

EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFO

Pikolo Association was founded in 2014 by 12 teachers in Ordu. The mission of the Association is to support decent living conditions for people whose positions are disadvantaged relative to society.

Besides the Association centered in Ordu, it has representatives in Ankara, Adana, and Şanlıurfa provinces. Pikolo Association is progressing with its activities throughout Turkey to achieve its goals.

Pikolo Association, which works to ensure that children, women, and youth, who are in a disadvantaged position compared to society, reach de-

cent conditions since 2014, carries out its activities in cooperation with public institutions and organizations, national and international institutions, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. The Association carries out its activities in the scope of implementing, advocating, dissemination, and policy development.

Pikolo Association will carry out its work for the best interest of people in the future through its experienced human resources, field experience, power of implementation, and incorporations with relative institutions.

BACKGROUND

On 06.02.2023, 11 provinces were affected by two severe earthquakes, with a magnitude of 7.7 in Kahramanmaraş-Pazarcık epicenter and a magnitude of 7.6 in Kahramanmaraş-Elbistan epicenter. The provinces where the earthquake affects experienced the loss of life, injured people, and destroyed and heavily damaged buildings. These provinces were Adana, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Elazığ, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, and Şanlıurfa.

The Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) declared that the total loss of life in these provinces has reached 42.310. Aftershocks that spread throughout the region are still in effect. According to the data obtained by AFAD, the number of aftershocks experienced in the region is 7.184. Moreover, 448.018 people were evacuated from the region.

After these two severe earthquakes, a new earthquake hit Hatay province, Defne district with a magnitude of 6.4 on 20.02.2023. AFAD declared that 90 aftershocks, the biggest magnitude was 5.8, occurred after this devastating earthquake. According to the latest data, 6 people lost their lives and 294 people were injured after the earthquake with a magnitude of 6.4.

After the earthquakes, the provinces face many social and humanitarian problems. Pikolo Association has mobilized all its sources to heal the wounds of this disaster considering its founder principles to carry out preventive, capacity-builder, protective roles and awareness-raising activities for individuals who have a disadvantage compared to the society. After these earthquakes, the Association quickly prepared an emergency response plan and took action for Adıyaman province on 08.02.2023 with a team consisting of 22 people.

On the same date, family visits and PSS activities for children were launched in Diyarbakır and Mardin provinces. On the other side, the hygiene and clothing kits that were previously obtained in the scope of the "Elimination of Child Labour in Seasonal Agriculture" project were started to distribute to communities that were affected by the earthquake in Adana, Mersin, and Şanlıurfa provinces. To establish child-friendly areas, provide psychosocial support activities, and meet the needs of the people affected by the disaster through other various aid distributions and activities are planned by need assessments in the provinces by meeting with international and public institutions for the social and humanitarian problems that may arise after the disaster.

ADANA

In the scope of the activities carried out for the earthquake survivors, hygiene materials were distributed to beneficiaries. A total number of 103 hygiene kits were distributed to earthquake survivors in Adana province. Besides this activity, earthquake survivors, families, and children were visited in the tent settlement areas, and the need assessment was carried out.



ADIYAMAN



Pikolo Association has been meticulously carrying out its activities in the provinces where field activities had been already carried out, and after the earthquake, these fields were primarily focused. In this sense, as of 09.02.2023, various aid and distribution activities have started to be supported in Adıyaman where Pikolo Association has already a field in this province.

Pikolo Association has located its team in Şehit Turan Çelik İmam Hatip Secondary School in Malazgirt District. Within

the context of the activities carried out in Adıyaman province, various materials have been tried to provide earthquake survivors in this center. These materials include dry food, clothing materials, hygiene materials, and materials for women and babies. The materials were not only distributed in the building but also distributed in different districts and locations by collecting demands from beneficiaries. Apart from neighborhoods and villages in the central district, aid support was provided to Besni, Gölbaşı, Kahta, and Gerger districts, and the villages. In addition to the delivery of supplies to these districts and villages, food support was provided from the hot meal tent set up at Şehit Turan Çelik İmam Hatip Secondary School. Support was also provided for the distribution of hot food to UMKE and search and rescue teams working in the wreckage areas. In addition to all these, efforts were made to support the heating and sheltering needs of citizens whose houses were destroyed, heavily damaged, or unable to enter their homes, thus contributing to the provision of fuel, stoves, and tent supports. A total of 42 people, consisting of Pikolo Association employees and volunteers, supported these activities carried out in Adıyaman in 3 teams.

DIYARBAKIR

In Diyarbakır province, Psycho-Social Support (PSS) activities and distribution support were organized for earthquake survivor families and children.

PSS activities for children who were affected by the earthquake were carried out for 2 days with 4 sessions through the municipality. Introduction circle, identifying feelings, impersonation, hygiene training, and drawing activities were organized for children aged between 4-6.

