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Japan Platform

**JPF Launching “Emergency Response to Southeast Turkey Earthquake 2023” Program
(Accepting Donations Now)****Supporting affected people in Turkey and Syria in response to the large-scale earthquake damages**

On February 8, Japan Platform (JPF; Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo), an emergency humanitarian aid organization, has launched a response program to provide emergency assistance in Turkey and neighboring Syria, following the massive earthquake that struck southeastern Turkey on February 6 causing extensive damages. At this time, we have begun accepting donations.

A magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck near the southeastern Turkish city of Gaziantep, close to the Syrian border, in the early morning of February 6 (local time). This was followed by another major magnitude 7.5 earthquake, and these earthquakes have caused extensive damages in southern Turkey and northern Syria. According to AFP, 5,894 people have been confirmed dead in Turkey and 1,932 in Syria, bringing the total death toll in the two countries to more than 7,800. The number of victims is expected to rise.^{*1} In addition, many buildings have collapsed, and while rescue efforts are underway, work is reportedly proving difficult. In some areas, snow is falling, and emergency shelter assistance is a pressing issue. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the number of affected people in both Turkey and Syria could be up to 23 million.^{*2}

JPF decided to launch an emergency initial assessment on the day of the earthquake on February 6, and member NGOs have already begun surveying the situations and needs in the affected areas. We would like to ask for your warm support in order to deliver prompt and effective assistance to the affected areas.

*1 [AFP: Turkey earthquake death toll exceeds 7,800; girl survives just after birth in Syria](#) [*Article in Japanese]

*2 [NHK: WHO “Up to 23 people may be affected”](#) [*Article in Japanese]

Program Overview

- Program: Emergency Response to Southeast Turkey Earthquake 2023
- Term: 6 months (initial response period)
- Locations: Areas affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria
- Budget: 30 million yen (initial funds) + more depending on the status of donations
- Organizations: 6 JPF member NGOs (as of February 8)

How to Donate to JPF's Emergency Response to Southeast Turkey Earthquake 2023 Program

◆MUFG Bank wire transfer

Name of Bank:	MUFG Bank, Ltd.
Branch:	Head Office
Type of Account:	Saving
Account Number:	1732758
Account Holder:	Specified Nonprofit Corporation Japan Platform

*Thank you for your understanding in covering the bank transfer fees when you donate to us.

◆Japan Post Bank wire transfer

Name of Bank:	Japan Post Bank
Code & Account Number:	00120-8-140888
Account Holder:	Specified Nonprofit Corporation Japan Platform

*When making a donation through Japan Post, please write "Southeast Turkey Earthquake 2023" in the memo column.

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If you would like to support JPF's emergency initial assessment fund for possible future disasters and conflicts, please support us in the following ways.

*Donations to the following accounts are not for specific relief activities such as the "Emergency Response to Southeast Turkey Earthquake 2023" but will be used for JPF's activities in general.

Donations to JPF Activities in General

◆Japan Post Bank wire transfer

Name of Bank:	Japan Post Bank
Code & Account Number:	00100-7-757910
Account Holder:	Specified Nonprofit Corporation Japan Platform

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JPF was established in 2000, based on the lessons learned from the conflict in Kosovo, as a mechanism for Japanese emergency humanitarian assistance provision where NGOs, the business community, and the government work together in equal partnership. From non-emergency times, the organization functions as a platform for the three parties and diverse people to collaborate by leveraging their strengths and resources to deliver assistance quickly and effectively, within Japan and internationally, to those affected by natural disasters and refugees and internally displaced persons due to conflicts. To date, JPF has provided humanitarian assistance totaling more than 76 billion yen and 1,900 projects in more than 60 countries and regions. As professionals in the field of emergency humanitarian assistance, we implement programs that are rooted in the needs of those in need of assistance, while providing various support to more than 40 member NGOs, each with its own areas of expertise.

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