



Kahramanmaraş Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM REPORT

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ABOUT TURKEY MOZAIK FOUNDATION

Established in London in 2017, [Turkey Mozaik Foundation](#) (TMF) is a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity No. 1174968) that strives to support civil society organisations (CSOs) working in the fields of education, children's rights, gender equality, environmental sustainability, and culture & arts in Türkiye, all with the aim of catalysing positive social change.

We raise funds in the UK and distribute grants to support the projects and organisational development of CSOs in Türkiye. This collaborative effort is undertaken alongside our local partner, the [Support Foundation for Civil Society](#) (Sivil Toplum için Destek Vakfı).

Complementing our core thematic funds, we launch [Emergency Relief Funds](#) designed to swiftly respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises, ensuring the critical and evolving needs of affected communities are met.

TMF has no political associations and works strictly with impactful non-political and non-governmental organisations. Among notable partners are the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the British Council, and the Istanbul Foundation of Cultures and Arts (IKSV). A testament to our impact, in the first five years since our inception, we have **raised over £800,000 and distributed grants to more than 80 CSOs.**

Central to our approach is the cultivation of partnerships on the local level. This approach not only empowers Türkiye's local civil society organisations but also fosters a grant allocation framework underpinned by transparency for donors and optimal support for grantees. To maintain our expertise, we focus on developing extensive local know-how and network through partnerships with local organisations.

The grant allocation strategy at the heart of Turkey Mozaik Foundation entails meticulously crafted agreements with recipient organisations. This ensures that the support generated from our donors translates into the most potent impact on the ground. Our grantees are carefully selected, exhibiting a dedication to reporting standards that allow us to monitor and assess the far-reaching effects of the projects we support.



TURKEY MOZAIK FOUNDATION'S RESPONSE TO KAHRAMANMARAS EARTHQUAKES

On February 6, 2023, two earthquakes of magnitude 7.8 and 7.5, followed by thousands of aftershocks and two more earthquakes hit southeastern Türkiye and northern Syria. The earthquakes directly impacted 11 provinces (Kahramanmaraş, Adiyaman, Hatay, Gaziantep, Malatya, Diyarbakir, Adana, Osmaniye, Sanliurfa, Elazığ, and Kilis), affecting an estimated 14 million people, and caused widespread damage. Over 50,000 people have tragically lost their lives, and more than 3 million were forced to migrate.

In the aftermath of this disaster, Turkey Mozaik Foundation immediately started the [Kahramanmaraş Earthquake Emergency Relief Campaign](#) to help those affected. The campaign has garnered significant media attention, with coverage on [BBC News](#), [SkyNews](#), radio programs, and numerous websites. Thanks to the generosity of more than 18,000 contributors, the campaign **has raised over £3 million** to provide urgent relief and support long-term recovery efforts for the survivors. We are grateful for the outpouring of support from our community of friends and donors.

We have so far **provided more than £2.5 million in grants to 65 projects** implemented by carefully selected local organisations working to support the affected areas and survivors. Our grants have formed a protective net of support, covering a wide range of essential areas such as search & rescue, shelter, emergency supplies, hygiene kits, food assistance, cash assistance, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene), psychosocial support, education, economic development, and health. Through this multi-faceted approach, we aim not only to mend broken structures but also to foster resilience and restoration in the wake of such profound adversity.

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

The Small Grants Program was initiated under the Kahramanmaraş Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund, aimed at providing support for local organisations engaged in short-term, targeted projects with the expertise, capacity, and know-how to make a meaningful impact within their communities.

The call for applications focused on facilitating logistical and coordination efforts within the earthquake-affected area. Additionally, it aimed to offer assistance in terms of shelter, hygiene, heating, and essential amenities for all residents, while also aiding activities related to the relocation of survivors to different cities.

The open call was shared by our local partner, the Support Foundation for Civil Society (Sivil Toplum için Destek Vakfı) on February 10. In just one week, the call received 386 applications meeting the technical criteria, originating from 55 provinces across Türkiye. These submissions collectively requested a grant amount totalling TRY 57.698.176, while the grants allocated accounted for only 6.5% of the requested sum.

Through the Small Grants Program, a sum of **£167,100 (TRY 3.783.170) was granted to 26 local CSOs**. Among the grantees, 25 were associations and 1 was a foundation. Most of the grantees were local CSOs operating with the support of part-time staff and volunteers, with annual revenues below TRY 1.500.000 in the preceding year.

The grants expedited the ability of local CSOs to promptly assess critical needs and intervene to support survivors. The chosen organisations effectively utilised the grants within a 2-4 month timeframe (February-May), with the majority of expenditures occurring in February and March.

Although quantifying the exact number of direct and indirect beneficiaries of the projects is challenging, it's evident that the relief efforts of **our grantees impacted more than 15,000 lives**.

