



14-year Ahmad, receiving trauma services at a WHO-supported hospital in Aleppo. 30 April 2023 – WHO has been working tirelessly to provide emergency health support to those affected by the recent earthquakes in Syria. As of 16 April, the organization has provided medical care and supplies to 41 000 individuals in affected areas.

The recent earthquake has caused significant damage to health infrastructure in Syria, exacerbating an already challenging health crisis in the country. WHO has been working to provide critical medical care and supplies to those in need, including vaccinations, treatment for injuries and illnesses, and mental health support.

Since the occurrence of the earthquake, WHO has conducted a small-scale vaccination campaign, reaching over 197 000 children under the age of five. The organization has also provided 660 000 individuals with mental health and psychosocial support and referred over 3300 people to health facilities for reproductive and child health, internal medicine, and malnutrition care.

In addition, between 3 and 16 April, WHO has delivered over 129 metric tonnes of medicines, medical supplies, and equipment, valued at over \$ 993 000 to health facilities in affected areas.

"We are deeply committed to delivering vital healthcare services and support to the earthquake-affected areas of Syria. Our teams have been working tirelessly to provide essential medical supplies, vaccinations, nutrition programs, and healthcare operations." Said Dr Iman Shankiti, WHO Representative a.i. in Syria. "Through coordination, partnerships, and efficient logistics, we strive to make a positive impact on the well-being of the affected population. Together with our partners, we are dedicated to building resilience, ensuring access to quality healthcare, and creating a healthier future for all." Dr Shankiti added.

WHO is committed to continuing its efforts to provide lifesaving health support to those affected

by the earthquakes in Syria. The organization is grateful for the support of its partners and donors and encourages others to join in its efforts to provide critical health care to those in need. For the earthquake response in Syria, WHO estimates it will require 60.2 million US\$ for both the immediate 90-day response (18M) followed by short- and medium-term response needs (42.2M) for the rest of 2023.

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