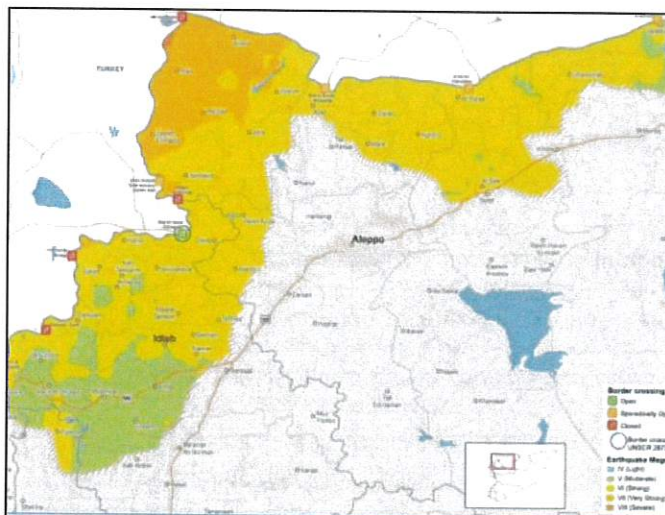


**SITUATIONAL REPORT NO. 4 FOR THE PHILIPPINE INTER-AGENCY  
HUMANITARIAN CONTINGENT (PIAHC) IN THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE**

As of 17 February 2023, 8:00 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.

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 16 February 2023, a total of **41,914** persons were reported dead while **91,009** were reported injured by the Government of Türkiye and Syria.

Affected Areas	Dead	Injured
Türkiye	36,100	80,052
Syria		
North-west Syria	4,400	8,600
Aleppo, Lattakia, Hama, Idleb countryside, and Tartous	1,414	2,357
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>41,914</b>	<b>91,009</b>

Sources: UNOCHA Flash Update No. 11 as of 16 February 2023  
UNOCHA Situation Report No. 1 as of 16 February 2023

### II. Affected Population

Source: UNOCHA Flash Update No. 11 as of 16 February 2023

- Türkiye
  - A total of 81,415 persons have been evacuated from the affected areas.
- North-West Syria
  - A total of 11,000 families were reportedly homeless.
- Syrian Arab Republic
  - As of 15 February 2023, in Lattakia, a total of 1.3 million persons are affected. Approximately 34,400 families are displaced and currently either being hosted in temporary shelters, including governmental buildings, or staying with relatives with reportedly dire humanitarian needs. There are currently 29 designated shelters.
  - In Tartous, a total of 900,000 persons are affected. There are 2 designated shelters.
  - As of 14 February 2023, 213 families arrived at Homs, of which, 196 families are hosted by local community members in the city and rural areas while 17 families have been temporarily accommodated in Mahmoud Othman collective shelter.
  - Four hundred twenty-nine (429) internally displaced persons (IDPs)/ 140 families arrived at Homs. Of those, 272 persons/ 101 families are from Aleppo, 129 persons/ 32 families from Lattakia, and 28 persons/ 7 families from Hama. There are also 28 persons/ 7 families hosted in the Mahmoud Othman shelter in Al-Qusour neighbourhood in Homs City, and another 401 persons/ 133 families in rural Homs, either by their relatives or in rented houses.

- In As-Sweida Governorate, around 21 families have arrived from Aleppo and Lattakia, and are hosted by their relatives. So far 118 families were displaced from earthquake-affected areas in Aleppo and Lattakia to Rural Damascus, Damascus and As-Sweida.

### III. Damage to Infrastructure

Source: UNOCHA Flash Update No. 11 as of 16 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 661 schools (263 in Aleppo, 124 in Lattakia, 96 in Tartous, 109 in Hama, 63 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.
- In Hama, an initial assessment showed that 4 hospitals and 60 health facilities have been damaged by the earthquake.

#### C. North-West Syria

- As of 14 February, more than 8,900 buildings were totally damaged.
- 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/Alj 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).

<b>The Philippine Inter-Agency Humanitarian Contingent (PIAHC)</b>		<b>No. of Personnel</b>
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. As to date, a total of **36 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>
13-14 February 2023	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 dead persons were retrieved</li> <li>• 1 mutilated right leg was found</li> <li>• 2 additional dead persons were retrieved</li> </ul>
15 February 2023	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No survivor was found on site</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of patients served</b>
11 February 2023	14
12 February 2023	41
13 February 2023	60
14 February 2023	53
15 February 2023	88
16 February 2023	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>

On 16 February 2023, USAR team is currently placed on-standby, awaiting requests for assistance on retrieval operations from the LEMA.

