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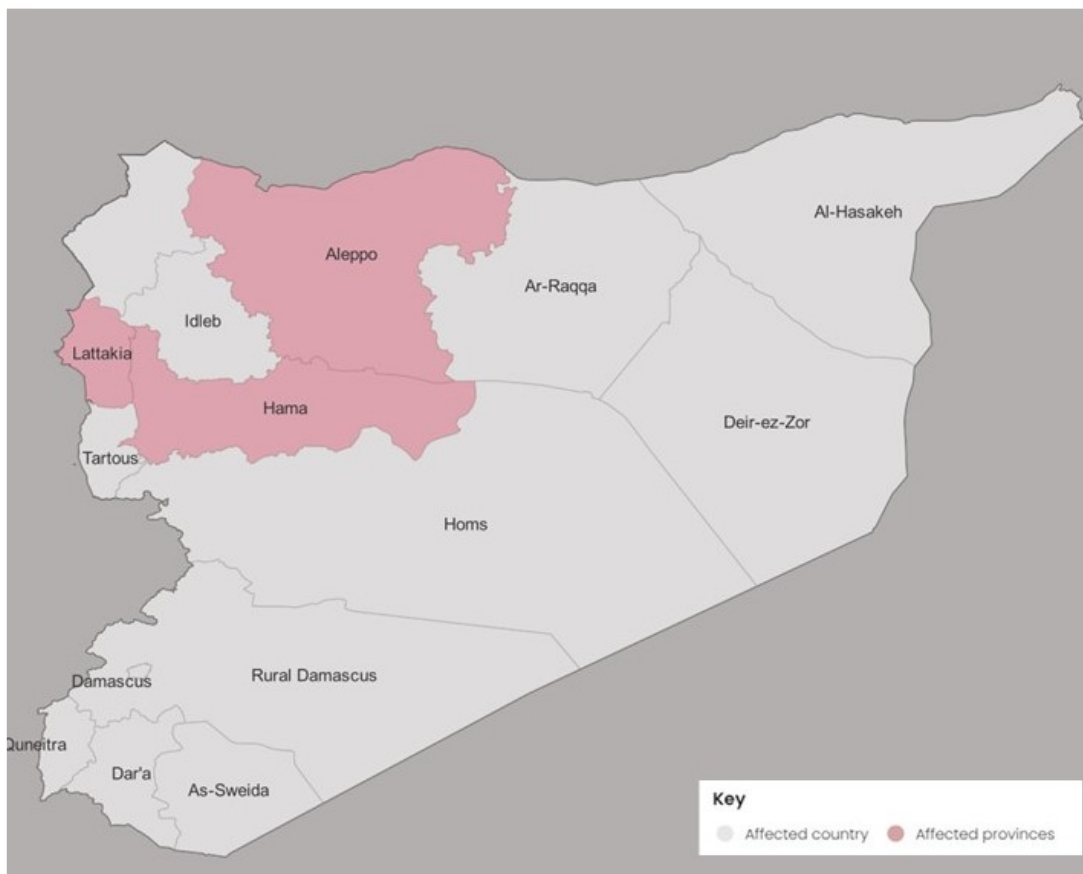
Appeal: MDRPS014	DREF Allocated: CHF 282,339	Crisis Category: Yellow	Hazard: Earthquake
Glide Number: EQ-2023-000015-SYR	People Affected: 15,000 people	People Targeted: 2,500 people	
Event Onset: Sudden	Operation Start Date: 2023-02-17	Operation End Date: 2023-08-31	Operation Timeframe: 6 months
	Targeted Areas:	Aleppo, Hama, Lattakia	

Description of the Event



SYR: Earthquake - 2023-06 - Syria EQ 2023, PRCS-Syria Response

February 13, 2023



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Map depicting the affected areas of Palestinian refugee camps in Syria.

What happened, where and when?

On 6 February, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit southern Turkey near the northern border of Syria. Three Palestinian refugee camps in Syria were affected:

1. Al Nayrab
2. Handarat Camps in Aleppo
3. Al Raml Camp in Latakia

Together with assisting a number of Palestinian communities in Syria's northern governorates, PRCS-S offered medical care and relief supplies to the affected families and supported the SARC teams in body recovery and rescue operations.



PRCS-S Staff and volunteers providing rescue services in Syria. ©PRCS-S

Scope and Scale

The Palestinian refugee camps in Latakia (Alraml camp) and Aleppo (Neyrab & Handarat) were heavily impacted due to poor infrastructure. According to the preliminary field report dated 7 February, 26 buildings collapsed and 74 sustained significant damages.

A total of 351 people were injured, 4,000 people were displaced, and 39 people were confirmed dead.

