



Embrace Relief's Earthquake Relief Efforts in Turkey and Syria

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The humanitarian relief efforts continue in the wake of the devastating Feb. 6 earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and the **Embrace Relief Foundation** can share the following updates as it continues to provide aid for people in need:

More than two weeks after the earthquakes, Embrace Relief continues to focus its relief efforts in three key areas: food distribution, housing assistance, and emergency supply distribution. We continue to respond to the needs of the people of Turkey and Syria as communicated by our partner organizations who are on the ground in the disaster zone.

- Embrace Relief has been distributing food since the immediate aftermath of the earthquake. This will continue in the form of large food packages provided to people in need. These food packages – which include 1-to-2 weeks' supply of rice, wheat grains, lentils, beans, pasta, and other cooking ingredients – have already been distributed to 500 families in Turkey this week, with more to come. We have concluded our distribution of ready-to-eat meals, as local community kitchens have begun to fill this role in the affected areas.
- Embrace Relief has also begun sending money for emergency housing aid, in the form of rent assistance and furniture, to people who have been displaced from their homes. In the initial days of launching this program, we have already received more than 100 applications for this program, which will allow people to have short- and medium-term stability as they rebuild their lives.
- According to our partners on the ground, the greatest need at the moment is tents to provide temporary shelter for those who have been displaced from their homes. The supply of tents is struggling to keep up with the massive demand. Embrace Relief has distributed 30 tents to date, and is working on finding and acquiring more before delivering them to the earthquake zone as quickly as possible.
- Our aid efforts are now also well underway in Syria, where Embrace Relief is responding to requests from our partners by providing urgent items especially for children, including milk, clothing, shoes and diapers, as well as female hygiene supplies.

Embrace Relief is proud to continue its support for thousands of survivors of this tragedy. And this is only possible because of the unbelievable generosity of individuals and communities around the globe. As of Wednesday, Feb. 22, individual donors through Embrace Relief's website have contributed more than \$1.1 million. Adding this to pledged donations from outside organizations and group fundraising projects supporting Embrace Relief's earthquake relief fund, we have collected more than \$1.25 million of our \$1.5 million fundraising goal to date.

These accomplishments would not be possible without the collaboration and support of our various partners and contributors, which are listed below. The Robbinsville, NJ Chapter of BAPS Charities* is just one example of a contributor which mobilized its community and raised \$25,000 to support Embrace Relief's efforts. The North Virginia Regional Commission also opened a Group FUNdraiser with a goal of \$25,000 on Embrace Relief's website.

The 6.4-magnitude earthquake that struck Antakya on Monday, while less destructive than the Feb. 6 quakes, is a reminder that millions of people in the region remain vulnerable. We ask that you please keep the people of Turkey and Syria in your thoughts, and we ask for your continued assistance for our short- and long-term aid in the region. It is only because of donors like you that Embrace Relief can support the people affected by these earthquakes. Together, we will help people recover and rebuild after this tragedy.

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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