2.6 million people are still living in tents and containers, most with only rudimentary services. A shift from tents to more sturdy container accommodation is under way, but the wait for new housing is likely to be long. With tens of thousands of buildings still to be demolished in the most-affected areas, debris management remains a key concern.

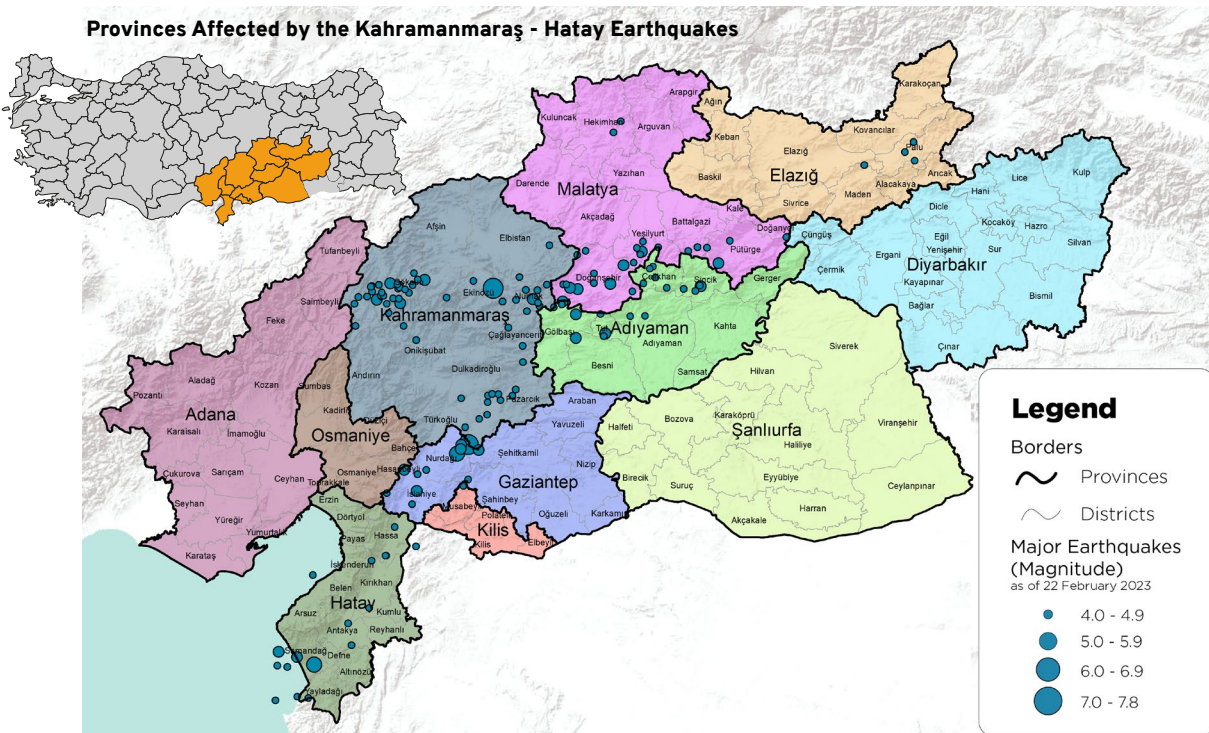
Economic life remains severely disrupted, with employment plunging by over half in the worst-affected provinces. Some three million people have left the region; whether and when they will return remains uncertain. This exodus has left businesses suffering from an acute labor shortage. Public services such as healthcare, education and transportation have yet to be restored in many districts.

What is UNDP doing?

UNDP has engaged in the earthquake response from the first days, with a focus on measures that contribute as quickly as possible to the region's recovery and a return to normal life for its people.

UNDP assisted the Government in preparing the [Türkiye Earthquakes Recovery and Reconstruction Assessment \(TERRA\)](#), a post-disaster needs assessment that estimated the damages and losses caused by the earthquakes at US\$103.6 billion. The TERRA mapped out a set of principles and priorities for recovery that have shaped UNDP's contribution to the earthquake response.

