



**Alleviating Adverse Effects of
Natural Disasters on Poor Segments
of Society
in the OIC Member Countries:
*Experiences/Perspectives of UNDP***

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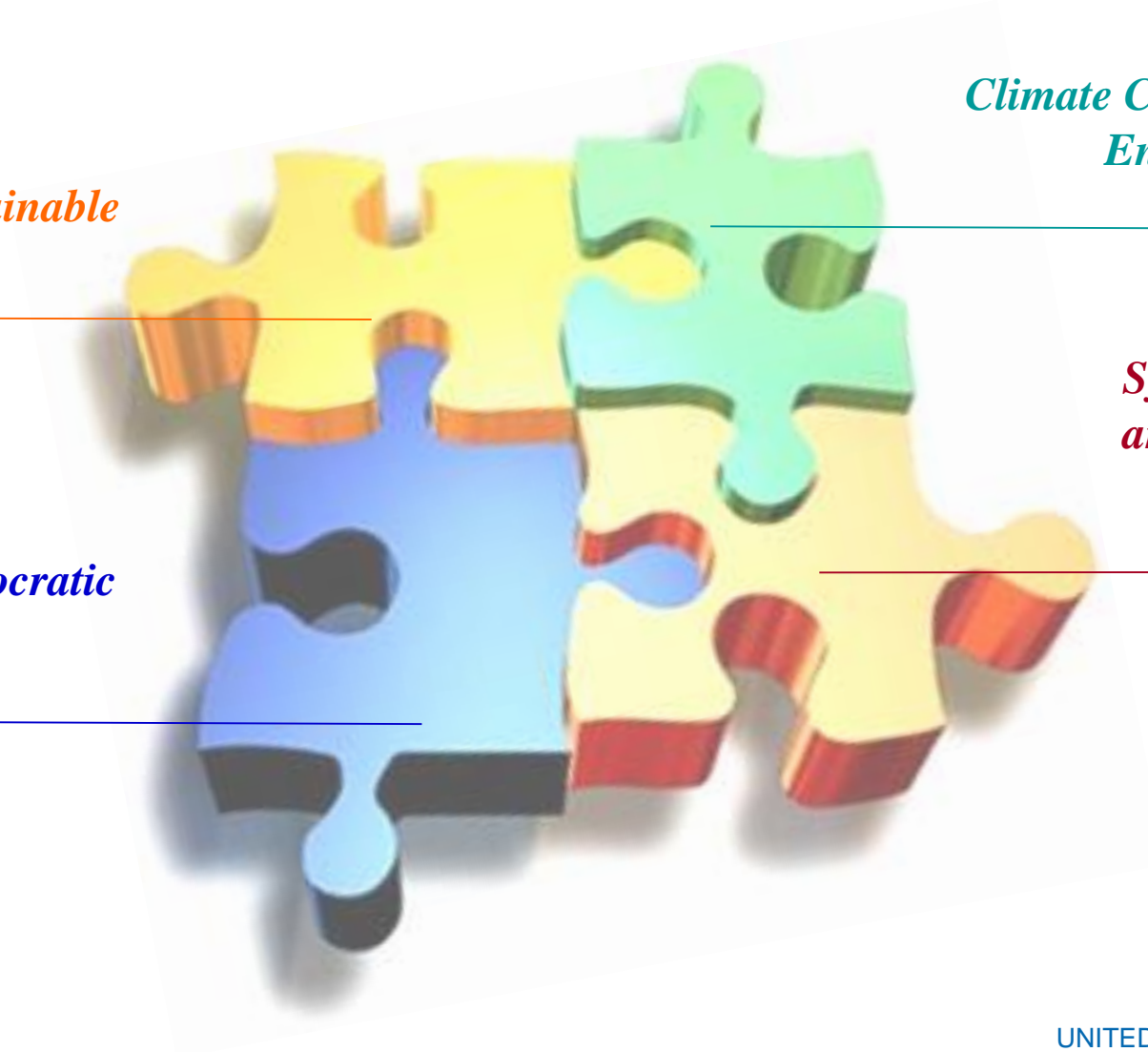
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*Inclusive and Sustainable
Growth*

*Inclusive Democratic
Governance*

*Climate Change and
Environment*

*Syria Crisis Response
and Resilience*



UNDP Türkiye aims to find practical solutions to Türkiye's development challenges and manages together with Turkish Government and other partners to address these issues.

