UN WOMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE EARTHQUAKES IN TÜRKEİYE

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.
Preliminary assessments calculate the financial impact above $100 billion, equivalent to 9 per cent of Türkiye’s forecast GDP for 2023.

**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.
UN WOMEN’S RESPONSE

• Part of UN Flash Appeal issued on February 16th 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
“Photography has become my medium for raising awareness and narrating stories of earthquake survivors.”
Özge Ergin

"Women bear a heavy burden. We are here to make their voice louder."
Nilgün Yeniocak
Women’s Coalition Member

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

"We need to acknowledge the special needs of women and children in the earthquake region to heal their traumas."
Serife Kavak
Psychologist, Volunteer KAMER Foundation

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

"My advice to girls: despite the earthquakes, for your future and to inspire other women, continue your education."
Fatma Urün

"We are here to deliver humanitarian aid in woman to woman solidarity."
Senem Erulk
United Nations Volunteer, OCHA

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

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