**Syria Türkiye Earthquake Response (STER) Rapid Needs Assessment – North West Syria**

This rapid needs assessment was conducted from 8-9 February by the World Vision Syria Response team. The team surveyed earthquake-affected populations in Syria’s Idleb and Aleppo Governorates. The assessment employed a rapid needs assessment tool developed to assess people’s immediate needs. In total, 322 respondents in 25 villages participated in the survey, and they were randomly selected through convenience sampling.

**Methodology**

- 322 families surveyed
- 9 Key informative interviews

- 62% Men respondents
- 38% Women respondents

- 44% of respondents, have at least one family member with specialized medical care
- 43% of respondents have chronic diseases
- 35% of respondents have at least one member over 60 years old
- 28% of respondents, have pregnant and lactating women

**Affected Areas**

- General Needs
  - Top 3 sector priority need: shelter (98%), food and livelihood (87%), and WASH (64%)
  - Top 3 personal needs: mattresses and blankets (85%), clothing (81%), and food (75%)

**Information gaps**

- 37% of respondents are missing information about available services
- 34% of respondents need advice on where to go and what to do
- 16% of respondents are missing information about healthcare
Immediate Health Needs (by % of respondents)

- Medications: 68%
- Nutrition food for child (plumpy-nut): 54%
- First aid kits or item related to wound care: 53%

Shelter and NFI Needs

- Winterization kits: 93%
- Hygiene kits: 87%
- Sanitary kits: 52%

94% of respondents’ shelter was damaged; of those, the shelters of 51% were destroyed.

82% of respondents are currently sheltering in collective shelters; with family, friends and relatives; or in tents and camps.

Top 3 immediate food needs

- Cash: 95%
- Food baskets: 81%
- Infant food: 68%

44% of respondents reported that the markets around them were destroyed.

23% reported having no access to food.
**Internet connection challenges**

- 84% Poor internet concavity
- 53% Limited money to purchase airtime & data bundles
- 92% are able to find everything or most things they need in the markets nearby
- 31% think the prices of everyday goods in Iasi are higher than back home
- 48% would prefer to receive cash payments, 38% prefer ATM cards, and 20% prefer mobile money

**Communication channels**

- Top 3 preferred ways to receive information (by % of respondents): social media (58%), Local government authority (31%), and NGO staff (30%)
- Top 3 information needs (by % of respondents): advice on where to go and what to do (36%), information about schools (23%), and information about services they can access (24%)
- Top 3 preferred ways to provide feedback, including sensitive issues (by % of respondents): WhatsApp (46%), talking to a charity/aid worker (41%), and hotline (8%)

**Education**

42% of respondents reported that the education facilities/services were damaged in their neighborhoods; of these, 90% were partially damaged and 10% were destroyed.

84% of respondents felt that the earthquake affected their children’s ability to access education services.

**WASH Needs**

24% of respondents do not have access to safe water.

**Top 3 damaged WASH services**

- water networks (77%), sewage networks (70%), water stations (61%)

**Top 3 immediate WASH needs**

- clean water (88%), basic hygiene items (78%), and safe toilets (62%)

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