

# BUILDING FORWARD

TPF TÜRKİYE EARTHQUAKE FUND 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY IMPACT REPORT





# THANK YOU

## THREE YEARS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE: A NEW PHASE IN RECOVERY AND A NEW IMPERATIVE FOR PHILANTHROPY

Three years ago, within minutes, the lives of 14 million individuals were turned upside down as over 230,000 buildings were destroyed across 11 provinces. The remnants of the disaster remain some visible to the eye, others carried invisibly by the surviving community.

Three years after the earthquakes, the recovery landscape in Türkiye has entered a fundamentally different phase, defined not by emergency response, but by the slow, complex work of rebuilding social systems, restoring economic mobility, and strengthening community infrastructure. The region is no longer navigating crisis conditions; it is navigating the long arc of renewal.

This transition demands an equally evolved approach from philanthropy.

When we established the TPF Earthquake Fund within minutes of the twin earthquakes, our first goal was to address urgent needs: supporting search and rescue operations, and providing essential water, food, first aid supplies, and hygiene kits. Within days, the destruction and the scale of human loss were beyond anything Türkiye had ever witnessed. It quickly became clear that the Fund would need to evolve from emergency response to long-term rebuilding efforts. And it did.

The needs are no longer urgent in the traditional sense, yet they remain profoundly consequential. Families are seeking stability, not temporary relief. Local organizations are shifting from delivering services to redesigning them. Communities are looking beyond reconstruction toward restoring the social fabric that enables belonging, connection, and opportunity.

In this environment, the question is not simply how do we help people rebuild? *It is* how do we support the systems that allow communities to thrive for the next decade and beyond?

## EXTRAORDINARY GENEROSITY THAT SPARKED A MOVEMENT

Our earthquake recovery journey began with an extraordinary act of generosity from **Hamdi Ulukaya**, who donated \$1 million and pledged an additional \$1 million in matching funds. His leadership was soon joined by **Eren and Fatih Özmen**, who also committed \$1 million along with a \$1 million match. These powerful acts sparked a ripple effect, inspiring more than 100,000 individuals to support our earthquake response. Together, we transformed tragedy into a movement rooted in compassion and collective action.

We are deeply grateful to Hamdi Ulukaya, Eren Özmen, Fatih Özmen, and our entire donor community for making this impact possible.



# A STRATEGIC SHIFT TOWARD SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

This is the context in which TPF has repositioned its Earthquake Fund. Rather than viewing recovery as a sequence of isolated interventions, we now approach it as an interconnected set of social, economic, and institutional challenges that must be addressed in coordination.

**This shift has given rise to a strategy grounded in:**

**Evidence-based decision-making,**  
ensuring that new grants are anchored in field data and real-time insights

**Continuous engagement with local partners,**  
enabling adaptive learning rather than one-time support

**Recognition of cross-sector interdependence,**  
acknowledging that well-being, livelihoods, youth development, and community cohesion are intertwined

**Alignment with long-term community aspirations,**  
not short-term recovery milestones

This approach positions TPF not only as a grantmaker, but as a platform for strategic philanthropy in disaster recovery—one that invites others to learn, align, and co-invest.

# A NEW ROLE FOR PHILANTHROPY IN DISASTER CONTEXTS

As long-term needs deepen, philanthropy must evolve from being reactive to being generative. TPF is building this role through:



**co-funding pathways**  
that give global funders structured entry points into long-term recovery



**shared learning environments**  
that allow funders and local partners to interpret needs together



**collaborative frameworks**  
that strengthen frontline NGOs before and after future disasters

This model broadens the impact of every dollar invested not only by TPF, but by the growing network of funders choosing to partner with the local ecosystem through us.

# A FORWARD-LOOKING RECOVERY AGENDA

The next era of recovery will be defined by initiatives that rebuild community life, not just infrastructure. With this focus, TPF is centering programs that cultivate belonging and shared community spaces, expand access to mental health and psychosocial support, enable economic stability through local enterprise, empower networks of youth, women, and educators, and strengthen NGO capacity as a driver of community-led renewal.

Together, these priorities reflect a simple but powerful belief: **recovery becomes sustainable when communities have the tools and systems to shape their own futures.**

# WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

At the three-year mark, the global spotlight has diminished, but the work is far from complete. This moment requires clarity, discipline, and strategic coordination. It requires philanthropy that does not simply fill gaps, but strengthens systems. And it requires partners who understand that long-term recovery is not the end of a crisis but it is the beginning of a new social contract.

**For TPF and its partners, this is our commitment: to accompany communities through the long, uneven journey of rebuilding, and to ensure that what emerges is not a return to the past, but a foundation for a more resilient future.**

Dear Donors, Partners, and Friends,

Three years into the recovery following the February 6 earthquakes in Türkiye, one lesson has become unmistakably clear: **true recovery is not defined by returning to what was, but by building forward—creating communities that are stronger, more connected, and more resilient than before.** This belief has guided Turkish Philanthropy Funds through every phase of our response.

In the earliest days, urgency demanded speed and breadth. We moved quickly to meet immediate, life-threatening needs and to reach communities in crisis through trusted local partners. As the region has moved from emergency to recovery—and now toward long-term renewal—TPF has deliberately evolved its approach. Our Earthquake Fund has transitioned from an open, rapid-response model to a proactive, data-driven strategy grounded in field insight, learning, and long-term vision.

This evolution reflects three years of close partnership, monitoring, and learning alongside close to 100 organizations. Today, our grantmaking is shaped by four core commitments:

- grounding decisions in verified, real-time field data;
- maintaining continuous engagement with partners through structured feedback and learning loops;
- identifying cross-cutting priorities informed by what recovery has demanded over time; and
- aligning funding with the evolving realities and aspirations of communities themselves.

These shifts mirror what we see on the ground. Communities are no longer focused solely on rebuilding structures; they are working to restore connection, belonging, and the rhythms of everyday life. In response, TPF’s approach increasingly integrates economic opportunity, social well-being, mental health, and inclusion within a unified framework focused on long-term resilience.

At the same time, TPF is stepping more intentionally into **a catalytic leadership role**—one that expands the circle of support for long-term recovery. We are actively bringing additional funders into the region, creating structured opportunities for co-funding, and fostering stronger relationships between global philanthropies and local organizations. Through coordinated learning visits, joint assessments, and collaborative planning, we are helping build a more connected ecosystem of funders committed to shared priorities and locally led solutions. These efforts are also laying the groundwork for a broader preparedness and NGO-support framework—strengthening

frontline organizations before and after crises, and ensuring recovery is both community-driven and sustainably resourced.

Looking ahead, TPF will continue to prioritize initiatives that:

- foster belonging and community connection;
- expand access to mental health and psychosocial support;
- strengthen social spaces and shared experiences;
- empower networks of youth, women, and educators;
- support cooperatives and local businesses as engines of economic renewal; and
- invest in NGO capacity to ensure long-term, locally rooted leadership.

Through this work, TPF’s role continues to evolve from emergency responder to long-term partner; from rapid grantmaker to steward, convener, and catalyst; from supporting recovery to helping communities build forward with confidence and agency.

**None of this would be possible without you. Your generosity has sustained this work over the past three years and continues to shape what comes next. Thank you for trusting Turkish Philanthropy Funds to steward your support with care, transparency, and purpose, and for standing with us as we strengthen a recovery ecosystem rooted in local leadership, shared learning, and long-term commitment. Together, we are not only supporting recovery, but helping communities build forward with confidence, dignity, and agency.**

With heartfelt gratitude,

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Executive Director

On behalf of Turkish Philanthropy Funds





# TPF’S RESPONSE

## DESIGNED FOR SPEED, TRUST, AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY

When the February 2023 earthquakes struck, the immediate question was not only how to respond, but how to respond responsibly at scale, across borders, and in a way that would still matter years later.

Within hours of the first tremor, **Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF)** activated its Earthquake Fund with a clear operating principle:

**move fast, work through trusted local partners, and design every phase with the next one in mind.**

This approach allowed TPF to transform an unprecedented outpouring of global solidarity into a coordinated, accountable, and evolving response—one that bridged emergency relief and long-term rebuilding without losing momentum or community trust.

Early leadership support played a critical role in setting this response in motion. **Hamdi Ulukaya’s \$1 million immediate contribution**, paired with a \$1 million matching pledge, and the **Özmen Family’s \$1 million gift with an additional \$1 million match**, helped accelerate the response at a moment when speed and confidence were essential. Their leadership inspired others to act quickly and generously, strengthening the collective effort from the outset.

### A Community That Continues to Build Forward

Behind every metric are people: **millions of survivors**, including **4 million children**, rebuilding their lives amid profound loss. And behind the response is a community: donors, partners, NGOs, volunteers.

**And you are part of this story.**

Together, we continue to build a more resilient future that is grounded in trust, partnership, and the belief that recovery is not an endpoint, but a shared journey forward.

### What Makes TPF’s Response Unique

TPF’s response stands apart not because of fundraising alone but because of **how resources were mobilized, governed, and granted**. We:

**Moved quickly while maintaining accountability**, issuing same-day grants through trusted, pre-existing partnerships.

**Worked with local leadership**, channeling recovery efforts through **93 local NGOs**.

**Strengthened local NGO capacity for long-term recovery**, investing in organizational infrastructure, operational resilience, and program effectiveness—enabling partners to expand their reach, sustain their work over time, and support greater community self-reliance.

**Designed the response in phases**, intentionally linking immediate relief to recovery and long-term rebuilding.

**Addressed recovery holistically**, integrating mental health, education, livelihoods, community well-being, and resilience-building.

**Sustained engagement over time**, remaining present for

**1,096 days**  
—and counting,

beyond the urgency of the initial crisis.

**Mobilized global solidarity and translated it into local impact**, engaging:



100K+  
donors from

116  
countries



373  
corporate donors

96  
foundations



\$20.7M  
in total support, including

\$5M  
raised in the first week,  
enabling both speed and scale

# TPF TÜRKİYE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

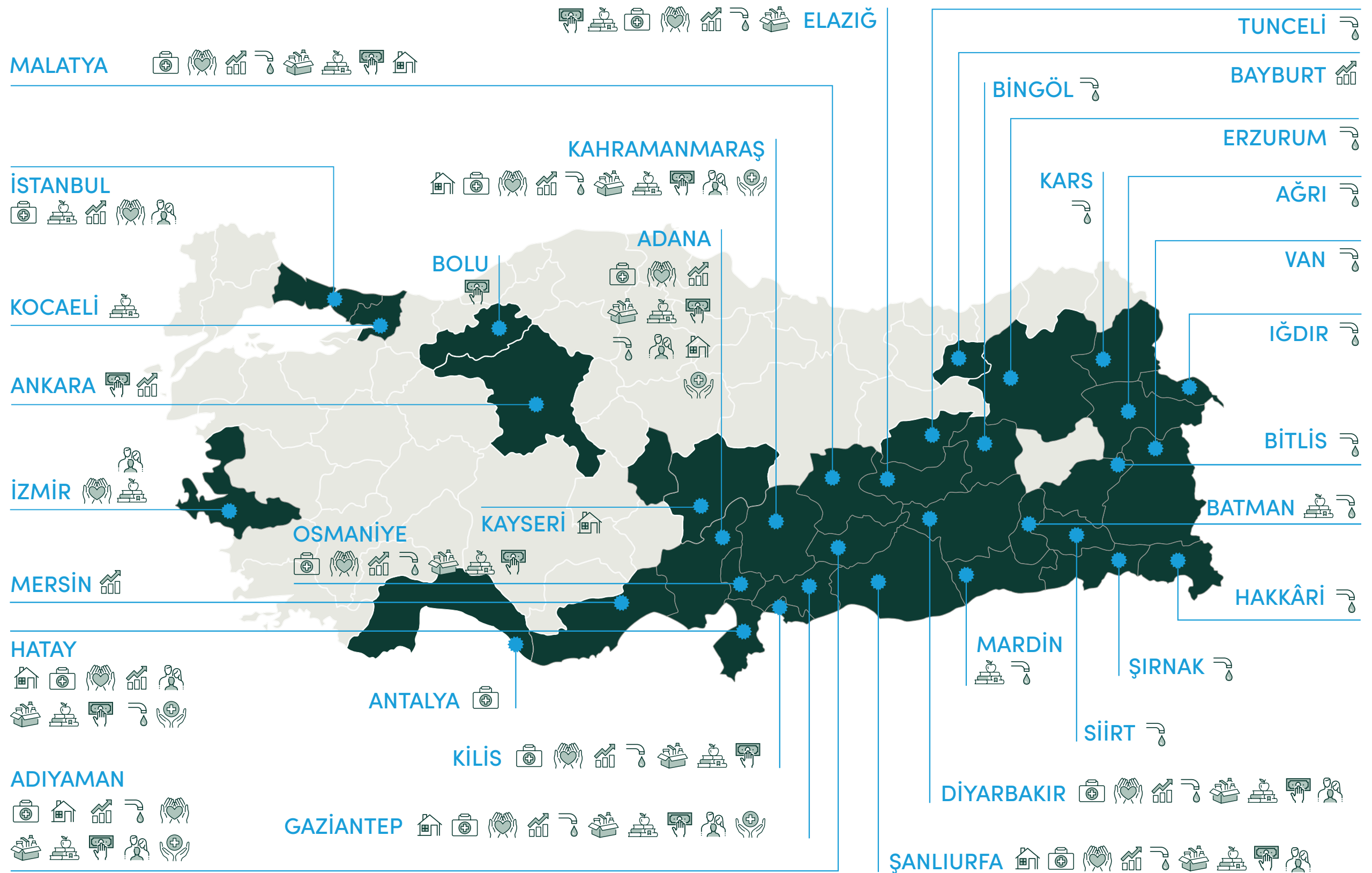
GRANT IMPACT

100% of your donations go  
directly to the earthquake  
region in Türkiye.

2.7M  
people  
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\$16M  
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93  
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# TPF'S GRANTMAKING

## APPROACH AND STRATEGY

Since the first days following the February 6 earthquakes, TPF has approached its grantmaking with a strategic, needs-driven, and community-centered framework. Every decision has been guided by a combination of data, local insight, and a commitment to long-term, transformative impact, **ensuring that resources are not only mobilized quickly, but stewarded responsibly.**

Over three years, TPF has allocated funding deliberately and adaptively—responding first to urgent humanitarian needs, then supporting sustained recovery, and now enabling communities to build forward. This evolution has not been linear or predetermined; it has been shaped through continuous engagement with local partners, field visits, monitoring and learning processes, and close attention to the lived realities of earthquake-affected communities.

At the heart of this approach is **flexibility with purpose**. TPF remains responsive to changing needs while staying anchored in clear principles: **transparency, needs-based decision-making, and trust-based partnerships with local leadership**. This allows TPF to serve as a stabilizing force for NGOs—reducing uncertainty, strengthening institutional capacity, and creating space for partners to focus on impact rather than short-term survival.

**For donors, TPF adds value by translating generosity into informed, accountable action.**

Through due diligence, contextual knowledge, and on-the-ground relationships, TPF ensures that contributions are aligned with real needs, deployed effectively, and accompanied by ongoing learning and reporting. Donors are not only funding projects—they are connected to a thoughtful, evolving recovery strategy grounded in local realities.

For communities and individuals, TPF's approach means recovery that is not imposed, but co-created. By investing in trusted local organizations, strengthening systems, and centering people's dignity and agency, TPF supports pathways that go beyond relief—advancing social cohesion, economic resilience, and long-term well-being.

TPF's grantmaking strategy reflects depth, continuity, and shared responsibility. Each phase builds on the last, informing and strengthening what comes next. In doing so, TPF responds not only to what was lost, but to what communities themselves envision for their future—laying the groundwork for recovery that is durable, inclusive, and led from within.





## PHASE I

### IMMEDIATE RELIEF AND FOUNDATION FOR RECOVERY

(FIRST 90 DAYS – URGENCY, ACTION, AND GROUNDWORK)

In the immediate aftermath of the February 6 earthquakes, TPF launched an urgent and coordinated response to address life-threatening needs across the region. The first 90 days were defined by urgency, agility, and deep collaboration. **TPF’s distinct approach was to move quickly through trusted local relationships, pairing rapid funding with responsible diligence, clear communication, and accountability from day one.**

Recognizing the scale and severity of the disaster, we worked rapidly to mobilize funding, identify trusted local partners, and channel resources where they were needed most.

Within days, we mobilized significant funding and reached out directly to partners on the ground. We asked what they needed—urgently, specifically, and without assumption. Based on their input, we began disbursing grants **on the first day**, guided by our commitment to transparency, accountability, and responsiveness. Our goal was not only to act quickly, but to do so with integrity and trust.

Phase I was not only about meeting immediate needs; it was about restoring dignity and stability in the midst of loss. By acting quickly through trusted local partners, TPF ensured that relief efforts laid the foundation for long-term recovery rooted in trust, community leadership, and care.

This phase revealed a critical truth: in times of disaster, community-led action is not just efficient; it is transformative. Phase I showed how, when empowered with timely resources and trust, local actors can deliver with speed, compassion, and precision. **In those first critical days, TPF’s commitment to locally driven solutions didn’t just deliver support, it established a model of response rooted in dignity, proximity, and shared purpose. That model has guided every step since.**

### Strategic Goals

**Rapid Emergency Relief:** Provided immediate aid to support search and rescue operations and ensure displaced individuals had access to safe housing, food, and essential supplies.

**Focus on Vulnerable Populations:** Prioritized equitable support for marginalized and at-risk communities, ensuring no one was left behind during the relief efforts.

**Lay the Groundwork for Recovery:** Initiated efforts such as mental health support, child-friendly spaces, and educational continuity to help individuals and families begin rebuilding their lives.

### Grantmaking Criteria

To ensure impactful, equitable outcomes, TPF evaluated funding opportunities based on the following criteria:

#### LOCAL PRESENCE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Prioritized organizations with strong local connections and deep community engagement.

#### FLEXIBILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Minimized administrative burden to enable speed, while maintaining clear communication and accountability.

#### EQUITY-FOCUSED APPROACH

Applied an equity lens to reach marginalized and underserved populations.

#### COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Coordinated with local NGOs and other funders to avoid duplication and align efforts.

#### CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

Supported partners with resources to strengthen human, technical, and infrastructure capacity.

#### MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Used site visits, partner reports, and evaluations to ensure responsible use of funds and build stakeholder confidence.



# Impact

Phase I centered on immediate relief and early recovery following the earthquakes. TPF and its partners acted swiftly to deliver emergency aid, restore essential services, and prevent further disruption to daily life. The results below capture the impact of these early interventions—focused on speed, safety, and stabilizing communities during the most critical period.

## SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS



TPF prioritized supporting search and rescue operations to address the urgent needs of disaster-affected communities. Our goal was to provide life-saving assistance and logistical support to ensure aid reached those in critical need as quickly and effectively as possible.

**Total Beneficiaries: 37,944 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$207,500**

**In partnership with:** Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TOG) - Community Volunteers Foundation, İhtiyaç Haritası (İH) - Needs Map Cooperative, White Helmets

## FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION



TPF focused on ensuring consistent and equitable access to nutrition for disaster-affected populations. By addressing immediate food shortage and building systems for sustainable food distribution, our initiatives reached vulnerable individuals in some of the hardest-hit regions, including Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, and Hatay.

**Total Beneficiaries: 171,683 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$950,196**

**In partnership with:** Unvansız Gönüllüler Derneği - Unvansız Gönüllüler Association, Gıda Kurtarma Derneği (FRA) - Food Rescue Association, İhtiyaç Haritası (İH) - Needs Map Cooperative, Manisa Çölyak ve Organik Beslenme Derneği (ÇÖLYAK)- Manisa Celiac Organic Nutrition Association, Dünya İnsani Dayanışma Derneği (WHR) - World Human Relief, Temel İhtiyaç Derneği (TİDER) - Basic Needs Association, Kanserli Çocuklara Umut Vakfı (KAÇUV) - Hope Foundation for Children with Cancer, NEF Vakfı - NEF Foundation, Kırkayak Kültür Sanat ve Doğa Derneği - Kirkayak Culture, Arts and Nature Association

## WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)



TPF targeted essential WASH needs in earthquake-affected areas, ensuring a comprehensive response to prevent disease outbreaks and improve living conditions. Our efforts addressed the hygiene needs by distributing hygiene and dignity kits, establishing washing units, and setting up latrines to support displaced communities.

**Total Beneficiaries: 1,449,337 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$882,077**

**In partnership with:** AKUT Vakfı (AKUT) - Search and Rescue Foundation, Hayata Destek Derneği - Support to Life, Kadın Merkezi Vakfı (KAMER) - KAMER Foundation, Dünya İnsani Dayanışma Derneği (WHR) - World Human Relief, İhtiyaç Haritası (İH) - Needs Map Cooperative, Türkiye Aile Sağlığı ve Planlaması Vakfı (TAPV) - Turkish Family Health and Planning Foundation, 65+ Yaşlı Hakları Derneği - 65+ Elder Rights Association, Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TOG) - Community Volunteers Foundation

## EMERGENCY SHELTER AND HOUSING



TPF prioritized creating safe and temporary living spaces for earthquake-affected individuals, addressing critical shelter needs through the provision of tents, containers, rental assistance, and winterization kits. Our goal was to offer safe spaces targeting vulnerable populations, including those in rural areas with limited access to aid, individuals with health conditions, and at-risk groups to ensure equitable access to essential housing needs and support services for all.

**Total Beneficiaries: 29,941 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$972,370**

**In partnership with:** İhtiyaç Haritası (İH) - Needs Map Cooperative, Türk Kanser Derneği (TKD) - Turkish Cancer Association, Unvansız Gönüllüler Derneği - Unvansız Gönüllüler Association, NEF Vakfı - NEF Foundation, Türkiye Kadın Dernekleri Federasyonu (TKDF) - Federation of Women Associations of Türkiye, Afgan Mülteciler Dayanışma ve Yardımlaşma Derneği (ARSA) - Afghan Refugees, Solidarity Association

## PSYCHOSOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT



TPF focused on addressing the critical psychosocial and mental health needs of earthquake-affected individuals, prioritizing trauma recovery and building resilience, psychological services, and tailored interventions for vulnerable groups. Our goal was to offer comprehensive healing opportunities and psychosocial support to earthquake survivors.

**Total Beneficiaries: 133,470 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$694,920**

**In partnership with:** Maya Vakfı (MAYA) - Maya Foundation, Türk Psikologlar Derneği (TPD) - Turkish Psychological Association, Nirengi Derneği - Nirengi Association, Türkiye Psikiyatri Derneği (TPD) - Psychiatric Association of Türkiye, Genç Hayat Vakfı - Young Lives Foundation, Sosyal Politika, Cinsiyet Kimliği ve Cinsel Yönelim Çalışmaları Derneği (SPoD) - Social Policy, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies Association, The Smile & Olive Foundation (Basmeh Zeitooneh), Değişim Liderleri Derneği (DLD) - Change Leaders Association

## HEALTH SERVICES



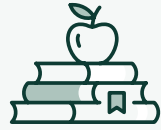
TPF targeted urgent health services and first-aid psychosocial support to survivors, focusing on immediate medical needs and long-term treatment plans. From medical care to psychosocial support, TPF funded initiatives that addressed critical health needs, supporting vulnerable populations such as children, cancer patients, and individuals with disabilities. By supporting projects that addressed critical gaps in healthcare infrastructure, our goal was to ensure that survivors had access to essential health services and resources necessary for recovery.

