



earthquake status update northern syria- 7 february 2023

Situation in numbers

- 769 deaths reported by the Syrian Ministry of Health (including 2 Palestine refugees in Neirab and 1 in Latakia)
- Approximately 15 Palestine refugees reported as missing in Latakia and Jableh, rescue efforts are ongoing
- 1,448 injuries reported (including 7 Palestine refugees in Latakia and 1 in Neirab)
- 12 houses completely destroyed and 21 partially damaged in Latakia, 50 partially damaged in Neirab and 8 houses partially damaged in Aleppo
- 2 damaged UNRWA installations in Neirab (1 school and 1 health centre)

UNRWA flash appeal

Today UNRWA launched its flash appeal for USD 2.7 million to assist Palestine refugees who have been impacted by the earthquake.

Geographical coverage

Northern and Central Areas - Aleppo, Latakia, Hama and Tartous Governorates

People in Need

56,164 Palestine refugees
(m 26,495, f 29,669)

Daily highlights

Latakia:

UNRWA made one of its schools available to act as a short-term shelter for Palestine refugees as well as Syrians. Last night the shelter housed approximately 570 Palestine refugees and 250 Syrians. Most were afraid to stay in their homes due to the risk of aftershocks. By today, the number residing in the school reduced to about 350.

At least one third of these are children, including infants. UNRWA is providing WASH facilities including drinking water as well as ensuring the safety of residents. Food is being provided by various charity organisations.

Telemedicine is being offered to individuals with NCDs, older persons and those with disabilities.

Neirab:

UNRWA continues to provide essential health, psychological, social and environmental services to the families that have been impacted by the earthquake in Neirab Camp.

UNRWA is in constant contact with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent Society to secure support for shelters for Palestine refugees. UNRWA is also coordinating with UNICEF to procure two tents for the schools in Neirab schools.

UNRWA is providing psychological support to school children and a mobile clinic is providing medicines and clinical advice as well as telemedicine for people with a disability and the elderly.

UNRWA has coordinated with the local authorities to ensure the safety of drinking water in the camp and access to emergency hospital services.

Needs update

Latakia:

UNRWA is undertaking a preliminary visual assessment of damaged houses in Latakia camp to ascertain their safety and so far 21 houses have been identified to have developed cracks.

There is an urgent need for blankets, mats, mattresses, etc. and UNRWA plans to distribute these over the coming days. From tomorrow, group counselling will be provided to those staying in the school to address anxiety levels.

Neirab:

A technical committee has been formed to assess the structural safety of homes that have been damaged.