A cinema event was organized for children aged between 7-10. For children aged between 10-13+, activities that focus on child participation, safe areas, and protection, group awareness, and the importance of group work were implemented. 295 children participated in PSS activities. Besides PSS activities, 384 hygiene kits were distributed to families affected by the earthquake. On the other side, 308 clothing kits were provided to children.



HATAY

Since the earthquakes hit the southeastern and eastern parts of Turkey on 06.02.2023, Pikolo Association immediately organized their field teams which already conduct activities in Hatay, other field teams which are active in other provinces, administrative units, and volunteers. In this sense, 7 field staff, 3 administrative staff, and 12 volunteers were transferred to the province with 4 vehicles. A total number of 22 people started their support activities and need assessment analysis on 11.02.2023. On 11.02.2023, a total number of 32 people participated in support activities and the need assessment process.

The team organized in Hatay located in the Serinyol Logistic Warehouse of Türk Kızılay which is inactive in Antakya. The warehouse was used to store various materials which to be distributed to earthquake survivors' needs. Since the Pikolo Association arrived at the warehouse, a call center was set and demands started to be obtained via this phone line.

Demands were obtained not only by earthquake survivors but also by volunteers located in Hatay province to support distribution and aid activities. Moreover, demands were collected during interviews with earthquake survivors in tent settlements or excavation areas. All these demands were identified and registered regularly and the survivors' needs were tried to be met. Deliveries are made by going to the beneficiaries' addresses.

The logistic operations were organized in Serinyol Warehouse where Pikolo Association contributed to store materials. The field staff was divided into 4 groups with 4 vehicles and they transported the aid materials or survivors' need to the related fields.

First of all, tents are mostly demanded by earthquake survivors. This demand was received via the call center or during the interviews conducted in the field. Since there is a great problem accessing tents and demands are quite high, there is a lack of obtaining tents for the earthquake

survivors. Nevertheless, the limited amount of demand for tents was tried to provide. The materials mostly demanded were dry food and water, hygiene materials such as toilet paper, sanitary napkins, shampoo, soap, washing powder, disinfectant, etc. The most demanded needs for children are underwear, diapers, blanket, pillow, and baby food. Moreover, the call center received clothing demands for adolescents, adults, and children such as underwear, socks, shoes, boots, gloves, scarf, etc. Since families lack accommodation opportunities, the need for beds, blankets, pillows, and carpets occurs and they were demanded through the call center. To warm tent areas and to cook meals in these settlements, beneficiaries demanded cylinders, wood, and wood stove, electric heater.

Besides these demands provided to beneficiaries, Pikolo Association could also reach a limited number of beneficiaries who have special diets. In this sense, gluten-free foods were provided to celiac beneficiaries.

Pikolo Association has tried to reach beneficiaries in 13 districts (Altınöz, Antakya, Arsuz, Belen, Defne, Dörtöl, Iskenderun, Hassa, Kırıkhan, Kumlu, Payas, Reyhanlı, and Samandağ). The field teams and volunteers were organized and transferred to these regions by the aid demands in these 13 districts.



MERSİN

In Mersin, hygiene kits were provided for families and children who were affected by the earthquake. Within the scope of the distribution activity carried out in Mersin province, a total number of 50 hygiene kits were provided for families that have limited access to hygiene materials.

Moreover, the schools that started the second semester were visited, and the school administrations were interviewed about the physiological and psychological conditions of the students who were affected by the earthquake.

ŞANLIURFA

In Şanlıurfa, earthquake survivors and families/children who were affected by the earthquake were visited in tents and rubble areas. The people affected by the earthquake were tried to be supported by distribution activities. In this sense, a total number of 781 hygiene kits were distribu-

ted to beneficiaries. In addition, clothing kits and shoes for children were also provided for benefit of children in need. In this context, 484 clothing kits and 532 shoes were delivered to children.

Material Provided and Distributed by Pikolo Association

<u>Material</u>	<u>Adana</u>	<u>Diyarbakır</u>	<u>Mersin</u>	<u>Şanlıurfa</u>
Hygiene Kits	103	384	50	781
Clothing Kits		308		484
Shoes				532

Material Distribution Coordinated by Pikolo Association co-opted with Other Volunteer NGOs and Institutions

(in Cooperation with AFAD)

<u>Material</u>	<u>Families Reached (Approximately)</u>	
	<u>Hatay</u>	<u>Adıyaman</u>
Dry food	850	1050
Hot Mea	-	18000
Hygiene Kits	180	550
Heater (Electric Heater and Wood Stove)	175	300
Blanket	200	1000
Clothes (Adults)	700	500
Underwear and Socks (Adults)	700	500
Clothes (Kids)	350	450
Underwear and Socks (Kids)	350	350
Baby Food and Diapers	200	550
Shoes (Adults)	100	500
Shoes (Kids)	100	350
Firewood	60 ton	50 ton
Women Hygiene Kits	400	500
Newborn Baby Kits	250	250



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