**Total Beneficiaries: 108,443 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$655,161**

**In Partnership with:** SMA Hastalığı ile Mücadele Derneği - Association of Combating SMA Disease, Lösemili Çocuklar Vakfı (LÖSEV) - The Foundation for Children with Leukemia, Türk Kanser Derneği (TKD) - Turkish Cancer Association, Türkiye Aile Sağlığı ve Planlaması Vakfı (TAPV) - Turkish Family Health and Planning Foundation, Türkiye Otizm Erken Tanı ve Eğitim Vakfı (TOHUM) - Tohum Autism Foundation, Hayvanlara Adalet Derneği - Justice for Animals Association, Füsün Sayek Sağlık ve Eğitim Geliştirme Derneği - Füsün Sayek Association for the Development of Health and Education, Kanserli Çocuklara Umut Vakfı (KAÇUV) - Hope Foundation for Children with Cancer, UNICEF USA, Sivil Toplum için Destek Vakfı (STDV) - Support Foundation for Civil Society, Çukurova Üniversitesi Vakfı - Çukurova University Foundation

## EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT



TPF prioritized educational continuity and resilience in earthquake-affected regions, ensuring children and young adults could continue their education while addressing the unique challenges posed by the disaster. By supporting schools, scholarships, and tailored educational programs, TPF's response bridged critical gaps in access to education and fostered a sense of stability and hope for the future. Our goal was to pave the way for a brighter, more stable future for earthquake survivors by rebuilding infrastructure, supporting students and educators, and fostering innovation.

**Total Beneficiaries: 202,863 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$3,527,745**

In Partnership with: AHBAP Derneği - AHBAP Association, Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (ÇYDD) - Association for Support of Contemporary Living, PAYDA Derneği - PAYDA Association, Kadın Hekimler Eğitim Destek Vakfı (KAHEV) - Turkish Female Physicians' Education Support Foundation, Tüvana Okuma İstekli Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı (TOÇEV) - Tuvana Foundation for the Education of Motivated Children, Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TEGV) - Educational Volunteers Foundation, Lokman Hekim Sağlık Vakfı - Lokman Hekim Health Foundation, Türk Eğitim Vakfı (TEV) - Turkish Educational Foundation, Askıda Ne Var Derneği - Askıda Ne Var Association, Bornova Anadolu Lisesi Eğitim Vakfı, Bornova Anatolian High School Foundation (BALEV), Çocuklar Gülsün Diye Derneği - Cocuklar Gulsun Diye Association, Öğretmen Akademisi Vakfı (ÖRAV) - Teachers Academy Foundation, Robert Koleji - Robert College, Hayata Destek Derneği - Support to Life, Okul Destek Derneği (ODD), School Support Association, Young Guru Academy (YGA) - Young Guru Academy, Ali İsmail Korkmaz Vakfı (ALİKEV) - Ali Ismail Korkmaz Foundation, Füsün Sayek Sağlık ve Eğitim Geliştirme Derneği - Füsün Sayek Association for the Development of Health and Education, Toplumsal Fayda Derneği - Societal Impact Association, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Mezunlar Derneği (BÜMED) - Alumni Association of Boğaziçi University, Darüşşafaka Cemiyeti - Darüşşafaka Society, Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfı (SEV) - Health and Education Foundation, AKUT Vakfı (AKUT) - Search and Rescue Foundation, İhtiyaç Haritası (İH) - Needs Map Cooperative, Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TOG) - Community Volunteers Foundation, İlköğretim Okullarına Yardım Vakfı (İLKYAR) -Educational Funds for Elementary School, Köy Okulları Değişim Ağı (KODA) - Rural Education Research & Development Center

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



TPF focused on fostering economic recovery and supported specific, promising initiatives to create jobs, revitalize local businesses, promote entrepreneurship, develop skills, and empower individuals in earthquake-affected communities. Our goal was to help our communities regain stability and resilience post-earthquake for a sustainable future.

**Total Beneficiaries: 7,582 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$504,825**

In Partnership with: Kalkınma için İnovasyon Derneği - Innovation for Development (I4D), Unvansız Gönüllüler Derneği - Unvansız Gönüllüler Association, Baksı Kültür Sanat Vakfı - Baksı Culture and Arts Foundation, Buradayız Hatay Derneği - Buradayız Hatay Association, Türkiye Kadın Girişimciler Derneği (KAGİDER) - Women Entrepreneurs Association of Türkiye, Anne Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı (AÇEV) - Mother Child Education Foundation, Maya Vakfı (MAYA) - Maya Foundation, İhtiyaç Haritası (İH) - Needs Map Cooperative

## SAFE SPACES FOR CHILDREN



TPF created transformative safe spaces for children in earthquake-affected regions, ensuring secure environments where they could learn, play, and recover from trauma. These initiatives fostered emotional healing, social integration, and personal development, addressing the diverse needs of children through a broad and innovative range of programs — from Children's Community Centers providing psychological support and creative workshops to Basketball Villages offering shelter, hygiene facilities, and recreational spaces. Our goal with this diverse approach was to combine education, arts, sports, and therapy, empowering children to rebuild their lives and regain a sense of stability and connection.

**Total Beneficiaries: 115,924 individuals**

**Total Grant Amount: \$935,362**

In partnership with: Suna Kıraç Vakfı (Suna'nın Kızları) - Suna Kıraç Foundation, Anne Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı (AÇEV) - Mother Child Education Foundation, Buradayız Hatay Derneği - Buradayız Hatay Association, Türkiye Kadın Dernekleri Federasyonu (TKDF) - Federation of Women Associations of Türkiye, Basketbol için Destek ve Eğitim Vakfı (BİDEV) - Basketball Solidarity and Education Foundation, Korunmaya Muhtaç Çocuklar Vakfı (Koruncuk) - Turkish Foundation for Children in Need

of Protection, Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TEGV) - Educational Volunteers Foundation, Sinemasal Kültür Sanat Derneği - Sinemasal Arts Culture Association

## HUMANITARIAN CASH SUPPORT



TPF focused on empowering families in earthquake-affected areas through direct financial assistance, enabling them to meet their most urgent needs and regain stability. By addressing critical challenges such as housing, healthcare, education, and daily living expenses, our goal was to provide a lifeline to those impacted, fostering resilience and recovery in the hardest-hit communities.

**Total Beneficiaries: 6,198 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$560,633**

In Partnership with: Afgan Mülteciler Dayanışma ve Yardımlaşma Derneği (ARSA) - Afghan Refugees Solidarity Association, Antakya Medeniyetler Korosu Derneği - Antakya Choir Association, Türk Kanser Derneği (TKD) - Turkish Cancer Association, Yuva Derneği (YUVA) - Yuva Association, Türk Eğitim Derneği (TED) - Turkish Education Association, Bolu Bağışçılar Vakfı (BBV) - Bolu Community Foundation, Lösemili Çocuklar Vakfı (LÖSEV) - The Foundation for Children with Leukemia

## SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



TPF has been dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities, especially children who lost limbs due to the earthquake, by creating pathways for rehabilitation, adaptive technologies, and inclusive services. Our goal has been to address both the immediate and long-term needs of individuals with disabilities, enabling them to regain independence, rebuild their lives, and integrate into society.

**Total Beneficiaries: 6,628 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$697,492**

In Partnership with: Çukurova Üniversitesi Vakfı - Çukurova University Foundation, Türkiye Down Sendromu Derneği (Down Türkiye) - Türkiye Down Syndrome Association, Türkiye Spastik Çocuklar Vakfı - Cerebral Palsy Türkiye



## PHASE II

### LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

#### (DAY 90 TO YEAR 2) — LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR FUNCTIONAL, RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Following the initial emergency response, TPF recognized that recovery would be a long-term process requiring focus, adaptability, and disciplined strategy. Phase II marked a deliberate shift from broad emergency relief to a structured recovery framework grounded in data, local insight, and long-term impact.

Building on the first 90 days, TPF transitioned from emergency response across eleven impact areas to a focused recovery strategy. This process began with the identification of **seven priority areas**, informed by a rigorous needs assessment conducted with international experts and local partners. Severity of need, unmet gaps, feasibility of NGO implementation, and long-term recovery potential were analyzed to determine where sustained investment could make the greatest difference.

As conditions on the ground evolved, TPF refined its strategy further, ultimately concentrating resources into **four core areas: economic development, education, mental health, and support for people with disabilities**. These pillars were selected not only for their urgency, but for their ability to strengthen self-sufficiency, dignity, and resilience over time. Rather than focusing solely on restoring what was lost, Phase II centered on building systems capable of supporting communities well into the future.

This phase marked a clear strategic shift. Guided by continuous partner engagement and local leadership, TPF moved from immediate relief to **systems-oriented recovery**—supporting livelihoods, strengthening institutions, and investing in people as drivers of resilience. Each grant and partnership was designed to address ongoing humanitarian needs while reinforcing local capacity and social infrastructure. Through this community-driven model, Phase II laid the foundation for recovery defined not only by rebuilding, but by reimagining what sustainable, equitable recovery could look like.

### Strategic Goals

**Establish Sustainable Living Spaces:** Ensured habitability and well-being in newly established housing and community spaces, enabling displaced individuals and families to rebuild their lives in safe, stable environments.

**Revitalize Local Economies:** Catalyzed economic growth by supporting local businesses, job creation, and skill-building initiatives that empower individuals and strengthen communities.

**Foster Long-Term Resilience:** Strengthened community infrastructure and systems to withstand future challenges, promoting adaptability and sustainable development.

**Address Holistic Recovery Needs:** Supported mental health, education, and inclusive programs that provide equitable opportunities for all, particularly marginalized and vulnerable populations.

### Grantmaking Criteria

Grantmaking decisions during Phase II were guided by clear standards to ensure durable, equitable outcomes:

#### LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

Projects were required to demonstrate measurable benefits lasting at least two years to ensure sustainable impact.

#### TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Robust financial tracking, reporting, and decision-making processes were mandatory to ensure responsible use of funds.

#### LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

At least 50% of project staff had to be hired locally, and purchases prioritized local businesses to support economic recovery.

#### COLLABORATION

Preference was given to organizations working with local governments, NGOs, or community groups to avoid duplication of efforts and enhance impact.

#### CAPACITY AND EXPERIENCE

Grantees needed a proven track record in disaster recovery, a deep understanding of local contexts, and the ability to manage complex projects effectively.

#### PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Grantees were required to provide psychosocial support for staff and volunteers, reflecting a commitment to holistic and compassionate program implementation.

# Impact

During Phase II, TPF concentrated its investments across four strategic recovery pillars. The impact was measured by its ability to restore stability in disrupted communities. Across education, psychosocial care, and livelihoods, thousands gained renewed access to essential services. Investments reached the most vulnerable—particularly women, youth, and children—creating safe spaces for recovery, continued learning, and economic participation.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Supported job creation, particularly for women and youth, and revitalized local businesses.

**Total Beneficiaries: 6,822**

**Total Grant Amount: \$1,068,6022**

In Partnership with: İhtiyaç Haritası (İH) - Needs Map Cooperative, Mavi Kalem Derneği - Mavi Kalem, Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TOG) - Community Volunteers Foundation, Türkiye Ekonomi Politikaları Araştırma Vakfı (TEPAV) - The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Türkiye, Kirkayak Kültür Sanat ve Doğa Derneği - Kirkayak Culture, Arts and Nature Association



## EDUCATION AND SAFE SPACES

Created quality learning environments and supported youth, especially girls aged 14–18, to return to school.

**Total Beneficiaries: 74,953**

**Total Grant Amount: \$1,089,228**

In Partnership with: Değişim Liderleri Derneği (DLD) - Change Leaders Association, Young Guru Academy (YGA) - Young Guru Academy, Hayata Destek Derneği - Support to Life, Basketbol için Destek ve Eğitim Vakfı (BİDEV) - Basketball Solidarity and Education Foundation, Türk Eğitim Derneği (TED) - Turkish Education Association, Köy Okulları Değişim Ağı (KODA) - Rural Education Research & Development Center, Hatay Senfoni Orkestrası Kültür-Sanat Derneği (HSO) - Hatay Symphony Orchestra Culture and Art Association, Eşit Gelecek Derneği - Equal Future Association, Unvansız Gönüllüler Derneği - Unvansız Gönüllüler Association, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Mezunlar Derneği (BÜMED), Ele Ele Eğitim ve Kültür Derneği - El Ele Education and Culture Association, Konuşmamız Gerek Derneği - We Need to Talk Association, İNOGAR Kooperatifi - İNOGAR Cooperative



## PSYCHOSOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Offered counseling and emotional recovery services to help communities heal.

**Total Beneficiaries: 150,710**

**Total Grant Amount: \$1,190,927**

In Partnership with: Suna Kıraç Vakfı (Suna'nın Kızları) - Suna Kıraç Foundation, Kalkınma Atölyesi - Development Workshop Cooperative, Maya Vakfı (MAYA) - Maya Foundation, Talebeyiz Biz Derneği - Talebeyiz Biz Association, MEDAK Medikal Arama Kurtarma Derneği - Medical Search and Rescue Association, Kadın Merkezi Vakfı (KAMER) - KAMER Foundation



## SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Provided rehabilitation, adaptive technologies, and inclusive services for individuals with disabilities, including children who lost limbs.

**Total Beneficiaries: 1,528**

**Total Grant Amount: \$854,565**

In Partnership with: Çukurova Üniversitesi Vakfı - Çukurova University Foundation, Türkiye Down Sendromu Derneği (Down Türkiye) - Türkiye Down Syndrome Association



## PHASE III

### SUSTAINABLE RESILIENCE FOR LONG-TERM IMPACT (YEARS 2–3) — STRENGTHENING SYSTEMS FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY

Building on the progress of earlier phases, Phase III reflected Turkish Philanthropy Funds’ strategic shift toward advancing community well-being as the cornerstone of long-term recovery. At this stage, recovery was defined solely by restoring lives, relationships, and systems—creating the conditions for communities to thrive socially, economically, and emotionally.

This evolution was shaped by ongoing needs assessments, continuous engagement with local partners, and data-driven analysis of gaps across the region. As field priorities matured, TPF refined its strategy to focus not just on area-specific goals but on how all interventions contributed to the **overall well-being and resilience** of communities.

**“Well-being at the center”** served as the guiding principle for all grants and programming. Whether focused on youth, women, education, or economic recovery, each initiative was assessed through its potential to promote psychosocial health, inclusion, and self-reliance at the community level. This approach allowed for flexibility within partners’ areas of expertise while anchoring all efforts in a shared vision.

Phase III continued to prioritize four strategic areas—mental health support, economic development, education, and services for children with disabilities—but applied a more integrated, systems-oriented lens. In parallel, TPF expanded its investment in civil society strengthening, supporting grassroots and emerging organizations to lead locally rooted solutions. TPF also deepened collaboration with trusted national partners to scale proven recovery models, extending reach while maintaining local relevance.

By aligning funding strategies with the long-term well-being of communities, Phase III laid the foundation for sustainable resilience, where recovery was not only about restoring what was lost, but about reimagining and rebuilding stronger, more connected, and more equitable futures.

#### Strategic Goals

**Greater Flexibility and Better Alignment with Partner Capacity:** Recognizing that each partner organization had unique capabilities and rebuilding plans, Phase III introduced a flexible grant structure. By offering a range of grant sizes, partners were able to apply for funding tailored to their specific needs, ensuring the efficient and impactful use of resources. This flexibility allowed organizations to scale their efforts according to their capacity, maximizing their effectiveness in addressing long-term recovery goals.

**Structured Grant Rounds for Improved Decision-Making:** To streamline the grantmaking process, Phase III implemented structured grant rounds. These rounds simplified planning for both TPF and its partners by establishing predictable application and decision timelines. Reviewing grants in batches facilitated faster and more transparent decision-making, allowing for timely disbursement of funds to projects aligned with TPF’s rebuilding priorities.

**Focused Rebuilding Efforts:** Phase III prioritized clarity and alignment by centering all grants around rebuilding efforts. This ensured that resources were directed toward initiatives addressing long-term recovery needs, reducing overlap between short-term relief and development work. By concentrating on rebuilding, TPF ensured that every project contributed meaningfully to the restoration and growth of the affected regions.

**Strengthening Community Resilience:** Phase III integrated initiatives that not only rebuilt infrastructure but also enhanced community capacity to respond to future challenges. This included investments in disaster preparedness, skills training, and community-led programs that promoted adaptability, self-reliance, and collective growth.

# Grantmaking Criteria

In Phase III, TPF funded initiatives that advanced long-term recovery while fostering resilience, community well-being, and self-reliance. All supported projects reflected the following principles:

**STRATEGIC REBUILDING FOCUS**  
Alignment with TPF’s four priority areas—mental health, education, economic development, and support for children with disabilities.

**EQUITY AND INCLUSION**  
Applied an equity lens to reach underserved populations, including women, youth, and individuals with disabilities.

**TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**  
Maintained strong monitoring, reporting, and communication practices.

**INNOVATION AND SCALABILITY**  
Prioritized approaches that introduced creative, scalable solutions to complex recovery challenges, with potential for replication in other regions or contexts.

**SUSTAINABILITY AND LOCAL OWNERSHIP**  
Demonstrated long-term impact beyond the grant period and strengthened local capacity.

**COLLABORATION AND INTEGRATION**  
Encouraged cross-sector collaboration and integrated approaches (e.g., linking economic recovery with mental health or education).



# Impact

TPF’s Phase III grants were designed with community well-being as a cross-cutting outcome. Each strategic area contributed to this overarching goal through targeted, measurable results—strengthening systems, reinforcing local leadership, and supporting communities to move from recovery toward long-term resilience.



## PHASE III IMPACT



### EDUCATION AND SAFE SPACES

TPF strengthened education systems by investing in safe, inclusive, and sustainable learning environments—including schools, mobile units, and youth centers. Phase III focused on educational continuity, local ownership, and trauma-informed approaches to foster long-term resilience and community well-being.

#### IMPACT OVERVIEW

**Total Beneficiaries: 47,900 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$608,205**

**In Partnership with:** Buradayız Hatay Derneği - Buradayız Hatay Association, Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TEGV) - Educational Volunteers Foundation, Yeni Arayışlar Girişimi Platformu Derneği (YAPDER) – New Pursuits Initiative Platform Association, Samandağ Spor Kulübü - Samandag Sports Club, Öğretmen Ağı - Teachers Network, Dayanışma İnsanları Derneği - People of Solidarity Association, Şehir Dedektifi Kent, Çevre ve Sanat Derneği – City Detective: City, Environment and Art Association



# A COMMUNITY STRONGER AND MORE RESILIENT THAN BUILDINGS

## KEY INSIGHTS

- **Children are central to community recovery.** Supporting psychosocial well-being early helps mitigate long-term impacts of disaster on development and mental health.
- **Inclusive sports create safe pathways to healing.** Play, teamwork, and peer connection foster confidence, belonging, and emotional recovery—especially for girls and children with special needs.
- **Community-led models build trust and scale.** Local volunteers, child-led committees, and family participation ensure programs are responsive, protective, and sustainable.
- **Cross-sector collaboration strengthens outcomes.** Partnerships in education and health expand impact beyond the playing field.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

In post-earthquake Hatay, children continue to carry the emotional weight of loss and disruption. By reaching over 1,500 children through inclusive, community-based sports and psychosocial programming, this project creates safe spaces where healing, protection, and social inclusion can take root. Grounded in local leadership and family engagement, it demonstrates how play and connection can become powerful tools for resilience, helping children regain confidence, build relationships, and move forward with hope.

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	SAMANDAĞ SPOR KULÜBÜ - SAMANDAG SPORTS CLUB
Project Details	The project supports over 1,500 children in post-earthquake Hatay, particularly girls and children with special needs through inclusive sports, psychosocial activities, and community-based engagement. Delivered by local volunteers, it combines child-led committees, family-focused programming, and partnerships for education and health to foster safe spaces and long-term social inclusion.
Project Objective	To promote the psychosocial well-being, protection, and inclusion of children in Hatay by combining sports, peer engagement, and family participation within a community-based resilience model.
Grant Amount	\$35,000

On a late afternoon in Samandağ, the sound arrives before the sight. You hear laughter, shouts, the thud of a ball against the ground. For a moment, it feels like any other day. Then you remember what this place has been through.

Samandağ, one of Hatay’s hardest-hit districts, carries deep scars from the earthquakes on its streets, its homes, and in the hearts of its people. For weeks after the disaster, silence and uncertainty filled the air. But today, on a small soccer field, something else has taken root.

Ten-year-old Ali tightens the laces on his cleats before running onto the field. He rarely spoke in the months after the earthquake. Now, he calls out to his teammates, reminding them to spread out, to pass, to keep going. Nearby, Elif, playing for the first time on a team, beams as her teammates cheer when she touches the ball. For her, the field is where fear loosens its grip and joy finds its way back.

This 1,125 m<sup>2</sup> stretch of green has become much more than a playing field. It is where children, among the most vulnerable after the disaster, learn again how to trust, to belong, and to dream. They come here after school to move their bodies, to make friends, to support one another, and to heal in ways words often cannot. On that field, they don’t just chase the soccer ball; they chase their dreams of feeling whole again.



None of this required grand structures or complex systems. It began with a ball, a group of committed volunteers from Samandağ Sports Academy, and the belief that children deserve space to be children again. With the support of donors to the TPF Earthquake Fund, the Academy runs an afterschool soccer program that offers safety, consistency, and joy, week after week, child by child.

On this field, every pass builds confidence. Every goal brings laughter. Every cheer is a reminder that recovery is not only about rebuilding what was lost, but about nurturing what remains strong.

And when the children pull on their white and blue jerseys, proudly bearing the TPF logo, they carry with them a message of gratitude to you, and to everyone who stood with Samandağ when it mattered most.

Let’s go, Samandağ Spor.



# A PLACE WHERE TEACHERS COME BACK TO THEMSELVES

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Teacher well-being is foundational to recovery.** Supporting educators’ mental health and professional capacity directly impacts students, schools, and community stability.
- **Safe spaces enable sustained resilience.** Dedicated hubs for psychosocial care and peer connection help teachers process trauma while preventing burnout and isolation.
- **Professional growth strengthens education quality.** Expert-led training and structured programs such as Critical Thinking and Creative Problem-Solving equip teachers to adapt instruction in post-disaster contexts.
- **Local leadership multiplies impact.** Change Ambassadors extend support beyond the hub, fostering peer learning and community cohesion across Hatay.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

Teachers are not only educators but they are anchors of stability in times of crisis. In earthquake-affected Hatay, sustained support for teachers ensures that recovery reaches classrooms and communities alike. By combining psychosocial care with professional development and peer leadership, this project strengthens instructional quality, nurtures resilience, and helps rebuild a sense of continuity and trust, creating ripple effects that benefit students, families, and the wider community for years to come.

