



# earthquake status update no.13 northern syria - 22 february 2023

## Situation in numbers

- 1,414 deaths reported by the Syrian MoH (incl. 3 Palestine refugees in Neirab, 8 in Latakia and 9 in Jableh)
- 2,349 injuries reported by the MoH (incl. 9 Palrefs in Latakia and 2 in Neirab)
- Damage to homes and buildings (to date) (a = assessed, d = severely damaged, p=partially damaged, c=cracks)
  - Latakia & Jableh d (22), p (13), c (258)
  - Neirab: d (44), p (138)
  - Aleppo: p (78)
  - Ein el-Tal p (8)
  - Hama: a (118), d (5), p (7)
- 15 UNRWA installations have been assessed as partially damaged by the Engineering Dept, which is preparing to commence repairs
- Up until 21 February, 485 calls (m 169, f 316) were made over the telemedicine system, with about one third relating to outpatient care, one third relating to NCDs and the remaining concerning a range of issues including MHPSS.

### UNRWA flash appeal

On 6<sup>th</sup> February, UNRWA launched its flash appeal for USD 2.7m to assist Palestine refugees who have been impacted by the earthquake. This will be revised in March.

### Geographical coverage

Northern and Central Areas – Aleppo (including Neirab & Ein el-Tal Camps) and Latakia (including Jableh) and Hama.

### UNRWA's Response

UNRWA is providing general assistance to families in the affected areas and targeted supports to Palestine refugees who have been made either temporarily or permanently homeless (under assessment). A round of cash assistance will be delivered to 14,018 impacted families at the end of this month.

## Daily highlights

### Latakia and Hama:

In the wake of Monday night's 6.4 earthquake, school attendance continues to be low, with schools empty in the worst affected areas. Large numbers of people are, however, continuing to present to schools in Latakia and Hama each night seeking shelter, with 112 people (m 11, f 53, ch 48) staying in Bisan School in Hama.

During the visit this week by UNRWA's Chief of Staff, Ben Majekodunmi, accompanied by UNRWA SFO Director, Amany Michael-Ebye, to the affected areas in central and northern Syria, they observed large numbers of families sleeping in their cars last night in Latakia.

PSS supports continued to be provided during the day in the collective shelters with 171 children aged 6-18 years (m 91, f 80) receiving counselling in Rafe't Dahho collective centre in Latakia. Psychological support was provided online to 258 males in Samakh School in Hama and to 41 children (m 24, f 17) aged 5-6 in the CBO in Hama. An earthquake awareness book was circulated to 900 caregivers of children attending schools in Hama.

Members of UNRWA's social work team undertook a one-day training workshop with Universite St. Joseph in Lebanon on the provision of PSS (including online), together with the provision of awareness-raising regarding earthquake risks.

### Latakia and Hama:

In Latakia, UNRWA continued to distribute 550 breakfasts and milk for 160 families, together with NFIs, including sanitary pads, to displaced people in the collective shelters, together with hygiene kits for women and diapers for children.

### Neirab Camp, Ein el-Tal Camp and Aleppo:

In Neirab Camp, about 383 families are now displaced as a result of the earthquakes and aftershocks. UNRWA continues to provide essential NFIs and RTE food to families in Ein el-Tal Camp, including blankets, jerry cans and cans of sardines. About 306 Palestine refugee families are reported displaced in Aleppo and are staying in collective shelters, mosques and with their relatives.

## Needs update

### Latakia:

There is an ongoing need for NFIs (including diapers for females and the elderly) and food items (including water, food baskets and RTE meals), as well as cleaning materials. Baby kits for pregnant women are a priority. UNRWA distributing these items on an ongoing basis.

### Neirab and Ein el-Tal Camps:

UNRWA continues to provide essential NFIs to families. There is still a need to scale up aid to provide PSS, repair of damaged homes, food assistance, blankets and other NFIs. In Ein el-Tal, an alternative location is needed for the mobile clinic to operate due to damaged buildings nearby.

### Building Assessments:

UNRWA is awaiting the findings of the assessment survey of affected buildings in Latakia. The assessment is ongoing in Neirab, with around 389 houses have been surveyed to date. 118 houses have been visited to date in Hama. In Homs, it has been reported that there are cracks in all of the UNRWA schools there (including Ramleh / al-Berweh, Alshajara and Ras al-Ahmah buildings). These will all need to be inspected by UNRWA's Engineering Department.