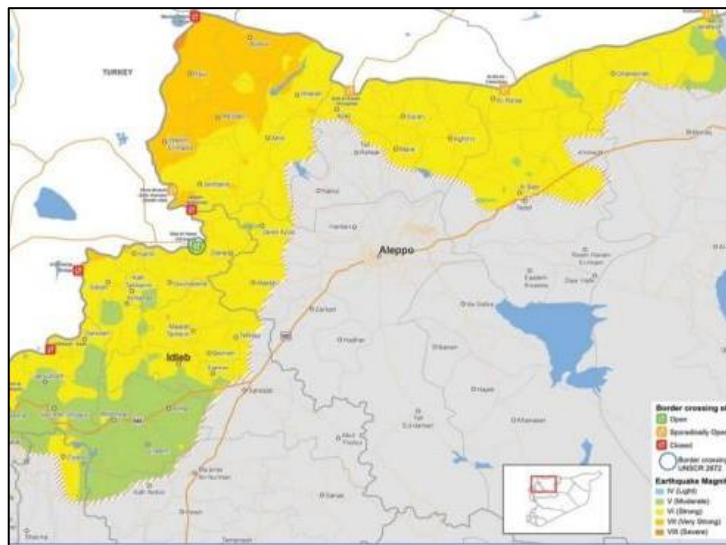


**SITUATIONAL REPORT NO. 1 FOR THE PHILIPPINE INTER-AGENCY  
HUMANITARIAN CONTINGENT (PIAHC) IN THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE**

As of 14 February 2023, 6:00 AM

**SITUATION OVERVIEW:**

On 06 February 2023, several earthquakes shook southern Türkiye and Syria. The tectonic epicenter with the most severe impact was located in Gaziantep with a magnitude of 7.7. A depth of 24.075 kilometers with tremors felt and various intensities across the Syrian Arab Republic was felt in Adana. Multiple aftershocks were reported following the earthquake.



Source: UN-OCHA

Allepo, Syria was the most affected among the North, Central, and Coastal parts of Syria. Initial reports recorded deaths and damage to infrastructure mainly in the Provinces of Allepo, Lattakia, Hama, Idleb, and Tartous in Syria.

Both the death toll and the structural damage are anticipated to rise as many of the structures in the impacted areas are weak and might collapse as a result of the extra damage.

As of reporting time, the lack of heavy machines to remove rubble and winter weather conditions have significantly complicated the search and rescue operations in the affected areas.

On 06 February 2023, the Government of Türkiye issued a Level 4 alarm calling for international assistance.

On 10 February 2023, 1,206 aftershocks have been reported over the past five days.

People have also been forced to move out of their houses due to recent flooding. The water level of the Orontes River has reportedly risen and submerged homes following the collapse of a dam in the aftermath of the earthquakes.

Aftershocks are reportedly continuing in north-west Syria, continuously forcing people to flee their homes. Civil Defense teams concluded their search and rescue operations on 11 February and have moved towards the stage of removing debris and recovering bodies.

However, fuel shortages and a lack of machinery and vehicles to remove debris are hampering efforts.

The earthquakes affected at least 78 communities and 35 subdistricts in north-west Syria. Residents interviewed by the Ataa Humanitarian Relief Association (ATAA) stated that 75 percent of the population in 18 sub-districts in Idlib and Aleppo governorates have been affected, notably the cities of Harim, Salqin, Sarmada, and Dana.

## EFFECTS:

### I. Casualties

As of 13 February 2023, a total of 26,027 persons were reported dead while 90,901 were reported injured by the Government of Türkiye and Syria.

Affected Areas	Dead	Injured
Türkiye	20,213	80,052
Syria		
North-west Syria	4,400	8,500
Aleppo, Lattakia, Hama, Idlib countryside, and Tartous	1,414	2,349
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>90,901</b>

Source: UNOCHA Flash Update No. 7 as of 12 February 2023

### II. Affected Population

Source: UNOCHA Flash Update No. 7 as of 12 February 2023

- A total of 81,415 persons have been evacuated from the affected areas in Türkiye.
- A total of 11,000 families were reportedly homeless in North-West Syria.

### III. Damage to Infrastructure

Source: UNOCHA Flash Update No. 7 as of 12 February 2023

#### A. Republic of Türkiye

- A total of 6,444 buildings have reportedly collapsed.
- Airports in Kahramanmaraş and Hatay have been repaired and are open to ambulance air planes. Airports in Gaziantep and Şanlıurfa are open to humanitarian flights. While airports in Malatya, Adana, Diyarbakır, Adıyaman Airports are open to flights.
- Main roads were reportedly damaged. A number of key transportation routes have been impaired.



*The Guclu Bahce complex in Antakya. Credit: BBC News*

## **B. Syrian Arab Republic**

- A total of 2,000 buildings were totally damaged while 5,500 buildings were partially damaged.
- A total of 454 schools (65 in Aleppo, 124 in Lattakia, 53 in Tartous, 115 in Hama, 43 in Homs, 4 in Idleb, 10 in Dar'a, 16 in Rural Damascus, and 2 in Ar Raqqa) were damaged.
- In Aleppo, at least four (4) civil registry offices have reportedly suffered structural damages so far.
- In Lattakia, three (3) water pumping stations in Al Qerdaha district went out of service, affecting the provision of water to at least 30,000 people.
- At least 57 hospitals and primary health facilities in north-west Syria are partially damaged or have suspended their services due to the earthquakes.

