

Dear colleagues, members of ISPP.

The executive committee of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) would like to extend our solace and solidarity with all those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

We are mindful of colleagues who have family and loved ones in the regions affected and encourage members to offer their support and compassion in this hard time. It is in these moments where contact through a close and loving message, or a phone call, can contribute in a very significant way to deal with uncertainty, anxiety, pain, and loss of loved ones. In these times, companionship and social support can play a substantial role in coping with the adversity unleashed by a natural disaster such as the one we have seen in Turkey and Syria. I invite you to link with colleagues, whether they are living in those countries or abroad, who are experiencing moments of great sadness and pain. Social cohesion helps to overcome adversities.

We would like to hear from our colleagues from Turkey and Syria on how this disaster has affected them. This natural disaster reiterates the importance of supporting our colleagues worldwide.

We also invite you to donate directly to organizations assisting in this disaster. This list of organizations has been compiled and disseminated by members of the European Association of Social Psychology:

AKUT: <https://www.akut.org.tr/en/donation>. NGO specialising in search and rescue operations in Turkey.

Ahbap: <https://bagis.ahbap.org/bagis>. Ahbap is one of the most active and well-organised non-profits in Turkey, currently providing significant support in rescue efforts. Please note that the website is in Turkish and does not accept debit cards.

Earthquake Relief for Türkiye: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/earthquake-relief-for-trkiye>. Campaign is organised by a group of employees of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) via Crowdfunder. All donations will be matched with by EBRD and go to three different civic initiatives on the ground.

Turkish Philanthropy Funds: <https://donate.tpfund.org/campaign/tpf-turkiye-earthquake/c465112>. This is a US community foundation for social investments dedicated to Turkey. Their link is especially for earthquake donations.

OXFAM: <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam-in-action/current-emergencies/turkey-and-syria-earthquake-appeal/>. This is a British-founded confederation of 21 independent charitable organisations focusing on the alleviation of global poverty.

People in the UK can also donate to the DEC: <https://www.dec.org.uk> and the government is matching donations.

Turkey Mozaik

Foundation: https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kahramanmarasearthquake?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=campaign/kahramanmarasearthquake&utm_campaign=pfp-tweet&utm_term=0bd4655cc20d4cc68821de114716247f. This is a UK-based NGO supporting civil organisations in Turkey by serving as a bridge between donors and grassroots. The fundings go via UK-based fundraising activities.

White Helmets: <https://www.whitehelmets.org/en/>. Humanitarian volunteers involved in the search and rescue effort in Syria.

Turkiye Earthquake Donations: <https://earthquaketurkey.notion.site/Turkiye-Earthquake-Donations-330ba83b6a93442b92fd46a414a928db>. Recommendations for local organisations in Turkey who are accepting donations.

Turkey Syria

Earthquake: https://linktr.ee/turkeysyriaearthquake?fbclid=IwAR3RIToZfBGj43T27OAIFL6MRRQQZ6G4wimtXLPM42s3_O_2Atbqx4nrJw8. List of aid and emergency resources in Turkey and Syria.

Warm regards,

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