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## Information bulletin no. 1 Greece and Turkey: Earthquake

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**Host National Societies: Hellenic Red Cross (HRC), Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRCS)**

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### The situation

During the night on 20 July 2017, a 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck between Bodrum (Turkey) and Greek islands. The quake hit at 22:31 GMT (01:31 local time), located off the south-western coastal city of Marmaris in the Mugla province of Turkey. The epicentre was at the very shallow depth of 10km south of the Turkish city of Bodrum and 16 km east-north-east of the island of Kos. The region was hit by approximately 40 aftershocks with a magnitude ranging from 3 and 4.6. It was the second quake of magnitude exceeding 6.0 in the broader region this year, after the 6.7 magnitude earthquake that affected the island of Lesvos on 12 June 2017.



HRC staff at the venue of the earthquake-hit area. Photo: Hellenic RC

In Greece, the Mayor of Kos has confirmed that two people have been killed on the island. More than 100 people on Kos have been injured, officials said. Greek authorities sent helicopters to airlift the injured. According to the Greek coast guard, damage was reported to the mosque, the port of Kos, which is near a tourist strip of cafes and bars, and mostly old buildings.

In Turkey, Muğla Governor said that initial reports indicated no casualties or structural damage. He also said that authorities took immediate measures against grass fires due to breakage of electricity transmission lines. Rise of sea level was reported in Bodrum district. Locals have been warned not to stay indoors and tremors have also been felt in İzmir, also in neighbouring cities Aydın, Denizli and Antalya.

There is no detailed information available on the extension of the damages at the moment, damage analysis and needs assessment is currently ongoing in both countries.

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

**Hellenic Red Cross Samaritans and Rescuers** were deployed from the very first moment after the request of the local authorities. Samaritans - Rescuers **provided First Aid** in the hospital of Kos as there was a congestion due to numerous minor injuries cases. Samaritans **distributed space blankets** (around 100 pieces) to people who stayed the night in the streets for safety reasons. Another group of HRC Samaritans - Rescuers offered their **assistance to the fire brigades** until early in the morning. Likewise, the social welfare division volunteers have been mobilized from the first moment and are ready to support when required.

The HRC branch remains in regular contact with HRC in Athens and with Civil Protection in case further Red Cross assistance is required. Currently, there are no further needs of food or non-food items (NFIs) reported. According to Civil Protection, no camps have been set up and there is no need for accommodation to be provided.

The Hellenic Red Cross, following a request made by the Ministry of Health in May, is currently providing basic health care and psychosocial support in the Reception and Identification Centre (RIC) of the island of Kos, where 2,422 refugees and migrants are accommodated. Following the earthquake, the Hellenic Red Cross has contacted its 4-member team on the ground (doctor, nurse, social worker, interpreter), who have confirmed that they are well and continue delivering its services. They also reported that the RIC was not damaged and that no injuries have been reported among the refugees.



TRCS teams distributing snacks to the affected population.  
Photo: TRCS

The **Turkish Red Crescent Society's response team** has been deployed from Izmir to the affected areas. Another team from Ankara is accompanying them today. The TRCS is conducting **damage assessment in coordination with local authorities and the Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD)**. In the meantime, the National Society staff and volunteers are **distributing water and snacks** (cake, biscuit etc.) to the affected population.

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Both National Societies are closely monitoring the situation and are responding to the needs as necessary. The IFRC Regional Office for Europe is in permanent contact with the Hellenic Red Cross and the Turkish Red Crescent Society to obtain information on the extent of damages, affected people and further steps.

