BTF EARTHQUAKE REPORT: HIGHLIGHTS
It has been six months since twin earthquakes struck Türkiye on February 6, 2023, with magnitudes of 7.6 and 7.8 on the Richter scale. The affected regions included 11 cities in the southeastern part of the country. These devastating earthquakes resulted in the loss of over 50,000 people, leaving many more displaced and struggling to rebuild their lives. The impact of this tragedy has manifested in various ways, including post-traumatic issues, profound financial hardships, and the immense emotional challenge of coping with the loss of loved ones. Despite the passage of time, the affected population continues to struggle with the challenges of such a profound disaster.

For comparison, it is as big as...
FUNDING

DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS by USAGE
TOTAL: $12.2M

%79
Rebuild
$9,600,000.00

%21
Emergency
$2,600,000.00

DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS by PROGRAMS
TOTAL: $12.2M

%23
Healthcare
$2,600,000.00

%20
Humanitarian Relief
$2,400,000.00

%57
Education
$7,000,000.00

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DİYARBAKIR
MALATYA
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KAHRAMANMARAŞ
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"BTF provided our students in Kahramanmaraş with 504 sets of school bags. I distributed these bag sets to the students residing in the tent cities. I was impressed by the high quality of the products in the bags and the careful consideration given to hygiene materials. Moreover, the inclusion of storybooks that resonated with our children's interests was greatly appreciated. The support from BTF not only ensured our students had essential school supplies but also brought excitement to their lives through engaging reading materials."

"I want to express my gratitude to BTF and its volunteers. As a teacher who has personally experienced the loss of numerous relatives and friends due to the devastating earthquake, I want to extend my appreciation on behalf of myself, my students, and my entire city. BTF has been a constant source of support, reaching out to us from the beginning of the earthquake, demonstrating genuine concern for our well-being, and assisting us in accessing the necessary aid and assistance. Your unwavering commitment and care have made a meaningful difference in our lives, and we are forever grateful for your presence during this challenging time."
On February 6, 2023, Bridge to Türkiye Fund (BTF) mobilized an immediate grassroots emergency response to alleviate the devastation in the aftermath of the earthquake. Working hand in hand with supporters, leaders, and partners, BTF formulated a plan integrating four transformative phases.

The initial two phases, called EMERGENCY, focused on addressing urgent needs through humanitarian relief projects.

Two months after the initial phases, BTF began executing phases 3 and 4, known as the REBUILD stage, which centered around sustainable, more permanent projects and needs.

During the execution, BTF supported projects developed by partner institutions and actively facilitated the procurement and delivery of necessary products to the designated areas in need.
Teacher from Kahramanmaraş, one of the cities hit hardest by the earthquake.

“The profound impact of the earthquake was felt by our families, students, and loved ones, leaving us grappling with its aftermath. In this trying period, the support extended by BTF proved priceless, particularly for our children. Thanks to BTF, our students had the opportunity to hold a table tennis racket for the first time, among many other enriching experiences made possible through the materials you provided. Additionally, the storybooks sent by BTF amplified the joy in the hearts of my students.”

“Every time we receive a package from you, we eagerly unwrap it, filled with anticipation, knowing it holds materials our students have never encountered. Witnessing their curious eyes light up with excitement is a gratifying experience. You have reignited their thirst for knowledge and desire to explore. As a teacher, my utmost gratitude to you for empowering me to nurture enlightened and curious young minds. By fostering a love for learning, you have made an enduring impact on their lives. BTF Family’s generosity has truly made a meaningful difference in their lives.”
EMPOWERING RECOVERY

SHELTER & DAILY NEEDS
25,000
Those in need of shelter and other essential needs

HOT MEALS & FOOD SERVINGS
2,300,000
People with nutritional support

CLOTHING & HYGIENE KITS
49,800
Those in need of blankets, clothes and hygiene kits

LEARNING RESOURCES
5,000
Those in need of learning environments in which to continue education

SCHOLARSHIPS & EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
7,100
Those in need of financial support to continue their education via scholarships and educational tools (laptops, etc)

PROSTHESES & SCHOLARSHIPS
81
Child amputees who require more long-term educational supports including scholarship opportunities

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
7,000
Those in need of mental health supports and resources appropriate for trauma survivors

OTHER
Over
200,000
Those in need of healthcare and financial supports
"In the wake of the earthquake and flood disaster that struck our region, our students were overwhelmed by fear and despair. Despite our best efforts, it didn’t seem very easy to uplift their spirits. However, the arrival of the sports equipment and school bag sets sent by BTF brought a wave of happiness among my students. It’s heartwarming to witness the transformation on their faces as smiles re-emerge. Your generosity has played a pivotal role in restoring hope and joy to the lives of these resilient young individuals."

"Your ongoing and remarkable contributions have profoundly impacted addressing the long-term effects of the devastating earthquake and flood disaster, particularly in mitigating the psychological damage inflicted on the affected individuals. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support in bringing smiles to my students’ faces and instilling a renewed sense of self-belief in them. Your assistance has played a crucial role in restoring their confidence and providing them with the hope they need to overcome the challenges they have faced. Words cannot adequately convey my gratitude for your positive influence on their lives."
Thank You!

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