Provinces Affected by the Kahramanmaraş - Hatay Earthquakes



TÜRKİYE RECOVERY VISION: PRINCIPLES

RESILIENT

INCLUSIVE

GREEN

SUSTAINABLE

- **Build back better** for resilient structures, institutions, communities
- **Disaster risk reduction** in focus in education, policies and practices
- **Accountable decisions** made with the **participation** of those affected
- **Leave no one behind** in all relief, recovery and reconstruction efforts
- Employ **green, nature-friendly solutions** for a sustainable future

Principles for TERRA
vision for recovery
and reconstruction

UNDP's recovery activities are concentrated in four priority areas:

- Restoring care services for vulnerable groups
- Improving management of waste and earthquake debris
- Restoring livelihoods and reviving business activity
- Protecting endangered cultural heritage

UNDP's main achievements in the first six months are presented in this brochure. All of these efforts have been warmly welcomed by officials, business leaders and community representatives in the earthquake-affected areas. All can be scaled up quickly to expand their reach and impact.

But to do more, UNDP needs more funding. In March, UNDP issued an offer to donors comprising **31 potential earthquake response projects** worth US\$548 million. By August, UNDP had secured US\$41 million, or 7.5 percent of its target. Given the immense needs, further international solidarity and generosity are vital.



Many people still live in tent settlements like this one in Antakya



Children in Hatay tent camp enjoy games at the Purple Space counselling center



New bus will serve wheelchair-bound people seeking public services in Adiyaman



Regional center for repair of wheelchairs and prostheses in Malatya to be expanded

Restoring care services for vulnerable groups

- Psychosocial support provided through Izmir Branch of the Turkish Psychologists Association to 353 social workers through online and in-person sessions
- Psychosocial support program prepared for 3,000 workers in region's textile industry
- Three mobile care vehicles for providing social services to persons with disabilities and the elderly delivered to Adiyaman, Hatay and Kahramanmaraş provinces
- Construction of prefabricated social care facilities for persons with disabilities and the elderly launched in Adiyaman, Hatay and Kahramanmaraş provinces
- Two mobile care vehicles provided and two care centers for physical rehabilitation and daily care equipped and staffed in Kahramanmaraş and Adiyaman provinces
- Planning launched for the expansion of services for persons with disabilities in Malatya province, including upgrading of a regional repair facility for wheelchairs and other assistive devices
- A "purple space" – one of 28 counselling centers set up in the earthquake zone by the Turkish Federation of Women's Associations to provide advice and health referrals for women and children – established in a tent city in Defne district of Hatay municipality
- Procurement launched of prefabricated premises for bar associations to restore free legal aid provision to earthquake survivors in Adiyaman and Hatay provinces



Yesilyurt district municipality received 110 new waste containers

Improving management of waste and earthquake debris

- Vital public health commodities and debris management equipment, including quicklime, disinfectant, shovels and personal protective gear, provided to hardest-hit municipalities
- Twenty-five containers provided to Hatay Fire Department to provide storage and housing after the complete destruction of their Antakya headquarters
- Over US\$3 million in new waste management equipment, including three streetsweepers, three garbage trucks and 660 galvanized dumpster wastebins, delivered to municipalities
- A fire truck procured for Malatya municipality for use in container settlements



Installation of pipes for waste water at Hatay container city



UNDP provided toilets and showers to address a persistent shortage of sanitary facilities



Kilis received a streetsweeper to help deal with a 40 percent surge in population

- Repairs made to earthquake-damaged waste transfer station in Hatay municipality
- Repairs commissioned for damaged waste management trucks in Hatay municipality
- Container city established by NGO Needs Map housing 1,500 displaced persons near the Hatay Expo Center supplied with environmentally friendly infrastructure, including a wastewater treatment plant and a reverse-osmosis drinking-water purification system
- Laundry facilities in Needs Map container cities equipped with 100 washers and 100 dryers, and 300 air-conditioners provided for all containers and public spaces
- Water infrastructure prepared for Needs Map container city in Kahramanmaraş
- 250 mobile toilet and shower units (50 of them customized for persons with disabilities) provided for temporary settlements in Hatay municipality
- Preparations launched for two pilot recycling centers for earthquake debris in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş as part of a broader environmentally friendly debris management program