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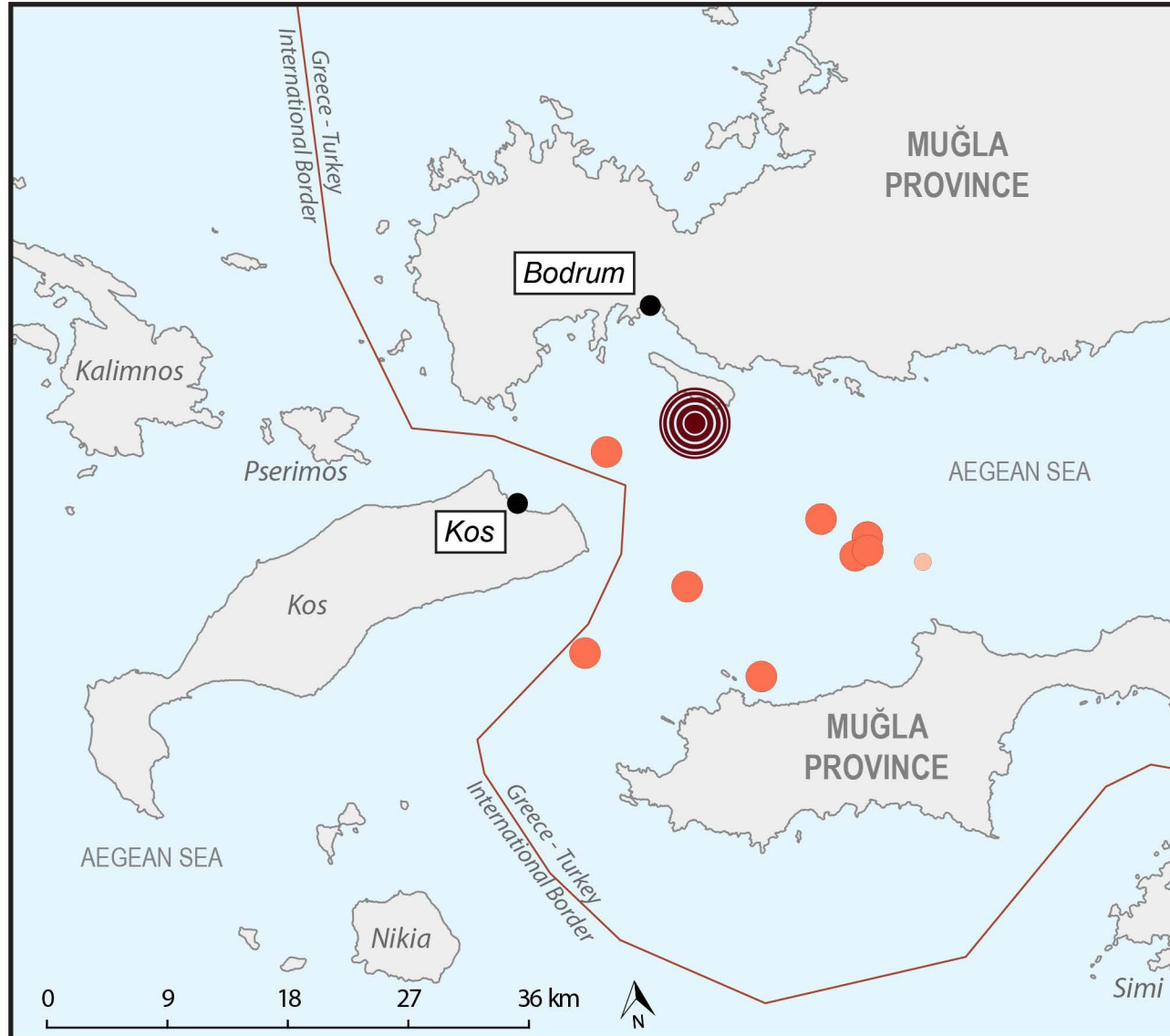







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# GREECE AND TURKEY: EARTHQUAKE

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-  Epicenter of 6.7 Magnitude Earthquake
-  Aftershock of 4.0 - 5.0 Magnitude
-  Aftershock of 3.0 - 4.0 Magnitude
-  International Maritime Border
-  Affected City

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