

**About WCK**

Founded in 2010 by Chef José Andrés, World Central Kitchen (WCK) is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. Applying our model of quick action, leveraging local resources, and adapting in real-time, WCK has served more than 250 million nourishing meals around the world.

**Earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria**

In the early morning of February 6, a 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck central Türkiye and northwest Syria. It was one of the strongest earthquakes to hit the region in over a century and has been followed by thousands of aftershocks, including a 7.5-magnitude quake hours later and a 6.3-magnitude earthquake less than two weeks later. Entire cities and towns have been devastated, with thousands of structures, including entire high-rise blocks, collapsing. Over a million people in Türkiye are now displaced. In northern Syria, four million people were already displaced from war and rely on humanitarian assistance, and the earthquakes have increased their need for support.

**WCK's Meal Response in Türkiye**

WCK Relief Team members arrived in Türkiye after the earthquakes to assess the food and water needs in the affected communities. Our emergency response began in Adana, near the epicenter of the earthquakes, where we identified restaurant partners who immediately began cooking while our team established a WCK relief kitchen. It soon became clear that the scale of need is immense and across a large geographic region. WCK has established regional teams in hard-hit provinces of Türkiye to provide meals to communities as effectively as possible and meet the unique needs of each affected area.

WCK has partnered with more than 50 restaurants, caterers, and organizations across Türkiye, and is utilizing our innovative model that 1) mobilizes existing infrastructure (local food suppliers) to provide meals quickly, 2) invests in local businesses and economies during a time of disaster, 3) ensures distributed meals are culturally relevant, and 4) engages local communities in our response.

In addition to restaurant-prepared meals, WCK has established fifteen relief kitchens across critically impacted areas. In areas where we cannot set up an indoor kitchen facility due to unstable buildings, we are deploying mobile kitchens to meet the community's needs. We are supporting food producers by sourcing local products and are working with Turkish chefs to provide comforting and nourishing meals.

**To date, WCK has distributed over 7.2 million meals across eleven impacted areas in Türkiye** with the following meal totals:

- **Hatay:** 2.41 million meals
- **Kahramanmaras:** 1.31 million meals
- **Adiyaman:** 936,700 meals
- **Gaziantep:** 699,200 meals
- **Adana:** 645,100 meals
- **Malatya:** 526,400 meals
- **Osmaniye:** 401,400 meals
- **Elbistan:** 243,900 meals
- **Diyarbakir:** 21,400 meals
- **Kilia:** 1,100 meals
- **Sanliurfa:** 400 meals

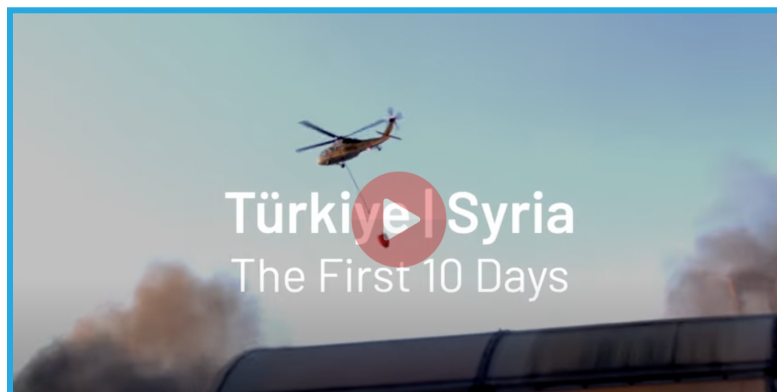
### WCK's Meal Response in Syria

WCK is providing nourishing meals to families and first responders in hard-hit towns in northern Syria, and we are working to increase the number of meals we deliver each day to meet the need. We are partnering with two organizations to deliver meals prepared primarily by local restaurants. The first, Gift of the Givers, has scaled operations from a few hundred meals a day to 3,000 with WCK's support, and they will continue to grow their operations. The second, IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), prepares 40,000 meals per day and is scaling up to 60,000. IHH has established a kitchen just across the border in Türkiye, which prepares meals to be distributed to communities in Syria. Additionally, with IHH, we are distributing food kits at refugee camps, which include dry goods for families able to cook meals. **WCK has served over 683,800 meals in Syria.**

### Looking Ahead

**WCK is currently serving 500,000+ meals per day and will continue to scale up our support to meet the needs. WCK has served more than 7.8 million meals since the earthquakes, with meal costs of ~\$3-4 per meal. The video linked to the image below shares a glimpse of our work so far.**

WCK has committed to serving meals in Türkiye and Syria through mid-April, knowing that recovery here will be long and difficult, and will continue to assess needs. To best manage and sustain this effort, we are building out a local team in Türkiye who will lead the response on the ground.



### Partnering to Fuel Our Work

This was a sudden, far-reaching disaster, and we continue to scale our efforts to meet the immense need. We know that a warm meal in a crisis is so much more than a plate of food—it's hope, dignity, and a sign that someone cares about you and that you are not alone. Together, we can provide comforting, nourishing meals to the communities affected by the devastating earthquakes, and we welcome your support of our growing efforts.

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**"We have one mission: let's feed people in need. Let's feed the hungry and let's bring water to the thirsty, and with that simple mission, everybody knows what to do."**

**- Chef José Andrés**