

# Support package to Türkiye and Syria

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# Status report

- Two major earthquakes in Türkiye on Monday – a number of provinces in south-eastern Türkiye affected. Syria also affected.
- Continued high risk of aftershocks
- More than 2000 people dead after earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. The death toll is expected to rise over the next few days.
- Extensive damage to buildings and infrastructure. Freezing temperatures make the situation even more difficult.
- Türkiye has declared the highest level of emergency and appealed for international assistance.



# No reports as yet of Swedes affected

- The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has not received any reports concerning Swedes who have been injured or killed.
- The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the relevant missions abroad are working on the situation.
- Close collaboration within the EU
- Swedes in the affected areas are urged to follow the advice and instructions of the local authorities, to contact their relatives and register on the list of Swedish citizens abroad.



# Measures taken

- Sweden, through the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, has received a request for assistance from Türkiye through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.
- The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency has assessed the possibility of providing support based on current needs and assistance requested.
- Coordination in the EU and the Nordic countries is ongoing to coordinate support from the Member States.
- The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency is continuously monitoring the situation in Syria to be able to provide assistance.



# Support from Sweden

- Support to the affected population, including tents and temporary emergency shelters
- Temporary offices and accommodation for humanitarian workers
- Equipment and expertise for coordination and information management, such as operations centres and communications equipment
- Expertise in water, sanitation, energy, logistics and construction
- Sweden is making resources available – the affected countries can request support based on needs. The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency is responsible for coordinating the support.



# IPCR meeting

- As President of the Council of the EU, Sweden will tonight call all EU Member States to an IPCR meeting regarding the situation in Syria and Türkiye.
- The IPCR is the Council's Integrated Political Crisis Response mechanism. As holder of the Presidency, Sweden can convene meetings.
- The aim of the meeting is to coordinate the EU's support to those affected in Türkiye and Syria.



# SEK 7 million in humanitarian assistance

- The Government is immediately allocating SEK 7 million to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to support the humanitarian response in Türkiye and Syria.
- SEK 5 million will go to the Turkish Red Crescent Society and SEK 2 million to the Syrian Red Crescent Society.
- The Government stands ready to decide on additional funds in the near future when the needs are clearer.



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