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### Van Earthquake Relief Operations Update

Country	Turkey			
Status	Event	Related report number:		
Type of disaster	Earthquake			
Sources	Source	Specification	Source	Specification
	National Society	Turkish Red Crescent		
Government Request International assistance	No			
Brief description of the situation	<p>An Earthquake epicentered in Tabanlı Village and measured 7.2 on the Richter scale struck Van Province, at 13:41 on 23 October 2011. The quake and its aftershocks were mostly felt in Hakkari, Bitlis, Ağrı, Iğdır, Erzurum, Muş, Bingöl, Tunceli, Batman, Şırnak, Mardin, Diyarbakır, Siirt and Şanlıurfa provinces which are located in the regions surrounding the epicenter.</p> <p>According to the initial assessment made immediate after the quake, 279 people died and more than 1.300 people are wounded. Assessments so far also show that 2.262 building have been destroyed. Search and rescue efforts are ongoing 7/24 hours.</p>			
Numeric details (people) Red Cross estimation	Number of injured:	1,300	Number of assisted by RC:	50,000
	Number of dead:	279	Number of local staff involved:	129
	Number of missing:		Number of volunteers involved:	
	Number of affected:		Number of expects /delegates	
	Number of displaced:			
Numeric details (people) Government estimation	Number of injured:		Number of assisted by Government:	
	Number of dead:		Number of affected:	
	Number of missing:		Number of displaced:	
Action taken by National Society Red Cross	Camp management		Relief/Supply distribution	
	Damage/Needs assessment		Shelter	
	Food aid		Water & Sanitation	
	Psychosocial support services			

The Turkish Red Crescent, immediately after having been informed of the disaster, alarmed all its units over the country and established its Crisis Management Desks in the Disaster Management Center (HQ) (Ankara), the Northern Anatolia (Erzurum), the Southeastern Anatolia (Elazığ), the Eastern Anatolia (Muş), and the Mediterranean (Adana) Regional Disaster Management Centers and Sivas and Diyarbakir Local Disaster Management Centers. In the aftermath of the earthquake, 5 staff from Elazığ Regional Disaster Management Center, 2 staff from Muş Disaster Management Center and 3 staff from Erzurum Regional Disaster Management Center have been deployed to the Van Province in order to make need assessments at 14:30.

For the purpose of preliminary damage assessments in the closest districts and villages to the epicenter of the quake, the information is being collected through the Turkish Red Crescent Branch Offices, District Governorates, Gendarmerie Commands, Security Departments in the town and cities, and being coordinated from the Disaster Management Center (HQ). The consignment of relief items, vehicle, equipment and staff, primarily from Muş, Elazığ, Erzurum, Adana, Manisa, Ağrı and Van and all other Turkish Red Crescent units, were initiated.

Within the scope of the response activities, the TRCS alarmed all its units in the country in order to meet the urgent shelter and food needs of the victims, and dispatched the relief items that are detailed in the chart below, from Ankara, Elazığ, Erzurum, Adana, Muş and Manisa Regional Disaster Management Centers and also deployed 129 disaster specialists, 37 vehicles. TRCS also deployed volunteers, composed of mukhtars, clergies, police forces and teachers that were trained within the framework of the project on "Organizing Community Leaders" for this kind of disaster situations.

To provide temporary shelter for the victims, whose houses were damaged or those who are not able to stay in their houses due to aftershocks, the tent camps have been established and the delivery of tents to the affected families on individual basis has also been started. The materials listed in the chart below have been dispatched to the region affected by the quake and their distribution to the victims has been started in accordance with the assessments made by the TRCS teams working in the region.

Sheltering Activities; In total, 3 tent camps have been established in the region, 2 of which are located in Ercis and 1 in the province of Van.

Nutrition Activities; In the first day of the disaster, ready-to-eat snacks have been distributed to the victims of the earthquake. Besides, 1 mobile bakery, 21 mobile kitchen and 2.619 kitchen sets have been dispatched. Professional staff of the TRCS has started to provide hot meal through the mobile kitchens that are dispatched to the region.

Psycho-social Support Activities; Psychologists and social service specialists were assigned to the disaster affected regions with the aim of providing psycho social support for the victims who lost their beloved ones and for the victims who have experienced post-traumatic stress disorder because of the shock caused by the quake.

Blood Services; Turkish Red Crescent Blood Centers are self-sufficient in this regard and all type of blood requests from the hospitals in the region are being provided urgently.

Action taken by PNS Red Cross	Damage/Needs assessment	Other Coordination
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Iranian Red Crescent, as the closest National Society to the affected areas, urgently deployed her teams and relief items (300 tents, 1500 blankets and 2500 ready-to-eat packages) to the field and upon the permission by the Turkish Red Crescent Society, the teams of the Iranian Red Crescent have started to work in close cooperation with the teams of the Turkish RC.

There is no other National Society involved in the field operation but thanks to the offer of assistance by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and all sister National Societies.

Action taken by Federation Red Cross	Damage/Needs assessment	Other Coordination
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Turkish Red Crescent and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies (IFRC) closely cooperate for the monitoring and coordination of information regarding the TRC Relief Operation and the Turkish Red Crescent continues to provide the update information to the IFRC.

Information bulletin:	Published
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Planned international response	DREF requested:	No
	DREF approved:	
	DREF bulletin:	No
	Emergency appeal:	No
	RDRT/RITS:	No
	FACT:	No
	ERU:	No
	RFL:	No

Action taken by others (Govts., UN...)	Turkish Government deployed SAR and Emergency Medical Teams to the disaster affected area form 44 provinces and 37 different organisations through civil and military airplanes .
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Three military cargo plane has continuously transferred personnel and material from Ankara to Van.

SAR activities have been continued uninterruptedly. 1,584 SAR personnel, more than 700 medical personnel and 10 SAR dogs are on duty in the field while 110 ambulances and 7 air ambulances, 256 construction vehicles are operating for medievac and debris-removal efforts. Turkish MoH deployed 2 Field Hospitals in Van and Erciş.

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