It is 10:02 p.m. on a Thursday in Hatay. The day has been long, tomorrow will come quickly, and yet the lights are still on in one corner of the city. Inside the Teacher’s Network Hub, voices overlap: quiet laughter, thoughtful pauses, shared stories. Teachers arrive one by one from the city center and surrounding villages, carrying the weight of their classrooms and the lives behind them.

Hülya, a physical education teacher, comes here to grow, both as an educator and as a parent. Özge, a school counselor, makes the long journey from the outskirts of Hatay because, as she says, this place gives her life meaning. Mine, also a counselor, comes simply to breathe and to gather herself before carrying what she learns back to her students. Kamil, an English teacher who relocated from Ankara after the earthquake, returns again and again because here, he feels he belongs.

At the heart of it all is Cem Ali. For the past two years, he has been here nearly every day. He is listening, guiding, turning ideas into action, and holding the space together. He prepares workshops, supports educators across Hatay and neighboring towns, and quietly makes sure that every detail is in place so teachers can focus on what matters most: each other and their students.

The Teacher’s Network Hub opened in Hatay two years ago as a cohort of Sabancı University, at a moment when educators needed more than professional development. They needed connection, purpose, and hope. Thanks to the generosity of donors to the TPF Earthquake Fund, this place will continue welcoming teachers for another 18 months, offering them not just programs, but community.

Because when teachers are supported, they don’t just return to their classrooms stronger. They carry that strength forward, touching countless lives in ways that continue long after the lights go out at 10:02 p.m

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	ÖĞRETMEN AĞI - TEACHERS NETWORK
Project Details	This project sustains and expands a dedicated support hub for teachers in Hatay affected by the February 2023 earthquakes. Building on the existing Teachers’ Solidarity Space—described by educators as a “sanctuary”—it offers psychosocial care, peer collaboration, and professional development in a safe and inclusive environment. Through a combination of expert-led trainings, structured programs like Critical Thinking and Creative Problem-Solving, and a network of locally mobilized Change Ambassadors, the initiative strengthens teacher resilience, enhances instructional quality, and fosters community cohesion in the post-disaster recovery process.
Project Objective	To strengthen the long-term resilience of teachers in Hatay by providing sustained psychosocial support, peer learning, and professional development, thereby promoting quality education and community recovery in the aftermath of the 2023 earthquakes.
Grant Amount	\$124,700





# A DIGITAL DOORWAY TO THE WORLD: SONGÜL’S STORY FROM HATAY

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Teachers are first responders in recovery.** In rural and disaster-affected settings, teachers are not only educators but also anchors of emotional stability for children and families. Supporting teachers multiplies impact far beyond the classroom.
- **Peer mentorship reduces isolation.** Regular mentor–mentee relationships and group sessions significantly reduced professional and emotional isolation among rural teachers, fostering confidence, innovation, and shared problem-solving.
- **Train-the-trainer models build sustainability.** Investing in master mentors and SEL trainers created local capacity, allowing the program to scale while remaining rooted in local realities.
- **Digital tools expand possibility, not replace presence.** Online training, Zoom-based mentoring, and WhatsApp groups enabled continuity, connection, and access—especially in regions still facing infrastructure disruptions.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

In post-disaster contexts, recovery is not only about rebuilding schools—it is about rebuilding the people inside them. This project demonstrates that long-term educational recovery depends on sustained investment in teachers’ emotional well-being, professional growth, and sense of community. By equipping educators with psychosocial tools, mentorship, and peer networks, the program transforms schools into spaces of healing, connection, and hope—ensuring that learning continues even amid uncertainty, and that recovery is carried forward by those who remain when emergency aid fades.

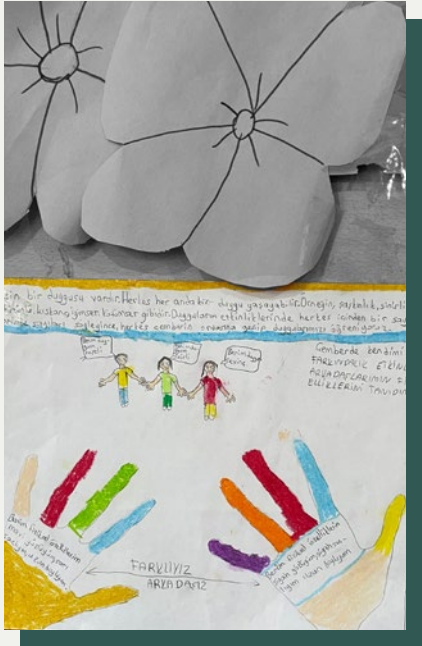
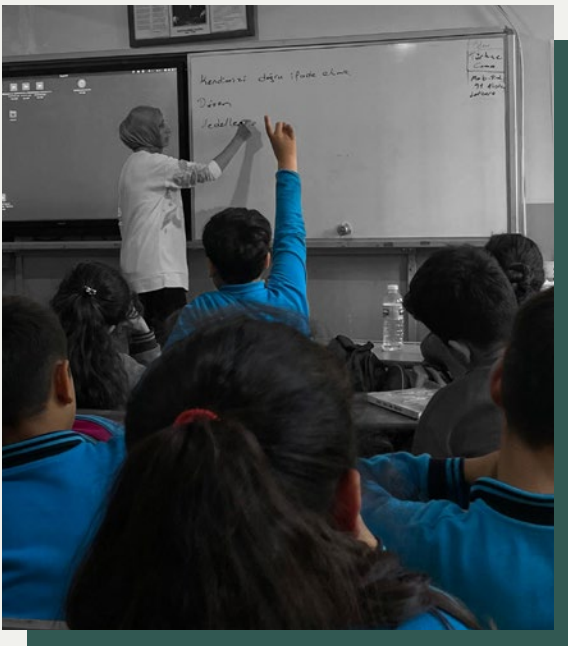
GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	KÖY OKULLARI DEĞİŞİM AĞI (KODA) - RURAL EDUCATION RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Project Details	The project supports the Post-Disaster Rural Education Support Programme, designed to respond to the deep and long-term educational challenges faced by rural communities after the February 2023 earthquakes. Implemented over two years, the program focuses on strengthening rural education systems by investing in teachers as agents of recovery. Through a structured mentorship model, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) training, and peer-based support, the program reaches thousands of children and parents indirectly by empowering educators working in some of the most affected regions.
Project Objective	The project aims to strengthen the resilience, skills, and well-being of rural teachers in earthquake-affected areas so they can better support students, families, and communities. By building a sustainable mentorship and SEL training ecosystem—including mentor teachers, master mentors, and trainers—the program seeks to ensure long-term impact beyond immediate recovery, embedding psychosocial support and inclusive pedagogy into everyday teaching practice.
Grant Amount	\$549,719

When the earthquake struck her hometown of Altınözü, Hatay, Songül—a dedicated 44-year-old primary school teacher—was among the millions whose lives were shaken to their core. Despite the destruction around her, she chose to stay. “My students needed me,” she says simply. In the midst of crumbled buildings and constant power outages, she found a way to keep teaching, keep dreaming, and keep rebuilding.

It was through the TPF-supported program and her participation in the Post-Disaster Rural Educational Support Project with KODA that Songül found not only encouragement but direction. The mentorship and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) support she received gave her tools to heal herself and better support her students. But it was a simple field visit that revealed just how powerfully Songül had taken this support to heart.

When a KODA mentor visited her classroom to observe SEL practices, one thing stood out: Songül’s remarkable use of digital tools. In a village where technology often lags behind, she has turned Zoom and social media into lifelines, not just for her own communication, but for her entire community. After meeting a fellow educator at a summer training camp who happened to be a published writer, Songül decided to bring her classroom and this new friend together.

She organized a virtual meet-up between her fourth-grade students and the author, introducing children in rural Hatay to the idea that stories could come to



life, that writers were real people, and that they, too, could dream beyond their surroundings. But first, there was work to be done. Songül taught her students, and their families, how to download Zoom, open a meeting link, and join an online event. For many parents, it was the first time they’d used a digital platform. What started as a one-time conversation soon turned into a gateway: Songül began inviting professionals from various fields to meet her students online—engineers, artists, educators. Suddenly, her classroom in a disaster-struck village became a portal to the wider world.

Meanwhile, she used the school’s social media account (@kocoren\_naciyetinaztepe) to document and share these activities. Local families followed along. Some were already parents of her students. Others were simply curious about the school’s future—and this window into daily life became a bridge. In a region still healing from unimaginable loss, Songül was planting seeds of connection, participation, and pride.

“People talk a lot about what’s missing here,” she says. “But we’re building something new—even if it’s just through a screen.”

Each virtual meeting becomes a doorway to possibility—a spark of hope, a step toward new dreams, and the quiet beginning of new lives.

Today, Songül continues to use digital tools and SEL practices daily. Her efforts are a testament to what’s possible when local educators are empowered not only with resources, but with trust and belief. Thanks to the support of our TPF community and partners like KODA, Songül is helping her students see a future beyond the earthquake, and reminding us all that resilience can look like a Zoom call, a story, or a classroom full of hope.

## PHASE III IMPACT



### PSYCHOSOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

TPF supported long-term healing through trauma-informed mental health services, arts-based programs, and community centers—strengthening emotional resilience across affected regions.

#### IMPACT OVERVIEW

**Total Beneficiaries: 9,580 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$276,315**

**In partnership with:** Yüksek Öğretimde Rehberliği Tanıtma ve Rehber Yetiştirme Vakfı (YÖRET) - Foundation of The Societal Development and Education, Sulukule Gönüllüleri Derneği – Sulukule Volunteers Association, Dünya İnsani Dayanışma Derneği (WHR) - World Human Relief, Sivil Toplum için Destek Vakfı (STDV) - Support Foundation for Civil Society





# HEALING THE HIDDEN WOUNDS: LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS IN HATAY

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Trauma is a long-term consequence of disaster.** Years after the earthquakes, psychological distress continues to affect daily life, particularly for women, children, and marginalized groups.
- **Access determines recovery.** Free, locally delivered mental health services remove barriers for those most in need, ensuring support reaches vulnerable populations.
- **Consistency builds healing.** Trauma-informed therapy requires sustained engagement, trust, and continuity and not one-time interventions.
- **Community-based delivery strengthens resilience.** Locally rooted centers enable culturally responsive care while creating models that can be scaled responsibly.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

Physical reconstruction alone cannot heal the lasting impacts of disaster. By providing accessible, trauma-focused mental health services to over 250 survivors in Hatay, this project addresses the invisible wounds that persist long after emergency aid ends. Through consistent, locally delivered care, it strengthens individual well-being while reinforcing the emotional resilience of the broader community, laying the groundwork for long-term recovery that is humane, inclusive, and sustainable.

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	DÜNYA İNSANI DAYANIŞMA DERNEĞİ (WHR) - WORLD HUMAN RELIEF
Project Details	The project provides trauma-focused mental health and psychosocial support in Hatay through free therapy and workshops, reaching over 250 earthquake survivors—including women, children, and marginalized groups—at WHR’s prefabricated center in Antakya.
Project Objective	To strengthen community resilience and emotional well-being in post-earthquake Hatay by offering structured, trauma-informed mental health services. The project aims to create a safe, accessible environment for individuals affected by the disaster—particularly those from vulnerable groups—while fostering long-term recovery through locally delivered, accountable, and scalable psychosocial support systems.
Grant Amount	\$149,040

“PTSD is like a box,” says Ezgi, a therapist at WHR’s Hatay Therapy Center. “Inside, there is anger, sleepless nights, a loss of motivation, and a sense of hopelessness. If it’s left alone, it can grow dangerous. If opened too quickly, it can do more harm than good.”

In the wake of the earthquakes, post-traumatic stress disorder became one of the most widespread, and least visible, consequences of the disaster. Long after the rubble was cleared, many in Hatay continued to carry trauma that could not be repaired easily.

Three years later, those invisible wounds remain. Families who lost their homes, children who witnessed destruction, and survivors who buried loved ones are still living with the psychological aftermath of sudden loss and prolonged uncertainty. For some, PTSD appears as recurring nightmares and withdrawal; for others, as anger, anxiety, or a deep sense of hopelessness.

Fatma and her eight-year-old son are one of the families receiving support at the center. He rarely speaks at home, haunted by memories of the quake. At the therapy center, he slowly learns to draw his feelings, to name them, and to find small moments of safety and joy again. Mustafa, a young man who lost his father in the earthquake, struggles with anger and insomnia. Over months of therapy, he begins to talk about his grief instead of shutting it away, finding ways to reconnect with his community.

These individual journeys reflect the deeper purpose of WHR’s long-term project in Hatay, supported by TPF. The program provides consistent, trauma-informed therapy to children, adolescents, and adults affected by the earthquakes, recognizing PTSD as a long-term consequence that requires sustained care. Located between two container cities, the center offers weekly sessions and works closely with the local hospital to reach those most in need. Beyond clinical support, it strengthens community ties, helping residents rebuild not only their mental health, but also their sense of belonging.

Therapists like Ezgi see these stories every day. Trauma cannot be healed in a single session—it takes time, trust, and continuity. By staying in Hatay as long as the community needs them, they help residents reclaim hope, resilience, and the courage to rebuild their lives.

Healing in Hatay is ongoing—and profoundly human. Behind every therapy session is a story of survival, resilience, and the slow, steady journey toward reclaiming life after unimaginable loss.





# REFILLING THE BUCKETS

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Care providers need care.** The sustainability of psychosocial recovery depends on the well-being and resilience of those delivering frontline mental health support.
- **Capacity-building strengthens long-term impact.** Training, supervision, and peer learning improve the quality, consistency, and effectiveness of psychosocial services.
- **Burnout risks system collapse.** Supporting practitioners’ emotional resilience helps prevent fatigue and secondary trauma in prolonged recovery settings.
- **Investing in people multiplies reach.** Strengthening 30 providers enhances care for countless individuals and families across Hatay.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

In post-earthquake Hatay, the demand for psychosocial support continues to exceed available resources. By investing in the professional capacity and well-being of mental health practitioners, this project strengthens the backbone of the local support system. Ensuring that providers are trained, supported, and emotionally resilient enables sustained, high-quality care, transforming individual expertise into a durable, community-wide recovery asset.

For three years, psychosocial support providers in the earthquake region have carried others while setting themselves aside. They listened. They intervened. They showed up, often while living through loss themselves. Slowly, quietly, their own reserves ran dry.

“We are trying to help rebuild the city from its ashes,” one provider shared. “Here, for the first time, I felt that I also needed myself.”

The February 6 earthquakes placed an extraordinary and prolonged burden on social workers, counselors, and mental health practitioners in Hatay. Expected to respond immediately to children and families in crisis, many were simultaneously coping with their own trauma, displacement, and unstable living conditions. Crowded temporary shelters, economic pressure, fear of aftershocks, and rising domestic stress became part of daily life for both the people seeking help and those providing it.

“As survivors ourselves,” one practitioner reflected, “we provided services for a long time without listening to our own needs. This is not sustainable.”

“Sometimes I work so intensely that I realize I haven’t even met my basic needs—tea, food, rest,” another one said. “I need to create pauses for myself.”

As YÖRET listened closely to practitioners across Hatay, a clear pattern emerged. What they needed was not just more tools but space: space to pause, to reflect, and to be human again. The program was designed to provide exactly that: a long-term capacity-building program for 30 psychosocial support providers working in post-earthquake Hatay.

One of the first and most impactful activities was a residential workshop in Arsuz, designed specifically for long-time field workers. The location was intentional: no containers, no construction zones, no reminders of rubble—just the sea, open sky, and space to rest.

For many, it was the first time since the earthquake that they had slept through the night without interruption.

“We felt special,” one provider shared. “Being somewhere beautiful, away from the ruins, reminded us what life used to feel like.”

The days were gently structured—self-care workshops, body-awareness practices, and peer reflection sessions. Evenings brought simple comforts: shared meals, film nights, and long walks along the water. Some participants swam. Others just sat and watched the horizon shift.

“It wasn’t about escaping,” one practitioner said. “It was about breathing again.”

Beyond rest, the workshop created space for guided supervision where participants could discuss complex, emotionally demanding cases in a safe



and structured way. These sessions didn’t just offer professional guidance—they helped providers untangle emotional burdens they had carried alone for months. Peer learning and reflection reduced the quiet weight of isolation and reminded practitioners that their experiences—and their pain—were shared.

At the heart of the program was a renewed commitment to self-care. Through body-awareness exercises, group activities, and simple daily routines, participants were encouraged to reconnect with their own well-being—not as a luxury, but as a professional necessity.

In general, the program had both immediate and measurable impact. Providers reported increased confidence, improved coordination, and stronger ethical practice. They spoke about shifts in mindset and practice.

For many, the greatest change was internal.

“Knowing that others face similar cases helps shift from anger to empathy,” one participant said. “These trainings and supervisions help me both develop and feel better.”

Another reflected, “I have tried to attend every training and activity. This long-term program has greatly improved my confidence when working with children. I feel supported and no longer alone.”

The message was simple and urgent: care providers need care. Creating space for that care is a professional responsibility. As one practitioner reflected, “I understand now that caring for myself is not selfishness; it is responsibility.”

By refilling the buckets of those on the frontlines, this program strengthened the entire psychosocial support system in Hatay. It ensured that care could continue, not through burnout and sacrifice, but through resilience, professionalism, and shared responsibility.

**As TPF entered Phase III with a sharper focus on trauma-informed, community-driven recovery, this initiative offers a vital reminder: Healing doesn’t begin with the tools in your hand. It begins with the hands that hold them.**

And in a region where recovery depends on human connection as much as infrastructure, remembering the caregivers may be one of the most powerful forms of rebuilding.

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	YÜKSEK ÖĞRENİMDE REHBERLİĞİ TANITMA VE REHBER YETİŞTİRME VAKFI (YÖRET) - FOUNDATION OF THE SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION
Project Details	The project supports 30 psychosocial support providers in post-earthquake Hatay through training, supervision, and self-care activities to strengthen their capacity and well-being.
Project Objective	To enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of psychosocial services in post-earthquake Hatay by building the professional capacity, emotional resilience, and peer support networks of mental health practitioners. Through structured training, supervision, and self-care practices, the project aims to strengthen the well-being of support providers, ensuring they can deliver informed, compassionate, and long-term care to affected communities.
Grant Amount	\$73,081

## PHASE III IMPACT



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TPF promoted inclusive, long-term economic recovery by supporting women entrepreneurs, cooperatives, and young professionals. Programs focused on skills development, market access, and sustainable income generation to build local resilience and reduce economic vulnerability.

### IMPACT OVERVIEW

**Total Beneficiaries: 193,800 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$291,928**

**In Partnership with: Mavi Kalem Derneği – Mavi Kalem, Rimmen Kadın Kooperatifi – Rimmen Women’s Initiative Production and Business Cooperative, Bilim ve Teknolojide Kadın Derneği (SistersLab) – Association of Women in Science and Technology, Yuvam Dünya Derneği – Yuvam Dünya Association for Combating Climate Change**





# FIRST, WELL-BEING - AND THEN, CREATION

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Recovery is both emotional and economic.** Lasting recovery for earthquake-affected women and youth requires addressing trauma alongside pathways to income and self-reliance.
- **Nature-based healing accelerates resilience.** Integrating psychosocial support with nature-centered practices strengthens emotional regulation, focus, and confidence—critical foundations for entrepreneurship.
- **Green entrepreneurship creates a dual impact.** Eco-conscious business training enables participants to rebuild livelihoods while contributing to environmental sustainability.
- **Local, scalable models matter.** This integrated approach offers a replicable framework for community-driven recovery across multiple regions.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

Three years after the earthquakes, invisible wounds and economic uncertainty continue to shape daily life. By combining mental health support with green entrepreneurship training, this project moves beyond short-term relief—equipping women and youth with the resilience, skills, and agency needed to rebuild their lives and contribute to a more sustainable future. It demonstrates how recovery can be designed not just to restore what was lost, but to create stronger, more self-reliant communities rooted in both well-being and opportunity.

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	YUVAM DÜNYA DERNEĞİ – YUVAM DÜNYA ASSOCIATION FOR COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE
Project Details	The project supported women and youth in three earthquake-affected provinces by combining mental health support with green entrepreneurship training, aiming to strengthen emotional recovery and economic independence.
Project Objective	To foster holistic recovery for earthquake-affected women and youth by integrating psychosocial well-being with eco-conscious economic empowerment. The project seeks to cultivate emotional resilience and entrepreneurial capacity through nature-based healing practices and green business training—laying the foundation for sustainable, scalable recovery pathways rooted in environmental and community well-being.
Grant Amount	\$50,000

In the wake of disaster, recovery is rarely linear. In Hatay and neighboring regions, healing doesn’t begin with a business pitch—it starts with a breath. “I just want to feel something again,” said one participant. Another admitted: “It’s the first time I heard birdsong and didn’t feel guilty.” These were not business owners yet. They were people searching for grounding.

Through the Ecological and Psychosocial Resilience & Green Entrepreneurship Program, made possible by Yuvam Dünya Association with support from Turkish Philanthropy Funds, over 256 young people and women from Hatay, Adana, and Kahramanmaraş came together across two phases—first to reconnect with themselves, and then to take action on what they want to do.

In the early weeks, participants joined eight-week, psychologist-led sessions focused on breathwork, mindfulness, ecotherapy walks, and emotional awareness. Led by Feza, a psychologist, these guided gatherings became rare spaces of safety and softness, where strength was no longer defined as hardship, but as sharing. Through group work centered on psychological resilience, participants began to regulate stress, rebuild focus, and restore a sense of agency. Trust began to form. A sense of community emerged, laying the groundwork for the next phase: action.

But healing alone was not the end goal. Many participants, especially young women and university students, wanted more than emotional stability. They wanted to build something lasting.

That’s when the Green Entrepreneurship training phase began.

With a focus on regenerative thinking, circular economies, and nature-based innovation, the program helped participants explore what sustainable enterprise could look like in their own neighborhoods, under current conditions, using available resources. Through hands-on business canvas workshops in Hatay and Adana, participants broke down



their ideas, restructured them, and began testing their viability. Expert trainers and mentors offered one-on-one guidance to sharpen models, assess impact, and refine next steps.

By the end, 16 early-stage business ideas had emerged—and several participants left with more than just a concept. One discovered she could turn textile waste into new products. Another saw how small-scale agriculture might be transformed into a local solidarity network. Gökhan and Şahin, gastronomy students in Hatay, began rethinking their daily practices around water use and food systems, exploring how sustainability could shape their future professions. Their work connected local herbs like “zahter” to broader conversations about sustainable cuisine and resource management. Others explored small-scale initiatives rooted in local crafts, agriculture, or circular production models—showing how environmental awareness could evolve into entrepreneurial opportunity.