## **C. North-West Syria**

- More than 1,700 buildings were totally damaged while more than 6,300 buildings were partially damaged.
- 40% of 300 reported schools or temporary learning spaces were damaged. Of which, 17,000 children and 860 teachers were affected in these schools.
- At least 57 hospitals and primary health facilities in north-west Syria are partially damaged or have suspended their services due to the earthquakes



*Collapsed building in Sarmada, North-west Syria. 6 February 2023.  
Credit: OCHA/Ali Haj Suleiman*



*Mother and child walked hand-in-hand next to collapsed houses in North-west Syria. 8 February 2023.  
Credit: OCHA/Mohanad Zayat*

**PHILIPPINE RESPONSE:**

The Philippine Inter-Agency Humanitarian Contingent (PIAHC) is composed of **82 personnel** from the Office of Civil Defense, Department of National Defense (DND-OCD), Department of Health (DOH), 505<sup>th</sup> Search and Rescue Group (SRG) of the Philippine Air Force, 525<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion (ECBn) of the Philippine Army, Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA).

The Philippine Inter-Agency Humanitarian Contingent (PIAHC)		No. of Personnel
Administrative and Logistics Team	OCD	2
Emergency Medical Team	DOH	30
Urban Search and Rescue Team	505 <sup>th</sup> SRG, PAF	12
	525 <sup>th</sup> ECBn, PA	21
	MMDA	9
	SBMA	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>82</b>





On 12 February 2023, 10:00 AM (TRT), the team resumed search operations to other sectors of which, one (1) additional building was searched for possible casualties. As to date, a total of **34 buildings** were assessed by the USAR Team, to wit:

Date	No. of buildings assessed	Result of the assessment
10 February 2023	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 possible alive persons</li> <li>• 2 confirmed dead persons</li> <li>• 115 possible dead/missing persons</li> </ul>
11 February 2023	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 possible alive persons</li> <li>• 3 or more possible dead persons</li> <li>• Detected a possible sign of life on building No. 7 and conducted technical assessment on the site.</li> </ul>
12 February 2023	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 possible alive person</li> </ul>
13 February 2023	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 possible dead person</li> <li>• 2 additional dead persons were retrieved</li> <li>• 1 mutilated right leg was found</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	

For the number of patients that were accommodated by the Philippine Emergency Medical Assistance Team (PEMAT), the list is as follows:

Date	No. of patients served
11 February 2023	14
12 February 2023	41
13 February 2023	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>

On 11 February 2023, 12:00 PM (TRT), the USAR team finished triaging collapsed buildings in their designated areas. The teams were also instructed to proceed to conduct operations to other sectors and further, reported that there are possible casualties that are still under the collapsed buildings. Further, the EMT Team has completed the establishment of its field hospital at the Adiyaman Otagon Bus Station and is now ready to accept patients.

On 10 February 2023, 10:06 AM (TRT) USAR Team began its search operations in the Adiyaman Site.

On 09 February 2023, 6:10 PM (PST), the PIAHC arrived at Adana Airport. The team then prepared to depart Istanbul to Adana. The PIAHC was joined by the Hong Kong and German Response Teams going to Adana. The said Response Teams are directed to

report to the Regional Development Council (RDC) in Adana. At around 4:30 PM (PST), the PIAHC was onboard a flight going to Adana.

On 08 February 2023, 10:53 PM (Philippine Standard Time\*) the PIAHC was onboard Turkish Airlines TK85 (MNL-IST) bound to Istanbul, Türkiye. The aircraft arrived at Istanbul Airport on 09 February 2023 at around 12:58 PM (PST).

### **ASSISTANCE PROVIDED**

The following aid-in-kind were provided by the Office of Civil Defense, Department of National Defense to the affected families in the Republic of Türkiye:

<b>Items</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Blankets	11,205 pcs.
Bonnets	5,000 pcs.
Gloves	420 pairs

*\*The Philippines (GMT+8) is 5 hours ahead of Türkiye (GMT+3).*

**For the Chairperson, NDRRMC:**



**UNDERSECRETARY ARIEL F. NEPOMUCENO**  
Executive Director, NDRRMC and Administrator, OCD



## ACTION PHOTOS



On 11 February 2023 at 9:57 AM (TRT), the team arrived at the Adiyaman Governorship Police Directorate, identified as the USAR's staging area. Team was divided into 4 smaller units and conducted search operations in different locations.



On 12 February 2023, the Philippines' USAR team breaching operations to extricate a possible alive victim trapped under a collapsed building.



On 12 February 2023, the Turkish Ministry of Health visited the PEMAT field hospital. The team provided medical assistance to the victims of the earthquake.



On 13 February 2023, Philippine USAR team geared up for SAR Operations on a collapsed apartment complex believed to house 100 persons.