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In Brief

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The Situation

A moderate earthquake, measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale hit the eastern province of Turkey, close to the Iranian border, at 1:30 am on Friday, 2 July 2004. Initial reports indicate 18 people were killed and 21 people were injured. The epicenter of the earthquake was in the Yigincali village of 67 households. The local authorities report injuries and damage in nearby Karabulak and Saglıksuyu villages too. The information was confirmed by the Disaster Operation Centre (or AFOM as it is called in Turkish) of the Turkish Red Crescent Society. According to the preliminary information provided by the local authorities many houses in these villages are severely damaged. Injured people were transferred to State Hospitals in Iğdir and Dogubeyazit.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Turkish Red Crescent responded immediately dispatching an emergency response team from the nearby disaster response and logistics centres in Erzurum, Elazığ, Van and Mus. The branches in Agri, Dogubeyazit, Iğdir, Hamur and Diyarbakır sent people and relief supplies too.

The emergency relief items that were sent by the Red Crescent to the disaster area include: 330 tents, 610 blankets, 950 individual ratio kits and 400 bottles of water. A team of 23 people with 10 vehicles and two mobile kitchens from the surrounding branches are on the site assisting people in need.

The regional delegation of the Federation in Ankara is in constant contact with the national society. For the time being no international support has been requested by the national society. However, the delegation will continue to monitor the situation, as the new information continues to come in.

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