



# Türkiye/Syria: 2023 Earthquake

## Issue Brief #2

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- 2.2 million people are displaced in Türkiye.
- 1.74 million Syrian refugees are living in the 11 Turkish provinces most impacted by the earthquakes.
- 6.8 million Syrians were internally displaced prior to the earthquakes. This number is expected to increase.
- 557 trucks with aid have been sent into Northwest Syria by six United Nations agencies.



**50,000 +**

lives claimed (as of February 28, 2023).



**110,000**

individuals injured in Türkiye (as of February 22, 2023).



**8,700**

individuals injured in Northwest Syria (as of February 28, 2023).

### SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS



After two major earthquakes and multiple aftershocks in the previous month, the humanitarian situation in Türkiye and Northwest Syria is worsening with more than 50,000 dead and millions of individuals in need of urgent life-sustaining assistance. More than 156,000 buildings have either collapsed or need demolition in Türkiye. In Northwest Syria, 9,100 buildings have collapsed.

Women and girls have been disproportionately impacted. According to a United Nations report, 7.3 million Syrian women and girls prior to the earthquakes needed support to combat physical and sexual violence. The earthquakes' displacement and closure of critical health infrastructure will likely increase this number.

Fifteen hospitals in Türkiye and 145 health centers in Syria have been damaged, impacting women who are pregnant and expecting to deliver in the coming months. There are more than 226,000 pregnant women in Türkiye and 130,000 in Syria (as of February 18, 2023) that need access to reproductive healthcare.

Local and international women-led NGOs have been essential in the humanitarian efforts. They have stepped up in the provision of basic needs—including clothing, food, blankets, safe relocation and more—to the almost 2.2 million people displaced in Türkiye and an estimated 2.9 million individuals internally displaced in Northwest Syria. There are an estimated 4.1 million people in dire need of humanitarian assistance in Northwest Syria.

### VITAL VOICES RESPONSE



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#### Grants to the Women-led NGOs on the Ground

Vital Voices has allocated \$85,000 USD in emergency aid to five women-led NGOs operating in Türkiye and Syria that support vulnerable populations affected by the earthquakes.

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#### Continued Mobilization

Vital Voices continues to mobilize its Global Network to support women and girls impacted by the earthquakes.

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#### Immediate Assistance to Network leaders

Through its Crisis Response Fund, Vital Voices has provided women in its Global Network immediate urgent assistance.