

Türkiye, Earthquake Response

Local ETS Working Group Meeting

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www.etcluster.org/emergency/turkiye-earthquakes

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Agenda

1. Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) updates
2. Interagency and partner updates
3. AOB

Minutes

1. Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) updates

- ETS assessments for data connectivity, security communications, and services for communities have been conducted and the sector is now planning to deliver services across these three areas.
- An Inter Sector Coordination (ISC) cell has been active in both Ankara and Gaziantep since 20 February. From 1 March onwards, ISC is centred in Gaziantep only. ETS coordination will continue in Ankara for now.
- Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) in Türkiye rapidly recovered services. The ETS is supporting the optimization of common data connectivity services in the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) coordination hubs located in the most affected areas, so far in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş.
- The ETS is working with UNDSS and partners to enhance existing radio communications networks in the affected areas, which can be used by UN agencies only.
- A UN ICT Working Group is held weekly every Friday to further discuss planning to enhance communications services.
- The ETS is engaging with the local authorities in the most affected regions to identify the communications needs of the affected populations in the temporary settlements. The ETS is planning to set up charging stations to enable access to information. The first set of 10 charging stations will arrive in Hatay on 4 March, with another 10 to follow. The initiative will next be set up in Adiyaman.
- The ETS is also ready to support the setup of internet hotspots for affected populations in the temporary settlements. This service will be planned and implemented in collaboration with the national service providers, the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, and the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD).
- The latest operational ETS Türkiye Situation Report can be found [here](#).

2. Interagency and partner updates

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

- The Gaziantep office of the IRC team has been inaccessible since the earthquake. The team has identified a temporary space to operate for the next 2-3 months and plan to move into the space in the next two weeks. The ETS in Türkiye will connect IRC with the national service providers as soon as possible to discuss the internet connectivity set up in the temporary IRC office.

3. AOB

- N/a

Next meeting

The next Local ETS Türkiye Working Group meeting will take place on **9 March 2023**.

Acronyms

AFAD	Disaster and Emergency Management Authority
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
ETS	Emergency Telecommunications Sector
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organisation
IRC	International Rescue Committee
ISC	Inter Sector Coordination
ISP	Internet Service Provider
MNO	Mobile Network Operators
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
UN	United Nations
UNDAC	United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDSS	United Nations Department of Safety and Security
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Fund
WFP	UN World Food Programme

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