While search and rescue efforts continue, the needs on the ground continue to increase. The situation is exacerbated by the extreme cold and the possibility of outbreaks.

Previous Operations

Has a similar event affected the same area(s) in the last 3 years?	No
Did it affect the same population groups?	No
Did the National Society respond?	No
Did the National Society request funding from DREF for that event(s)?	No
If yes, please specify which operations	-
Specify how the lessons learnt from these previous operations are being used to mitigate similar challenges in the current operation	
N/A	

Current National Society Actions

Ten tents, nine with a capacity of 200–300 people and one with a capacity of 500–700 people, were erected in the Nayrab camp to house the affected

Shelter, Housing And Settlements	<p>families. The tents offered accommodation for a total of 3,000 people.</p> <p>The UNRWA classrooms and mosques were utilized by the affected individuals as temporary shelters, much like in the other affected camps.</p>
Coordination	<p>PRCS has a strong presence in the various facilities and volunteer networks, and it is legitimately positioned to coordinate with authorities in general, and with the IFRC and SARC in particular, at many levels.</p> <p>An initial situation assessment was undertaken and carried out in conjunction with SARC as part of the response. PRCS-S will collaborate with other actors on the ground, such as UNWRA, as needed.</p> <p>The PRCS-S, mandated to support Palestinian refugee camps in Syria, mobilized emergency response teams to the affected areas, to provide critical emergency support such as emergency health and first aid, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), shelter, relief, and food assistance.</p>
Health	<p>A team of 141 volunteers from various fields including Disaster Risk Management (DRM) practitioners, Medical Care Services providers, and Emergency Medical Team (EMT), were mobilized in the camps, where the Earthquake struck to offer EMS and MHPSS to the affected population.</p> <p>A total number of 1,152 people, including children, received MHPSS, 335 received emergency medical care, and 42 received medical examinations and treatments at the medical point.</p>

Movement Partners Actions Related To The Current Event

IFRC	<p>The IFRC has launched two emergency appeals in response to the devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake which has killed thousands of people and injured many more in the region.</p> <p>This DREF request is complementing the efforts of SARC outlined in the emergency appeal to address the needs in Syria, and the IFRC office is making sure that there is coordination of activities.</p>
ICRC	N/A
Participating National Societies	N/A

Other Actors Actions Related To The Current Event

Government has requested international assistance	Yes
National authorities	The Palestinian International Cooperation Agency has deployed a response team from the Occupied Palestinian Territory (oPt) to assist and provide the necessary interventions in Syria, including 15 staff and volunteers from

	PRCS-oPt with backgrounds in Disaster Risk Management, Emergency Medical Services, and Psychosocial Support.
UN or other actors	<p>1. UNRWA has launched an emergency appeal for Syria. UNRWA is analyzing the needs of Palestine refugee communities and attempting to provide medical supplies, psychosocial support, and non-food items such as blankets, hygiene kits, and mattresses, particularly for those whose homes have been destroyed or declared unsafe. UNRWA is also working to provide emergency financial support to earthquake-displaced households through rental subsidies and housing.</p> <p>2. WHO has launched a \$43 million appeal to scale up response in Syria and Türkiye.</p> <p>3. World food program established a donation line on its website for food items for affected households.</p>
Are there major coordination mechanisms in place?	

Needs (Gaps) Identified



Shelter Housing And Settlements

Because the earthquake demolished community shelters and structures, there is an urgent need to offer appropriate sheltering assistance to people staying in tents provided by PRCS.

PRCS-S is sheltering 4,000 affected people and plans to set-up additional facilities (tents) to house up to 8,000 people.



Health

PRCS-S aims to mobilize emergency medical teams to provide emergency First Aid, PSP, and basic health support to 2,500 people. Based on future assessments, PRCS-S may need to scale-up its health support as needed.



Livelihoods And Basic Needs

The earthquake occurred during a particularly harsh winter, with some areas of the country experiencing sub-zero temperatures, at a time when people are facing severe power, fuel, and water shortages.

Those impacted have lost their fundamental means of subsistence and hence require food and household items (HHIs) as well as shelter support.

According to the PRCS-S rapid assessment, the earthquake affected 4,000 people in the Aleppo camps of Al Nayrab and Handarat, as well as the Latika camp of Al Raml. Those affected have lost their houses and belongings and are currently residing in large-scale tents set up by PRCS.

Through this DREF, PRCS-S will provide basic relief items including blankets, warm clothing, mattresses to a total of 8,000 people in the target refugees camps.

Operational Strategy

Overall objective of the operation

The overall objective of this DREF operation is to support the Palestinian refugees in the affected areas of Latakia, Aleppo and Hama. In the initial phase supported by this DREF, a total of 2,500 people will receive support to cope with the effects of the earthquake through the provision of shelter, food, non-food items and assistance.