The efforts of our grantees extended beyond immediate assistance to vulnerable groups, encompassing individuals with disabilities, migrants, refugees, and stray animals. They established safe spaces, disseminated contact information for domestic violence helplines, and provided informative materials, all while considering the escalated risks of gender-based violence and abuse in disaster scenarios.

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Our grantees also considered the well-being of volunteers and staff working selflessly in the earthquake-affected region. Their goal was to not only address the immediate necessities of survivors, but also to cater to the requirements of those working on the ground and to mobilise more volunteers to join the efforts in the field.

The fieldwork carried out by the grantees of the Small Grants Program has provided us with valuable insights that emphasise the importance of specialised support on the ground. These insights have enabled us to refine the structure and focus of our upcoming round of grants in a more informed manner.

At the Turkey Mozaik Foundation, we are proud to have played a role in the process of rebuilding lives and communities across Türkiye. Our commitment remains steadfast as we continue to work towards supporting sustainable recovery endeavours and addressing ongoing needs in diverse areas.

This report serves as an overview, outlining the activities undertaken and the outcomes achieved by the projects initiated by our program's grantees. For additional details regarding the [Kahramanmaraş Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund](#), please visit our website and follow us on social media.



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Search & Rescue



Shelter



Essential supplies



Health



Hygiene kits



Food assistance



Cash assistance



WASH



Capacity building



Psychosocial support

SEARCH & RESCUE

GEA SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,632 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Hatay and Adana

Gea Search and Rescue Association (Gea Arama Kurtama Derneği) participated in search and rescue operations in Iskenderun, Antakya, and Adana, and successfully rescued 41 survivors.

With our grant support, the association upgraded the safety equipment of its volunteer teams, providing them with new protective helmets, coats, work shoes, raincoats and overalls.



SHELTER

EQUALITY AND DIALOGUE ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,603 (TRY 149.350)

Location: Adiyaman

Equality and Dialogue Association (Eşitlik ve Diyalog Derneği) met the urgent needs of 415 people in the villages of Adiyaman by distributing 7 winterised tents, 4 power generators, 7 heaters to survivors. 100 kits containing menstrual products and 60 toys were also distributed to women and children.

ARCHITECTURE FOR ALL ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,608 (TRY 149.991)

Location: Kahramanmaras

Architecture for All Association built a community centre in Kahramanmaras, fostering communal sharing and aiding the recovery process for survivors. The community centre, consisting of open, semi open, and closed spaces, was constructed in two months collectively by the association and various other organisations and groups which contributed to the design and construction processes. As a result of the participatory methods adopted by the association, the local community was also involved in the construction of the centre.



SUSTAINABLE ECONOMICS AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,642 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Adiyaman, and Kahramanmaras

Sustainable Economics and Finance Association (Sürdürülebilir Ekonomi ve Finans Araştırmaları Derneği – SEFİA) is installing 8 solar panels in Adiyaman and Kahramanmaras to generate electricity for survivors, disaster coordination centres, and teams setting up container homes.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF NATURE AND ANIMALS

Grant amount: £ 6,609 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Kahramanmaras and Hatay

Association for the Protection and Preservation of Nature and Animals (Doğa ve Hayvanları Koruma ve Yaşatma Derneği) built 100 huts for stray animals in Kahramanmaras and Hatay, and distributed 245 packs of cat and dog food. The association also provided medical care for the animals.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

AKUT FOUNDATION

Grant amount: £ 6,610 (TRY 149.500)

Location: Hatay

AKUT Foundation (AKUT Vakfı) distributed protective equipment, hygiene materials and medical supplies to 100 volunteers working in the Hatay Expo warehouse. The bags distributed contained materials such as helmets, headlamps, masks, gloves, shampoo, soap, nail clippers, underwear, deodorant, painkillers, mouthwash, razor blades, etc. to enhance the safety of and support the volunteers who are working to provide in-kind relief supplies to earthquake survivors.

CHILDREN FIRST ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,610 (TRY 149.500)

Location: Diyarbakir

Children First Association (Önce Çocuklar Derneği) distributed formula to 50 children aged 0-2, 1 month of diapers to 50 children aged 0-3, and clothes for 50 children aged 0-12, who were evacuated from earthquake-affected areas to Diyarbakir and living in tents with their families.

KULTURHANE

Grant amount: £ 6,632 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Mersin

Kültürhane (Kültürhane Bilim, Sanat, Müşterekler ve Ekolojik Yaşam Dayanışma Derneği) distributed 450 kits containing food, personal hygiene and cleaning supplies, underwear for adults and children to survivors, reaching a total of 560 people who were relocated to Mersin from earthquake-affected areas.