Dozens approached the program saying, “I actually have an idea,” and asked for mentorship. More importantly, many of them—perhaps for the first time—began to imagine themselves not as survivors, but as creators.

Today, the Ecological and Psychosocial Resilience & Green Entrepreneurship Program represents far more than its 256 participants. It holds stories of women who exchanged phone numbers, of mothers who couldn’t attend live sessions but watched the recordings while taking notes. It also carries the voices of young people—many encountering these ideas for the first time—who began to see themselves not only as survivors of crisis, but as active agents in rebuilding their communities.

Most importantly, it holds the quiet transformation of people who, across generations, began to imagine the future not with fear, but with possibility.

This project reminded everyone at Yuvam Dünya of a simple truth: Healing is not something handed down from above. Resilience isn’t built alone. And hope doesn’t come from grand declarations—it grows from small, honest, and shared steps forward.



# A STITCH IN TIME: GÜLBEDEN’S STORY

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Economic empowerment is emotional empowerment.** Women reported increased motivation, confidence, and pride as a result of being supported in their work—transforming not only their income, but their sense of self-worth and agency.
- **Solidarity networks multiply impact.** A WhatsApp group evolved into a genuine peer-support ecosystem where women share resources, advice, and emotional encouragement—showing that community is a vital tool for recovery.
- **Equipment is only part of the solution.** While in-kind support was crucial, women identified raw materials, sales platforms, and psychological well-being as equally important for sustaining their businesses and navigating daily stress.
- **Listening leads to better solutions.** Regular feedback loops through interviews, hotline calls, and meetings helped the project stay responsive to evolving needs—from pricing strategies to legal rights education.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

Women’s economic recovery is essential to long-term resilience in post-earthquake Hatay. By combining income generation with mentoring, peer connection, and psychosocial support, it enables women—both formal and informal entrepreneurs—to rebuild livelihoods with dignity and confidence. Supporting women as economic actors strengthens not only individual households, but the social and economic fabric of entire communities.

When Gülbeden began sewing decades ago, it wasn’t to build a business but to survive.

After losing her husband at a young age, she found herself the sole caregiver for two children and her aging mother. Tailoring was never a choice, but a necessity. Working from home on second-hand machines that constantly broke down, she patched together a life one stitch at a time.

“I never had a shop. I worked from home, with whatever old machine I could find,” she said. “Tailoring was how I kept my family afloat.”

Then came the earthquakes of February 6, 2023.

Gülbeden had to leave Hatay temporarily, but her responsibilities followed her—her children, her grandchildren, her mother. When she returned, nothing had changed except the ruins around her. Still, she persisted, trying to take in mending jobs with a machine that could stop working at any moment.

She had never received any support before. So when she applied to *From Crisis to Development: Women Reproduce*—the project run by *Mavi Kalem Association* with support from TPF and co-funded by the Center for Disaster Philanthropy—it felt more like a formality than a real hope.

“I didn’t believe I’d be selected. I had never received anything in my life,” she admitted. But Mavi Kalem believed in her.

When the team visited her and later told her she’d receive a new professional sewing machine, Gülbeden’s words were simple: “I had no future in mind. No hope. Now I do.”

Tears in her eyes, she inspected the machine the day it arrived and began sewing immediately. For the first time, she had the tools she needed to match her skills and determination.

With her new machine, Gülbeden set up a small container workshop and started accepting larger orders from local firms. The difference was immediate: faster production, steady income, and renewed dignity.

“I’ve stood on my own for 26 years. This is the first time someone reached out and helped me,” she said. “Now, I can dream again.”

But the project has never been just about machines.

Through this program, 330 women like Gülbeden received not only production tools but also something far more enduring: a community. From marketing webinars to peer mentoring, from one-on-one business support to WhatsApp solidarity networks where women share resources and encouragement—this project wove resilience from connection.

Gülbeden is now part of a growing network of women producers who check in with each other daily, exchange birthday greetings, celebrate each other’s products, and offer advice on everything from pricing to self-care. Women who had been isolated in the rubble of loss began finding strength in one another.

They also found a voice. In meetings and story-writing sessions, women spoke openly about the barriers they face—limited access to markets, psychological strain after the disaster, the lack of legal knowledge, and the exhaustion of caring for everyone but themselves.

And they began to name what they needed: sales spaces, continued mentorship, mental health support, and recognition—not just as producers, but as women rebuilding their lives with grit and grace.



In response, the project did more than deliver tools—it created platforms. Women met face-to-face, shared meals, exchanged dreams, and built something together: a solidarity economy rooted in empathy.

For Gülbeden, the machine was a turning point. But the deeper transformation came in feeling seen, supported, and no longer alone. As the region continues its long road to recovery, *From Crisis to Development: Women Reproduce* reminds us that development doesn’t begin with equipment or numbers. It begins with women like Gülbeden—whose stories, skills, and strength stitch the fabric of a more just and resilient future.

This initiative reflects a broader shift in post-disaster recovery: moving from urgent income generation toward long-term, community-rooted well-being. In today’s phase of response, economic support is not just about tools—it’s about trust, visibility, and lasting connection. By centering women not only as workers but as leaders, caregivers, and agents of change, this project helps weave a stronger, more resilient social fabric—one that grows from solidarity, and sustains entire communities.

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	MAVİ KALEM DERNEĞİ - MAVİ KALEM
Project Details	The project aims to economically empower 330 women in Hatay who were affected by the February 6, 2023 earthquakes. It supports women with and without formal commercial identities to start, sustain, or grow income-generating activities. Activities include in-kind financial support for 25 women entrepreneurs, a consultancy hotline for 200 women, one-on-one mentoring and capacity-building for 125 women, and the development of a solidarity network to enhance market access and visibility. The project takes a holistic approach by combining economic empowerment with peer connection, legal awareness, and psychosocial support to foster long-term resilience and recovery.
Project Objective	To strengthen the economic resilience of women affected by the 2023 earthquakes in Hatay by providing tailored support for entrepreneurship, increasing access to production tools and markets, and fostering a network of solidarity that promotes sustainable livelihoods and gender equality in post-disaster recovery.
Grant Amount	\$115,203

## PHASE III IMPACT



### SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

TPF advanced inclusive recovery by expanding access to rehabilitation, education, and livelihoods for individuals with disabilities. Programs focused on long-term empowerment through vocational training, psychosocial care, and community-based inclusion efforts.

#### IMPACT OVERVIEW

**Total Beneficiaries: 1,000 people**

**Total Grant Amount: \$51,374**

**In Partnership with: Erişilebilir ve Sürdürülebilir Yaşam Derneği (ESYAD) - Accessible and Sustainable Living Association**





# PAINTING. TEACHER. FRIEND. 1-HOUR BUS. I LOVE IT. BYE.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Disability inclusion is a systems challenge.** Access to services, livelihoods, and social participation requires coordinated action across psychosocial support, accessibility, and economic opportunity.
- **Economic empowerment strengthens dignity and agency.** Vocational training and micro-grants enable individuals with disabilities and caregivers to participate actively in local economies.
- **Local ownership drives sustainable change.** Engaging municipalities, service providers, and a Local Action Committee ensures solutions are community-led and enduring.
- **Rights-based advocacy reduces stigma.** Awareness and capacity-building efforts help shift perceptions while strengthening access to public services.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

In Samandağ, individuals with disabilities and their caregivers continue to face compounded barriers following the earthquakes from limited access to services to economic exclusion and social stigma. By combining psychosocial support, accessibility assessments, and livelihood opportunities, this project moves beyond isolated interventions toward inclusive, community-driven systems. Through local partnerships and shared accountability, it strengthens long-term inclusion, improves quality of life, and ensures that recovery is accessible, dignified, and sustainable for all.

**“Painting. Teacher. Friend. 1-hour bus. I love it. Bye.”**  
This is how Edip, a 20-year-old from Hatay, describes the rehabilitation center he attends every day. As a person with a 70% intellectual disability, his vocabulary is limited, yet Edip couldn’t be clearer about how much ESYAD’s rehabilitation center means to him—just like his smile when he talks about it.

It might take him an hour to get there, yet he is still excited every single day. That center offers him more than crayons and coloring pages. It is filled with caregivers who support him, applaud his efforts to express himself, and encourage him to socialize with his peers. Each session strengthens his independence, builds his confidence, and reminds him that he is seen, valued, and capable.

Edip’s mom first learned about ESYAD through a social media announcement—and she quickly discovered a safe haven for her son. The center is part of a larger project that provides psychosocial support, promotes inclusion, and empowers people with disabilities and their families, helping them rebuild confidence, skills, and opportunities for a better future.

In Edip’s simple, joyful words, the impact comes through loud and clear: a place where he belongs, grows, and thrives.



GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	ERİŞİLEBİLİR VE SÜRDÜRÜLEBİLİR YAŞAM DERNEĞİ (EŞYAD) - ACCESSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING ASSOCIATION
Project Details	This project combines psychosocial support, accessibility assessments, and economic empowerment activities such as vocational training and micro-grants. The initiative also engages local authorities and service providers through capacity-building workshops and fosters local ownership by establishing a Local Action Committee. With an emphasis on rights-based advocacy and reducing stigma, the project seeks to promote access to public services, strengthen community awareness, and build sustainable, inclusive systems that enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities and their caregivers in Samandağ, Hatay.
Project Objective	To enhance access to basic services, psychosocial support, and economic opportunities for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers in Samandağ, while fostering long-term inclusion through local partnerships, awareness campaigns, and the creation of sustainable community-driven support structures.
Grant Amount	\$51,374



## PHASE IV

### BUILDING FORWARD - SHAPING THE FUTURE BEYOND RECOVERY (YEAR 3 AND BEYOND — ADVANCING COMMUNITY WELL-BEING AND INCLUSIVE FUTURES)

Three years after the February 6 earthquakes, TPF entered a new phase of its long-term strategy—leveraging deep local partnerships, continuous field learning, and systems-level grantmaking experience to move beyond recovery toward a future-oriented approach focused on how communities can live well, not simply recover.

Phase IV is grounded in a clear understanding: recovery is not about returning to a previous state, but about restoring the rhythm of daily life in ways that are inclusive, safe, and sustainable. At this stage, the challenge is no longer the availability of emergency aid, but the quality of everyday life: how communities reconnect socially, rebuild trust, and create dignified economic pathways in the aftermath of a crisis.

This phase was shaped by extensive field monitoring, ongoing partner engagement, and analysis of multi-year project data and impact reports. As urgent needs eased, a consistent insight emerged: the deeper work of social healing, restoring routines, and rebuilding shared community life remained unfinished.

Building on the well-being-centered framework established in Phase III, Phase IV reflects how this approach has deepened and become embedded across TPF's partnerships and grantmaking. It integrates lessons on the interconnectedness of psychosocial support, education, economic opportunity, and community cohesion—recognizing that sustainable recovery must be locally defined and locally led.

Phase IV builds directly on the four strategic areas established in earlier phases—education and safe spaces, mental health, economic development, and support for children with disabilities—but approaches them through an integrated, well-being-centered lens. Rather than funding discrete sectoral interventions, TPF prioritizes initiatives that strengthen everyday life by connecting social recovery with inclusive economic opportunity. This approach reflects a shift from categorization to cohesion.

Phase IV focuses on **two interdependent pillars essential to long-term well-being:**

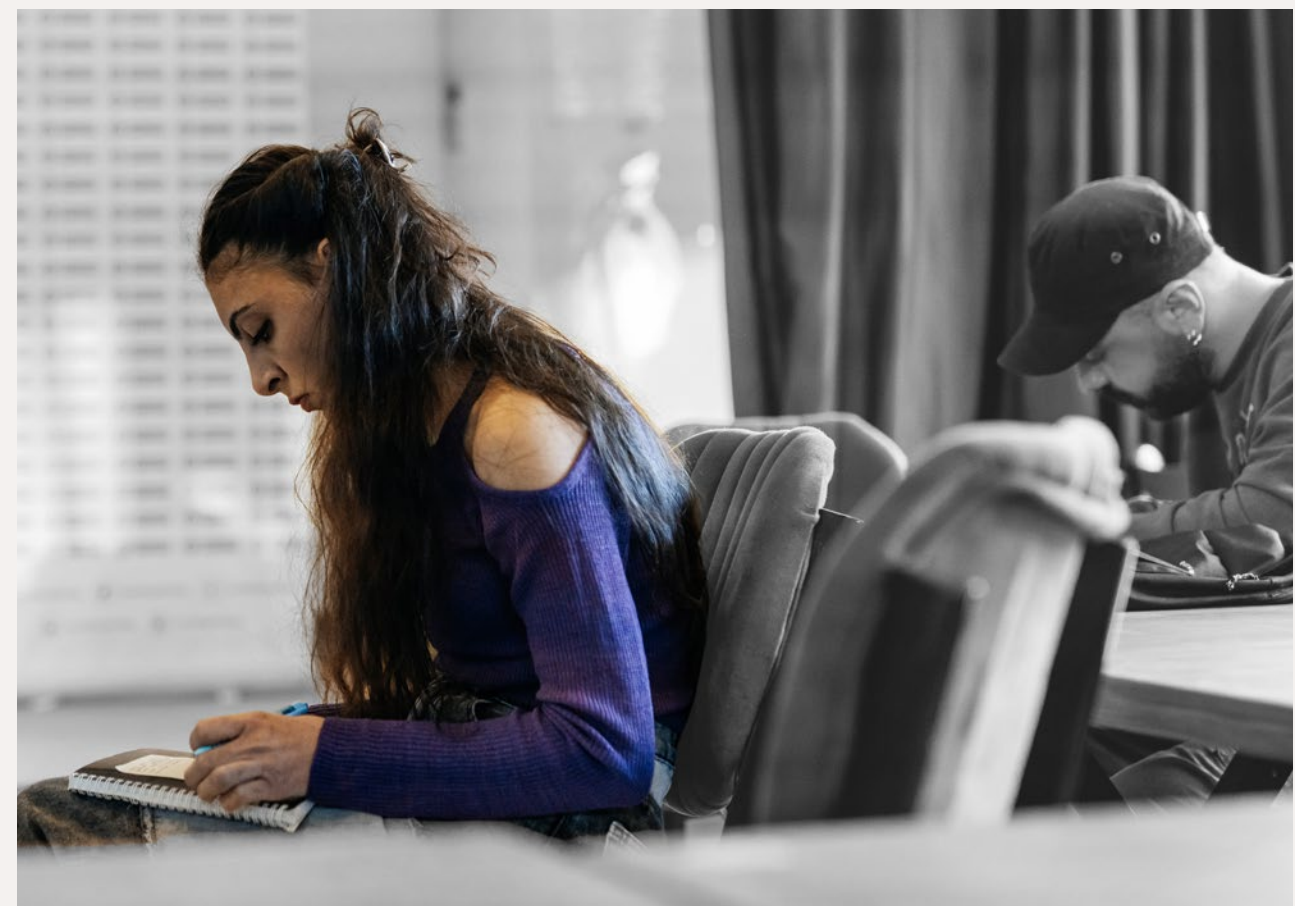
#### SOCIAL RECOVERY

Supporting emotional healing, social connection, and the reclamation of shared spaces that foster belonging and trust.

#### INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

Advancing livelihood opportunities that are accessible, dignified, and aligned with evolving local realities.

Whether through mental health initiatives, youth and women's employment pathways, or the transformation of community hubs into safe, functional gathering spaces, the goal is to rebuild lives with dignity, equity, and agency.



## Strategic Goals

Phase IV centers on restoring everyday life by advancing social and economic recovery within an integrated framework of community well-being and inclusion. TPF’s approach prioritizes locally led, sustainable solutions that strengthen connection, resilience, and opportunity.

**Integrate Social and Economic Recovery:** Promote holistic approaches that connect education, mental health, and livelihoods—ensuring recovery is both sustainable and centered on well-being.

**Promote Social Healing Through Art, Sports, and Community Rituals:** Fund inclusive arts, sports, and community-based activities that foster confidence, emotional expression, and a renewed sense of belonging—especially for children and youth.

**Expand Access to Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS):** Support long-term, structured MHPSS programs and community-based healing practices that are culturally grounded and accessible to all.

**Revitalize Community Life Through Shared Social Spaces:** Invest in safe, welcoming spaces—such as community centers, local markets, and gathering areas—that restore daily routines and strengthen social cohesion.

**Support Economic Recovery Through Local Hubs and Cooperatives:** Empower women’s cooperatives, youth networks, and professional communities (such as educators) to serve as engines of local recovery and inclusion.

**Advance Inclusive Livelihoods and Local Enterprises:** Strengthen small businesses, cooperatives, and disability-inclusive organizations to rebuild economic participation and long-term opportunity.

**Invest in Locally Led Recovery and Civil Society Capacity:** Equip local NGOs with the operational support, leadership development, and collaborative networks needed to sustain recovery and lead long-term transformation from within their communities.

## Grantmaking Criteria

Funding decisions in Phase IV reflect nearly three years of implementation experience and are grounded in the principles of building forward—community well-being, strengthened social infrastructure, local ownership, and sustainable systems.

### CLEAR CONTRIBUTION TO WELL-BEING

All proposed projects must directly support the psychosocial, social, or economic well-being of affected communities. Priority is given to initiatives that address unmet needs in emotional recovery, community participation, and social connection.

### COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY

All projects are expected to actively reduce barriers to participation—especially for women, youth, and people with disabilities—and to embed equity in both program design and delivery.

### HOLISTIC AND INTEGRATED APPROACHES

Projects that intentionally bridge multiple domains—such as education, mental health, and livelihoods—are prioritized for their long-term relevance and potential to create system-level impact.

### ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Applicants must demonstrate strong institutional capacity, including sound financial systems, effective program management, and a proven track record in community-based work.

### LOCALLY LED AND COMMUNITY-INFORMED DESIGN

Preference is given to organizations that are locally based or work in close collaboration with affected communities. Projects should demonstrate meaningful local participation in design, implementation, and evaluation.

### ALIGNMENT WITH FIELD EVIDENCE AND EVOLVING NEEDS

Proposals should reflect up-to-date field data, needs assessments, and partner feedback. Priority is given to initiatives that respond to local realities and are adaptable to changing conditions.

### SUSTAINABILITY BEYOND THE GRANT PERIOD

Successful proposals include clear strategies for sustaining impact beyond the funding period—whether through local ownership, partnerships, income generation, or integration into existing community systems.

### SCALABILITY AND LEARNING POTENTIAL

Projects that offer innovative and adaptable models—with potential for replication or knowledge-sharing—are viewed favorably. TPF values approaches that generate learning and contribute to broader, collective impact.



# A JOURNEY OF RECOVERY

BUILT TOGETHER, CARRIED FORWARD

The story of Turkish Philanthropy Funds’ response to the February 6 earthquakes is not one of a single moment, but of deliberate progression, shaped by learning, trust, and sustained commitment.

## PHASE I

Defined by urgency and responsibility. In the face of immediate devastation, TPF mobilized rapidly through trusted local partners, delivering life-saving support while upholding transparency, accountability, and dignity. Speed mattered but so did trust.

## PHASE II

Marked the transition from relief to recovery. Guided by data, field insight, and partner engagement, TPF narrowed its focus to the areas where sustained investment could rebuild lives and systems. This phase laid the foundations for resilience by strengthening education, livelihoods, mental health, and inclusion for people with disabilities.

## PHASE III

Deepened that work. Recovery became less about restoring what was lost and more about reinforcing what communities need to endure: well-being, social cohesion, and local capacity. Through integrated, systems-oriented grantmaking, TPF supported organizations not only to deliver programs, but to grow stronger as anchors of recovery.

## PHASE IV—BUILDING FORWARD

Reflects where this journey now leads. Recovery is no longer measured only by reconstruction, but by the quality of everyday life: the ability to learn, work, connect, and belong. With community well-being at the center, TPF’s approach continues to evolve: supporting locally led, inclusive pathways that enable communities to define and shape their own futures.

Across all phases, one principle has remained constant: recovery is most durable when it is rooted in local leadership, strengthened by trust-based partnerships, and guided by long-term vision. **TPF deliberately designed and coordinated a recovery ecosystem—aligning donors, local organizations, and community priorities into a coherent, long-term strategy that transformed generosity into sustained impact and crisis response into a shared journey toward resilience.**

This work is not finished. But it is firmly grounded. And together with partners, donors, and communities, TPF will continue to build forward, toward futures defined not by loss, but by possibility, dignity, and collective strength.

# IMPACT ACROSS 11 AREAS

THREE YEARS OF ACTION, LEARNING, AND FOCUSED PROGRESS



FOOD SECURITY  
& NUTRITION



SEARCH & RESCUE  
OPERATIONS



HUMANITARIAN  
CASH ASSISTANCE



EMERGENCY  
SHELTER & HOUSING



WASH



HEALTH  
SERVICES



SAFE SPACES  
FOR CHILDREN



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MENTAL HEALTH



SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE  
WITH DISABILITIES



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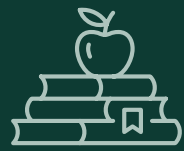
The impact presented in this section reflects the full scope of Turkish Philanthropy Funds’ earthquake response to date. In the earliest period following the disaster, addressing the complexity and scale of needs required action across **11 interconnected impact areas** from life-saving relief and shelter to health, education, livelihoods, and psychosocial support. This breadth was essential to stabilize communities, restore dignity, and prevent further harm.

As conditions evolved, TPF did not step back from this work but built on it. Continuous field visits, partner learning, and impact monitoring revealed where sustained investment could most effectively support long-term recovery and resilience. Over time, this learning informed a more focused strategy, converging around **four core areas** that now anchor TPF’s recovery approach. These areas did not replace earlier work; they emerged from it, strengthened by the foundations laid across the original 11.

The accomplishments highlighted here capture that progression. They reflect completed and ongoing grants (19) that addressed urgent needs when they were most acute, while also establishing systems, capacities, and relationships that continue to shape recovery today. Together, they demonstrate how an initial wide-ranging response evolved into deeper, more targeted impact that has been guided by local leadership, trust-based partnerships, and long-term vision.

The next stage of this journey, focused on strengthening everyday life, social connection, and inclusive opportunity, will build on these foundations. While that work lies ahead, the results presented in this section show what has already been achieved by listening, learning, and adapting at every stage of the recovery.





TOTAL GRANTS  
\$5,173,042

TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
SUPPORTED  
40

# EDUCATION AND SAFE SPACES

**From the earliest days of the disaster, education was one of the most urgent priorities.** In **Phase I**, TPF acted quickly to prevent long-term disruption to children’s learning and minimize school dropout risks. We delivered emergency school kits, provided scholarships, and supported the rapid establishment of safe learning spaces—including the construction of schools, container classrooms, and mobile education units.

In **Phase II**, as the emergency subsided, our strategy shifted to ensuring students catch up and stay engaged. In addition to maintaining access, we prioritized educational quality and digital inclusion—introducing programs in science, robotics, and digital literacy to ensure that children, especially girls, did not fall further behind. We also launched mentorship initiatives and summer school programs to support continuity and re-engagement in learning.

