**WFP News Video: WFP Appeals For More Access Points to the Worst Affected Areas by the Earthquake in Syria**

**Shot: 8-12 Feb 2023**

**Locations:  Syria, Türkiye**

**TRT: 4:19**

**SHOTLIST:**

**:00-:20**

GVs of destruction in Al-Maland in non-government controlled northwest Syria

Drone shot (No sound) and people digging through the rubble of destroyed homes.

**Shot: 10Feb23**

**Al-Maland**, **Syria**

**:20-:37**

Zakaria Mustafa Dabe and his family, had already been displaced twice during the war. Having managed to rebuild what was left of his home, it was destroyed once again, this time by the earthquake.

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**Kafr Yahmoul, non-government controlled northwest Syria**

**:37-1:05**

**SOT Zakaria Mustafa Dabe, Displaced by earthquake (Arabic)**

*“During the war an airstrike hit our house which was heavily damaged. I had to use all my savings to rebuild it but now the earthquake hit us again and our house is destroyed. We are not able to live in it anymore.”*

**Shot: 8Feb23**

**Kafr Yahmoul, non-government controlled northwest Syria**

**1:05-1:07**

CUTAWAY of 2 of Zakaria’s children.

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**Kafr Yahmoul, non-government controlled northwest Syria**

**1:07-1:22**

**SOT Zakaria Mustafa Dabe, Displaced by earthquake (Arabic)**

*“Today we received help from the World Food Programme who provided us with a food basket.”*

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**Kafr Yahmoul, non-government controlled northwest Syria**

**1:22-1:38**

GVs distribution of WFP food to families affected by the earthquake in non-government area of northwest Syria.

**Shot: 12Feb23**

**Jindires,** **Syria**

**1:38-1:56**

**SOT Ross Smith, WFP Syria Deputy Country Director (English)**

*“In northwest Syria alone more than 50,000 people have received ready-to-eat rations as of 2 days ago. We are supporting more than 1.4 million people in northwest Syria every month. That food is prepositioned in northwest Syria and is being distributed now.”*

**Shot: 12Feb23**

**Aleppo***,***Syria**

**1:56-2:04**

People who lost their homes shelter in open squares and under bridges and have nothing left but the clothes on their backs and whatever assistance they receive from NGOs and the local community.

**Shot: 9Feb23**

**Aleppo,** **Syria**

**2:04-2:43**

Emergency responders dig through the rubble of a collapsed apartment building in search of survivors In the Kallaseh neighbourhood of Aleppo.

**Shot: 9Feb23**

**Aleppo,** **Syria**

**2:43-3:00**

Preparation of WFP hot meals for distribution.

**Shot: 10Feb23**

**Aleppo,** **Syria**

**3:00-3:18**

GVs WFP food distribution to displaced people who lost their homes to the earthquake sheltering at the Al Salehyen Mosque in Aleppo.

**Shot: 9Feb23**

**Aleppo,** **Syria**

**3:18-3:29**

**SOT Ross Smith, WFP Syria Deputy Country Director (English)**

*“We need to do much more however. Access is key here. We need more routes in all areas in Syria and more access across the border from Turkey.”*

**Shot: 12Feb23**

**Aleppo***,***Syria**

**3:29-3:37**

Drive by shot of collapsed buildings in the city centre of Kahramanmaraş.

**Shot: 08Feb23**

**Kahramanmaraş, Türkiye**

**3:37-4:19**

GVs of distribution and eating of WFP hot meals to people displaced by the earthquake.

**Shot: 08Feb23**

**Kilis, Türkiye**

**ENDS**

**WFP has scaled up its emergency food assistance in Syria and Türkiye since the beginning of the crisis, reaching over 300,000 quake-affected people in both countries and plans to reach a total of close to 900,000 people.**

* + Within 24 hours from the time the earthquake hit Türkiye and Syria on 6 February, WFP was on the ground providing hot meals and ready-to-eat rations to the victims.
	+ WFP has reached more than 90,000 people in Syria (89,305) through hot meals and ready-to-eat rations.
	+ In Türkiye, more than 200,000 people - both Syrian refugees and Turkish citizens displaced by the quakes – have received family food baskets in camps.
	+ The ready-to-eat food rations and hot meals do not require cooking facilities and provide immediate relief for families battling freezing temperatures.

**Syria is in a particularly dire situation; the earthquakes have further compounded what was already one of the world’s largest hunger crises. Communities closest to the epicentre of the earthquake were already struggling with the impact of 12 years of conflict, climate change, and economic downturn. WFP has been actively assisting Syrians since the beginning of the conflict but needs more access and funds to sustain the response and scale it up.**

* + More than half the population, 12 million people, is food insecure. WFP has been serving 5.5 million people each month with general food assistance, most of them in areas now badly affected by the earthquake.
	+ Drawing on existing partnerships, supply chains, and food stocks, WFP has already provided emergency food assistance to more than 90,000 people affected by the earthquake across Syria.
	+ WFP needs all parties to support and enable humanitarian access through all channels, cross-border and crossline, to reach more quake-affected people and to replenish stocks for them and for the people who already receive WFP regular food assistance every month.
	+ WFP urgently needs US$396 million for the people newly affected by the earthquake and for the 5.5 million people that WFP provides food for every month.

