

Türkiye, earthquake response

Global ETC Teleconference #7

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Agenda

1. Situation update
2. Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) Türkiye updates
3. Global ETC partner updates
4. AOB

Minutes

1. Situation update

- Aftershocks continue across Türkiye with decreasing severity. There have been thousands of aftershocks across south-east and central Türkiye since the 6 February earthquakes.
- Over the past week, heavy rains and storms have caused flash floods in Adıyaman and Şanlıurfa, two cities already impacted by the 6 February earthquakes.
- 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 257 'container cities' (prefab units) across the affected areas by the end of May.

2. ETS Türkiye updates

Coordination

- The ETS operation in Türkiye (and Inter Sector Coordination) is based in Gaziantep. There are two members of ETS staff in Gaziantep—Khawar Ilyas as ETS Coordinator since 19 March until the end of April, and Burak Sezgin deployed as ETS until the end of April.
- The ETS is planning to fulfil its operational objectives for the earthquake response by the end of the three-month Flash Appeal timeline, including for data connectivity, security communications, and services for communities.
- The ETS is engaging in support activities across five affected locations—Gaziantep, Antakya (Hatay), Malatya, Kahramanmaraş, and Şanlıurfa. Following a request from the government authorities, the sector response will re-examine the needs in Adıyaman.
- Total funding of US\$500,000 was received from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) on 22 February to be split between the ETS and the Logistics Sector.

Services for communities

- The ETS set up a further 10 charging station units in a temporary settlement managed by the government authorities in Malatya from 17 to 18 March, following an assessment carried out on 13 March. There are now a total of 20 charging station units operational across both Hatay and Malatya. The charging station services provide access to a safe and dedicated space for communities impacted by the earthquakes to charge their communications devices.
- The ETS is now completing the equipment donation paperwork to reflect the handover of the charging station units to implementing partners in the settlements (government entities and local NGOs).

- Several requests for additional charging station units have been received by the ETS, including for a further 40-60 units in Antakya (Hatay). The ETS is working with partners in the affected areas to identify details about the exact settlement locations as well as the timeline for delivery of the services. Any commitment to the delivery of further charging stations units will need to be carried out within the 3-month response timeline.

Security communications

- The ETS is providing support capacity to UNDSS to strengthen security communications services—mainly UHF radio networks—in the affected regions. The ETS is now finalizing the procurement plan for equipment in agreement with UNDSS, based on the security communications assessments carried out across four affected areas (Gaziantep, Antakya, Malatya, and Şanlıurfa).

3. Partner updates

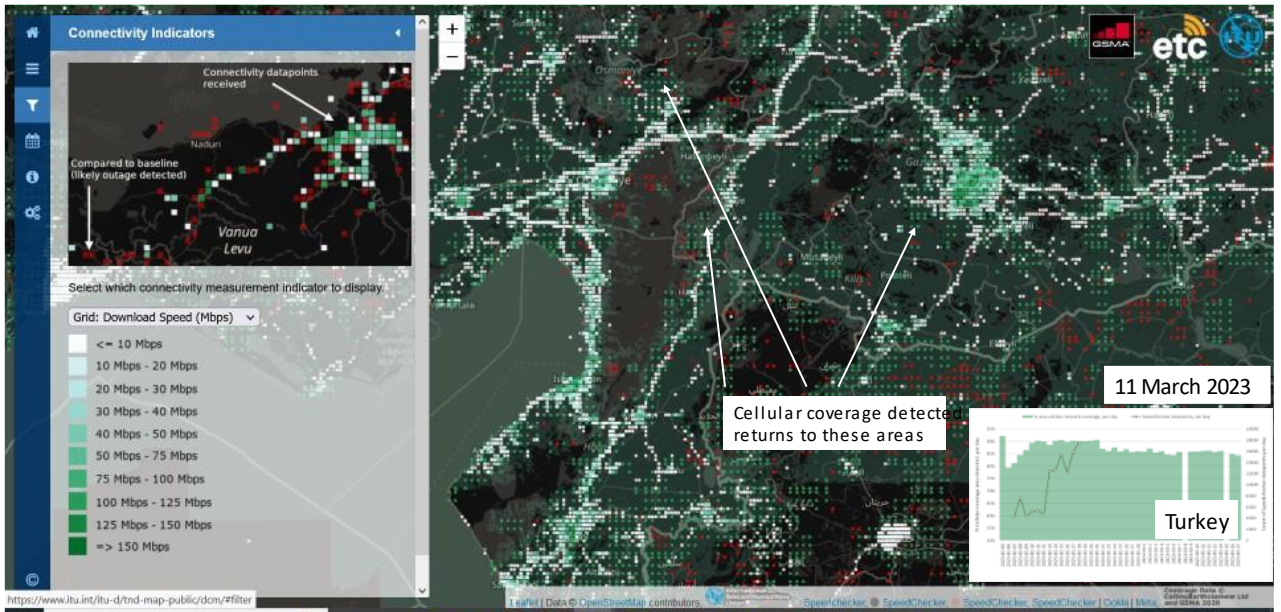
CDAC Network

- CDAC Network has received funding to carry out a community engagement and culture assessment for both Türkiye and Syria which will ensure all response actors have an overview of the evolving communications and community engagement landscape, as well as a gap analysis. The organization plans to deploy one member of personnel to Türkiye shortly to act as a focal point for this assessment.