Operation strategy rationale

The provision of required support to the affected communities, including, food, non-food items, and shelter.

Targeting Strategy

Who will be targeted through this operation?

Through this DREF operation, PRCS-S will assist 2,500 Palestinian refugees in Latakia, Aleppo, and Hama, out of the 15,000 affected. The remainder of those affected are being assisted by various organizations on the ground, as well as PRCS in its later phases of operation.

Explain the selection criteria for the targeted population

PRCS-S will provide relief and shelter assistance to up to 2,500 affected and earthquake-displaced people in the camps. Additionally, PRCS has continued to provide medical treatment, relief items and shelter. The relief efforts will be carried out in coordination within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and relevant sectors.

Total Targeted Population

Women:	1,500	Rural %	Urban %
Girls (under 18):	-	%	%
Men:	1,000	People with disabilities (estimated %)	
Boys (under 18):	-	%	
Total targeted population:	2,500		

Risk and security considerations


Please indicate about potential operational risk for this operations and mitigation actions


Risk	Mitigation action
Aftershock are potential risks.	Monitor and sensitize the community about after-shocks.
Spread of diseases and epidemic.	-Continued assessment and response. -Provision of emergency services, including health, MH-PSS, Shelter. -Continue monitoring the situation. -Awareness raising on health matters concerning hygiene and health risks.

Please indicate any security and safety concerns for this operation

Syria's current complex humanitarian emergency is one of the world's largest, and the earthquake would only exacerbate the situation and vulnerabilities. The response operations are anticipated to take into account all security situations and circumstances, as well as overcome challenges with the PRCS-S guidelines, positioning in the country and already established mechanisms and procedures.


Planned Intervention

	National Society Strengthening	Budget	CHF 47,240
		Targeted Persons	75
Indicators		Target	
# of Lessons Learned Workshop conducted		1	
# of PRCS staff and volunteers provided with the required technical and financial support		75	
Priority Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coverage of volunteers' incentives.• Coverage of PRCS-S communication, travel and fuel costs.• Conducting an end-of-operation lessons learned workshop.	

	Shelter Housing And Settlements	Budget	CHF 121,410
		Targeted Persons	2500
Indicators		Target	
# of people reached with safe and adequate shelter and settlements		2500	
Priority Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provision of 10 tents (Large capacity, 250 people).• Provision of 2,500 blankets.• Provision of 2,500 mattresses.• Provision of 2,500 mats.	

	Secretariat Services	Budget	CHF 25,560
		Targeted Persons	
Indicators		Target	
# of deployments in support of the operation		1	
Priority Actions:		• Deployment of finance in emergencies	

		Budget	CHF 88,129

	Livelihoods And Basic Needs	Targeted Persons	2500
Indicators		Target	
# of people reached with food parcels		2500	
# of people reached with clothing kits		2500	
Priority Actions:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of food parcel to 850 families (2,500) people. • Provision of 2,500 clothing kits (underwear, cotton pajamas, raincoats). 	

About Support Services

How many staff and volunteers will be involved in this operation. Briefly describe their role.

From the onset of the response, 400 PRCS staff and 141 volunteers have been mobilized. Medical personnel and emergency medical teams assisted by volunteers are among the staff members.

If there is procurement, will it be done by National Society or IFRC?

Logistic support for the intervention will be provided in accordance with PRCS-S procedures to source and procure all needs and supplies, as well as to ensure effective and timely distribution to affected people.

How will this operation be monitored?

PRCS-S will deploy a reporting staff member from the headquarters to Syria to strengthen the capacity of the existing staff in the country. PRCS-S will produce periodic field reports to monitor the operation. IFRC in Syria will conduct monitoring visits as required.

Please briefly explain the National Societies communication strategy for this operation.

Regular updates on the operation will be disseminated to the partners. Furthermore, PRCS-S will produce communication materials to highlight response activities and give a voice to vulnerable and impacted populations, where possible, promoting human dignity as the guiding principle.

Budget Overview



DREF OPERATION

MDRPS014 - Palestinian Red Crescent Society Syria EQ 2023, PRCS-Syria response

Operating Budget

Planned Operations	209,539
Shelter and Basic Household Items	121,410
Livelihoods	88,129
Multi-purpose Cash	0
Health	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	0
Protection, Gender and Inclusion	0
Education	0
Migration	0
Risk Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Recovery	0
Community Engagement and Accountability	0
Environmental Sustainability	0
Enabling Approaches	72,800
Coordination and Partnerships	0
Secretariat Services	25,560
National Society Strengthening	47,240
TOTAL BUDGET	282,339

all amounts in Swiss Francs (CHF)

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