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The Situation

Flash floods affected Turkey, from Istanbul province in the west to Diyarbakir in the southeast, within the last five days leading to casualties, damage on property and missing people.

Based on the information from the Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRCS) Disaster Operation Centre (DOC) and local press, heavy rain and floods first hit Sanliurfa province's Siverek, Ceylanpinar and Suruc districts on the 28th of October. In Ceylanpinar, 50 houses were heavily and 70 houses were partially damaged.

Heavy rain resulted in floods in a number of districts in the east of the country and some parts of Istanbul on the 1st of November. In Cinar and Bismil districts of south-eastern Diyarbakir province, 18 people were reported to have been killed, 15 were injured and 10 were reported to have gone missing.

According to the local press and Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Disaster Coordination Centre, Istanbul province's Beykoz and Sariyer districts were also hit by the floods.

Due to heavy rain taking place on the 2nd of November in the southern part of Turkey, some districts in Mersin province were also affected. Among them, it was Erdemli province which was hit the hardest.

According to the local press, 38 people have lost their lives during the floods which have seriously affected the eastern part of the country.

In addition, flash floods have blocked motorways in some parts of eastern and south-eastern Turkey.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In order to coordinate an immediate response, the TRCS Disaster Operation Centre has alerted its Regional Disaster Response & Logistics Centres (located in Erzurum, Elazig and Adana provinces), Local Disaster Response & Logistics Centre (in Mus province), branches and blood centres located in eastern provinces.

A crisis centre was established and activated in DOC which is currently coordinating the response activities with its components in the field together with crisis centres established in the provinces.

In response to the floods in Ceylanpinar, so far TRCS has sent 1,500 blankets, 150 beds, 300 kitchen sets, one mobile kitchen (to serve hot meals to 1,400 affected people) along with one communication vehicle, 2 trucks, 7 personnel from South-eastern Anatolia Disaster Response and Logistics Centre (SADRRLC) with 2 nurses and one doctor from Gaziantep Blood Centre. The team is currently carrying out relief activities and basic health care in Ceylanpinar such as distribution of hot meals to the people affected by the disaster.

Suruc is one of the most affected counties of Sanliurfa Province. 110 tents, 1,800 blankets, 2 mobile kitchens, 200 beds, 125 kitchen sets, 864 bottles of water (0,5 lt.) and 150 jerry cans were sent to the county from South-eastern and Mediterranean Regional Disaster Response and Logistics Centres.

In response to the floods in Cinar and Bismil districts of Diyarbakir, a total of 2,000 food parcels were sent out from Diyarbakir Blood Centre along with one mobile kitchen, 300 tents and 1,000 blankets from SADRRLC. Additionally, one mobile kitchen was dispatched to the district of Cinar.

The TRCS has sent 175 tents, 1,000 blankets, one mobile kitchen, 100 mats and 100 beds from Mus Local Disaster Response and Logistics Centre to help the victims of the floods in the Silopi district of south-eastern Sirnak province. Additionally, 170 tents, 1,000 blankets, one mobile kitchen, 100 mats and 100 beds have been sent to Uludere district of the province from Mus Local Disaster Response and Logistics Centre along with 1,000 food rations from Siirt Blood Centre with the help of a military lift.

Batman is another affected province located in south-eastern part of the country. So far, 750 blankets and 100 stoves have been sent to the province from SADRRLC.

Erdemli Branch is currently distributing 1,000 food parcels to the affected people and local workers.

In Istanbul, TRCS Marmara Disaster Response and Logistics Centre is coordinating the relief efforts with Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Disaster Coordination Centre, the related district municipalities and TRCS branches. 200 quilts and 1,000 blankets have been sent to Beykoz District.

Ankara Regional Delegation is currently monitoring the situation through a representative (Disaster Management Officer) in TRCS DOC.

Up to date, a total of 37 Red Crescent personnel (7 relief teams) have been deployed from various centres and branches to the affected areas.

Coordination

As the governmental bodies, Turkish Emergency Management Agency (TEMAD) and Disaster Affairs Directorate are currently viewing the situation in the affected provinces in cooperation with TRCS. In provinces, crisis centres (headed by the governors) are currently operational with the participation of the related bodies.

Governmental bodies (Ministry of Public Works and Settlement - General Directorate of Highways, local authorities etc.) have been working to clean the debris left from the floods and trying to open the roads blocked due to flash floods. Military forces have been also involved from the very beginning of the response activities and are coordinating the relief activities with crisis centres and TRCS.

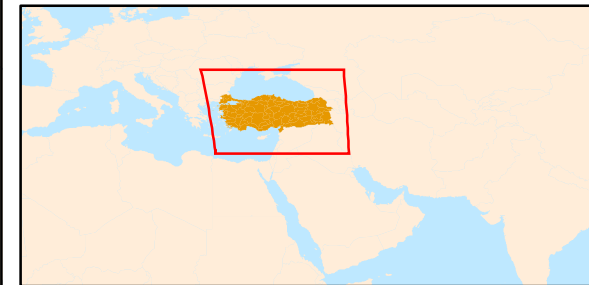
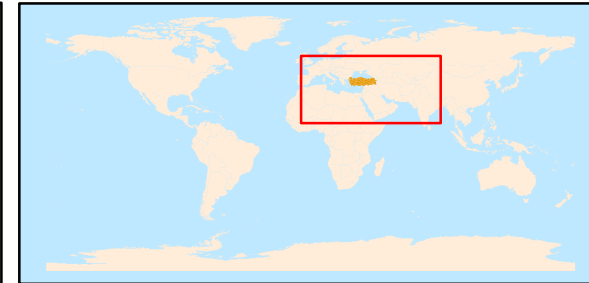
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