65+ ELDER RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,604 (TRY 149.905)

Location: Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaras, Malatya, and Adiyaman

65+ Elder Rights Association (65+ Yaşlı Hakları Derneği) conducted comprehensive field visits in Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaras, Malatya, and Adiyaman to assess the specific needs of older people. The association also distributed food, vital medical care supplies, wheelchairs, walkers, and personal hygiene materials to approximately 300 people, gathered essential data, and fostered collaborative partnerships to enhance the services provided to this vulnerable group.



ISTANBUL MOR DAYANIŞMA ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,609 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Hatay

Istanbul Mor Dayanışma Association (İstanbul Mor Dayanışma Derneği) distributed 45 food packages, 80 hygiene kits, medical supplies, formula, diapers, sanitisers, and underwear for women and children in Hatay. The association also conducted 25 different activities, including psychosocial and legal support workshops, with women and children reaching 500 participants.

ÇORBADA TUZUN OLSUN ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,609 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Hatay

Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association (Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Derneği – ÇOTUN) mobilised a team of 200 volunteers who sorted, prepared, and distributed essential relief supplies to survivors for two months in Hatay. ÇOTUN provided tents, headlamps, radios, first aid kits, masks, thermal underwear and socks, gloves, and raincoats for the volunteers to improve their conditions. With the work of the volunteers, a daily average of 3,000 individuals, totalling 201,000 people received vital humanitarian aid.



WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND SOLIDARITY ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 5,668 (TRY 128.000)

Location: Hatay

Wildlife Protection and Solidarity Association (Yaban Hayatını Koruma ve Dayanışma Derneği) distributed colouring books and pencils, stationery, toys, puzzles and food to 290 children staying in the Dortyol and Hassa districts of Hatay, and organised kite flying activities with them.

CASH ASSISTANCE

KIRKAYAK CULTURE, ART AND NATURE ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,632 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Gaziantep

Kirkayak Culture, Art and Nature Association (Kirkayak Kültür, Sanat ve Doğa Derneği) conducted a needs assessment and distributed shopping cards with a balance of TRY 1,000 to 150 families living in Gaziantep, including Syrian Dom and Abdal families, who were affected by the earthquakes, reaching approximately 830 people.



FOOD ASSISTANCE

FÜSUN SAYEK ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,609 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Hatay

Fusun Sayek Association for the Development of Health and Education (Fusun Sayek Sağlık ve Eğitim Geliştirme Derneği) distributed food and hygiene products to 500 families, who were staying in tents, in 10 neighbourhoods of Arsuz, Hatay.

EMPATHY SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,635 (TRY 149.849)

Location: Gaziantep

Empathy Social Responsibility and Education Association (Empati Sosyal Sorumluluk ve Eğitim Derneği) established a soup kitchen in collaboration with World Central Kitchen in Gaziantep. Our grant support was used to cover the expenses of bread production and distribution, producing approximately 40,000 loaves of bread daily for 3 weeks.

HYGIENE KITS

MİMOZA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,642 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Mersin

Mimoza Women's Association (Mimoza Kadın Derneği) conducted a needs assessment with social workers and psychologists to identify needs, and distributed 216 food packages, 260 hygiene kits, underwear and socks to women and children who arrived in Mersin from earthquake-affected areas.

WOMEN STATE OF SOLIDARITY ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,376 (TRY 144.000)

Location: Adiyaman and Diyarbakir

Women State of Solidarity Association (Dayanışmanın Kadın Hali Derneği) distributed 4,000 hygiene kits to women in Adiyaman and Diyarbakir. The kits included underwear, menstrual products, wet wipes, paper towels, and toilet paper. The association also put stickers on the packages with the number of the domestic violence helpline and the QR code of the Women's Emergency Support application (Kadın Destek Uygulaması - KADES).



CHILD STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,519 (TRY 147.225)

Location: Diyarbakir

Child Studies Association (Çocuk Çalışmaları Derneği) distributed underwear, menstrual products, wet wipes, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, books, colouring books and pencils, and toys to 195 children in Diyarbakir.

WE NEED TO TALK ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,609 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Kahramanmaras and Hatay

We Need to Talk Association (Konuşmamız Gerek Derneği) distributed 10,000 menstrual care kits to women and girls in Kahramanmaras and Hatay and worked to ensure that shelter areas were suitable for menstrual care. The association's team of four organised 16 gatherings with women and girls in temporary shelter areas to create safe spaces to talk about menstruation management, which is often considered taboo. The team also met with the professionals and volunteers to provide information about menstrual care and the related needs of women and girls.