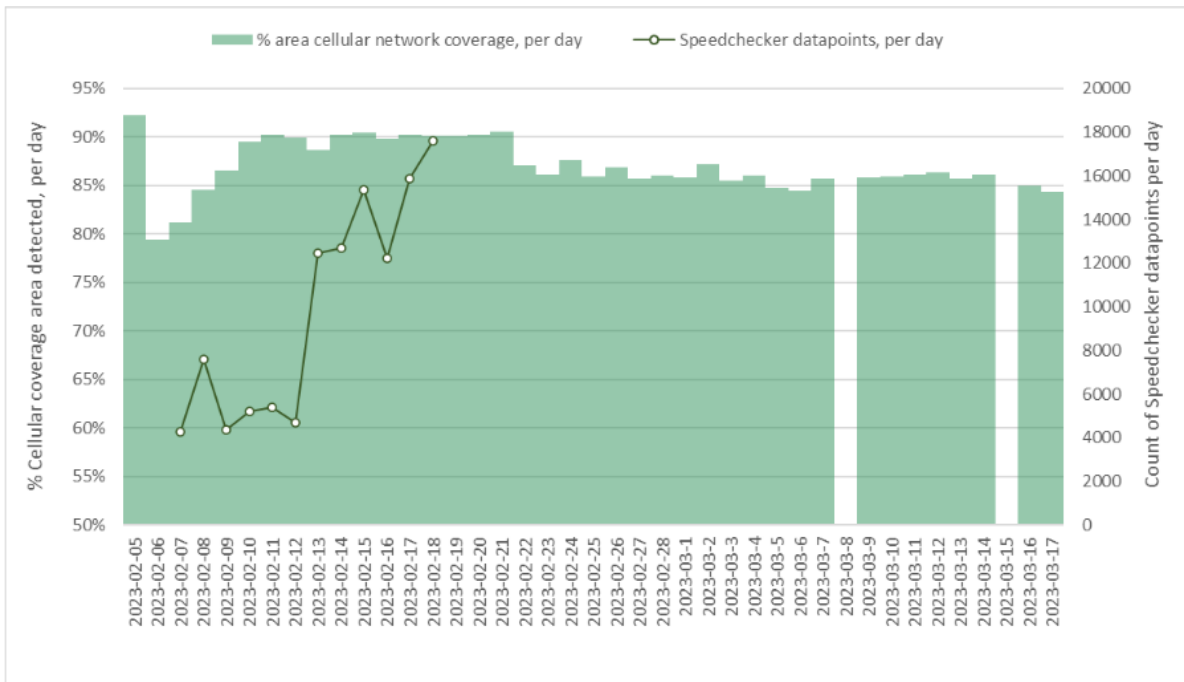
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

- ITU continues to monitor the mobile network coverage in Türkiye via the [Disaster Connectivity Map \(DCM\)](#) tool¹. Green dots show detection of mobile network coverage while red dots represent undetected coverage.
- In south-east Türkiye, the cellular coverage area remains at about 85% of the normal baseline. Some areas which recently had outages began showing the return of cellular coverage on 11 March, as indicated by the arrows below.

¹ The DCM landing page has been orientated to the new cyclone emergency in Vanuatu. To view the platform for Türkiye, select 'disaster events' and choose 'Turkey | 7.8M earthquake' from the drop down list.



Connectivity measurement datapoints for selected area of Turkey, 5 Feb– 17 Mar 2023



4. AOB

- N/A

The next teleconference meeting will be held on 18 April 2023 at 14:00 UTC

14:00 UTC
15:00 Rome
16:00 Cairo
17:00 Istanbul
18:00 Dubai

Acronyms

AOB	Any Other Business
CDAC	Communicating With Disaster-Affected Communities
CERF	Central Emergency Response Fund
DCM	Disaster Connectivity Mapping
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
ETS	Emergency Telecommunications Sector
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communication
ICT	Information Communication Technology
IOM	International Organization for Migration
ISC	Inter Sector Coordination
ISP	Internet Service Provider
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
UNDSS	United Nations Department of Safety and Security
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UHF	Ultra-High Frequency
UTC	Universal Time Zone
WFP	World Food Programme

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