By **Phase III**, education became a platform for rebuilding not only knowledge but also emotional and social resilience. We introduced trauma-informed teacher training and expanded the use of mobile units to reach remote and rural areas. Education centers evolved into community hubs, integrating arts, sports, and psychosocial support. Our focus extended beyond academic recovery to fostering youth leadership, emotional healing, and long-term educational equity.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Rebuilding Schools and Infrastructure:** Supported the construction of schools, activity centers, and container-based learning hubs in partnership with local organizations. These facilities provided safe and accessible spaces for 5,680 students to resume their education.
- **Scholarships and Financial Aid:** Delivered immediate cash assistance and long-term scholarships to over 40,000 students.
- **Activity Centers and Mobile Units:** Established and operated after school centers and repaired mobile education units, benefiting 6,000 children annually with access to education, shelter, and psychosocial support.
- **Summer Programs:** Provided 20,000 students with tailored summer school programs and additional resources to make up for educational interruptions caused by the earthquake.
- **Innovative Science and Digital Literacy Programs:** Distributed science kits to 77,974 children across 150 schools and launched digital literacy programs to enhance learning opportunities and resilience.
- **Teacher Trainings:** Collaborated with organizations to provide trauma-sensitive training and mentoring programs for 4,440 teachers in affected regions, empowering educators to create supportive and effective learning environments.
- **School Kits and Early Childhood Support:** Delivered 2,000 school kits and hygiene bags to children in need as we introduced 1,452 early learners to developmental play and engagement with their caregivers.
- **Teacher Mentorship in Rural Areas:** Advanced rural education in Hatay and Adiyaman by training 60 mentor teachers, reaching over 15,000 children and parents, with a scalable plan for further expansion through master mentorship and SEL integration.
- **Cultural and Emotional Learning Through the Arts:** Empowered 50 youth in Hatay through music education, conservatory preparation, and music therapy to promote emotional healing and cultural revival.
- **Education Continuity and Basic Needs:** Distributed school materials and hygiene kits to 950 children across 7 provinces, reducing dropout risks and ensuring basic educational access and well-being.
- **Women and Children Learning Together:** Delivered robotics and coding training to women living in container cities, who then mentored children in weekly technology workshops—fostering intergenerational learning, confidence, and employability. The program reached 220 women and children, empowering women with nationally recognized certifications and inspiring children through hands-on STEM learning and mentorship.
- **Academic Mentorship for Teenage Girls:** Supported 200 girls aged 16–18 through a six-month program combining career guidance, psychosocial development, and academic mentorship in six earthquake-affected provinces.
- **Higher Education Access:** Provided scholarships and monthly stipends to 33 university students across 11 provinces, enabling their continued education and participation in academic life.
- **Mobile and Remote Learning Access:** Operated mobile education trucks reaching 800 children of agricultural worker families in Hatay and Adana, offering structured academic and emotional support in remote areas.
- **Sports and Educational Integration:** Reached 1,500 children—especially girls and children with disabilities—through sports, family activities, and child-led committees, while collaborating with local partners for holistic educational support.
- **Teacher Recovery and Peer Support:** Created a dedicated hub for 1,000 teachers in Hatay, combining psychosocial support, peer learning, and professional development, indirectly benefiting over 20,000 students.
- **Youth Learning and Civil Society Hubs:** Transformed post-earthquake youth centers in Hatay and Adiyaman into dynamic educational and civic spaces, serving over 2,750 youth through workshops, arts programs, and educational sessions.
- **Urban Learning and Child Participation:** Promoted spatial rights and participatory learning for 663 children through urban workshops and collaborative playground design in Adiyaman.

Organization	Activity	Location	Amount
AHBAP Association	The project supported the construction of a 12-classroom school in the earthquake-affected region to restore access to safe, quality education for children.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$200,000
Payda Association (PAYDA)	The grant supported PAYDA scholarship recipients and their families in the region. From the grant, 15 university students were transferred out of impacted cities, accommodations for 20 students, housing of a family who lost their homes for two months, and cash assistance to 243 students for five months.	Malatya, Mardin, Batman, Adana, Diyarbakır, Kahramanmaraş, Hatay	\$81,795
Turkish Female Physicians’ Education Support Foundation (KAHEV)	The grant provided scholarship support to 120 students who lost their families and homes.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$53,503
Association for Support of Contemporary Living (CYDD)	Provided immediate scholarship assistance to 1,000 students and their families.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$53,000
Tuvana Foundation for the Education of Motivated Children (TOÇEV)	The grant provided cash assistance, psychosocial support, monthly food, stationary school needs, and relocation support to families needing relocation for 12 months to 123 families with 343 children who lost their homes due to the earthquake.	Adana, Mersin, Adıyaman,Gaziantep	\$95,940
Turkish Educational Foundation (TEV)	The project provides scholarships to 1,000 college students studying and/or residing in earthquake-affected provinces, helping them continue their education and rebuild their future.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$39,190
Askıda Ne Var Association	One-year scholarship to 160 college students who lost their families and/or homes as a result of the earthquakes.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$96,000
Educational Volunteers Foundation (TEGV)	The project supported TEGV’s two Activity Centers and seven Firefly Mobile Education Trucks, enabling the provision of shelter, nutrition, hygiene kits, psychosocial support for children, and continued educational support to earthquake survivors.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$85,000
Educational Volunteers Foundation (TEGV)	The project supported the establishment of activity centers for children in container cities across the earthquake-affected region, providing safe spaces for learning, play, and psychosocial support.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$85,000
Lokman Hekim Health Foundation	Provided rental support and computers to 150 medical students from Hatay that had to migrate to Istanbul and Kocaeli.	İstanbul, Hatay, Kocaeli, Hatay	\$167,486
Support to Life	The project provided school and hygiene bags to 500 children in the earthquake region who are still in need ofschool supplies and hygiene items to keep them healthy. These bags will also be a great help to keep them motivatedand to keep them in school.	Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Batman, Mardin, Adana, İzmir	\$26,416
Bornova Anatolian High School Foundation (BALEV)	The project enabled the relocation of 150 students and their families from earthquake-impacted cities to Bornova, İzmir, covering school transportation, meals, and educational materials for the academic year.	İzmir	\$94,896
Tuvana Foundation for the Education of Motivated Children (TOÇEV)	The project involved the creation of a self-help book designed to support earthquake survivors in coping with trauma, and its distribution to organizations providing psychosocial support in the affected regions.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$20,250

Organization	Activity	Location	Amount
School Support Association (ODD)	The project supported over 5,000 students affected by the earthquake through a summer school catch-up program designed to address learning losses and support academic recovery.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$21,000
Askıda Ne Var Association	The project provided one-year scholarships to 165 college students who lost their families and/or homes due to the earthquakes, supporting their continued access to higher education.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$99,000
Teachers Academy Foundation (ÖRAV)	The project provided 2,000 teachers with educational and training materials and emergency kits which included hygiene materials, power banks, backpacks, hats, thermos, tea, coffee, etc.	Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Osmaniye, Adıyaman	\$104,462
Young Guru Academy (YGA)	Providing science kits to underprivileged schools for earthquake-impaired students. The Earthquake Region Science Movement aims to improve affected children’s competencies in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) while allowing them to develop projects independently. The project aspires to make kids feel safe and secure again, in control, and hopeful for the future. With this grant, the project will aim to reach 400 students per school and 150 schools in total.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$120,867
Ali Ismail Korkmaz Foundation (ALIKEV)	The project provided science kits to under-resourced schools in earthquake-affected areas as part of the Earthquake Region Science Movement, aiming to strengthen students’ STEAM skills, foster independent project development, and help children regain a sense of safety, control, and hope. With this grant, the initiative will reach 400 students in each of 150 schools.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$33,223
Çocuklar Gülsün Diye Association	he project supported the establishment of a preschool in one of the most underserved cities in the earthquake-affected region, aiming to provide early childhood education, stability, and a safe learning environment for young children and their families.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$76,150
Fusun Sayek Association for the Development of Health and Education	The grant supported establishing a resilient community center to support the crisis-stricken community in its recovery efforts.	Hatay	\$33,223
Darüşşafaka Society	The grant covered the annual education and training expenses of two students whose residence addresses are in the earthquake zone.	Istanbul	\$24,480
Societal Impact Association	The project provided 26 elementary and middle school students impacted by the earthquake with scholarships and tablets.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$14,337
Robert College	The grant covered two current students' education expenses from the earthquake region.	Istanbul	\$45,000
Societal Impact Association	The project provided 300 elementary and middle school students impacted by the earthquake with scholarships and tablets.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$165,459
Alumni Association of Boğaziçi University (BUMED)	The grant provided cash assistance to 100 students for ten months.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$50,000
Darussafaka Society	The grant covered the annual education and training expenses of a student whose residence addresses are in the earthquake zone.	Istanbul	\$5,850



Organization	Activity	Location	Amount
Darussafaka Society	The grant covered the annual education and training expenses of a student whose residence addresses are in the earthquake zone.	Istanbul	\$17,400
The Health and Education Foundation (SEV)	The project supported the implementation of a “Post-Disaster Teacher Support Program” for K-12 teachers and administrators in earthquake-affected provinces and nearby areas, focusing on creating trauma-sensitive learning environments and maintaining quality education, while also offering training and social activities to support teachers' well-being.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$54,576
Robert College	The grant provided furnishing and air conditioning for four classrooms in the earthquake-affected region, helping create a safe and comfortable learning environment for students.	Hatay	\$13,850
Search and Rescue Foundation (AKUT)	The grant supported the establishment of a container education site consisting of 8 classrooms, 2 toilet units, and 2 administrative containers to ensure continued learning in the earthquake-affected region.	Hatay	\$112,459
Needs Map Cooperative	The grant provided the needs for the construction and implementation of Community Centers in Hatay and Kahramanmaras. Community centers have been designed as areas where people come together produce in workshops, cook food, plant products, carry out educational activities, organize film screenings, concerts and talks and more, in other words, people can come together in one center in co-living spaces.	Hatay, Kahramanmaraş	\$122,534
Association for Support of Contemporary Living (CYDD)	The grant supported a minimum of 200 college students affected by the earthquakes with multi-year scholarships, laptops, internet access, and accommodation support throughout their university education.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$7,927
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Community Volunteers Foundation (TOG)	The grant supported 10 students affected from the earthquake with the scholarship program of TOG for 2 years.	İzmir	\$8,600
Turkish Educational Foundation (TEV)	The grant supported the Keep Them in School Scholarship Fund, providing financial assistance to 22 students from the earthquake-affected region to continue their education.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$17,400
Darussafaka Society	The grant will cover the annual boarding of 4 students affected by the earthquake.	Istanbul	\$13,329
Educational Volunteers Foundation (TEGV)	The Activity Center project is designed to provide educational support to children in economically disadvantaged areas, delivered by a team of professional coaches, administrators, and dedicated volunteers.	Gaziantep	\$86,000
Association for Support of Contemporary Living (CYDD)	The project supported a minimum of 200 female college students impacted by the earthquakes with multi-year scholarships, laptops, internet access, and accommodation support throughout their 4-year university education.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$500,000
Educational Funds for Elementary School (ILKYAR)	The project provided science workshops for children aged 10-14, fostering a love for science through fun and creative experiments in schools, tent cities, and container areas.	Hatay	\$47,440

Organization	Activity	Location	Amount
Rural Education Research & Development Center (KODA)	The project supported 70 early career teachers in earthquake-affected villages by providing one-on-one online mentoring from experienced teachers and foundational training in social and emotional learning, empowering parenting skills, and effective school-family interactions to help them better support their students and communities.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$99,998
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Association for Support of Contemporary Living (CYDD)	The grant provided scholarships to 48 students annually. 26 of them will be providedwith a laptop computer and 19 of them will be provided with social support.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$17,870
Turkish Educational Foundation (TEV)	The aim is to reestablish the high school that was destroyed by the earthquake in the region. TEV will use the funds to construct a 16-classroom high school in Adıyaman with a steel frame structure. The project includes the school building, a playing field, a basketball court, and a perimeter wall.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$297,759
Change Leaders Association (DLD)	The project developed a digital literacy and leadership module for young women (“Sparks”) in earthquake-affected regions. Designed in collaboration with digital education experts, the curriculum will cover AI adaptation, cybersecurity, professional digital identity building, and digital community leadership—equipping participants with essential skills for the contemporary digital world.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$49,800
INOGAR Cooperative	The "Hatay Youth Football Academy" project aims to use football to support children affected by the earthquake in Hatay, Turkey. It plans to identify and develop football talent among primary school-aged children, especially girls, to promote gender equality, social integration, and psychological well-being. Objectives include conducting talent screenings, providing comprehensive football training, supporting mental health, organizing inter-school tournaments, establishing permanent football teams within the Hatay Defne Sports Club framework, and fostering community engagement in children's sports. Activities will include talent identification, football training sessions, psychosocial support services, inter-school tournaments, and long-term integration of children into the sports club's activities.	Hatay	\$48,840
Young Guru Academy (YGA)	The project provided essential science education to children affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye by distributing science kits to 100 schools across 11 provinces. Reaching 40,000 children aged 9–13, it fosters curiosity and supports emotional recovery through hands-on, interactive learning in the aftermath of disaster.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$49,250
Support to Life (STL)	The project improved the physical and mental well-being of youth in Hatay through surfing, while also promoting economic revitalization by attracting surf-related tourism. By combining accessible mental health support with local economic development, the initiative fosters a sustainable and resilient post-disaster community.	Hatay	\$49,225
Basketball Solidarity and Education Foundation (BIDEV)	The project introduces basketball to children and youth in earthquake-affected and disadvantaged areas, using the healing power of sports to support personal growth and community well-being. It also strengthens the capacity of coaches and educators through training, promoting long-term social development through physical activity.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$47,203

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>Turkish Education Association (TED)</b>	The project ensured continued education for children who lost their parents in the February 6, 2023 earthquake in Kahramanmaraş. By providing financial, academic, and psychosocial support, it helps prevent school dropouts, improve academic success, and support students’ emotional well-being.	Hatay, Adana, Ankara, İstanbul, Kayseri, Şanlıurfa, Mersin, Malatya, Diyarbakır	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Rural Education Research &amp; Development Center (KODA)</b>	The project supported the Post-Disaster Rural Education Support Programme, enhancing educational resilience in earthquake-affected rural areas through teacher training, mentorship, and capacity-building—reaching 2,580 children, 5,160 parents, and 112 mentor teachers over two years.	Hatay, Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Adıyaman, Mardin, Adana, Kahramanmaraş, Batman, Diyarbakır	<b>\$549,719</b>
<b>Hatay Symphony Orchestra Culture and Art Association</b>	The project empowered 50 Fine Arts High School students and aspiring university candidates through comprehensive music education, conservatory preparation, and music therapy workshops. By supporting emotional healing and promoting Hatay’s cultural revival, it fosters inclusivity and invests in the region’s artistic future.	Hatay	<b>\$49,971</b>
<b>Support to Life (STL)</b>	The OKİ and HİJİ project supported 950 disaster-affected children with school supplies and hygiene kits, helping reduce dropout risks, strengthen ties to education, and meet essential needs for healthy development.	Hatay	<b>\$47,814</b>
<b>Unvansız Gönüllüler Association</b>	The project empowered earthquake-affected women and their children living in container cities through a 24-week tech-based program. Women receive six weeks of robotics and coding training from a Ministry-approved institution, earning nationally recognized certificates. Trained women then mentored children in hands-on coding workshops, with three employed as instructors for long-term sustainability.	Hatay	<b>\$50,570</b>
<b>Equal Future Association</b>	The “TogetHER We Are Strong” project empowered 200 girls (ages 16–18) from earthquake-affected regions, combining in-person workshops, career mentorship, psychosocial support, and online academic sessions.	Adıyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Osmaniye, Gaziantep, Malatya	<b>\$23,895</b>
<b>Alumni Association of Boğaziçi University (BUMED)</b>	The project supports 33 students affected by the 2023 earthquake with monthly financial aid, helping them overcome economic hardship and continue their education. It also fostered their participation in Boğaziçi University’s social and cultural life, reinforcing a sense of belonging and the university’s values of equality, freedom, and inclusivity.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	<b>\$20,806</b>
<b>Educational Volunteers Foundation (TEGV)</b>	The project provides mobile, inclusive education to 800 children aged 6–14 in earthquake-affected and socioeconomically disadvantaged areas, including those of seasonal agricultural workers. Through TEGV’s “Firefly” trucks, it delivers academic and social learning support in both formal and remote settings. By reducing educational inequality and promoting well-being, the project fosters long-term resilience and equal opportunities for children and their communities.	Hatay, Adana	<b>\$140,500</b>
<b>New Pursuits Initiative Platform Association (YAPDER)</b>	Hatay Surf Center ’25 uses surfing to support the emotional recovery and resilience of children and youth in earthquake-affected Hatay. The project engages 3,000+ children in surf events, with leadership and education programs for selected youth to build confidence, life skills, and future opportunities.	Hatay	<b>\$97,302</b>
<b>Buradayız Hatay Association</b>	The project transforms the Buradayız Hatay Center into a vibrant youth and community hub, supporting young people and residents with education, psychosocial support, arts, and small business development. Through volunteer-led activities and disaster resilience training, it promotes long-term recovery, social cohesion, and economic sustainability in post-earthquake Hatay.	Hatay	<b>\$108,223</b>

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>Samandag Sport Club</b>	The project supports children—especially girls and children with special needs—through inclusive sports, psychosocial support, family engagement, and child-led committees, while partnering with local groups to improve access to education, health, and social inclusion.	Hatay	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>Teachers Network</b>	The project aims to sustain and scale a support hub for teachers affected by the 2023 earthquakes in Hatay, offering psychosocial care, peer collaboration, and professional development in a safe, inclusive space. Through 120 events and two core trainings, it will reach 1,000 teachers and benefit 20,000+ students—advancing educational recovery and long-term resilience through local coordination and national partnerships	Hatay	<b>\$124,700</b>
<b>People of Solidarity Association</b>	The project transforms the People of Solidarity Association office into a youth and civil society hub in post-earthquake Adıyaman, providing psychosocial support, skills training, and community-building activities to foster local resilience, youth leadership, and civic engagemen	Adıyaman	<b>\$47,500</b>
<b>City Detective: City, Environment, and Art Association</b>	The project supports children’s spatial rights in post-earthquake Adıyaman through the co-design of Hayat Park, urban education workshops, and trainings for local authorities on child-friendly spatial planning.	Adıyaman	<b>\$54,980</b>





TOTAL GRANTS  
\$2,132,162

TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
SUPPORTED  
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# PSYCHOSOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

In the immediate aftermath of the earthquakes, emotional well-being was an urgent and often invisible need. In **Phase I**, TPF focused on rapid psychosocial support providing psychological first aid through mobile teams and container centers, and training local volunteers to deliver community-level care within container cities. These early efforts created safe spaces for children and families to begin processing shock and loss.

As the crisis evolved, **Phase II** marked a transition to more structured, inclusive, and consistent care. TPF supported the establishment of permanent mental health centers, expanded mobile services to rural areas, and introduced specialized support for vulnerable groups. Psychosocial interventions became more targeted and regular, integrated into education, shelter, and protection efforts.

By **Phase III**, mental health programming had deepened to address not only trauma but also resilience and long-term recovery. Centers became hubs for healing and empowerment—offering trauma-informed group sessions, peer support, creative expression, and body-based practices. We introduced innovative models that combined psychosocial care with livelihood development, leadership programs, and community arts. Recognizing the secondary trauma faced by providers themselves, we also began supporting the mental health workforce through supervision, training, and collective care.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Emergency Psychological Support:** Trained local volunteers with psychological recovery skills who provided support to 2,101 individuals, integrating art-based therapies into triage systems across three provinces.
- **Safe Spaces for Children:** Established, furnished, and equipped centers with necessary tools to offer individual and group counseling, benefiting 13,471 people.
- **Psychosocial Support for Migrant Children:** Supported 2,696 migrant children relocated to İzmir with psychological services and workshops to promote school retention and integration to this new city.
- **Mobile Mental Health Services:** Deployed a caravan that provides psychiatric and psychosocial support for 7,300 individuals who reside in rural areas, ensuring healthcare access available for all in damaged areas.
- **Container Centers for Mental Health:** Built centers in Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, and Gaziantep for psychosocial services, reaching 18,244 individuals through on-site and online support to ensure their overall well-being.
- **Support for Vulnerable Groups:** Assisted 1,440 marginalized women and 930 LGBTI+ individuals with specialized psychosocial and peer counseling. Further deepened through trauma-focused, structured therapy and psychosocial workshops delivered at a prefabricated center in Antakya, reaching an additional 1,040 individuals—including refugees, women, and minorities—with consistent, culturally sensitive mental health care.
- **Trauma-Informed Empowerment for Women:** Benefited 84,000 university-aged women through a trauma-sensitive program fostering empowerment and leadership for recovery and resilience. Expanded through additional initiatives that supported 4,380 women and children in Gaziantep and Diyarbakır with psychoeducation, legal assistance, economic empowerment, and healing activities tailored to their evolving needs.
- **Art and Culture for Youth Resilience:** Engaged 2,400 youth in Hatay through safe spaces, art workshops, and cultural activities, culminating in a Youth Art Festival. This emphasis on creative expression was expanded further through rights-based workshops and a peer-led filmmaking initiative that supported 700 children in processing trauma, building confidence, and expressing emotions through storytelling.
- **Targeted Psychosocial Support for Seasonal Workers:** Enhanced resilience for 10,000 agricultural workers in Adana and Hatay, focusing on disaster preparedness and mental health services.
- **Digital and On-the-Ground Reproductive Health Support:** Improved health outcomes for women and children in earthquake-affected regions through a hybrid model combining in-person workshops, hygiene kit distribution, and digital health tools. Reached over 116,000 people with health and hygiene support, enabled 628 pregnancy check-ups, and facilitated 810 child vaccinations. Expanded access to culturally sensitive SRH and GBV information via the HERA mobile app, WhatsApp helpline, and AI-powered chatbot, which collectively engaged more than 15,000 users. Demonstrated how digital innovation can extend essential health services to mobile and underserved populations, while strengthening long-term community resilience.
- **Mental Health for Mental Health Providers:** Recognizing the strain on psychosocial support professionals, TPF supported the training, supervision, and peer-care of 30 mental health providers in Hatay. This initiative focused on building the personal resilience and professional effectiveness of those working directly with trauma-affected populations.



ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
MAYA Foundation	The project provided emergency mental health support for children and adults affected by the earthquake, using a triage system to assess needs and refer individuals to group psychological support sessions. Maya Vakfi's three field teams operated across three provinces in coordination with local NGOs, integrating art therapy and psychosocial recovery tools. The grant covered programmatic costs including field equipment, art and psychosocial kits, printed materials, security items, and field consumables	Şanlıurfa, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş	\$53,427
Nirengi Association	The support helped build and equip a Safe Space and Counseling Center for children and families in Kahramanmaraş or Hatay, providing psychosocial support and legal assistance to those affected by the earthquakes.	Hatay	\$99,950
Young Lives Foundation	The project provided five months of psychosocial support to the earthquake-affected children relocated to İzmir, supported teachers with training on classroom adaptation, and organized PSS workshops to promote school cohesion and reduce dropout risks.	Izmir	\$99,985
The Psychiatric Association of Turkey (PAT)	The project provided a mobile caravan for mental health services in Maraş, supporting psychiatric treatment, psychosocial support in collective shelters, and volunteer psychiatrist deployment, while also serving as shelter for healthcare workers in the field.	Kahramanmaraş, Diyarbakır, Hatay, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Adıyaman, Adana, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya	\$113,090
Turkish Psychological Association (TPD)	The project established a psychosocial support center in Gaziantep's İslahiye district, expanding TPD's earthquake response with in-person and online services for survivors, including those resettled in other cities.	Gaziantep	\$96,620
Social Policy, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies Association (SPoD)	The grant supported the LGBTI+ community in the aftermath of the earthquakes by providing psychological and peer counseling services.	Istanbul, Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$17,486
The Smile & Olive Foundation (Basmeh Zeittooneh)	The grant supported a safe space for women and provided psychosocial services to marginalized women.	Idlib	\$24,480
Change Leaders Association (DLD)	The grant supported the design and implementation of “Sparks+,” a trauma-informed leadership program that empowered university women affected by the earthquake through psychosocial support and community-led social change projects.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazig	\$47,976
MAYA Foundation	The grant supported Maya Foundation's efforts to strengthen its emergency response capacity by enhancing internal systems (communications, fundraising, finance, and grants) and expanding access to trauma-informed mental health and protection services for earthquake survivors in both affected regions and host metropolitan areas.	Hatay, Şanlıurfa, Adıyaman	\$36,750
MAYA Foundation	Over a two-year period, the grant supported access to mental health and protection services for individuals in or displaced from earthquake-affected areas. Maya Foundation provided acute and mid-term interventions through mobile teams, including art-based psychosocial support (ProjectLift), psychological recovery skills sessions, parenting support, capacity-building trainings, and service mapping to improve long-term care access	Hatay	\$99,307
Social Policy, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies Association (SPoD)	The grant supported the expansion of SPoD's psychosocial support program by enabling the hiring of a social work expert to provide inclusive, high-quality services for LGBTI+ individuals, particularly those affected by the earthquakes.	Istanbul, Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$5,850

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Suna Kıraç Foundation (Suna's Daughters)	The project leveraged SK's Children's Hubs in Antakya to implement community-based interventions, empower girls as agents of change, monitor the ecosystem through a digital map, and strengthen public and civil society capacity in girl-centered design throughout the reconstruction and recovery process.	Hatay	\$934,268
Development Workshop	The program aimed to improve the psychological well-being and resilience of seasonal agricultural workers affected by the February 6 earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş by providing psychosocial support and age-sensitive disaster preparedness activities. Targeting youth (18–24) and older adults (60+) in Adana and Hatay, the project developed a tailored disaster response strategy and a practical guide for humanitarian actors, civil society, and local authorities working with seasonal agricultural workers.	Adana, Hatay	\$49,744
MAYA Foundation	The project addressed the mental health and psychosocial needs of Syrian refugee and local children (ages 13–18) affected by the earthquake. Through group therapy, individual counseling, and positive parenting sessions delivered by Maya Vakfi, the initiative improved children's well-being and strengthened family relationships by expanding access to essential mental health services.	Hatay	\$57,488
Talebeyiz Biz Association	The project supported the psychosocial recovery of youth in Hatay by expanding access to arts and culture. A youth-led space was established at Arsuz Community Center for weekly cultural activities, including movie nights and a music studio. Art workshops were held in five locations, reaching 145 participants, and a month-long Youth Art Festival engaged 260 young people, fostering resilience, creativity, and community connection.	Hatay	\$49,677
Medical Rescue Association of Turkey (MEDAK)	The project enhanced access to healthcare for women and children in earthquake-affected Hatay by improving pregnancy follow-up, newborn care, and immunization rates. Through digital tools and local outreach, it raised awareness on sexual and reproductive health, maternal care, and gender-based violence, strengthening health outcomes and community resilience.	Hatay	\$50,000
KAMER Foundation	The Starting Again Project supported women and children in earthquake-affected areas of Gaziantep through psychosocial, legal, economic, and educational interventions. Following a needs assessment, the project delivered tailored support to foster well-being, gender equity, and local resilience.	Gaziantep, Diyarbakır	\$49,750
Foundation of The Societal Development and Education (YÖRET)	The project has strengthened the capacity and well-being of 30 psychosocial support providers in post-earthquake Hatay through training, supervision, and self-care, enabling more effective and sustainable support for affected children, families, and communities.	Hatay	\$73,081
Sulukule Volunteers Association (SGD)	The “Rights in Frame” project supported the psychosocial well-being of children aged 10–18 in Hatay by offering rights-based creative workshops and a child-led short film production, helping them process trauma, build social bonds, and strengthen communication skills.	Hatay	\$24,194
World Human Relief	The project delivered trauma-focused mental health and psychosocial support to vulnerable groups in Hatay, providing free therapy and workshops at WHR's Antakya center, while building a scalable, community-based model for post-disaster recovery.	Hatay	\$149,040



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\$1,865,355

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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In the immediate aftermath of the disaster, TPF's economic recovery efforts in **Phase I** focused on stabilizing livelihoods and preventing further economic decline. Early initiatives targeted **local businesses and job creation**, helping individuals and communities quickly re-enter income-generating activities. Grants supported promising micro-enterprises, skill development, and entrepreneurship to restore financial independence and reduce aid dependency.

As recovery progressed, **Phase II** expanded economic programming with a focus on **women and youth employment**. Investments prioritized the revitalization of local businesses, support for production hubs, and the creation of safe, inclusive workspaces. Job creation efforts became more structured, with a growing emphasis on building skills, confidence, and market connections for those most affected by displacement and economic disruption.

By **Phase III**, TPF's approach matured into a **long-term strategy for inclusive economic resilience**. Programs began to target systemic gaps in employment and access—especially for women, young professionals, and cooperative models. Initiatives combined entrepreneurship with psychosocial support, green skills, and digital empowerment. Economic centers, solidarity kitchens, and cooperative hubs evolved into sustainable platforms for rebuilding not only livelihoods but also dignity, self-reliance, and social cohesion. This phase reflected a shift from short-term job creation to **building economic ecosystems rooted in equity, innovation, and local leadership**.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Market Access for Local Producers:** Supported 1,200 local producers across 11 provinces in preparing for the agricultural season, selling their stocks, and securing contracts through matchmaking with public and private sector buyers. This initiative prioritized women, refugees, and young people.
- **Economic Transformation:** Created opportunities for 20 individuals in the earthquake region by converting soup kitchens into centers of economic activity and development.
- **Small Business Support:** Assisted 80 small businesses in Hatay to rebuild operations, fostering employment and local economic recovery. Provided business consultancy and capacity-building support to over 250 women starting or growing income-generating activities in Hatay.
- **Post-Disaster Co-Working Hubs:** Established a community center in Antakya, providing a platform for entrepreneurship, training, employment programs, and capacity-building activities, benefiting 6,000 people annually.
- **Young Professionals Support:** Funded professional expenses for young professionals, offering career-building opportunities in NGOs and increasing the capacity of NGOs in the region.
- **Sectoral Recovery Support:** Addressed the needs of 5,540 local economic actors, providing equipment and training to ensure the continuity of their businesses.
- **Women Entrepreneurs Empowerment:** Empowered 80 women in Hatay with tools, training, and mentoring to start and develop their businesses.
- **Women's Employment Support:** Provided income and jobs for 108 women in various production workshops and supported 15 women through cooperative activities.
- **Women-Led Community Kitchen Model:** Created a solidarity kitchen model in Gaziantep employing 6 women, sourcing from local producers, and organizing 12 workshops for 120 women to promote economic participation and social cohesion.
- **Entrepreneurship for Regional Recovery:** Launched an entrepreneurship pilot in Gaziantep, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş supporting 50 aspiring entrepreneurs with mentoring, training, and investor engagement.
- **Tech-Driven Empowerment for Young Women:** Developing a digital and technical training center in Adıyaman to equip over 29,000 young women with long-term employability and entrepreneurial skills.
- **Cooperative-Led Community Empowerment:** Strengthened 80 women entrepreneurs in Samandağ through cooperative-based production, training, and psychosocial support.
- **Integrating Mental Health with Green Livelihoods:** Piloted a unique model in Adana, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş that combined mental health group therapy with green entrepreneurship training for 800 youth and women. By pairing emotional recovery with skills in sustainable agriculture and circular economy, the program supported both healing and economic empowerment.

Organization	Activity	Location	Amount
Innovation for Development (I4D)	The “Dayanışma Pazar” Project created a digital interface to connect local and rural producers and the private and public sectors, bridging the gap between buyers to respond to urgent demand and supply in the region. The amount supports 300 local and rural producers to access new markets and customers and sell their on-hand products.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$71,000
Unvansız Gönüllüler Association	Th project provided employment opportunities in the earthquake-affected area by converting soup kitchens into centers of economic activity and development.	Hatay	\$99,600
Baksi Culture and Arts Foundation	The project provided income and employment opportunities for women affected by the earthquake in the production workshop to be opened in Bayburt.	Bayburt	\$50,000
Buradayız Hatay Association	The grant supported small businesses in Hatay, fostering local recovery and generating employment in the earthquake-affected region.	Hatay	\$45,925
"Women Entrepreneurs Association of Türkiye (KAGİDER)"	The project established Community Centers to provide safe, shared working spaces in disaster-affected areas, fostering collaboration, recovery, and social cohesion.	Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, Malatya, Gaziantep	\$120,000
Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV)	The grant enabled a First Chance fellow to gain one year of professional experience, supporting youth employment and social mobility, in 2023.	Istanbul	\$10,000
MAYA Foundation	The grant enabled a First Chance fellow to gain one year of professional experience, supporting youth employment and social mobility, in 2023.	Istanbul	\$10,000
Needs Map Cooperative	To support 30 women from the earthquake region through the production activities of two cooperatives.	Ankara, Mersin	\$98,300
Needs Map Cooperative	Provided Community Centers in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş, creating spaces for communal activities such as workshops, educational events, and cultural gatherings. Supported the assessment of needs and challenges faced by local economic actors at the sectoral level, reaching out to those affected by the earthquake to address their equipment and training needs for business continuity.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$896,430
Mavi Kalem Association	The project provided 20 women in Hatay with the production tools and materials they need to start their businesses to support post-earthquake recovery and development. The project also involved information meetings for 20 women to get the information they need to develop their business/enterprise and to put them in contact with local professional groups.	Hatay	\$49,822
Community Volunteers Foundation (TOG)	The grant enabled a First Chance fellow to gain one year of professional experience, supporting youth employment and social mobility, in 2024.	Istanbul	\$11,800

Organization	Activity	Location	Amount
Needs Map Cooperative	The grant enabled a First Chance fellow to gain one year of professional experience, supporting youth employment and social mobility, in 2024.	Istanbul	\$11,800
Kirkayak Culture, Arts and Nature Association	The Mutfakna Project supported economic empowerment and social cohesion in earthquake-affected communities. It employed six women to run a community kitchen, sourced ingredients from disadvantaged women, and funded girls’ scholarships through its revenue. The project also organized 12 intercultural cooking workshops and a development session to design sustainable local empowerment models—fostering both recovery and long-term resilience.	Gaziantep	\$48,750
The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Türkiye (TEPAV)	The “Rebuilding After Disaster: Entrepreneurship Support Program” project fostered local entrepreneurship in earthquake-affected regions—Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, and Hatay. It supported participants with four months of training, mentoring, and networking, helping them launch e-commerce initiatives, create jobs, and rebuild regional economic resilience.	Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Hatay	\$50,000
Mavi Kalem Association	The project supports the economic empowerment of 255 women in Hatay affected by the February 6, 2023 earthquakes. It provided in-kind financial support to 25 women entrepreneurs, one-on-one mentoring and capacity-building for 125 women, and business consultancy to 200 women via a dedicated hotline. By building a solidarity network and addressing economic and gender inequalities, the project contributed to sustainable livelihoods and long-term recovery in the region.	Hatay	\$115,203
Rimmen Women's Initiative Production and Business Cooperative	The project supports the economic empowerment of 80 women in Samandağ by strengthening the Rimmen Women’s Cooperative, established after the 2023 earthquakes. In partnership with Destekar, it expanded the cooperative’s product line, improved marketing strategies, and provided training and psychosocial support—fostering sustainable livelihoods and long-term community resilience in an area with limited employment opportunities.	Hatay	\$75,941
SistersLab - Association of Women in Science and Technology	The project supports the long-term recovery of youth—especially women—affected by the February 6 earthquakes by strengthening digital, technical, and social skills. Through the new Innovation and Career Center at Adıyaman University, it offers accessible training and development opportunities to promote employability and resilience. Led by SistersLab, the center will serve as a lasting hub for education, entrepreneurship, and career growth in the region.	Adıyaman	\$50,784
Yuvam Dünya Association for Combating Climate Change	The project supported women and youth in Adana, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş by combining mental health support with green entrepreneurship training. Participants joined therapy and resilience sessions, learned eco-friendly business models, and received mentoring and seed funding. The project strengthened emotional recovery and economic self-reliance, offering a scalable model for post-disaster resilience.	Adana, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş	\$50,000





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# SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

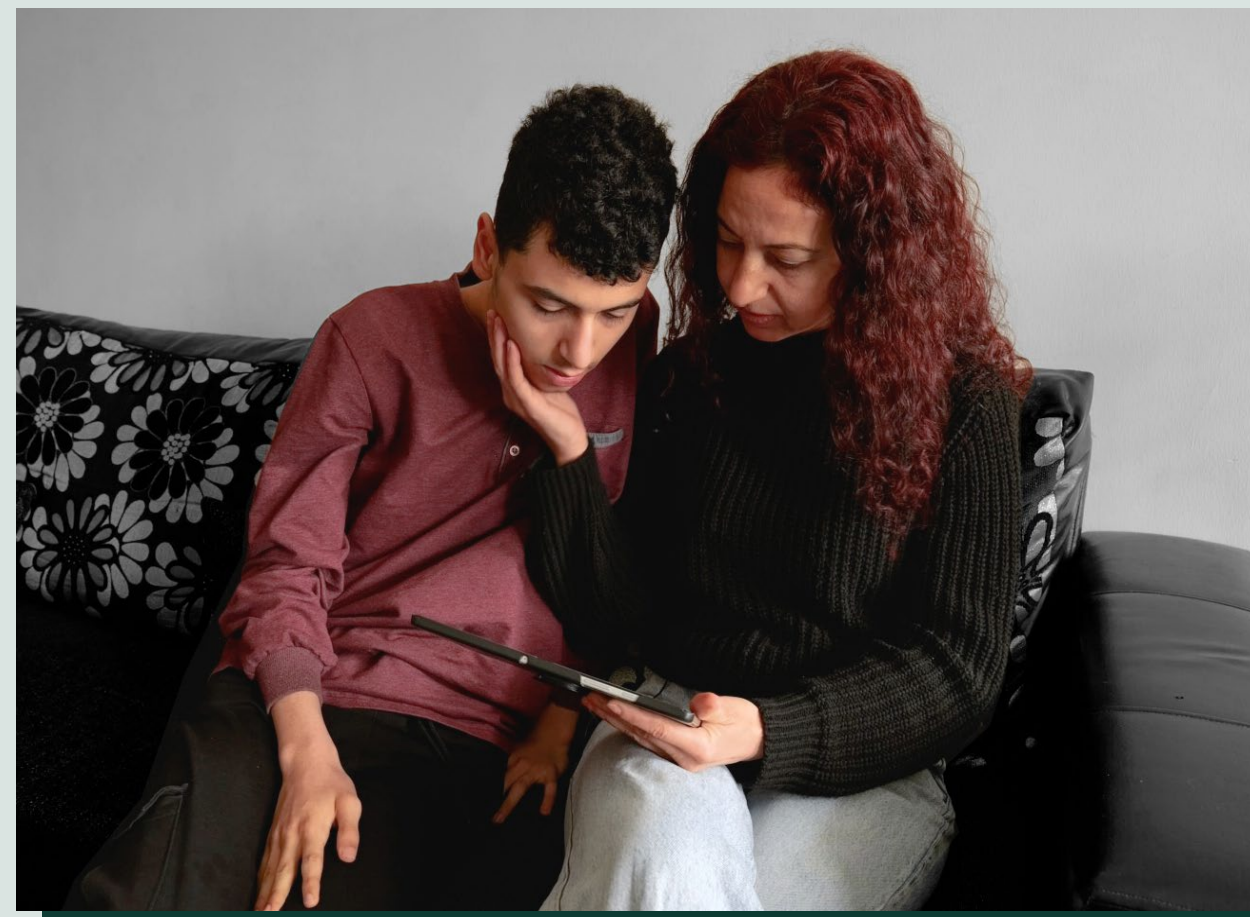
In the immediate aftermath of the earthquakes, **Phase I** interventions focused on emergency rehabilitation and medical care—particularly for children who had lost limbs or faced physical trauma. TPF prioritized swift access to prosthetics, physiotherapy, and adaptive technologies to prevent long-term deterioration and help children regain mobility, dignity, and independence.

By **Phase II**, support efforts expanded into more **comprehensive, adaptive care**. Alongside rehabilitation, programs began offering developmental therapies (such as speech and occupational therapy), inclusive education environments, and caregiver support. Classrooms were created specifically for children with Down syndrome and other developmental needs, while awareness-raising campaigns and family training began to address stigma and improve social inclusion.

In **Phase III**, the strategy shifted toward **long-term empowerment and community-based inclusion**. Disability support became more integrated across education, psychosocial care, and livelihoods. Initiatives offered **vocational training, micro-grants, and accessibility audits**, while also establishing inclusive action committees and specialized centers. The focus moved beyond recovery to **building systems that promote agency, participation, and equity for individuals with disabilities**, laying the foundation for a more inclusive society.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Children's Wellness Center:** Supported the establishment of a rehabilitation center serving 207 children affected by amputations during the earthquake. The center provides medical, orthopedic, and psychosocial support, including prosthetics and physiotherapy, helping children regain independence and raising societal awareness about the needs of individuals with disabilities.
- **Special Education Classrooms:** Created container classrooms to support 5,000 individuals with Down syndrome and other disabilities, offering psychosocial support programs, family education, skill-building workshops, and employment opportunities for experts in the region.
- **Developmental Support for Children:** Provided tailored care for 800 children, including those at risk of developmental delays or with cerebral palsy. TPF's support included medical consultations, psychological support, physiotherapy, speech therapy, and equipment such as wheelchairs and orthoses.
- **Inclusive Recovery and Livelihoods:** Expanded support in Hatay through integrated services for 200 individuals with disabilities and their caregivers. This included individual and group psychosocial support, vocational training, micro-grants, and accessibility audits. Local action committees were formed to promote inclusive policies, raise awareness, and reduce stigma—fostering long-term, community-led inclusion and resilience.



ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Çukurova University Industry Collaboration Foundation	The project established the Children's Earthquake Rehabilitation Center in collaboration with Çukurova University and leading pediatric institutions to provide medical, orthopedic, and psychosocial support for children who underwent amputations during the earthquake. The center has offered prosthetics, physiotherapy, and rehabilitation services to help children regain independence and reintegrate into society, while also raising awareness about disability inclusion. Çukurova University allocated a 1,000 m² space on campus for the facility.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$500,000
Türkiye Down Syndrome Association (Down Türkiye)	The project established container classrooms in the earthquake zone to deliver special education and psychosocial support for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. It provided training and 14-month employment to local experts affected by the disaster, while implementing successful programs such as psychosocial support, parent education, independent living, and inclusive workshops (ART +1, TECHNOLOGY +1). The initiative empowered families, created job opportunities, and strengthened long-term support systems through both in-person and online platforms.	Adıyaman, Gaziantep	\$99,980
Cerebral Palsy Türkiye	The project supported 200 children aged 0–18—including infants at risk of developmental delay, children with cerebral palsy or other disabilities, and their families who relocated to Istanbul after the earthquake. The support included medical consultations, psychological services, developmental therapies (physiotherapy, special education, speech therapy), and assistive equipment such as wheelchairs and orthotics.	İstanbul	\$97,512
Çukurova University Industry Collaboration Foundation	The Children Wellness Center project has provided orthotics and prosthetics for new earthquake-affected patients, adjusted devices for those who had outgrown them, and delivered psychological therapy and educational support to promote their development and social integration.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$840,600
Türkiye Down Syndrome Association (Down Türkiye)	The project established container classrooms to deliver special education and psychosocial support to children with Down syndrome and their families, while creating employment for displaced experts in the earthquake zone.	Adıyaman, Gaziantep	\$13,965
Accessible and Sustainable Living Association (ESYAD)	The project aimed to enhance the well-being, inclusion, and resilience of people with disabilities and their caregivers by providing psychosocial support, improving accessibility, training local actors, and promoting economic participation through vocational training and micro-grants.	Hatay	\$51,374







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\$207,500

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# SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS

In the first days following the earthquakes, TPF’s priority was to support **life-saving search and rescue operations** and deliver urgent relief to affected communities. With thousands displaced and infrastructure severely damaged, the focus was on **speed, coordination, and getting essential aid to those who needed it most**. This phase was defined by **rapid action under extreme conditions**, ensuring that frontline responders and survivors received the immediate support required to stabilize the crisis.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Enhanced Technological Infrastructure:** Supported the development of a map-based system to identify urgent needs and deliver non-monetary aid to 34,000 individuals, ensuring targeted and efficient resource allocation.
- **Provision of Temporary Relief:** Delivered emergency supplies such as tents, dignity kits, power banks, and medical support, benefiting 3,170 individuals, including frontline workers actively engaged in relief efforts.
- **Sustaining Emergency Response:** Covered core operating costs, including rent, utilities, fuel, and essential supplies, enabling continued emergency response activities that directly supported 729 individuals.

