Türkiye, Earthquake Response

Local ETS Working Group Meeting

Date: 15/03/2023 **Time:** 14:00

All information related to the ETS in Türkiye can be found on the ETC website:

www.etcluster.org/emergency/turkiye-earthquakes

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Attendance

Chair (Gaziantep)	Caroline Teyssier (ETS Coordinator)
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Moayyed Fares
Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure	Emre Akkas
UNDP	Egemen Metin Turan
UNFPA	Emre Celtik
UNHCR	Afsin Soyunmez
UNICEF	Serdar Okan
	Serhan Saridag
WFP	Elizabeth Millership
	Mosaab Al-Mawardi

Agenda

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

Minutes

1. Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) updates

Coordination

- Coordination for the ETS response in Türkiye is currently carried out by Caroline Teyssier, who took over from Omar Namaoui on 10 March. ETS coordination is based in Gaziantep.

- Inter-Sector Coordination meetings continue to be held in Gaziantep every Monday and Thursday. A representative from the Government of Türkiye Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) attends the Monday meetings to engage with sectors responding to the earthquake emergency.

Connectivity services

- The ETS continues to provide support for improved access to the established connectivity at two United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) coordination sites in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş. On 13 March, the ETS supported remotely to restore disrupted connectivity services in Kahramanmaraş.

- The ETS is also on standby to support data connectivity in the UNDAC site in New Hatay Stadium.

Security communications (radio)

- The ETS is working with UNDSS for enhanced security communications for UN agencies across the affected areas. Following an assessment of security communications infrastructure in Hatay on 11 March, it was found that the UHF radio repeater is no longer operational. The ETS met with UNDSS on 15 March to follow up on the installation/relocation and procurement plan for radio infrastructure in Hatay. A detailed plan for all sites where security communications are being enhanced by the ETS will be shared shortly.

Services for communities

- On 11 March, the ETS visited Hatay to check up on the status of the charging station services installed in two temporary settlements since 4 March. Power issues were identified for two of the charging station units—the ETS worked with the settlement management to work on restoring the power for the units and to increase access to the services.

- The ETS received a request from the government authorities in Hatay to support the temporary settlements with a further 40 charging station units. The ETS is further assessing the needs and feasibility of the request.

- The ETS plans to install a further 10 charging station units in a temporary settlement in Malatya on 17 March, following an assessment carried out with government authorities on 13 March. There is a need for the affected people staying in the

settlement to access a safe and dedicated space to charge their communications devices.

2. Interagency and partner updates

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

- The ETS will follow up on the plan to support the new temporary office of IRC in Gaziantep with data connectivity services.

UNHCR

- UNHCR recently set up four tents in Hatay near to New Hatay Stadium to accommodate UNHCR staff. Data connectivity services are enabled at the site via a 4G modem, and the team has access to video conferencing devices. The services are powered by the national grid and there is a generator for back-up power. Since the services were set up on 11 March, there have been no issues with mobile network coverage, and Iridium satellite services are working well as a back-up for emergency communications.

3. AOB

- N/a

Next meeting

The next Local ETS Türkiye Working Group meeting will take place on **Wednesday 22 March 2023**.

Acronyms

AFAD	Disaster and Emergency Management Authority
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
ETS	Emergency Telecommunications Sector
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
I/NGO	International/Non-Governmental Organisation
IRC	International Rescue Committee
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
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UHF	Ultra-High Frequency
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Fund
WFP	UN World Food Programme

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