

# Embrace Relief's Earthquake Relief Efforts in Turkey and Syria Update

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Nearly one month after the destructive earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, millions of people in the disaster zone continue to be in need of food, housing, and other basic necessities. The Embrace Relief Foundation would like to share with our friends the latest updates on our efforts to aid those in need:

## • Food Aid



As of March 1, Embrace Relief has distributed:  
**2,600 food packages to families in Turkey.**

These packages, which weigh nearly 30 pounds, hold enough nutritious food (rice, wheat grains, lentils, beans, pasta) and cooking materials to last between 1-2 weeks. This distribution is in addition to the six trucks of ready-to-eat meals – along with a seventh truck with basic items and hygiene products – that were provided to survivors of the earthquake in the weeks immediately following the earthquake.

In Syria, Embrace Relief is about to complete its second week of providing crucial items for children, including clothes, shoes, milk and diapers, as well as feminine hygiene products.

## • Housing Assistance



Embrace Relief has provided temporary housing to  
**350 families**

With more than 1.5 million people still displaced from their homes, and a half-million homes needing to be rebuilt, the people of Turkey will continue to need housing assistance for many months to come. Embrace Relief has provided temporary housing for 350 families to date. We are also focused on addressing this crisis in two additional ways: by providing container homes for people who are unable to leave their living area, and rent assistance for people who are able to travel long distances from their home.

To date, **Embrace Relief has provided more than 250 tents** for people in both large cities like Hatay, where 60 percent of homes were destroyed in the earthquake, and in smaller rural villages, whose residents cannot abandon their farms and livestock. These tents are sturdy and large enough to house a family, measuring 260 square feet (13 feet-by-20 feet).

Embrace Relief is also working on providing “container homes” – which are insulated structures with a bedroom, bathroom and third room – to displaced families especially in rural areas. These container homes are meant to be temporary, but are suitable for use for years if necessary.

Finally, Embrace Relief continues to receive applications for its program to cover the costs of rent and furniture for people who have been forced to move to a different city in Turkey.

- Fundraising

**\$1.4 million raised**

Embrace Relief has now exceeded \$1.4 million of our \$1.5 million fundraising goal as of March 2, through individual donations on our website, as well as through completed and pledged donations from outside organizations and valued partners.

In the past week, Embrace Relief has received generous donations from the Neville and Brigette Fryling Family Foundation at Fidelity, the Crossroads Community Center, the Garfield School District community, Garfield Mayor Richard Rigoglioso, and Chris Braitsch of #StrangersHelpingStrangers.

Our work in Turkey and Syria will continue for as long as people are suffering as a result of the terrible Feb. 6 earthquakes. As time passes and this tragedy fades from the headlines, we hope this update serves as a reminder of the enormity of the humanitarian crisis that continues to challenge millions of people. With your support, Embrace Relief can help communities rebuild and recover in the months ahead.

**To donate in support of Embrace Relief's earthquake relief efforts in Turkey, visit <https://www.embracerelief.org/donation/help-victims-of-earthquake-in-southern-turkey>.**



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**Chris Braitsch** of #StrangersHelpingStrangers, **Bulent Ozdemir** of Peace Island Institute, **Garfield Mayor Richard Rigoglioso**, and **Osman Dulgeroglu** of Embrace Relief

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