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Needs Map Cooperative	Needs Map used the funds to meet urgent needs in five earthquake-affected provinces by supporting individuals who lost property, providing tech infrastructure to track and deliver aid, and coordinating field operations through a map-based system.	Adana, Hatay, Adiyaman, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş	\$100,000
Community Volunteers Foundation (TOG)	The grant supported the hire of two coordinators for three months to coordinate the distribution of emergency supplies—including tents, dignity kits, power banks, medical aid, and food—for displaced families, frontline workers, and animals, while responding to emerging needs based on field assessments.	Hatay, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Adiyaman	\$100,000
White Helmets	The grant supported the core operating costs of The White Helmets’ emergency response efforts, including rent, utilities, supplies, fuel, equipment maintenance, and staff stipends.	Aleppo	\$7,500





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\$950,196

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# FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

In **Phase I**, TPF responded rapidly to meet the **immediate nutritional needs** of communities facing displacement and food insecurity. In the wake of the disaster, food systems were severely disrupted—especially in remote and underserved areas. TPF focused on **emergency food delivery and specialized nutrition support**, while also **laying the foundation for more sustainable, community-led solutions**. These early efforts not only helped reduce hunger but also built the infrastructure for long-term recovery.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Comprehensive Food Aid:** Delivered 42 trucks of food aid, distributed 8,000 locally sourced food boxes, and provided 300,000 hot meals over three months, targeting hard-to-reach villages and underserved earthquake-affected populations.
- **Support for Special Dietary Needs:** Supplied gluten-free food boxes to 1,301 celiac patients, addressing the specific nutritional needs of individuals with dietary restrictions.
- **Strengthening Food Distribution Systems:** Enhanced food bank networks and expanded existing kitchens to produce thousands of meals daily, ensuring sustained food access in disaster-affected areas.
- **Empowering Local Communities:** Supported initiatives like the Mutfakna Project, where local and refugee women developed collective practices to build resilience and sustainability in their communities.

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Unvansız Gönüllüler Association	The project provided daily emergency food aid to 17,000 disaster victims in remote villages across Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, and Hatay by distributing long-lasting food boxes via Afet Platformu warehouses and volunteer networks.	Hatay, Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş	\$98,831
Food Rescue Association (FRA)	The project supported FRA in delivering 92,000 units of nutritious canned food to earthquake-affected villages, addressing severe food access challenges due to a 10–15x population increase in rural safe zones, building on FRA's existing food aid logistics and volunteer coordination.	Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Malatya, Adıyaman, Şanlıurfa	\$63,560
Needs Map Cooperative	The project supported the distribution of 8,000 locally sourced food boxes to mobile kitchens, tent cities, and other high-need areas in Antakya and Adıyaman, using data-driven targeting and four different procurement sources to ensure efficient and equitable delivery.	Hatay, Adıyaman	\$42,232
Manisa Celiac Organic Nutrition Association (ÇÖLYAK)	It is almost impossible to fund gluten free food for cellied people who are impacted by the eathquake. According to the the Ministry of Health, there are currently 28,978 celiac patiants in the earthquake ridden cities. With the project, gluten-free food boxes will be delivered to celiac patients /children who are currently in the region or have moved to neighbouring cities. COLYAK will cover the expenses of the human resouces.	Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Hatay, Kilis, Osmaniye, Adıyaman, Adana, Diyarbakır	\$85,146
World Human Relief	The project provided humanitarian aid in 10 earthquake-affected provinces in Turkey, mobilizing 50 volunteers over 4 weeks to distribute 1,000 food packages, 1,000 hygiene kits, 300 baby boxes, and 1,000 blankets.	Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Malatya, Adıyaman, Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Adana, Osmaniye, Kilis.	\$29,201

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Food Rescue Association (FRA)	The project established a container kitchen in Hatay's Kırkhan district and provided 300,000 nutritious hot meals over three months to communities in remote villages with limited food access. It also covered the cost of kitchen equipment, logistics, and a delivery vehicle to ensure efficient meal distribution.	Hatay	\$283,947
Hope Foundation for Children with Cancer (KACUV)	The project supported 271 children undergoing treatment in earthquake-affected areas by providing digital shopping codes to their families, enabling access to essential food and hygiene supplies. By addressing basic needs, the initiative helped ensure continuity of care in safe and sanitary conditions.	Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, Kilis, Gaziantep, Adana, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Şanlıurfa, Malatya, Osmaniye, Elazığ	\$86,720
Basic Needs Association (TIDER)	The project enabled TIDER to provide essential food, hygiene, and baby products to earthquake-affected communities by supporting 11 member food banks and disaster platform warehouses, while also contributing to the long-term development of selected food banks.	Kahramanmaras, Osmaniye, Hatay, Gaziantep, Malatya, Adıyaman, Adana, Kilis, Diyarbakır, Sanliurfa	\$100,000
NEF Foundation	The support was used to increase the capacity of FRA's current kitchen to save food for an additional 3,000 for 30 days.	Hatay	\$40,627
Kirkayak Culture, Arts and Nature Association	The grant supported the Mutfak Project—a collective space where local and refugee women come together to cook, create, and rebuild community through shared practices.	Gaziantep	\$22,731
Manisa Celiac Organic Nutrition Association (ÇÖLYAK)	The project provided three months of gluten-free food support to 300 celiac patients affected by the earthquake, addressing a critical dietary need.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$97,200





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\$882,077

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# WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

In **Phase I**, TPF acted swiftly to address the urgent WASH needs of displaced communities living in temporary shelters and informal settlements. With living conditions deteriorating rapidly, we prioritized access to clean water, safe sanitation, and hygiene essentials to help prevent public health risks and uphold basic human dignity. Our response combined the delivery of life-saving supplies with gender-sensitive and inclusive approaches, particularly for women, girls, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Essential Supplies Distribution:** Delivered mobile toilets, hygiene kits, warm clothes, blankets, baby essentials, shower places, laundromats, camp stoves, and thermal tents to support displaced individuals.
- **Access to Clean Water:** Provided long-term drinking water solutions to sustain affected communities.
- **Inclusive Sanitation Facilities:** Produced and delivered 18 elderly and disabled-friendly toilets and bathrooms to camps in affected regions.
- **Support for Women and Girls:** Distributed 300 maternity kits, 300 dignity kits, and 100 school sets, and supported 3,000 women and girls with reproductive health education, protection against gender-based violence, and psychosocial services.
- **Employment and Hygiene:** Established two barber/coiffeur units to address survivors’ hygiene needs while simultaneously creating employment opportunities.

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Search and Rescue Foundation (AKUT)	The Hairdresser Project in Hatay provided essential personal care and hygiene services to disaster-affected women, men, children, and people with disabilities.	Hatay	\$100,000
Support to Life	The project provided hygiene supplies, non-perishable goods, and shelter to people affected by the earthquakes in Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Hatay, and Adana.	Hatay	\$100,000
KAMER Foundation	The “Cansuyu for Earthquake Survivors” project provided urgent supplies—warm clothing, sleeping bags, blankets, hygiene kits, and food—and covered the rental cost of a vehicle. KAMER teams operated in 7 cities, coordinating with local municipalities in Hatay and the Immigrant Health Center in Kahramanmaraş.	Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Kilis, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır	\$93,500
World Human Relief	The Humanitarian Aid Project for the Earthquake Zone in Turkey mobilized 50 volunteers over 4 weeks to distribute in-kind aid—including 1,000 food packages, 1,000 hygiene kits, 300 baby boxes, and 1,000 blankets—across 10 provinces, including Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Diyarbakır, and Gaziantep.	Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Malatya, Adıyaman, Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Adana, Osmaniye, Kilis	\$40,840
Turkish Family Health and Planning Foundation (TAPV)	In partnership with Adana and Seyhan Municipalities, TAP expanded its outreach after the earthquake to support women and girls with reproductive health information, psychosocial support, and the distribution of dignity and maternity kits. The project reached 3,000 beneficiaries, responding to growing needs amid population influx, with partial support from UNFPA Turkey.	Adana	\$38,500

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
65+ Elder Rights Association	The project addressed the urgent hygiene needs of elderly and disabled individuals by producing and delivering 18 accessible toilet/ bathroom containers to camps in Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş, and Hatay. In collaboration with Practical Storage, the units were delivered in phases and accompanied by training materials to ensure proper use. Follow-up visits were conducted to inspect setup and usage.	Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş, Hatay	\$52,127
KAMER Foundation	The project supported women and girls living in tents and container cities by distributing hygiene kits, food packages, and small camp stoves. It established laundry and shower facilities, and provided legal assistance and psychosocial support to address increased caregiving burdens and risks of violence.	Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Osmaniye, Gaziantep, Kilis, Adıyaman, Malatya, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Elazığ, Mardin, Şırnak, Ağrı, Batman, Bingöl, Bitlis, Erzurum, Hakkâri, Iğdır, Kars, Siirt, Tunceli, Van	\$100,000
Needs Map Cooperative	Needs Map provided drinking water to earthquake-affected cities over five months, using its local warehouses to distribute supplies and address increasing needs during warmer months.	Hatay, Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Malatya, Osmaniye, Kilis, Elazığ, Adana, Diyarbakır	\$149,060
Community Volunteers Foundation (TOG)	TOG mobilized volunteers to coordinate aid in regional warehouses and distributed 250 thermal tents, 500 hygiene kits, and 500 sleeping bags to meet urgent needs identified on the ground.	Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman	\$88,050
Search and Rescue Foundation (AKUT)	The Second Hairdresser Project in Hatay provided essential personal care and hygiene services to women, men, children, and individuals with disabilities affected by the earthquake.	Hatay	\$120,000



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\$972,370

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# EMERGENCY SHELTER AND HOUSING

When thousands were suddenly displaced following the earthquakes, securing safe shelter became one of the most urgent humanitarian needs. TPF responded with a multi-pronged approach to provide temporary housing, prioritizing the most vulnerable—rural families, individuals with health conditions, and low-income households. By combining emergency aid with psychosocial support and winterization measures, we worked to protect lives, restore a sense of stability, and enable survivors to begin rebuilding with dignity.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Power Supply in Cold Conditions:** Distributed a generator to support 12,000 people in Gaziantep Center to ensure earthquake survivors were warm in harsh weather conditions.
- **Health-Related Accommodation Support:** Assisted 116 beneficiaries, including cancer patients and their families, with housing, medication, and financial aid to ensure they continue essential treatment for their well-being.
- **Shelter for Rural Communities:** Delivered tents to 900 individuals in agricultural villages with limited access to aid, enabling them to remain near their livelihoods while providing shelter.
- **Support for the Family Members of Cancer Patients:** Provided accommodation support to the family members accompanying 50 cancer patients during their treatment.
- **Container City Establishment:** Set up 8 containers within a larger 650-unit container city, benefiting 4,000 people in Antakya and Kahramanmaraş to house as many earthquake survivors as possible for their new beginnings.
- **Rental Assistance for Vulnerable Groups:** Supported 4,628 individuals with temporary housing assistance prioritizing low-income seniors, women-headed households, and people with disabilities.
- **PSS and Temporary Housing:** Offered accommodation and psychosocial support to 8,297 individuals, to help them cope with the trauma, injuries, or displacement rebuild stability caused by the disaster.

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Needs Map Cooperative	One generator was provided to support people facing cold conditions at the Gaziantep Center.	Gaziantep	\$32,000
Turkish Cancer Association	The project supported the cancer treatment of 100 earthquake-affected individuals, provided accommodation for 50 caregivers, delivered essential medications to those remaining in the region, and offered one-time cash assistance to 80 patients in need.	Hatay, Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa	\$15,000
Unvansız Gönüllüler Association	The project provided locally produced tents to earthquake-affected villagers who could not relocate due to agricultural and livestock responsibilities. Tents were delivered within five days and distributed with support from Untitled Volunteers and WHR.	Hatay	\$98,234
NEF Foundation	The project established 8 containers within the 650-unit container cities in Antakya and Kahramanmaraş.	Hatay, Kahramanmaraş	\$47,136
Federation of Women Association of Türkiye (TKDF)	The grant supported a rental assistance project which provided accommodation for those who were impacted by the earthquake. The priority group was the lowest-income seniors, women-headed households, child-headed households, households headed by people with disabilities, and other at-risk populations.	Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Adana, Kayseri	\$390,000
Afghan Refugees Solidarity Association (ARSA)	The grant supported temporary housing support for earthquake-affected people in Turkey and provided guidance for PSS support, such as giving referrals and accommodation support to those impacted by the earthquake and suffered from the loss of life, injuries, displacement, or trauma.	Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Adana, Kayseri	\$390,000





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\$987,497

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SUPPORTED  
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# SAFE SPACES FOR CHILDREN

Amid the chaos and displacement caused by the earthquakes, creating safe and nurturing environments for children became a top priority. TPF's initial response focused on establishing spaces where children could recover emotionally, reconnect with peers, and begin returning to a sense of routine.

These spaces blended care with creativity—offering art, play, sports, and learning under the guidance of trained facilitators. What began as an urgent need for protection and psychosocial support quickly evolved into a foundational pillar of our child-focused recovery strategy.



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Children's Centers and Hubs:** Supported the establishment of safe spaces across tent cities and other affected areas, benefiting 1,604 children. These centers provided psychological support, workshops, and social activities tailored to children's needs, with dedicated staff and expert facilitators ensuring a nurturing environment for recovery and development.
- **Early Childhood Development:** Distributed play boxes to 1,600 children, helping them feel secure, engage with caregivers, and begin early learning activities.
- **Purple Spaces:** Created child-friendly spaces in container and tent cities, benefiting 2,000 children, with dedicated areas for nursing, healthcare, and holistic support for their mothers.
- **Koruncukköy Dormitory Support:** Provided housing and reintegration support for 192 girls who have lost their parents in the earthquake.
- **Community Festivals:** Organized a festival on April 23rd, Children's Day welcoming 1,200 children in Hatay full of arts, music, and drama workshops to help them return to normalcy.
- **Basketball Villages:** Introduced basketball activities and fostered peer socialization to 1,328 children by building villages with basketball courts and hygiene facilities.
- **Mobile Education Vehicles:** Repaired and operated one mobile education vehicle, enabling 4,000 children across the earthquake zone to continue their education.
- **Art Academy:** Supported 100,000 children and youth with extracurricular education, cultural activities, and art workshops in Antakya and other regions.
- **Bicycle Project:** Enriched the lives of 2,000 children in container cities by distributing bicycles and offering safe cycling practices.
- **Art and Movement Therapy:** Engaged 1,000 children in therapeutic dance and art activities to support their psychological recovery and resilience.
- **Youth Soccer Academy:** Provided soccer training and inter-school tournaments for 500 children to support their mental health and social integration post-earthquake.
- **Menstrual Health Education:** Educated 560 girls with workshops addressing menstrual health, reducing stigma, and fostering supportive communities.



ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Suna Kıraç Foundation (Suna’s Daughters)	The project established Children’s Community Centers in tent cities to support girls aged 11–18 in earthquake-hit regions, offering psychosocial support, creative workshops, and structured well-being sessions, while engaging caregivers and employing expert staff to foster a safe and empowering environment.	Adiyaman, Kahramanmaraş, Hatay	\$161,000
The Mother Child Education Foundation (ACEV)	The project supported young children’s recovery in post-earthquake areas by distributing early childhood development play boxes, helping restore a sense of security, promote caregiver interaction, and reintroduce early learning in new settlement environments.	Adiyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay	\$100,540
Federation of Women Association of Türkiye (TKDF)	The fund was used to establish a Purple Women and Children Safe Space in a container/tent city, offering child-friendly, nursing, and healthcare areas to provide holistic support and reduce isolation among women and girls.	İzmir	\$60,000
Federation of Women Association of Türkiye (TKDF)	The fund established a Purple Women and Children Safe Space in a container/tent city, featuring child-friendly, nursing, and healthcare areas to provide holistic support and foster safety, connection, and dignity for women and girls.	İzmir	\$60,000
Turkish Foundation for Children in Need of Protection (Koruncuk)	The fund supported Koruncuk in providing safe housing, basic needs, and reintegration support for 100 girls affected by the earthquake, offering them a secure living environment at Koruncukköy for one year.	Izmir, Istanbul	\$81,000
Turkish Foundation for Children in Need of Protection (Koruncuk)	With funds raised through TPF’s earthquake campaign and recommended by ATA-DC, Koruncuk opened its dormitories in Istanbul and Izmir ahead of the academic year to provide safe housing, basic needs, and reintegration support for one year.	Izmir, Istanbul	\$50,000
Buradayız Hatay Association	The grant supported Buradayız Hatay’s two-day April 23rd Festival in Serinyol, offering arts, music, drama, and movement workshops for 600 children and families to promote healing and a return to daily life.	Hatay	\$23,711
Basketball Solidarity and Education Foundation (BIDEV)	Following the earthquake, BIDEV established Basket Villages—container units with hygiene facilities placed next to basketball courts—to provide shelter and promote recovery, socialization, and well-being for children and young adults.	Hatay	\$120,319
Educational Volunteers Foundation (TEGV)	The grant supported the urgent repair and maintenance of one Firefly Mobile Education Vehicle, enabling it to safely resume educational activities in the earthquake zone with the support of approximately 100 volunteers over 12 months.	Izmir, Istanbul	\$91,000
Sinemasal Art & Culture Association	The project established Sinemasal Academy’s Samandağ Campus to provide children and youth (ages 5–17) living in tent and container cities with extracurricular education and outdoor activities. Over a 4-week pilot, the program offered participatory workshops in arts, culture, and science, supported by expert NGOs, and included social impact monitoring. Volunteers also assisted with local relief efforts, and earthquake-affected youth were employed. Based on its success, the model is planned to scale across Hatay and beyond.	Hatay	\$89,364
Educational Volunteers Foundation (TEGV)	The project provided bicycles and safe cycling training to children aged 6–14 living in container cities in Hatay, aiming to support the well-being and mobility of 500 children affected by the earthquake. In July, 225 bicycles were distributed following safety sessions covering bicycle parts, handling, emergency response, and riding tips.	Hatay	\$85,100
Suna Kıraç Foundation (Suna’s Daughters)	The fund helped complete the physical setup of five Children’s Hubs in the earthquake zone and supported full-time staff and facilitators to ensure safe, age-appropriate, and psychosocially responsive spaces for children aged 12–18.	Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Şanlıurfa, Adiyaman	\$13,329

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
El Ele Education and Culture Association	The project delivered a one-week program using dance, movement, and art activities—grounded in scientific research and inspired by Turkish cultural elements—to support psychosocial well-being.	Hatay	\$6,035
We Need to Talk Association	The project addressed the menstrual health and hygiene needs of girls aged 14–18 in earthquake-affected areas by partnering with local NGOs, creating safe spaces for open dialogue, and delivering expert-led educational workshops to reduce stigma and promote healthy practices.	Adana, Hatay, Adiyaman	\$46,100





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\$560,633

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SUPPORTED  
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# HUMANITARIAN CASH SUPPORT

In the aftermath of the earthquakes, direct financial assistance was one of the fastest and most flexible ways to support survivors. During **Phase I**, TPF prioritized immediate humanitarian cash transfers to help families stabilize and meet basic needs—including rent, healthcare, and education. This approach allowed individuals to regain agency, preserve dignity, and address their own priorities in an uncertain and rapidly shifting recovery landscape.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Rent and Housing Support:** Provided two months of rent assistance and shopping cards for 3,620 displaced individuals, including asylum seekers and refugees to secure stable living conditions.
- **Healthcare Assistance:** Supported 568 cancer and leukemia patients with cash assistance for treatment, medications, and accommodation for their families to support their recovery.
- **Educational Cash Assistance:** Delivered conditional scholarships to 100 disadvantaged Syrian and Turkish girls, to ensure continued education and to prevent early marriages, and supported 150 K-12 students with academic, social, and financial aid.
- **Support for Cultural Preservation:** Provided financial aid to 200 musicians to replace lost instruments, costumes, and sound systems, recognizing the role of cultural preservation in healing communities.

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Afghan Refugees Solidarity Association (ARSA)	The project provided two months' rent support and shopping cards from chain markets to 330 displaced individuals, asylum seekers, and refugees.	Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Malatya, Adiyaman, Adana, Şanlıurfa	\$75,405
Antakya Civilization Coir Foundation	The support covered the replacement of instruments and costumes lost under the rubble for 200 musicians with no income, and renewed the choir's sound system and venue damaged by the earthquake.	Hatay	\$100,000
Turkish Cancer Association	The project supported the cancer treatment plans of 100 earthquake-affected individuals relocated to other cities, provided accommodation for 50 accompanying family members, ensured access to medication for patients who remained in the region, and delivered one-time cash assistance to 80 patients in need.	Hatay, Adiyaman, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa	\$16,000
Yuva Derneği (YUVA)	The project expanded YUVA's conditional cash assistance program by increasing financial support for disadvantaged Syrian refugee girls aged 11–17 in earthquake-affected Hatay and aimed to include more girls—potentially Turkish students—while continuing to promote school attendance and prevent early marriage.	Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana, Adiyaman, Malatya, Osmaniye, Hatay, Kilis	\$75,900
Turkish Education Association (TED)	The project provided one-year academic, psychosocial, and financial support to the K–12 students affected by the earthquake.	Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Diyarbakır, Adana, Osmaniye, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Adiyaman, Malatya, Hatay, Elazığ	\$105,000

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Bolu Community Foundation (BBV)	The project provided rent support to 70 families affected by the earthquake, helping them secure safe and stable housing during the recovery period.	Bolu	\$92,329
The Foundation for Children with Leukemia (LÖSEV)	To provide six months of cash assistance and in-kind support to seven families from the earthquake region with cancer and leukemia patients.	Ankara	\$95,999







TOTAL GRANTS  
\$685,161

TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
SUPPORTED  
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# HEALTH SERVICES

In the critical aftermath of the earthquakes, TPF responded swiftly to address immediate health crises. In **Phase I**, we supported access to essential medical care, reproductive health services, and first-line psychosocial support for affected individuals—particularly vulnerable groups such as children, cancer patients, and people with disabilities. Through mobile clinics, hygiene kit distribution, and tailored medical aid, we helped fill urgent healthcare gaps while laying the foundation for longer-term recovery.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Critical Support for SMA and Cancer Patients:** Delivered bi-weekly hygiene and food kits to 96 SMA patients and their families while providing 20 generators for essential medical devices. Cancer treatment plans were supported for 100 patients, alongside financial aid and accommodation for accompanying families.
- **Mobile and Community-Based Health Solutions:** Provided mobile health units for medical consultations, psychosocial support, and nutritional care for over 6,600 leukemia and cancer patients and their families, while a dedicated mobile kitchen project ensured healthy meals for 2,112 individuals battling cancer treatment.
- **Programs for Reproductive and Women’s Health:** Addressed urgent reproductive health needs for 16,100 women and girls by distributing maternity and dignity kits,

alongside comprehensive health education programs to reduce risks related to gender-based violence.

- **Support for Children with Autism:** Distributed educational tools and sensory devices to 500 children with autism to help restore disrupted routines and improve emotional well-being.
- **Infrastructure for Access to Clean Water:** Built two water purification systems serving 8,000 individuals, ensuring access to safe drinking water in affected communities.
- **Support for Animal Health:** Addressed health and safety needs in animal populations, providing medical care and welfare support to 64,000 animals, while contributing to a sterilization program for stray cats in Hatay.

