

Türkiye, Earthquake Response

Local ETS Working Group Meeting #5

Date: 22/03/2023 Time: 14:00

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www.etcluster.org/emergency/turkiye-earthquakes

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Attendance

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International Rescue Committee (IRC)
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UNFPA
UNHCR
UNIDO
WFP

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Agenda

1. Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) updates
2. Interagency and partner updates
3. AOB

Minutes

1. Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) updates

Coordination

- Coordination for the ETS response in Türkiye is currently carried out by Khawar Ilyas, who took over from Caroline Teyssier on 19 March. ETS coordination is based in Gaziantep.

- The ETS response was established on 16 February following the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes on 6 February. The ETS response will continue until the end of the three-month Flash Appeal timeline at the end of April to early May.
- The humanitarian response is led by the Government of Türkiye. During the Inter Sector Coordination (ISC) meeting held on 20 March, the government representative outlined the ongoing Government of Türkiye's plan to relocate affected populations staying in tents set up in the temporary settlements to a more long-term accommodation solution in 247 'container cities' (prefab units) across the affected areas by the end of May.
- The ETS has so far engaged in support and planning for enhanced data connectivity, security communications, and charging station services across five affected areas—Gaziantep, Antakya (Hatay), Malatya, Kahramanmaraş, and Şanlıurfa. Following a request from the government authorities, the sector response will re-examine the needs in Adıyaman.

Security communications (radio)

- The ETS is working with UNDSS to strengthen security communications services—mainly UHF radio networks—in the affected regions. Gaps have been identified for the earthquake response in Türkiye across four locations. The ETS is now finalizing the procurement plan for equipment in line with the plan agreed with UNDSS. The procurement plan will be shared with colleagues for endorsement. As much as possible, the equipment is being purchased on the local market.
- The ETS is working with UNHCR and UNDSS to plan for the relocate of the repeater in Şanlıurfa from its current location to the UNHCR office for improved UHF network coverage.
- Security communications training continues to be offered to the UN community in Türkiye to build capacity of staff in the affected areas.

Services for communities

- The ETS is supporting the government response in Türkiye with charging stations services. So far, a total of 20 charging station units are operational in the temporary settlements in Hatay and Malatya.
- The ETS received a request from the government authorities in Hatay to support the temporary settlements with a further 40 charging station units. The ETS is further assessing the needs and feasibility of the request. Challenges are faced in identifying a local vendor to supply the units to fulfil this request.

2. Interagency and partner updates

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

- The new temporary IRC office in Gaziantep is based in the Shimall Hotel, the same location where WFP and the ETS are based. The ETS and IRC are working together to identify the best data connectivity solutions for IRC in this location.

UNHCR

- UNHCR in Hatay is operating from a basecamp established near New Hatay Stadium. The 4G modem providing data connectivity there is operating well.

3. AOB

- The weekly Local ETS Working Group meetings will move to a bi-weekly schedule.

Next meeting

The next Local ETS Türkiye Working Group meeting will take place on **Wednesday 5 April 2023**.

Acronyms

AFAD	Disaster and Emergency Management Authority
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
ETS	Emergency Telecommunications Sector
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
I/NGO	International/Non-Governmental Organisation
IRC	International Rescue Committee
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
UN	United Nations
UNDAC	United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDSS	United Nations Department of Safety and Security
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UHF	Ultra-High Frequency
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Fund
WFP	UN World Food Programme

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