As the recovery and rebuilding efforts in Turkey and Syria enter their second week following the devastating earthquakes of Feb. 6, the Embrace Relief Foundation can provide several updates on our campaign to aid people affected by this disaster.

As of the evening of Monday, Feb. 13, Embrace Relief can confirm that it has successfully delivered four shipments of food to the earthquake zone, providing ready-to-eat meals to the people of several cities, including Hatay and Malatya, Gaziantep, Adiyaman. A fifth truck, carrying basic essentials like toiletries, paper towels, and diapers, has also arrived in the area, and its contents have also been distributed to people in need. Embrace Relief is committed to continuing this immediate assistance for as long as necessary, and will soon extend these efforts to Syria.

Embrace Relief is also committed to a longer-term aid effort that will allow the people of Turkey and Syria to rebuild their lives and thrive once more. Beginning this week, Embrace Relief will offer crucial housing assistance – including covering rent and purchasing furniture – to those who have been displaced from their homes by the earthquake. This support will be an invaluable gift to the many thousands of people who have lost family members, their homes, their livelihoods, or all of the above. It will allow them to have a stable living situation as they begin to move forward into the next stage of their lives.
All of this support is possible because of the unbelievable generosity of individuals and communities around the globe, who have committed $900,000 to Embrace Relief’s earthquake relief fund as of 4 p.m. on Feb. 13. Because of the incredible response from our donors, and because the scale of the disaster continues to be much greater than expected, Embrace Relief is extending its campaign fundraising goal to $1.5 million.

“I would like to say thank you to our donors for your generation donations,” said Embrace Relief CEO Osman Dulgeroglu. “You have responded quickly and in a very strong way. They are helping the people greatly. The need is so great right now, but we will do all that we can to meet this need.”

We ask that you please keep the people of Turkey and Syria in your thoughts, and we ask for your continued assistance for our short- and long-term aid in the region. It is only because of donors like you that Embrace Relief can support the people affected by these earthquakes. Together, we will help people recover and rebuild after this tragedy.

To donate in support of Embrace Relief’s earthquake relief efforts in Turkey, visit https://www.embracerelief.org/donation/help-victims-of-earthquake-in-southern-turkey.

Embrace Relief Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to delivering research-based, sustainable solutions to achieve immediate and lasting improvements in situations of humanitarian emergency and improving the quality of life of individuals and communities enduring chronic hardships. Learn more about Embrace Relief at our website, www.embracerelief.org.