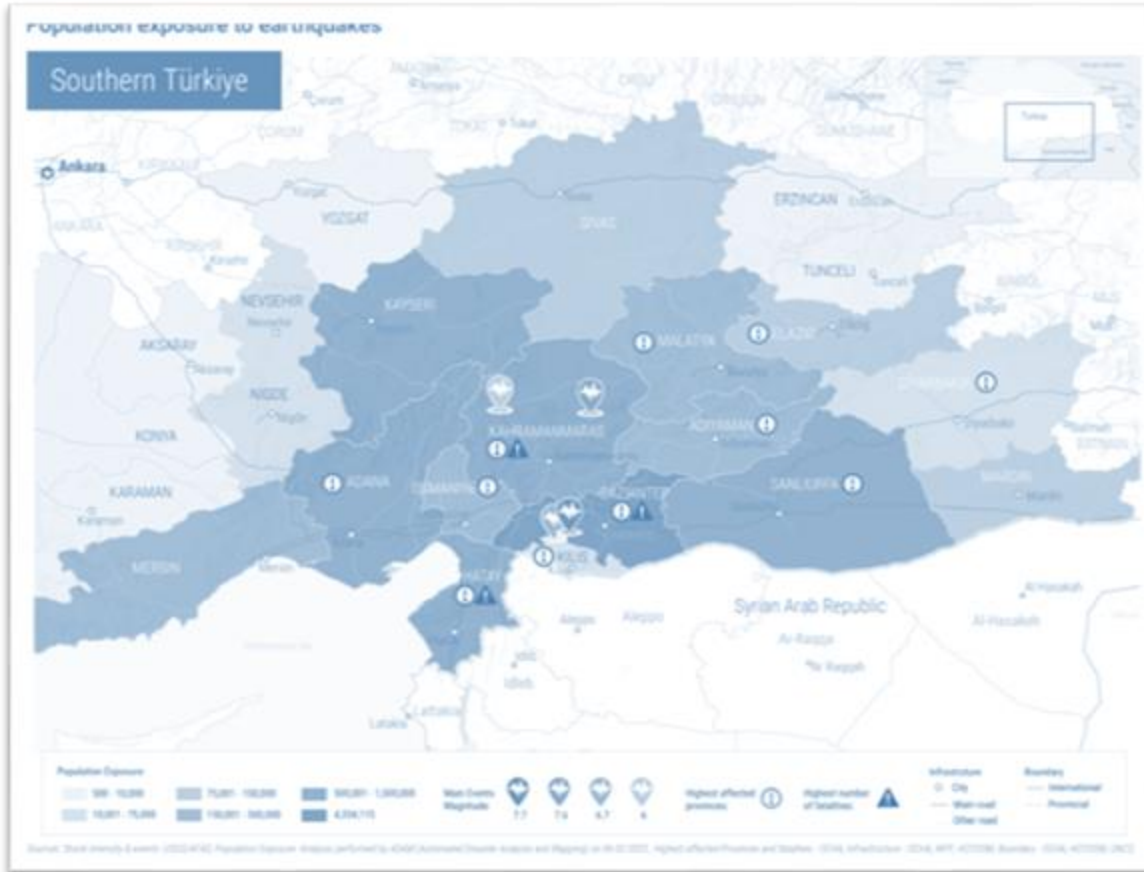




# UN WOMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE EARTHQUAKES IN TÜRKIYE

INFORMAL BRIEFING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, SEPTEMBER 2023

# OVERVIEW



- February 6th, 2023: 7.8- and 7.6M earthquakes – the largest to hit the country in the last century.
- Most affected 11 provinces in the South-East home to 15.6 million people.

# IMPACT



**9 million** people directly impacted, **half** of whom estimated to be women and girls. Over **50,000** people lost their lives, and over **100,000** injured.



**3.3 M** people have been displaced.



More than **700,000** people residing in temporary tent and container settlements, half of them being informal (indicative as of 8 August 2023).



**Half a million** houses were determined as requiring urgent demolition, collapsed, or severely damaged.



**Disproportionate impacts on women and girls** deepening pre-existing inequalities



**PRELIMINARY  
ASSESSMENTS  
CALCULATE THE  
FINANCIAL IMPACT  
ABOVE \$100 BILLION,  
EQUIVALENT TO 9 PER  
CENT OF TÜRKIYE'S  
FORECAST GDP FOR 2023**



# UN WOMEN'S RESPONSE

- Part of UN Flash Appeal issued on February 16<sup>th</sup> and member of Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and afterwards, the extended UN Country Team (UNCT+)
- In support of Government-led response
- Focus on: coordination and mainstreaming in all sectors; evidence generation; localization and inclusion of women's civil society organizations; addressing specific needs in complementary manner.
- Building on pre-existing partnerships with government, civil society and private sector, and on established technical expertise



## UNDERLYING PREMISE:

**TO ELEVATE WOMEN'S  
ROLE AS LEADERS AND  
AGENTS OF CHANGE  
RATHER THAN JUST  
BENEFICIARIES OF  
ASSISTANCE, AND TO  
ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN  
AND WOMEN'S CIVIL  
SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS  
FULL PARTICIPATION IN  
THE HUMANITARIAN AND  
RECOVERY RESPONSE.**



# UN WOMEN'S RESPONSE

## Data, analysis, advocacy



## Coordination



## Direct Assistance





Münevver Tuvarklak

Woman Community Leader

It's been a month since the earthquakes but their effects are ongoing. Women's solidarity gives us strength. Happy Women's Day.



Nilgün Yeniocak

Women's Coalition Member

Women bear a heavy burden. We are here to make their voice louder.



Women volunteers play a life-saving role in the earthquake response. The Community Volunteers Foundation



Şerife Kavak

Psychologist, Volunteer KAMER Foundation

We need to acknowledge the special needs of women and children in the earthquake region to heal their traumas.

 Social Media  
4,5M reach (as of April 2023)

# VOICES OF WOMEN


Conventional Media 3,1M reach (as of April 2023) 



«Photography has become my medium for raising awareness and narrating stories of earthquake survivors»  
Özge Ergin



Sevgim Pariltı  
Chef

 Your choice can make a difference. Just like me, helping as a chef at the forefront of the crisis response.



My advise to girls: despite the earthquakes, for your future and to inspire other women, continue your education.

Fatma Urün



Senem Ertürk  
United Nations Volunteer, OCHA

We are here to deliver humanitarian aid in woman to woman solidarity.



**THANK YOU**