**WFP is committed to working with its humanitarian partners and local authorities to bring life-saving assistance to families affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. We have been working in both countries for many years and are well-equipped to respond.**

* + WFP is appealing for US$50 million to provide assistance through food rations and hot meals as part of the UN Turkiye flash appeal.
	+ A Syria flash appeal will be issued over the coming days.

 **Türkiye**

**WFP response**

* + WFP teams are delivering food to support municipalities’ soup kitchens in 8 provinces in southeast Türkiye (Adana, Adiyaman, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaras, Kilis, Hatay, Mardin and Mersin). Up to 25 municipalities will receive food commodities from WFP.
	+ WFP’s food will help these municipalities prepare and distribute around 3.3 million cooked meals to quake-affected 24,000 families (118,500 people) through their community kitchens over a 14-days perio.
	+ WFP and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) plan to set up next week mobile kitchens in seven camps lacking cooking facilities in Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaras, Kilis, Malatya and Sanliurfa. Once set up, the World Center Kitchen will manage these kitchens with WFP's support.
	+ WFP continues to increase its assistance to Syrian refugees as well as provide food rations for Turkish citizens displaced by the quakes and sheltering in refugee camps.
	+ WFP provided emergency food packages to 72,000 quake-affected displaced Turks and Syrian refugees in Osmaniye Cevdetiye camp and in camps in Adana, Hatay, Kilis and Kahramanmaraş.

 **Background**

* + Gaziantep hosts the country's second-highest number of Syrian refugees (nearly half a million), after Istanbul. A total of [3.5 million](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdata.unhcr.org%2Fen%2Fsituations%2Fsyria%2Flocation%2F113&data=05%7C01%7Cmartin.penner%40wfp.org%7C3d2566d82b3248dc3f4908db0c298cd5%7C462ad9aed7d94206b87471b1e079776f%7C0%7C0%7C638117144823651338%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SBk%2BulacuthPQtjRMSdINWKxJB9FJvNIHyLLl86i9wY%3D&reserved=0) Syrian refugees live in Türkiye as of January 2023.
	+ On top of acute inflation over the last 12 months, prices are expected to rise further as supply chains struggle to respond to needs after the earthquake.
	+ Demand for coal for heating will be extremely high, adding extra costs for all struggling to keep warm.

  **Syria**

 **WFP response**

* + At present, it is estimated that at least 6 million people have been affected by the quakes. This includes communities in the most affected governorates of Aleppo (2 million people), Hama (1.3 million), Latakia (1.2 million), Homs (963,000), Tartous (522,000) and southern Idleb (27,000).
	+ WFP, with the help of partners on the ground, assisted **close to 90,000 people directly impacted by the** quake with emergency food hot meals and ready-to-eat food.
	+ So far, nearly 28,000 people received hot meals in Aleppo, Tartous and Lattakia.

 **northwest Syria**

* + Around 45,000 (44,430) people in northwest Syria have been assisted with ready-to-eat rations (lasting for one week) through WFP partners in Idleb, Harim, Dana, Benesh, Jandairis, Kafr Takharim, Maaret Tamsrin, Saraqeb, Taftanaz, Jisr-Ash-Shugur, Armanaz, Kafr Takharim, Azaz, Jarablus.
	+ WFP has enough food ready inside northwest Syria to assist some 80,000 additional people and is providing it to local partners to distribute.
	+ Today, 4.1 million people in north-west Syria depend on UN aid to meet their most basic needs. The majority are women and children.
	+ Roads between Türkiye and Syria are damaged but still accessible. The UN Transhipment Hub is currently accessible, but the Bab Al-Hawa border crossing point is not operating at normal capacity, so delivery of aid into northwest Syria from Türkiye is slow.
	+ Millions of Syrians depend on UN agencies and NGOs assistance, which comes into the country across the border from Turkiye, enabled by Security Council Resolution 2672 that authorizes the use of the Bab al-Hawa border crossing for the delivery of aid into northwest Syria.
	+ Besides cross-border delivery, the UN interagency crossline operation continued delivering monthly humanitarian assistance from Aleppo to non-government-held locations in northwest Syria.
	+ WFP plans to dispatch ready-to-eat rations on the next crossline convoy from government-controlled Aleppo to non-government-held Sarmada city in Idlib governorate, potentially taking place this week.

 **Background**

* + WFP provides food assistance across Syria for 5.5 million people each month, 1.4 million of them in the northwest.
	+ Syria has already suffered severe damage to infrastructure over 12 years of conflict, especially in areas closest to the quake epicentre in Türkiye.
	+ Syrians are now also being hit by an ongoing cholera outbreak and harsh winter weather, including heavy rain and snow.
	+ Food prices in Syria have increased nearly ten-fold over the past three years.
	+ Syria has the sixth highest number of acutely food insecure people in the world, with 2.5 million in the severely food insecure category. This means their life would be at risk without food assistance.
	+ Fuel availability is also a concern. According to field observations, distributions of subsidized diesel for heating stopped in December, adding to the suffering of millions of vulnerable families who have nothing to fend off the cold this winter. To reduce fuel consumption and secure supplies for vital facilities, like hospitals and public bakeries, the Syrian Government has recently ordered several closures of state institutions.

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