TURKISH PHILANTHROPY FUNDS

IZMIR EARTHQUAKE FUND IMPACT REPORT

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TOGETHER
we provided hope and healing to thousands of people in Izmir and surrounding cities

The Challenge

All of us at TPF were saddened by the news of the tragic earthquake that has struck Izmir, Aydin, and the Aegean Region of Turkey with a magnitude of 7.0 on October 30, 2020. The devastating earthquake not only ended many lives but also thousands of people instantly became homeless and displaced.

The Response

When an earthquake struck Elazig and neighboring cities in January of 2020, TPF got together with more than 20 NGOs in Turkey to establish "Afet Platformu." The goal was to be able to respond to disasters faster and in a more organized and efficient way. These organizations stood together again for the Izmir earthquake, taking action in minutes to organize and respond to the needs on the ground.

Within minutes of the Izmir earthquake, TPF partner NGOs continuously analyzed the needs and have worked tirelessly to provide services and allocate donations while cautiously taking safety measures for COVID-19. Thanks to our donors' generosity and partners’ dedication, TPF was able to respond rapidly providing much-needed supplies such as hygiene products, non-perishable food, and protective masks; computers, and rent support to those that lost their homes.
WE HAVE RAISED $159,696.54
780 donors donated to provide immediate needs of the victims in the region

PARTNERED WITH 7 INSTITUTIONS
AKUT, IZMIR Metropolitan Municipality, KAMER, Needs Map, NEF Foundation, TOG and Women Fishers Society

2 TURKISH-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS' SUPPORT STRENGTHENED OUR EFFORTS

THANK YOU!
American Turkish Association of Washington DC (ATA-DC)
American Turkish Association (IN-Ataturk)
780 DONORS

TOUCHED THE LIVES OF
~77K PEOPLE
IN 417 HOUSEHOLDS

54 FISHERWOMEN FAMILIES RECEIVED HYGIENE PRODUCTS, FOOD SUPPORT, FISHING EQUIPMENT

113 HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVED RENT SUPPORT

250 HOUSEHOLD (APPROX. 1,000 PEOPLE) RECEIVED FOOD, HYGIENE KITS, MASKS, DISASTER AWARENESS BROCHURES

500 VOLUNTEERS DISTRIBUTED FOOD AND BUILT TENTS FOR 75,000 PEOPLE
AKUT was one of the first responders to the Izmir earthquake. Aside from their recovery efforts, they collaborated with the Izmir Metropolitan Municipality to identify families who were affected from the earthquake. Our grant enabled them to support 250 households (more than 1000 people) by providing food, hygiene kits, masks, and disaster awareness brochures.
Our grant contributed to the protection of social and economic integrity of the households of women fishers as well as the sustainability of their existence in the fishing profession.

550 fisher individuals received support packages that included eight tablets for children who were deprived of online education and 80 nets for the families who lost theirs during the tsunami. Post disaster support packages were distributed to 110 fishing families.
With BirYuvaBirKira Campaign, TPF partnered with Needs Map, NEF Foundation, and the İzmir Metropolitan Municipality to provide rental support to families that lost their homes and whose homes were severely damaged. BirYuvaBirKira Campaign reached out to more than 5,000 people and TPF’s grant provided rent support to 113 families (approximately 750 people) for five months.
TPF's support to 500 volunteers at TOG enabled them to assist the victims build their temporary housing tents, distribute hygiene products and meals daily to 11,000 individuals.
The support provided through TPF and its partners not only helped the victims of the earthquake recover rapidly but also strengthened inter-institutional relations, led the way to the designing of new training programs and increased awareness on the impact volunteers have in our communities.

1. STRENGTHENED INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

NEF Foundation reported that different stakeholders such as private sector companies, local governments, universities and NGOs collaborated during the relief efforts for the first time. These partnerships created an ecosystem for future collaborations.

2. INCREASED AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF VOLUNTEERISM

The applications for TOG Young Community Volunteers have doubled during the relief efforts as public at large saw the impact these volunteers had in recovery. As a result TOG also established a Disaster Management Working Group to strengthen their response rapidness during disasters.

3. NEW TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Women in Fisheries Society received disaster relief support for fishing families for the first time from TPF. This support inspired them to establish a new income generating training program to improve the life and professional skills of the fisher women. The program teaches women how to glass bottle fish and aim to provide additional income for them.
As an organization, we constantly work to bring our community TOGETHER to make a difference. Our response to Izmir earthquake was no different.

We have been deeply touched and inspired by the genuine acts of kindness that we have seen from our community. Izmir Earthquake Fund has shown all of us how your generosity has connected our community and demonstrated the impact we can have through your involvement.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRUST & SUPPORT IN TURKISH PHILANTHROPY FUNDS