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## **MERCY Malaysia activates multi-faceted emergency response plan in solidarity with Türkiye and Syria**

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MERCY Malaysia has activated a multi-faceted response plan for the Türkiye-Syria earthquake encompassing initial emergency funding; deployment of rapid assessment and health support teams as well as emergency stockpiles of essential needs.

With hundreds of thousands of people still vulnerable to collapsing buildings, scarce food, and freezing temperatures with many having no option but to sleep outdoors, MERCY Malaysia has activated a response plan to meet the dire need for adequate emergency shelters, life-sustenance items and health support.

MERCY Malaysia President, YBhg. Dato' Dr. Ahmad Faizal Mohd Perdaus said, "MERCY Malaysia's Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Response Plan consist of a four-pronged approach in building communities' coping capacity including (1) Access to Healthcare Support; (2) Emergency Shelter Support; (3) Emergency Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; and (4) Protection and Prevention."

He further added, "The plan requires a funding of RM 10 million for immediate implementation of the emergency response in Türkiye alone, while assessment is currently being undertaken to determine programmes and funding required for Syria."

The latter came about following a special reconnaissance mission to Syria facilitated by the Government of Malaysia through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MERCY Malaysia is committing further packages of support to address the urgent humanitarian needs in Türkiye and Syria. On 17 February 2023, MERCY Malaysia deployed 3.8 tonnes of relief items including medicines, oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, BP monitors, non-invasive ventilators, thermal blankets and sleeping bags, worth more than RM 1.5 million. This is on top of the container shelters to be used as temporary accommodation for some of the displaced communities, which will be sourced in collaboration with the Türkiye Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD).

MERCY Malaysia is also deploying a 4.8 tonne of urgent relief items like generator sets, medicines, thermal blankets, sleeping bags and food items to Syria through a special mission by the Royal Malaysian Air Force (TUDM) which is expected to depart the Subang base on Saturday, 18 February 2023. The initial consignment bound for Syria is valued at RM 200,000.

The deployment of critical emergency supplies undertaken by MERCY Malaysia will be distributed by its on-ground responders of staff and volunteers as well as local partners, providing much needed aid to the hundreds of thousands of people impacted by the earthquakes in southern Türkiye and northern Syria.

The series of powerful earthquakes that hit southern and south-eastern Türkiye as well as northern Syria on 6 February 2023 have so far claimed more than 40,000 people in the two hard-hit countries as well as destroyed vast and populous areas.

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

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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