On 15 February 2023, 12:30 PM, USAR team moved out from the Base of Operations (BOO) to answer the call for search assistance by the Adiyaman Government Local Emergency Management Agency.

DOH continues to provide medical assistance to the Philippine Contingent, ensuring the welfare of the team with standby doctors and nurses.

On 14 February 2023, 8:00 AM, the PEMAT resumed its medical operations. The team catered ambulatory cases and referral of cases requiring hospitalization. Further, the team also provided medical assistance to the Philippine Contingent, ensuring the welfare of the team with standby doctors and nurses.

The base of operations/base camp is also managed with the leadership of the DOH, with the assistance of AFP and the Turkish Military. On the same day, the Philippine Defense and Armed Forces Attache to Turkiye visited the PIAHC base camp and provided supplies for the team.

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:

Items	Quantity
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.



On 14 February 2023, the blankets donated by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) arrived at the Staging Center of Turkey.



On 14 February 2023, the PEMAT continued its medical operations to accommodate the victims of the earthquake and the members of the contingent.



On 14 February 2023, Team Leader Dr. Danac conducted Post Incision and Drainage wound care management to his patient.



On 14 and 16 February 2023, the Turkish Ministry of Health/ UKME visited the PEMAT and USAR Team camp site.



On 15 February 2023, PIAHC offered assistance on a new site to retrieve the remains of 3 persons.



On 16 February 2023, PEMAT visited to the Adiyaman EMT Type 2 Setup of the Turkish Ministry of Health.

## **PHILIPPINE INTER-AGENCY HUMANITARIAN CONTINGENT (PIAHC) ACTIVITY REPORTS**

### **Activity Report No. 1**

As of 10 February 2023, 12:00 PM (TRT)

- USAR Team started to conduct search operations on 10 February 2023, 10:06 AM. Area of assignment is in Adiyaman.
- Search operations halted at 12:37 PM.
- From the 2-hour operations, the initial results are as follows:
- Location: N50, Sacaria Street
- Total buildings checked: 8 buildings were searched using technical tools and equipment
- Possible live victims: 4 persons
- Confirmed dead victims: 2 persons
- Possible dead/missing victims: 115 possible persons
- Philippine EMT was given the approval by the Turkish Ministry of Health to operate in the area. Identified area of operations for the field hospital is the Adiyaman Otagan Bus Station. Area also served as the team's shelter and resting station.
- All team members are all accounted for and in good condition. No untoward incidents were recorded as of reporting time.

### **Actions Taken from Manila:**

- Initial coordination on possible 2nd Mission to Türkiye were conducted with PNP, BFP, and other Local DRRMOs.
- Joint presscon on updates on the status of the Philippine Mission to Türkiye were conducted by Public Affairs Offices of DND, OCD, AFP, and DOH.
- Media releases on deployment were posted and released to the media. Henceforth, regular media products will be released.

### **Activity Report No. 2**

As of 11 February 2023, 07:00 AM (TRT)

- The USAR team conducted one last sweep of the area at around 3:20 PM where they searched 2 additional buildings.
- Total searched buildings as of 10 February 2023: 10
- PIAHC established its base of operations at the Adiyaman Otagan Bus Station
- (Dropped pin <https://maps.app.goo.gl/d66sefRHnXd2Xtak8>).
- The Department of Health installed four (4) field hospital tents that were used as billeting by the Contingent.
- At around 5:00 PM, the Team was visited by the Philippine Ambassador to Türkiye Maria Elena Algabre, Consul General Juan Dayang, and Defense Attache Col Harold Argamosa. Highlighted their appreciation to the Philippine Team for their support and assistance to Türkiye.

### **Activity Report No. 3**

As of 11 February 2023, 3:00 PM (TRT)

- The USAR team started its morning operations at 9:57AM in Sector N. (Dropped pin <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gczwcrpuZkRpq21W6>). A total of 40 USAR personnel were deployed and operated on site while 1 personnel served as coordinator.
- As of reporting time, the total buildings assessed by the team are as follows:
- Operation type: ASR level 2 (sector assessment)
- Total buildings checked: 7
- Buildings with possible alive persons: 3 persons
- Buildings with possible dead persons: 3 or more persons
- At 11:37 AM, the USAR Team detected a possible sign of life on building No. 7 and conducted technical assessment on the site.