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Türkiye SMA Foundation	The project supported 96 SMA patients and their families living in temporary shelters with biweekly hygiene and food kits, and provided generators to 20 families to power essential medical devices, addressing urgent health and mobility needs in the earthquake-affected region.	Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana, Adıyaman, Malatya, Osmaniye, Hatay, Kilis	\$61,754
Turkish Cancer Association	The project supported the cancer treatment of 100 earthquake-affected individuals relocated to other cities, provided accommodation for 50 accompanying family members, ensured access to medication for those remaining in the region, and delivered one-time cash support to 80 patients in urgent need.	Hatay, Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa	\$8,140
Turkish Family Health and Planning Foundation (TAPV)	The project supported the women and girls in Adana through house visits providing reproductive health education, gender-based violence prevention, and psychosocial support, alongside distributing maternity and dignity kits, in partnership with local municipalities and with partial support from UNFPA Turkey.	Adana	\$55,935
The Foundation for Children with Leukemia (LÖSEV)	The project supported the purchase of a panel van to serve as the LÖSEV Mobile Earthquake Relief Vehicle, providing social services, psychological support, and medical screenings for children with leukemia and adult cancer patients in earthquake-affected provinces. It helped facilitate their registration at LÖSANTE Hospital.	Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana, Adıyaman, Malatya, Osmaniye, Hatay ve Kilis	\$51,850
The Foundation for Children with Leukemia (LÖSEV)	The project supported the LÖSEV Mobile Kitchen, which will provide safe, nutritious meals and motivational support to children with leukemia and cancer patients in earthquake-affected areas. The kitchen operated from LÖSEV's 10-container site at Sütçü İmam University in Kahramanmaraş for 12 months.	Kahramanmaraş	\$87,060
Tohum Autism Foundation	The project provided children with autism affected by the earthquakes with educational materials, sensory tools, and technological devices such as tablets and headphones. These resources helped reduce stress-related behavioral problems, restore disrupted routines, and support their communication, learning, and emotional well-being in temporary living conditions.	Adana, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Elazığ, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye ve Şanlıurfa	\$98,569
Çukurova University Industry Collaboration Foundation	In collaboration with the Turkish Pediatric Society, the Pediatric Emergency and Intensive Care Association, and Çukurova University, the project established a center to provide amputee children with treatment, prosthetics, and physiotherapy—supporting their journey toward independence and productivity. The center also aimed to raise public awareness on the challenges faced by children with limb loss.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$50,000
Justice for Animals	The grant supported the rescue, medical treatment, rehabilitation, rehoming, and welfare of animals in earthquake-affected regions, along with training initiatives to improve long-term animal care.	Hatay, Antalya, Kahramanmaraş	\$19,234

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Turkish Cancer Association	The project provided six months of cash assistance to 70 cancer patients to support their treatment and recovery needs.	Hatay, Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa	\$57,200
Çukurova University Industry Collaboration Foundation	In collaboration with the Turkish Pediatric Society, the Pediatric Emergency and Intensive Care Association, and Çukurova University, the project established a center to provide amputee children with treatment, prosthetics, and physiotherapy—supporting their journey toward independence and productivity. The center also aimed to raise public awareness on the challenges faced by children with limb loss.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$26,221
Justice for Animals	The grant supported a city-wide sterilization initiative targeting the uncontrolled cat population in Hatay's three largest districts—Samandağ, Defne, and Antakya. The cats were trapped, spayed or neutered under clinical conditions by partnering veterinarians in İstanbul, and rehomed.	Hatay	\$5,850
Fusun Sayek Association for the Development of Health and Education	The grant supported the installation of two water purification systems in Defne and Arsuz to provide a reliable source of clean, drinkable water for communities in Hatay, Turkey.	Hatay	\$5,850
Hope Foundation for Children with Cancer (KACUV)	The initiative supported families of children with cancer by providing financial assistance for food and hygiene needs.	Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$100,000
Unicef USA	The grant supported UNICEF's relief and recovery efforts in Türkiye and Syria, contributing to the Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) Appeals to address the urgent needs of vulnerable children and families in both countries.	Aleppo, Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa, Elazığ	\$7,500
Support Foundation for Civil Society (STDV)	The grant supported a program to empower community-based organizations in earthquake-affected regions—Hatay, Adana, and Mersin—to address urgent environmental issues, restore coastal and marine ecosystems, and promote sustainable food systems in the aftermath of the February 2023 earthquakes.	Hatay, Adana, Mersin	\$20,000
Support Foundation for Civil Society (STDV)	The grant supported a program to empower community-based organizations in earthquake-affected regions—Hatay, Adana, and Mersin—to address urgent environmental issues, restore coastal and marine ecosystems, and promote sustainable food systems in the aftermath of the February 2023 earthquakes.	Hatay, Adana, Mersin	\$30,000



# INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

## EXPANDING REACH, DEEPENING IMPACT

Since the first days following the February 6 earthquakes, TPF has worked closely with institutional partners to mobilize resources, expand reach, and strengthen long-term recovery efforts in Türkiye. These partnerships played a critical role in enabling TPF to respond at scale while remaining grounded in local realities and accountable to community needs.

Institutions supported TPF’s work through a range of mechanisms, including direct financial contributions, matching gift programs, revenue-based giving initiatives, collaborative campaigns with Turkish-American associations and community organizations, and in-kind support such as advertising and communications expertise. Together, these efforts helped mobilize significant funding, raise public awareness, and sustain momentum beyond the initial emergency phase.

TPF’s added value lay in how these resources were granted. Drawing on deep local partnerships, continuous field engagement, and data-informed decision-making, TPF translated institutional support into coordinated action, directing funds where they could meet urgent needs while also strengthening the systems required for long-term recovery. Rather than funding isolated activities, TPF aligned institutional contributions with a broader recovery strategy that integrated psychosocial well-being, education, economic opportunity, and community cohesion.

Through a transparent and streamlined grantmaking process, TPF ensured responsible stewardship of institutional funds, providing partners with clarity, confidence, and accountability. Beyond grant administration, TPF served as a strategic partner: convening institutions around shared priorities, facilitating learning and field engagement, and enabling co-investment in locally led solutions.

As recovery progressed, these collaborations evolved from short-term response to long-term partnership. TPF intentionally created pathways for institutions to engage more deeply, supporting systems strengthening, preparedness, and civil society capacity. In doing so, institutional generosity was not only amplified, but sustained, contributing to recovery that is resilient, inclusive, and shaped by communities themselves.

Over  
\$2.9M  
raised from  
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Corporations

Over  
\$1.5M  
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### How Institutions Partnered with TPF to Rebuild and Transform Communities



# CASE STUDY: GLOBALGIVING & TPF

## FROM INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING TO COMMUNITY-CENTERED RECOVERY

In the aftermath of the February 6 earthquakes, institutional funders faced a shared challenge: how to deploy resources quickly while ensuring local credibility, coordination, and long-term impact. For GlobalGiving, addressing this challenge meant working through a trusted, locally grounded partner with the capacity to translate global resources into responsible, community-led action.

Building on a 15-year partnership, GlobalGiving deepened its collaboration with TPF through a \$200,000 institutional grant to TPF’s Earthquake Fund. Rather than funding isolated interventions, the two organizations aligned around a shared strategy: support immediate needs while strengthening local systems essential for long-term recovery.



### Strategic Decision-Making Under Complexity

Guided by TPF’s deep local networks, ongoing field presence, and due-diligence processes, funding decisions balanced urgency with feasibility—prioritizing partners that could deliver immediate support while sustaining services over time. Together, GlobalGiving and TPF selected initiatives that addressed health, education, youth development, and psychosocial well-being as interconnected dimensions of recovery, not separate program silos.

As a result, GlobalGiving’s support was deployed across four complementary, community-based initiatives:



#### MEDAK

Strengthened maternal and child health services, reaching **1,167 women**, delivering **628 pregnancy check-ups**, providing **1,000+ child immunizations**, distributing **1,897 hygiene kits**, and expanding digital health access to **11,000+ users**.



#### TALEBEYİZ BİZ ASSOCIATION

Engaged **883 young people** through festivals, workshops, concerts, camps, and cultural programs, supporting psychosocial well-being, expression, and social connection.



#### BİDEV

Trained **50+ physical education teachers**, providing technical and soft skills development, professional networks, and long-term roadmaps to sustain youth engagement through sports.



#### TURKISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (TED)

Supported **71 students** through scholarships, mentoring, and educational programming, strengthening motivation, well-being, and school continuity during a period of disruption.

**Together, these initiatives demonstrate how institutional funding when guided by local intelligence and strategic stewardship can reinforce multiple recovery pathways simultaneously.**

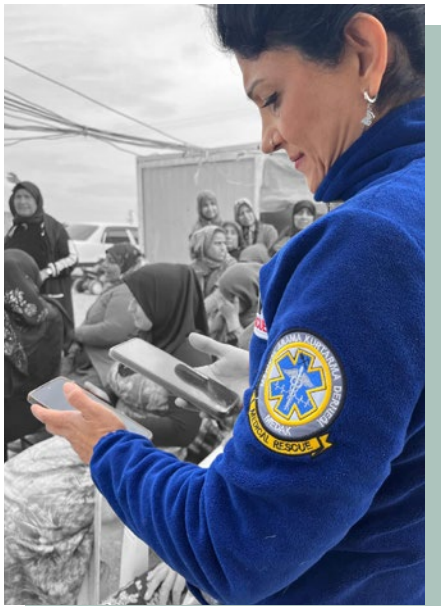


# From Funding to Shared Learning

GlobalGiving’s engagement extended beyond financial support. TPF intentionally designed a field visit as a learning intervention, enabling GlobalGiving representatives to meet vetted local partners, observe recovery efforts firsthand, and understand evolving needs within their real-world constraints.

This experience illustrates TPF’s added value: not only mobilizing resources, but curating access, context, and learning. By leveraging long-standing relationships, field data, and credibility with local organizations, TPF enabled GlobalGiving to engage deeply and responsibly—aligning institutional priorities with community realities and long-term recovery dynamics.

For GlobalGiving, the partnership offered more than impact metrics. It provided institutional insight into recovery trajectories, partner capacity, and system-level challenges, informing future disaster-response strategies and reinforcing the importance of locally led models.



## What Made This Partnership Effective

**Pre-existing trust between GlobalGiving and TPF**

**TPF’s local due diligence and field intelligence, reducing risk and fragmentation**

**Shared commitment to long-term, community-led recovery, beyond short-term relief**

## Why This Case Matters

The GlobalGiving–TPF partnership demonstrates a scalable model for institutional philanthropy in post-disaster contexts that moves beyond transactional regranteeing toward coordinated, learning-driven, locally rooted recovery. By translating institutional generosity into strategic action and shared responsibility, TPF ensures that global resources contribute not only to immediate relief, but to stronger systems, empowered local actors, and durable community resilience.



# HOW PARTNERING WITH TPF WORKS

FROM INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY IMPACT



# CASE STUDY: TPF & AIRBNB.ORG

## FROM EMERGENCY SHELTER TO A SUSTAINABLE HOUSING RESPONSE SYSTEM

In the immediate aftermath of Türkiye's devastating earthquakes, one of the most urgent challenges was clear: how to secure safe, dignified housing at scale quickly and responsibly while local systems were under extreme strain. Addressing this challenge required not only global resources, but trusted local coordination and real-time decision-making.

To meet this need, TPF partnered with Airbnb (through the support of Chairman and Co-Founder Joe Gebbia) and Chobani Founder and CEO Hamdi Ulukaya to deliver rapid rental assistance in the earthquake-affected region. Leveraging Airbnb.org's global housing platform and TPF's deep local networks, the partnership provided immediate shelter and stability to 13,910 people across 3,067 households at a moment when safe accommodation was critical to survival and recovery.

Drawing on long-standing relationships with local organizations and municipalities, TPF identified priority populations, coordinated implementation on the ground, and ensured that housing assistance reached those with the greatest need. This approach enabled Airbnb.org's resources to be deployed with speed, accuracy, and accountability, transforming global generosity into targeted, community-centered relief.



### From Immediate Response to a Durable Housing Mechanism

As recovery progressed, the partnership intentionally evolved. Recognizing that housing needs persist well beyond the initial emergency, and that responders themselves require stable accommodation, TPF and Airbnb.org expanded their collaboration into a **long-term, systems-oriented solution**.

Today, TPF serves as an **NGO partner on Airbnb.org's platform**, enabling local NGO staff, humanitarian workers, and first responders to access housing at special rates. During major emergencies, this mechanism is activated to extend discounted or no-cost accommodation to survivors and relief teams, ensuring continuity of response when it matters most. This system was first tested during the wildfires in Türkiye last summer, where it provided safe housing for frontline responders and operational teams.

What began as emergency rental assistance has become a **repeatable, adaptive housing response model**, ready to be activated in future crises.

### Why This Partnership Matters

The TPF-Airbnb.org partnership demonstrates how **emergency response can be designed for longevity**. By combining Airbnb.org's global infrastructure with TPF's local intelligence, coordination capacity, and long-term vision, the partnership moved beyond one-time relief to build a housing system that supports both immediate response and ongoing preparedness.

This collaboration offers a scalable model for institutional philanthropy: one where global platforms work through trusted local stewards to ensure that assistance is timely, dignified, and sustained, strengthening not only recovery, but resilience for the crises yet to come.

# CASE STUDY: UNITING TWO MISSION-DRIVEN INSTITUTIONS

## HOW TPF CATALYZED A CO-FUNDING MODEL WITH THE CENTER FOR DISASTER PHILANTHROPY

From the earliest days following the February 6, 2023 earthquakes, TPF recognized that meaningful recovery would require more than immediate relief. It would require early alignment, long-term commitment, and sustained institutional partnership. While emergency needs dominated the initial response, TPF began laying the groundwork for deeper collaboration with mission-aligned funders who shared a commitment to community-led, long-term recovery.

One such relationship was with the Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP). Rooted in shared values and complementary strengths, the partnership evolved deliberately over time, shaped by field learning, strategic dialogue, and a mutual understanding that recovery and preparedness must be addressed together.

As global attention and emergency funding gradually declined, this early alignment enabled TPF and CDP to formalize a strategic co-funding partnership focused on sustaining recovery and advancing preparedness in Türkiye’s most affected regions.



### Phase I: Co-Funding Community-Led Recovery

Building on TPF’s long-term recovery strategy and trusted local relationships, the partnership entered its first formal phase in 2025. CDP matched TPF’s investments with **\$150,000**, expanding the reach and depth of recovery efforts across four interconnected priority areas: women’s economic empowerment, mental health, education, and youth resilience.

Rather than funding isolated projects, TPF and CDP aligned resources around locally led organizations with demonstrated capacity and deep community trust:

- **Mavi Kalem Association:** Supporting more than 1,000 women in Hatay with financial assistance, mentoring, and psychosocial support—helping rebuild livelihoods, confidence, and stability.
- **Teachers Network:** Strengthening the education ecosystem through the Teacher Support Hub by offering leadership development, mental health resources, and professional support for educators.
- **Buradayız Hatay:** Empowering young people through the Youth & Community Hub, which provides academic, psychosocial, and creative programs that foster resilience and hope.

**This phase demonstrated how institutional co-funding when anchored in local insight and strategic stewardship can stabilize essential services and reinforce community leadership at a critical stage of recovery.**

### Phase II: Joint Field Learning and Ecosystem-Level Insight

In November 2025, TPF and CDP conducted a joint field visit to Hatay that went well beyond monitoring funded projects. Designed and facilitated by TPF, the visit was intentionally structured as a learning and strategy-setting engagement, aimed at understanding the broader recovery ecosystem, not only individual grant outcomes.

In addition to visiting partner organizations supported through the co-funding initiative, TPF curated meetings with a wider range of TPF partners. This broader lens allowed CDP to see how different recovery efforts intersected on the ground, and where critical gaps, overlaps, and systemic pressures were emerging three years into recovery.

Through TPF’s long-standing relationships and credibility in the region, the visit created space for candid dialogue. Local organizations spoke openly about challenges that are often invisible in reports. TPF played a central role in **translating these realities into strategic insight**. Drawing on its continuous field monitoring and multi-year grantmaking experience, TPF helped contextualize what CDP observed,

connecting individual stories to broader patterns across education, mental health, youth engagement, and economic participation. This synthesis enabled CDP to move beyond project-level understanding toward a clearer picture of what sustained recovery would require at the systems level.

The visit also functioned as a **shared learning platform**. Rather than positioning CDP as an external observer, TPF facilitated peer exchanges among local organizations, encouraging reflection on what was working, what was stalling, and where collective approaches could strengthen impact. This reinforced a core principle of TPF’s approach: recovery is most durable when learning is shared and decisions are shaped alongside local leadership.

By the end of the visit, the partnership had reached a deeper alignment, not only on what had been achieved, but on what remained unresolved. This shared understanding directly informed the next phase of collaboration, including the decision to expand the partnership into disaster preparedness and capacity-strengthening for local NGOs.



## Phase III: From Recovery to Preparedness—Institutionalizing Local Readiness

Building on the ecosystem-level insights gained during the joint field visit, TPF and CDP recognized a critical inflection point. While recovery programs were delivering meaningful results, the absence of sustained investment in local preparedness and organizational resilience posed a growing risk. Without deliberate support, the very organizations leading recovery could be left vulnerable when the next crisis struck.

Guided by this shared understanding, the partnership intentionally expanded beyond recovery into **disaster preparedness and systems strengthening**. This marked a strategic evolution: moving from responding to the consequences of disaster toward investing in the conditions that enable communities and institutions to respond more effectively in the future.

CDP committed **\$80,000 to four TPF partners**, which TPF will match, to support preparedness initiatives led by local NGOs in Türkiye. For CDP, preparedness has long been a core pillar of disaster philanthropy. For TPF, this phase represented the formal integration of preparedness into its Türkiye strategy, grounded in three years of field experience and partner dialogue.

TPF’s understanding of preparedness is unique. Rather than importing external models, TPF worked with local partners to identify preparedness priorities rooted in lived realities: staff continuity, emergency protocols, community communication systems, safeguarding practices, and the ability to pivot programming quickly during challenges. Preparedness was framed not as a technical add-on, but as an extension of community well-being and organizational sustainability.

Once again, TPF will play a central role in structuring the co-funding mechanism to ensure alignment, accountability, and accessibility for local organizations. By coordinating timelines, grant criteria, and reporting expectations, TPF reduced administrative burden for partners while maintaining rigorous standards. This allowed local NGOs, often operating with limited capacity, to engage meaningfully in preparedness work without diverting resources from ongoing recovery efforts.

Importantly, Phase III reinforced preparedness as a **collective, not isolated, responsibility**. TPF encouraged collaboration among participating organizations, creating opportunities for shared learning, peer exchange, and coordination. This approach reflected a core insight from the field: preparedness is most effective when organizations are connected, informed, and able to act together.

Through this phase, the TPF–CDP partnership moved beyond funding alignment to **strategic co-ownership** of a long-term agenda. Recovery and preparedness were no longer treated as separate stages, but as interconnected components of resilience, each strengthening the other.

By institutionalizing preparedness within locally led systems, Phase III ensured that the partnership’s impact would extend beyond current programs, equipping communities and organizations not only to recover from past crises, but to face future ones with greater readiness, confidence, and agency.

## Why This Partnership Matters

As global attention fades after large-scale disasters, the most significant risk is not unmet need alone but the erosion of local capacity built during recovery. Community-based organizations are often left to sustain services, retain staff, and respond to new risks with shrinking resources and limited institutional support.

The partnership between TPF and CDP directly addresses this challenge. By aligning early, learning together over time, and intentionally linking recovery with preparedness, the partnership moved beyond episodic funding toward **long-term systems stewardship**.

Through TPF’s local intelligence, trusted relationships, and field-based learning, institutional resources were deployed in ways that protected and strengthened the very organizations sustaining recovery. Preparedness was embedded not as a separate initiative, but as a natural extension of community well-being and organizational resilience.

This collaboration demonstrates a replicable model for disaster philanthropy in which institutional partners engage early, remain present through learning and adaptation, and invest in local systems before the next crisis occurs. By combining CDP’s global expertise with TPF’s role as a long-term steward on the ground, the partnership helps ensure that communities are not only recovering from past disasters, but are better equipped for those yet to come.

**“Since the 2023 earthquake, CDP has awarded 25 grants totaling more than \$7.3 million from our Türkiye & Syria Earthquake Recovery Fund to organizations supporting community-driven recovery. By partnering with Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we can further resource and amplify the efforts of those closest to the most underserved and at-risk survivors, helping them recover stronger and thrive.”**

*Patricia McIlreavy, CDP President and CEO*



# BUILDING FORWARD TOGETHER

Much has been rebuilt. Much remains to be strengthened. The work ahead is about sustaining community life, strengthening local leadership, and ensuring that the systems rebuilt today can withstand the challenges of tomorrow.

We invite you to continue this journey with **Turkish Philanthropy Funds**. Your ongoing support enables locally led recovery, protects hard-won progress, and invests in futures shaped by dignity, resilience, and opportunity. Together, we can ensure that recovery is not temporary but transformational. Thank you for standing with us for the long term.

## WAYS TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING

### FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES



#### Make a Gift

Every contribution supports community-led recovery. 100% of donations to the Türkiye Earthquake Fund are directed to programs in earthquake-affected regions.

#### Become a Sustaining Donor

Monthly giving provides steady, predictable support for long-term recovery and resilience.

#### Give Through a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

You can establish a DAF with TPF or recommend a grant to TPF from an existing DAF at another institution.

✉ Contact Director of Philanthropy, Pinar Özyürek: [pinar@tpfund.org](mailto:pinar@tpfund.org)

#### Start or Join a Giving Circle

Pool resources with friends, family, or colleagues to support long-term, community-led solutions together.

### FOR CORPORATIONS & FOUNDATIONS

#### Partner with TPF

TPF works with corporations and foundations to design strategic, long-term partnerships aligned with recovery, resilience, and preparedness goals.

✉ [info@tpfund.org](mailto:info@tpfund.org)

#### Match Employee Giving

TPF is recognized on major corporate giving platforms. Employer matching programs can double or even triple employee contributions.

#### Turn Business Activity into Impact

Support recovery through revenue-based giving, cause-marketing campaigns, or in-kind contributions such as communications and expertise.

#### Explore Co-Funding & Strategic Initiatives

TPF facilitates co-funding models that align institutional resources with trusted local organizations and long-term recovery priorities.

### Help us spread the word on social media

Sharing our mission and commitment to the earthquake region with your connections can help us reach new supporters and make an even greater difference.

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Questions or concerns regarding TPF Earthquake Fund? Connect with us @ [info@tpfund.org](mailto:info@tpfund.org), we're more than happy to answer your questions.



# A heartfelt thanks to all our donors

## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED THE TPF EARTHQUAKE FUND.

Your trust and solidarity made it possible for Turkish Philanthropy Funds to respond with speed, responsibility, and care—delivering immediate relief within days through trusted local partners, while laying the foundation for long-term recovery. From the earliest days of the response to the rebuilding work underway today, your generosity has strengthened local organizations, restored dignity and opportunity, and supported communities as they move from survival toward stability and resilience. By directing resources where they were most needed and evolving our strategy as conditions changed, TPF was able to transform urgent response into sustained, community-led impact. **Thank you for standing with us, for trusting our approach, and for accompanying the journeys you have helped make possible.** Your support is not only addressing today's needs—it is shaping a more resilient, hopeful future for earthquake-affected communities as they continue to build forward.