



## CRS Partners Already Responding in Turkey and Syria

CRS supports local partners to provide urgent relief following deadly earthquakes



Search and rescue operations continue after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Adana, Turkey. Photo by Hasan Huseyin Kul/Anadolu Agency via Getty Images

On February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated large areas of southern Turkey and northwest Syria. The death toll has surpassed 19,000 and continues to climb. Thousands of people have been injured and many are trapped beneath the rubble. The earthquake is the worst to strike Turkey this century. Within the subsequent 24 hours, the region experienced multiple aftershocks and a second 7.5 magnitude quake.

Areas most affected in Turkey include Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Osmaniye, Adıyaman, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Malatya and Adana. Northern Syria was heavily affected in Aleppo, Idlib, Hama and Latakia. Lebanon experienced limited damage, mostly in the northern city of Tripoli.

Across affected areas, apartment buildings and schools have been leveled. Telecommunications are disrupted, preventing families' from identifying and accounting for missing loved ones. In Syria, displaced people are seeking shelter in schools and community centers in areas already devastated by years of war. Across southern Turkey, schools are closed, airport transportation is impaired and hospitals have been declared unusable. Compounding these challenges are extreme winter temperatures. Southern Turkey and northern Syria are experiencing snow and sleet, with more freezing temperatures likely in the days to come. Among the most pressing needs communicated by our partners are safe shelter, food, medication, and winter supplies such as blankets to keep families warm.

### SOUTHERN TURKEY



**FREEZING TEMPERATURES**



**HOSPITALS  
UNUSABLE**



**SCHOOLS  
CLOSED**



**AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION IMPAIRED**

“ This earthquake hit while people were sleeping. The primary focus is accounting for anyone who might still be missing. Our church partners began responding immediately in coordination with the government.

**Britton Buckner**  
CRS European Outreach  
Manager and Acting  
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## CRS SUPPORT TO LOCAL PARTNERS' RESPONSE

Catholic Relief Services is supporting local partners in their efforts to provide urgent relief and assistance for long-term recovery. CRS has partnerships with Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria, as well as other local partners. We will be supporting Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria in Aleppo and Latakia, where extensive damage has been reported. In Turkey, Caritas Anatolia, in coordination with local authorities, is already bringing displaced people to safe, open spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing.

CRS will assist partners as they provide a range of support to meet evolving needs, likely to include:



**SAFE SHELTER**



**ACCESS TO FOOD**  
including hot meals



**HYGIENE SUPPLIES**



**WINTER ITEMS**  
including blankets and  
other supplies

## HOW TO HELP

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