



MERCY Malaysia activates Türkiye 2023 Earthquake Emergency Response Plan

A powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern and south-eastern Türkiye early Monday, 6 February 2023, causing deaths, injuries and destruction in cities and towns in the region. Many are still trapped under the rubble of collapsed buildings as Türkiye authorities scrambled rescue teams and supplies to the affected area. The Türkiye government has declared a "level 4 emergency" that **calls for immediate international assistance.**

The earthquake has so far killed more than 1000 people and many others injured in Türkiye, whilst hundreds have been killed in northern Syria. The death toll and number of people injured are expected to increase with people still trapped under the rubble and some affected areas remaining inaccessible. Thousands of people have also been left without shelter after the quake, which brought into sharp focus on Türkiye's compounding needs. With subsequent tremors hitting the country, there are growing fears for the health and well-being of survivors.

MERCY Malaysia President, YBhg. Dato' Dr. Ahmad Faizal Mohd Perdaus said, "MERCY Malaysia has activated the Türkiye 2023 Earthquake Emergency Response Plan including initiating a Funding Appeal to provide humanitarian assistance to the affected communities in Türkiye. MERCY Malaysia will be sending its Rapid Assessment and Emergency Medical Response Team on 7 February 2023 to conduct ground needs assessments and medical assistance, which will lead quick impact intervention and ensure assessment and readiness for the subsequent teams' deployment. The first mission will provide trauma care and essential medical and psychosocial services for disaster-affected and bereaved communities. In addition, MERCY Malaysia will be providing medical supplies to render primary healthcare services."

MERCY Malaysia Türkiye 2023 Earthquake Emergency Response Plan includes scaling up health support including emergency public health measures to curb disease outbreaks and enhance infection prevention control. Among humanitarian assistance identified for immediate deployments include:

- Emergency Medical Services, Public Health Services, Medicine and Medical Supplies
- Mental Health & Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS)
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

MERCY Malaysia's operations in Türkiye began in 2011 when the country was struck by a 7.1 magnitude earthquake, causing significant damage to the city and forcing survivors to battle the tragedy during the cold winter season. During this time, MERCY Malaysia ran a mobile clinic and distributed staple foods to 990 beneficiaries. Initially delivering primary healthcare, our work now has expanded to recovery, rehabilitation and capacity building with programmes addressing health issues, child and adult education as well as vocational training.

The dire need for humanitarian assistance in Türkiye calls for an immediate response. Lives need to be saved. Your support will help MERCY Malaysia step up our emergency humanitarian relief which will also lead to rehabilitation and sustainable development for the people of Türkiye.

Support in the form of donations to the MERCY Malaysia Türkiye 2023 Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund can be made through the following channels:

Bank Details:

MERCY Humanitarian Fund

MBB 5621 7950 4126

Swift Code: MBBEMYKL

MERCY Malaysia

CIMB 8000-7929-08

Swift Code: CIBBMYKL

Reference Code: Turkey Relief

For Islamic Social Financing (ISF) option, bank transfers can be made to:

MERCY Malaysia

Maybank Islamic 5642 5858 7606

Swift Code: MBBEMYKL

Reference Code: Turkey Relief

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