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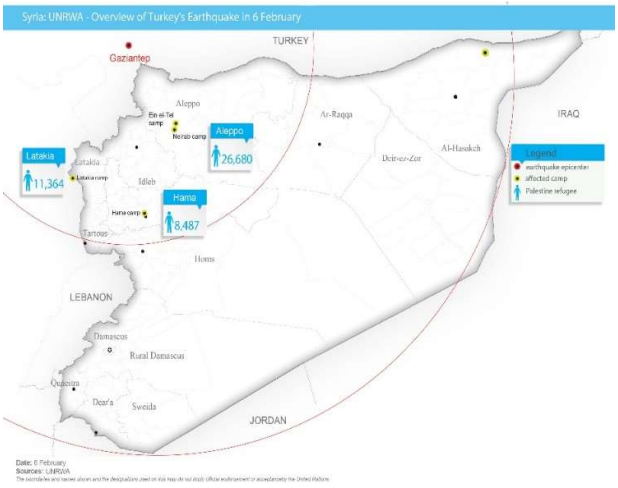

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Situation in numbers

- 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 (32), p (13), c (162)
  - Neirab: d (54), p (169)
  - Aleppo: p (86)
  - Ein el-Tal p (9)
  - Hama: a (118), d (5), p (7)
- 17 UNRWA installations have been assessed as partially damaged by the Engineering Dept, which is preparing to commence repairs
- As of 27 February, 624 calls (m 211, f 413) telemedicine calls were made.
- Between 12 and 23 February, 109 patients receives PSS supports from UNRWA's Health Centres in Latakia, Aleppo and Hama

UNRWA flash appeal

On 6th 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 13,905 impacted families at the end of this month.

Daily highlights

Latakia and Hama:

Low level earthquakes are continuing to be an almost daily occurrence along the Turkiye / Syria border, with a tremor yesterday close to Hatay of 4.4 magnitude. As a result, families continue to be anxious of further building collapses and to be wary of staying in their homes at night. As a result, the number of displaced Palestine refugees staying in emergency shelters has increased dramatically in recent nights, up to 112 families (550 individuals). All schools in Latakia will remain closed until 5th March.

In Hama, however, schools are once again operating as usual with school attendance levels back to normal. The delegation from UNRWA's Damascus Office which provided psychological support to 30 UNRWA staff in Hama Camp yesterday will move on to Latakia tomorrow and Aleppo the following day

Neirab Camp, Ein el-Tal Camp and Aleppo:

In Neirab Camp, the number of Palestine refugee families displaced as a result of the earthquakes and aftershocks reduced to 44. In Aleppo, however, the number of displaced Palestine refugee families staying in collective shelters, mosques and with their relatives increased to 409.

UNRWA continues to provide essential NFIs and RTE food to families in Ein el-Tal Camp, including blankets, jerry cans and cans of sardines. Five separate deliveries of NFIs have taken place to Ein el-Tal Camp between 8 – 16 February, providing various items to 92 households (186 beneficiaries).

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.

Given the increase in the number of families staying in the collective shelters at night in Latakia, toilet facilities need to be upgraded. UNRWA will arrange to provide the needed equipment in order to maintain good hygiene and avoid the risk of spreading disease.

Neirab and Ein el-Tal Camps:

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:

Last week, UNRWA's engineering team completed their assessment of 17 installations, identifying a range of damage from small cracks in columns and walls requiring minor maintenance to more significant collapse and structural damage requiring complete reconstruction, particularly in some of the older installations which were already showing signs of significant wear and tear. In Jaba'a Atleet School, a BOQ has been prepared and offers are being assessed. The estimated cost of repairs is approximately USD 9,500.

UNRWA is awaiting the findings of the government's assessment survey of affected buildings in Latakia. The assessment is ongoing in Neirab, with around 429 houses have been surveyed to date. 118 houses have been visited to date in Hama.