- The EMT team has completed the establishment of its field hospital at the Adiyaman Otagon Bus Station (Dropped pin <https://maps.app.goo.gl/nYob1M1JgdMi5tCbA>) and is now ready to accept patients. The team waited for approval from the Turkish Ministry of Health to operate as a type 1 fixed EMT.
- The Philippine donation of the 10 tons-worth of relief aid consisting of winter wear safely arrived at Adana on 10 February 2023. The cargo was stored at the Incirlik Air Base in Adana. The PHILDAFA was made aware of this and the OCD on-site coordinated with the Turkish Cargo for the endorsement of the items to the Turkish Red Crescent.
- All team members were well and accounted for, and of good condition.

#### **Activity Report No. 4**

As of 12 February 2023, 12:46 AM (TRT)

- USAR team finished triaging collapsed buildings in Sector N of Adiyaman as of 11 February 2023, 12:00 PM. Relative to this, the Team was asked to start triaging Sector Q as of 11 February 2023, 1:00 PM.
- On 11 February 2023, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, 2 additional buildings were checked by the USAR team, both of which had a possible live person trapped underneath the rubble.
- In total, the summary of the team's operations are as follows:
- Operation type: ASR level 2 (sector assessment)
- Total buildings checked: 9
- Buildings with possible alive persons: 5 persons
- Buildings with possible dead persons: 3 or more persons
- Since 11:37 AM, USAR team has attempted to breach Building No. 7 (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/gbbVAVceHuYFKifYA>) to retrieve the body of 1 possible alive victim.
- As of reporting time, the team continued to access the assessed location of the victim. Progress on the status of the rescue operation shall be provided on the next report.
- The DOH PEMAT field hospital is fully operational with camp managers and internal facility security. PIAHC shelters are fitted with heaters to prevent hypothermia and improve the sleeping condition of the members. An Incident Command Post (ICP) was also installed by the DOH Camp Managers for operational briefings and planning. Finally, doctors and nurses are on standby to provide medical assistance and ensure the well-being of the Philippine Team. The PEMAT is still waiting for the approval of the Ministry of Health for their activation.
- All team members are accounted for, 41 of which are at the USAR working site for the ongoing rescue operations. No untoward incidents occurred for this operational period.

#### **Activity Report No. 5**

As of 12 February 2023, 8:34 PM (TRT)

- USAR Team cleared Sector N of Adiyaman as of 12 February 2023, 10:00 AM and have started to conduct ASR2 (sector assessment) in Sector Q.
- As of reporting time, 1 building was checked and assessed by the USAR Team with 1 possible alive victim. The USAR Team shall continue to conduct hasty search in Sector Q and perform breach and rescue operations if possible.
- USAR team also returned to Building 7 of Sector N (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/gbbVAVceHuYFKifYA>) to continue the breaching and rescue operations of one (1) possible alive victim.
- In total, 20 buildings were assessed by the USAR team, to wit:
- 10 February 2023: 10 buildings
- 11 February 2023: 9 buildings
- 12 February 2023: 1 building
- The PEMAT field hospital started operations on 11 February 2023 catering ambulatory cases and referral of cases requiring hospitalization. The patients catered by the PEMAT are as follows:
- 11 February 2023: 14 patients served
- 12 February 2023: 41 patients served

- DOH continued to provide medical assistance to the Philippine Contingent, ensuring the welfare of the team with standby doctors and nurses. The base of operations/base camp is also managed with the leadership of the DOH, with the assistance of AFP and the Turkish Military.
- The Ministry of Health visited the PEMAT field hospital and offered its assistance through the provision of medicine and ensured that any requirements for the field hospital's operationalization is provided.
- All 82 personnel are of good condition and accounted for. No untoward incident occurred as of reporting time.

### **Activity Report No. 6**

As of 13 February 2023, 8:07 PM (TRT)

- USAR Team started their mission at around 10:37 AM and resumed its ASR2 (sector assessment) in Sector Q. The Composite PH USAR team is comprised of the ff:
  - PAF: 6
  - PA: 11
  - SBMA: 7
  - MMDA: 4
  - OCD: 1
- In total, 34 buildings were assessed by the USAR team, to wit:
  - 10 February 2023: 10 buildings
  - 11 February 2023: 9 buildings
  - 12 February 2023: 1 building
  - 13 February 2023: 14 building
- One (1) USAR squad conducted retrieval operations on one (1) apartment complex within Sector N (Öztürk Rent A Car <https://maps.app.goo.gl/MypZHAjWtyGbCE9u6>), allegedly having 100 residents prior the earthquake. The PH USAR team was able to retrieve 2 dead bodies and 1 mutilated right leg.
- The PEMAT field hospital started operations on 13 February 2023, 8:00 AM, catering ambulatory cases and referral of cases requiring hospitalization. The patients catered by the PEMAT are as follows:
  - 11 February 2023: 14 patients served
  - 12 February 2023: 41 patients served
  - 13 February 2023: 60 patients served
- DOH continued to provide medical assistance to the Philippine Contingent, ensuring the welfare of the team with standby doctors and nurses. The base of operations/base camp is also managed with the leadership of the DOH, with the assistance of AFP and the Turkish Military.
- All 82 personnel are of good condition and accounted for. No untoward incident occurred as of reporting time.

