

Latest News: Integral Launches New Disaster Response Alert for the Türkiye / Northern Syria Earthquake



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Integral has launched a Disaster Response for the devastating earthquakes in southeast Türkiye and northern Syria. Currently 18 Integral Members are responding to this humanitarian crisis.^[1]

As the scale of the devastation from the 7.8 magnitude earthquake on Monday 6th February continues to unfold, the World Health Organization has warned the number of casualties could exceed 20,000. Initial rescue efforts were stalled by a second quake on Monday that measured 7.7 magnitude. It is estimated that 23 million people, including 1.4 million children, are likely to be affected.

Aftershocks, freezing temperatures and damaged roads are hampering efforts to reach and rescue those affected. The death toll currently stands at more than 11,200 and the number of fatalities and those injured is expected to rise further in the coming days. [Source [here](#)]. Urgent help is needed to provide shelter and heating, food and non-food items like blankets, sleeping mats and warm clothing, as well as medical assistance to the many thousands who have been injured.

Noor Maaz, Medair's Syria Emergency Response Team Lead, reports from Aleppo in Syria: "We visited some damaged buildings and saw a lot of people in the streets and in the parks. They had no shelter, they had nothing. We went to a school and people were sitting on the desks - some of the windows were broken and there was no protection from the cold. They told us that they've lost everything they own, that they are hungry and cold. People are very afraid to return to homes; those that weren't destroyed are not safe ... Yesterday people were in the parks with nothing, and it was in the rain. And still, the children were playing. We really need help."

Integral Members are responding to the impact of the earthquakes both through direct operations and trusted Partners. The sharing of communications resources across the alliance will enable fundraising campaigns to be launched and the support of each other's work.

Isabelle Duval, Director of Programmes at SEL, raised an Integral Alert for this disaster, which triggers gathering Integral Members together. She says, "Communities affected by war, a food crisis and in the middle of a cold winter are now facing the effect of a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. It's a lot to take in for the affected communities and we hope and pray that Integral Members and their local Partners can bring timely and efficient relief on the ground. Being able to share information and coordinate, within the Integral Alliance, in the early stage of the response is really valuable for us."

^[1] Food for the Hungry (USA & Canada), Integral (Slovakia), International Health Partners (UK), Medair (Switzerland), Medical Teams Int (USA), Mission East (Denmark), SEL France, Tearfund Belgium, Tearfund Ireland, Tearfund (Netherlands), Tearfund (New Zealand), Tearfund Switzerland, Tearfund (UK), Transform Aid (Australia), World Concern (USA), World Relief (USA), World Renew (USA & Canada), ZOA (Netherlands)

In the initial stages of an Integral response, calls are held as frequently as necessary, so that Members can share information in the critical phase when needs are acute. The Integral online platform enables Members to share photos and stories, response plans and funding needs.

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Extra information:

Integral's Vision

Christian agencies uniting globally, alleviating suffering and restoring hope, in disasters and beyond.

Integral's Mission

Integral exists to see God's Kingdom demonstrated by uniting our Members. We champion, encourage and facilitate collaborative working across the Alliance, particularly in disasters.

On Integral Collaboration:

Integral's goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively.

Integral Members have a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters, with the Integral Disaster Response Process coordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need. The Integral Secretariat plays a coordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

Integral has 21 Members with headquarters in 13 countries. Integral Members work over 85 countries, across 34 sectors, and have a network of over 580 local partners. To watch a short film introducing Integral click [here](#).

See [here](#) for more information about Integral's commitment to Quality Standards

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[Food for the Hungry](#) – **USA & Canada**

[Integra](#) - **Slovakia**

[International Health Partners](#) – **UK**

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