

SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

Facilitation for Entry of Emergency Relief Supplies and Personnel to Syria

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Background

After multiple earthquakes hit southern Türkiye and Syria on 6 February, thousands of people remain in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. The earthquakes and their aftershocks resulted in thousands of casualties and massive destruction of houses and critical civilian infrastructure across governorates in the north, central, and coastal parts of Syria; Aleppo, Latakia, Tartous and Hama among other locations.

The Government of Syria (GoS) has appealed for the support of the international community to respond to the urgent humanitarian needs arising from the earthquakes. In an effort to allow humanitarian aid from outside Syria to reach those in need, the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates (MoFAE) will ensure timely facilitation for customs, visa and other entry procedures for organizations requiring support to send supplies or staff to support affected people.

For supplies/personnel outside Syria

Many member states and humanitarian organizations not currently operational within Syria have expressed willingness to send humanitarian aid and expert technical staff to Syria by land and/or air. In order to initiate the process and due to the urgency of relief required, the GoS has designated focal points for customs/visa-related matters for supplies and personnel capable of providing services to the affected populations. MoFAE has indicated that it will urgently approve visas within two days. All inquiries for support should be directed to the below individuals.

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Current entry points for delivery of humanitarian assistance into Syria

The Syrian Ministry of Transport has confirmed that the following crossings are operational and open for the delivery of relief supplies and staff. Organizations requiring landing permits for air assets may reach out to the aforementioned GoS focal points for further guidance.

LAND CROSSINGS		
From Lebanon	From Jordan	From Türkiye
Jaddidyt Yabws	Jaber/Naseeb	Bab Al-Salameh
Jossieh		Al-Rai
Addabousiyah		Karkamis (Jarablus)
Jesser Qmar		
Matrabah		
Arida		

AIRPORTS		
Damascus International Airport	Aleppo International Airport	Latakia Airport

For supplies/personnel inside Syria, and general inquiries

HCT partners already operating inside Syria should use GoS MoFA NV no. 291, issued on 6 February as the main document for initiating response and/or assessment activities that they plan to implement, always in addition to the appropriate coordination with local Government authorities. For specific issues, please contact:

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