ASSOCIATION FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Grant amount: £ 6,632 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Hatay

Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence (Cinsel Şiddetle Mücadele Derneği) distributed 300 kits containing food, personal hygiene products, and clothing, and created a space for women in Hatay to receive medical, legal and social counselling. The grant support was used to purchase the materials distributed and to cover the logistical expenses of two trips to Hatay in February and April.



HEALTH

RED CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,609 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Istanbul

Red Children's Association (Kırmızı Çocuklar Derneği) met the needs of 9 foster families who were relocated to Istanbul from earthquake-affected areas. With our grant support, the families were provided with food, clothing, personal hygiene materials, stationery, and medical supplies including a prosthesis for one of the survivors.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

LOTUS WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY AND LIFE ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,624 (TRY 149.600)

Location: Kahramanmaras

Lotus Women's Solidarity and Life Association (Lotus Kadın Dayanışma ve Yaşam Derneği) set up a play area and organised workshops with 30 children for a month in the Sogutlu village of Pazarcik, Kahramanmaras, to support their psychosocial well-being. In addition to urgent clothing and hygiene supplies, the association provided psychological first-aid to 130 survivors and organised workshops and movie nights. Two washing machines were purchased to establish a community launderette with the aim of supporting women burdened with unequal gendered division of labour.



COLOURFUL HOPES ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,576 (TRY 149.250)

Location: Adiyaman

Colourful Hopes Association (Rengarenk Umutlar Derneği – RUMUD) supported the psychosocial well-being of children who were affected by the earthquakes in Adiyaman. RUMUD organised over 200 activities for children staying in tents and temporary shelters with their families, including age-specific play workshops, movie screenings, and art activities, reaching approximately 80 children.



MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,609 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Antalya

Mediterranean Youth Association (Akdeniz Gençlik Derneği), together with 24 volunteers, including psychologists and social workers, supported the psychosocial well-being of 489 earthquake-affected children resettled in the Alanya district of Antalya by organising play therapy and group activities in 23 hotels, distributing toys, and providing psychosocial support.

CAPACITY BUILDING

MAPPING FOR EVERYONE ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 2,952 (TRY 67.000)

Location: 11 provinces affected by the earthquakes

Mapping for Everyone Association (Yer Çizenler Herkes için Haritacılık Derneği) is working with volunteers to map and upload up-to-date data on the location and damage status of buildings and roads to OpenStreetMap to contribute to relief and reconstruction efforts.

WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene)

ADANA SOROPTIMIST CLUB BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Grant amount: £ 6,642 (TRY 150.000)

Location: Hatay

Adana Soroptimist Club Business and Professional Women's Association (Adana Soroptimist Kulübü İş ve Meslek Kadınları Derneği) installed 8 mobile toilets in a settlement area inhabited by 100 earthquake survivors in Antakya, Hatay. 252 packs of 5-litre clean drinking water were also distributed to the survivors.



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"We experienced the unifying and solidarity-enhancing aspect of voluntary work, especially in areas supported by civil society organisations. Throughout this process, it became evident to us that humanitarian aid efforts intersect with rights-based approaches, ultimately revealing that access to basic needs is not only a crisis management issue but also a matter of human rights. We directly experienced that the inability to access basic needs should be evaluated within the context of human rights violations."

Women State of Solidarity Association



"In all the places we visited, we received the following feedback repeatedly: "Your presence here gives us strength and it is really important that you thought of our needs even before us.", "We are very angry and it feels good to have people who understand our anger.""

Mimoza Women's Association

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"In one of the hotels where we implemented the project, we met an 8-year-old boy who had moved to Alanya with his family after the earthquakes. Due to the trauma, he had difficulty speaking. We tried to help him overcome his trauma and enabled him to socialise through play therapy and group activities. During this time, the child's communication skills and self-confidence gradually increased. A few weeks later, his mother said that the child had started to make friends again and was more cheerful and energetic at home. This was an important experience that demonstrated the impact of our project on children affected by the earthquake."

Mediterranean Youth Association



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"At the end of the first week of actively using the play area, we observed significant improvements. One of the feedback we received from a parent was: "It had a great impact on the children; we also notice the changes - they are smiling, calmer, and eagerly coming here. When the children started to recover, the whole village got better, and it helped everyone."

The activities we organised with the children allowed mothers to spare time for themselves. During women's gatherings, they were able to relax and have some fun. They expressed their emotions through drawing. Some mentioned that they wanted to hang their drawings in their tents and keep them forever. When we revisited the village, they asked if we would repeat these gatherings, and they enthusiastically participated."

Lotus Women's Solidarity and Life Association

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our generous donors. We are truly grateful for your unwavering support and trust.

We are committed to helping those affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye. There is a long journey ahead and we need your support to build back better.

Your contribution will make a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most, enabling us to sustain our vital work. Thank you for standing with us.

Recovery will take a long time and continuity is more important than ever.

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