Adyaman waste management department gets the key to a new streetsweeper



Mini-treatment plant will help reduce environmental footprint of Hatay container city



Restoring livelihoods and reviving business activity

- 17 dormitory-style containers provided to İŞKUR, the national employment agency, as temporary accommodation for field staff to resume their work, in all four of the most-affected provinces
- “Recovery grants” worth a total of US\$550,000 awarded to 257 women-led businesses that were destroyed or damaged during the earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş province
- Small business “recovery grant” scheme worth US\$6 million in total launched for all 11 earthquake-affected provinces, in partnership with local Chambers of Commerce and Industry, with a plan to award grants to 2,600 businesses by 1 November 2023
- Vocational training initiative worth US\$2.5 million launched for labor-absorptive sectors in the textile industry, in partnership with the leading Turkish textile exporters associations

İŞKUR staff to live temporarily among eucalyptus trees in Antakya park



Three of the 257 Kahramanmaraş women entrepreneurs receiving recovery grants



Shoemaker artisans of Antakya to receive raw materials to restart production

- Vocational training organized for 800 earthquake survivors – in Ankara and Konya for 200 who left the earthquake region, and for 600 people who remained in the region
- Building repairs made to premises of carpet-weaving women’s cooperative center in Besni, near Adiyaman
- Support provided to the establishment of Regional Recovery & Development Centers in Gaziantep and Adana in partnership with Chambers of Commerce and NGO Needs Map as platforms for social and economic recovery of the entire earthquake-affected region

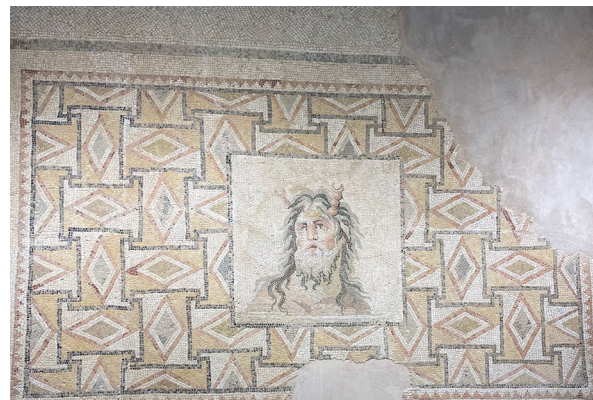


UNDP vocational training courses include software carpet design in Gaziantep

A displaced earthquake survivor receives UNDP welding training in Ankara



Storage container delivered to Kahramanmaraş museum



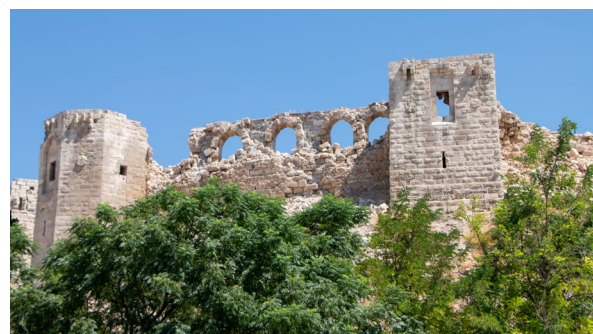
Precious relics from the collections of Hatay Archaeology Museum

Protecting endangered cultural heritage

- Containers provided to major museums for temporary protection of at-risk collections
- Cameras and drones supplied to help inventory damaged cultural heritage assets
- Crowd-funding campaign emphasizing cultural diversity prepared for launch



Destruction hit all faiths in this diverse region, here Iskenderun Catholic Church



Gaziantep's castle walls stood for 2,000 years before suffering earthquake damage

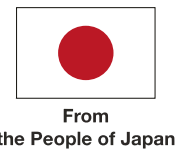


Carpet weavers in Besni benefit from a center refurbished by UNDP



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