

# EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND SYRIA: FRANCE'S EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Following the two deadly earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria on 6 February 2023 France is supporting the victims of these earthquakes, which killed tens of thousands of people and wounded many more.

## ► EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR TURKEY

**SUPPORT PROVIDED: €3.5 MILLION**

In response to the Turkish authorities' request for international support, France began to take action on the day the earthquake struck. Some of its operations have received support from the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

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► Deployment of **2 Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) detachments** from the Ministry of the Interior and Overseas France for search, rescue and assistance operations for the victims, including **136 rescue workers and firefighters** as well as **10 dogs** and **3 staff members** from the Crisis and Support Centre.
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► Deployment of an **emergency services rapid medical intervention unit (ESCRIM) hospital** that held more than 2,000 consultations in a month. Some of the supplies were sent with the help of the CMA CGM Foundation.
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► Delivery of **50,000 diphtheria tetanus vaccines** to Turkey for people in need donated by Foundation S – the Sanofi Collective and the foundation Tulipe.

- France also supports efforts by the **International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent (IFRC)** amounting to **€500,000** in response to its emergency appeal for Turkey. This assistance enables the Turkish Red Crescent to provide assistance in such sectors as shelters, health, water, hygiene and sanitation in the affected areas.

France has raised **€5 million** in response to a United Nations emergency appeal for Turkey, in support of the early recovery of populations via the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and in support of refugees and host populations via the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

CDCS's partners companies and associations also helped to make this operation happen along with contributions from territorial communities through the External Action Fund of Territorial Communities (FACECO).

## ▶ EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR SYRIA

**€26 million** in emergency aid was disbursed for the Syrian people in all regions affected by the two earthquakes through non-governmental organizations and the United Nations.

This assistance from France can be broken down as follows:

- ▶ **€12 million** for several **French, international and local NGOs** which are CDCS partners working in the areas of health, shelters, water, hygiene, sanitation and food security. These NGOs are all recognized for their operational and management capacities.
- ▶ A **€2-million** contribution to the **International Organization for Migration** to finance the urgent needs of Syrian populations.
- ▶ **€12 millions** in response to the United Nations emergency appeal for the **Syria Cross-border Humanitarian Fund (SCHF) of the United Nations**, the UNHCR and UNICEF for their humanitarian response in northwest Syria (health, shelter, water, hygiene, food).

## AIR FREIGHT OPERATION CORDINATED BY THE CDCS

ESTIMATED COST OF THE OPERATION: €400,000



An aircraft chartered by the CDCS to Gaziantep with 40 tons of supplies including:



- ▶ Emergency shelters, with **600 family tents** financed by the Crisis and Support Centre able to accommodate **3,000 people**



- ▶ **20 generators and electrical connection equipment** provided by the NGO Electricians Without Borders and its partners



- ▶ **48 heaters**



- ▶ **Medicine** to treat up to **15,000 patients** provided by the foundation Tulipe



- ▶ More than **6 tons of baby formula** provided by Groupe Lactalis

A portion of this emergency assistance was delivered to the **Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (AFAD)**, which ensured the distribution to affected Turkish populations. The **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** delivered the equipment and supplies to Syria, where our partners **Mehad** and the **Assistance Coordination Unit** were entrusted with emergency relief. These NGOs are responsible for distribution to the populations affected.

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