### **Activity Report No. 7**

As of 14 February 2023, 8:45 PM (TRT)

- USAR team completed the sector assessment on Sector Q. Based on the guidance of the UCC, teams on the ground may accept walk-up requests and assignments as directed by the LEMA and the International Coordinator from the Ministry of Affairs.
- Team resumed operations on one (1) apartment complex within Squad N (Öztürk Rent A Car <https://maps.app.goo.gl/MypZHAjWtyGbCE9u6>), and was able to retrieve 2 additional dead victims. Total retrieved bodies from the whole operation are four (4).
- The PEMAT started its operations on 14 February 2023, 8:00 AM.
- The PEMAT catered ambulatory cases and referral of cases requiring hospitalization. The patients catered by the PEMAT are as follows:
  - 11 February 2023: 14 patients served
  - 12 February 2023: 41 patients served

- 13 February 2023: 60 patients served
- 14 February 2023: 53 patients served
- DOH continued to provide medical assistance to the Philippine Contingent, ensuring the welfare of the team with standby doctors and nurses. The base of operations/base camp is also managed with the leadership of the DOH, with the assistance of AFP and the Turkish Military.
- Philippine Defense and Armed Forces Attache to Turkiye visited the PIAHC base camp and provided supplies for the team.
- All 82 personnel are of good condition and accounted for. No untoward incident occurred as of reporting time.

### **Activity Report No. 8**

As of 15 February 2023, 9:05 PM (TRT)

- USAR team moved out from the BOO at 1230H to answer the call for search assistance by the Adiyaman Government Local Emergency Management Agency.
- The USAR team assessed one collapsed building for any signs of life at Karapinar, 166. Sk. 1 B, 02040 Adiyaman Merkez. Based on the assessment made by the team, no survivors were found on site and allegedly one untagged body was recovered prior the arrival of the team which may have triggered the request of the LEMA.
- The MMDA USAR squad searched one (1) site for possible trapped civilians in Adiyaman. Search yielded negative results based on the use of the team's life locator.
- The PEMAT started its operations at 0900H 15 February 2023.
- The PEMAT catered ambulatory cases and referral of cases requiring hospitalization. The patients catered by the PEMAT are as follows:
  - 11 February 2023: 14 patients served
  - 12 February 2023: 41 patients served
  - 13 February 2023: 60 patients served
  - 14 February 2023: 53 patients served
  - 15 February 2023: 88 patients served
  - Total: 256 patients
- DOH continues to provide medical assistance to the Philippine Contingent, ensuring the welfare of the team with standby doctors and nurses.
- The base of operations/base camp is also managed with the leadership of the DOH, with the assistance of AFP and the Turkish Military.
- Turkish media outlets visited the field hospital to conduct interviews and to document the features of the field hospital.
- DOH was able to secure land transportation for the possible demobilization of the Philippine Contingent on 26 February 2023.
- 82 personnel from the Philippine Contingent are all accounted for and in good condition.

### **Activity Report No. 9**

As of 16 February 2023, 8:00 PM (TRT)

- USAR team is currently placed on-standby awaiting requests for assistance on retrieval operations from the LEMA.
- The PEMAT started its operations on 16 February 2023, 9:00 AM. The PEMAT catered ambulatory cases and referral of cases requiring hospitalization. The patients catered by the PEMAT are as follows:
  - 11 February 2023: 14 patients served
  - 12 February 2023: 41 patients served
  - 13 February 2023: 60 patients served
  - 14 February 2023: 53 patients served
  - 15 February 2023: 88 patients served
  - 16 February 2023: 97 patients served
  - Total: 353 patients

- DOH continues to provide medical assistance to the Philippine Contingent, ensuring the welfare of the team with standby doctors and nurses.
- The base of operations/base camp is also managed with the leadership of the DOH, with the assistance of AFP and the Turkish Military.
- Turkish media outlets visited the field hospital to conduct interviews and to document the features of the field hospital.
- The medical team led by Dr. Danac visited the Adiyaman EMT Type 2 Setup of the Turkish Ministry of Health.
- DAFA also paid the camp a visit and invited members of the Philippine contingent to a meeting at the Philippine Embassy in Ankara, Turkey.
- 82 personnel from the Philippine Contingent are all accounted for and in good condition.