

SUMMARY

Your compassion is providing vital support to children like Qamar (not her real name). The 10-year-old's family has been seeking safety from the war in Syria since before she was born. They settled in the safer northwestern region, but lived in a single room with no means of support. "We lost everything. We lived in a displacement camp and we couldn't afford food," her mother said.

Then, on Feb. 6, an earthquake leveled the region, sending the family into further despair, as its dwelling became unsafe. The quake sent an already fragile Qamar reeling. "I would scream in the middle of the night. I thought I might die like other children who passed away in the rubble," she said.

Broken by the plight of their child, Qamar's parents took her to a protection center World Vision

established in their displacement camp. The psychosocial care she received and therapeutic activities slowly brought light back to Qamar's eyes.

Her family also received food baskets, and Qamar was referred to a project-supported medical center to treat a growth deficiency and improve her health.


Providing holistic care and assistance


World Vision is working throughout quake-affected areas in Syria and Türkiye, bringing help and hope to 1.35 million people to date. This can look like the psychosocial care provided to Qamar, or clean water, education, health and nutrition assistance, shelter, household and hygiene supplies, cash and vouchers, livelihood support, and child protection activities. We do much of this work in collaboration with local partners in our project areas.




More than 600 children are finding peace and healing at a World Vision protection center in a displacement camp in northwestern Syria. Qamar (holding a doll) is learning to deal with the emotions that sent her into a spiral of fear and despair. Staff members and her family say she's beginning to live up to her name, which means "shining," as she heals and makes new friends at the center.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

 **88,349** Syrians visited health centers, received visits from healthcare workers, and/or received information on child protection and care during emergency events.

 **453,954** people in Syria and Türkiye gained access to clean water, showers, and latrines, and/or received hygiene and dignity kits (for women and girls).

 **33,249** people in Syria and Türkiye received shelter, food, household goods, and cash or vouchers to buy needed goods and services.

KEY CHALLENGES AND LEARNINGS

In Syria, 94% of households surveyed reported their homes had been damaged, half of those totally destroyed. Winter and spring storms caused flooding in some displacement camps, ruining 1,500 tents. In Türkiye, 1.6 million people live in scattered, informal settlements. While World Vision and our partners are able to provide for a variety of needs through commodities and services, we have found that cash grants remain one of the most effective means to deliver aid, giving households the ability to obtain what they need most when it is most needed.

PLANS FOR THE COMING MONTHS

World Vision will begin piloting a Life in Fullness Together project that focuses on the well-being and protection of quake-affected children, adolescents, and caregivers in hard-hit areas of Türkiye. Our staff members will deliver a comprehensive and holistic package of services and support led by a newly formed child well-being team. Our team working at the Kirkhan Camp will provide 175 tiny houses that have separate living and sleeping areas and a bathroom.

In Syria, World Vision is working on proposals to U.N. agencies and others to provide school supplies, recreation equipment, and hygiene kits to schoolchildren; create safe places for children to play and get psychosocial care; provide clean water through eight water stations; and support seven health centers that deliver primary health services.

In October, activities will transition into ongoing, long-term programming.



This map shows where World Vision and our partners are working to provide care and support to communities impacted by the earthquake.



With World Vision's support, this doctor has been caring for Syrians displaced by the earthquake. He has faced challenges ranging from power outages, supply shortages, and his own grief over losing family members in the quake. One of his vital tasks has been testing for highly contagious and waterborne illnesses such as cholera and COVID-19.

THANK YOU

World Vision believes God has called us to walk alongside families whose lives have been upended by conflict and disasters. Your generosity enabled us to reach out to many of these children and their families in Syria and Türkiye. Thank you for making a real difference in their lives and reminding them they are not forgotten.



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