UNDP Türkiye has played a major role in response crises and disasters in Türkiye and surrounding region by establishing cooperation with central government, local authorities, NGOs, academicians and business communities.

Current Situation After The Earthquake



- ❑ The **elderly and persons with disabilities** faced one of clearest risks of being “left behind” in the disaster, owing to the widespread destruction of residential housing and disruption of social services.
- ❑ More than **2.5 million people** in the earthquake-affected region (1.4 million men and 1.1 million women) are registered as having disabilities. This amounts to **16 percent** of the total local population.*
- ❑ **775,012 people** – or **5 percent** of the local population -- are classified as severely disabled.*
- ❑ Within first 120 days of disaster, 1,956 people underwent **amputations**, with 317 under the age of 18.*
- ❑ Many persons with disabilities lost living situations, family support, treatment facilities, assistive devices.
- ❑ The need for **care services**, and for support for **inclusion in employment and community life**, exploded.
- ❑ **Psychosocial trauma** is deep-seated and long-lasting, particularly for those with intellectual disabilities.

**Data source: Strategy and Budget Office of the Presidency, 2024 report on earthquakes one year on.*

RESILIENT

INCLUSIVE

GREEN

SUSTAINABLE

- **Build back better** for resilient structures, institutions, communities
- **Disaster risk reduction** in focus in education, policies and practices
- **Accountable decisions** made with the participation of those affected
- **Leave no one behind** in all relief, recovery and reconstruction efforts
- Employ **green, nature-friendly solutions** for a sustainable future

UNDP Türkiye's Focus Areas



- **Reviving livelihoods**
 - Business Continuity Support
 - Capacity Building Activities
- **Enhancing care services and support to vulnerable persons**
 - Accessible and gender responsive social services for referral and support
- **Managing debris and waste**
- **Restoring cultural heritage**



UNDP Türkiye's Experiences



Business Continuity Support

- Inclusion in labor market and community life is a challenge
- “Business Continuity Support” funded by Swedish fund worth US\$10 million in total that were allocated to entrepreneurs and small businesses in affected area in late 2023 went to business owners with disabilities or companies that employ persons with disabilities



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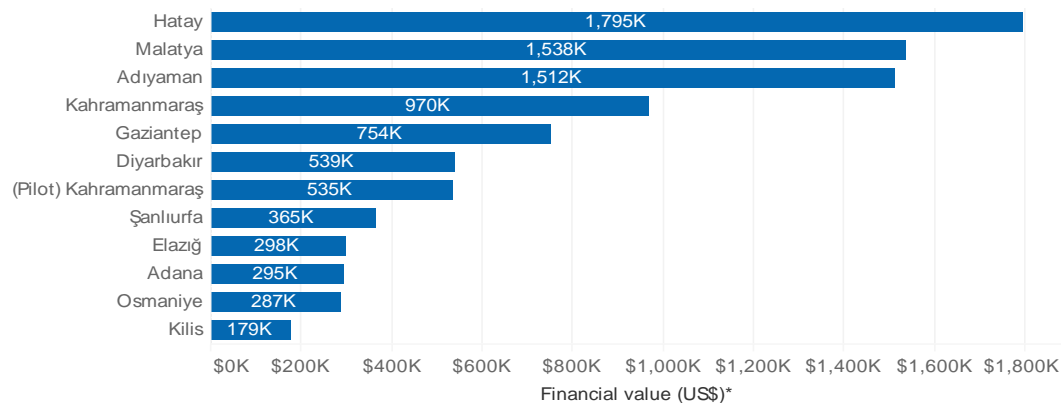


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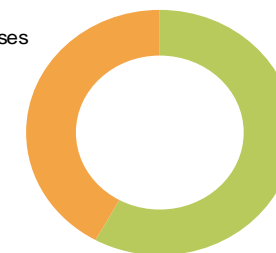
Total Number of Provinces
11 (+1 Pilot)

Total Business Continuity Support Awarded
4,620

Total Financial Value (US\$)
\$10,000,000*



Women-led businesses
1,929 recipients
42%



Men-led businesses
2,691 recipients
58%

*Business continuity support was distributed to the beneficiaries in TRY terms. UNDP took into account the US\$ - TRY December 2023 rates during financial value calculation.

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Businesses with employees
64%

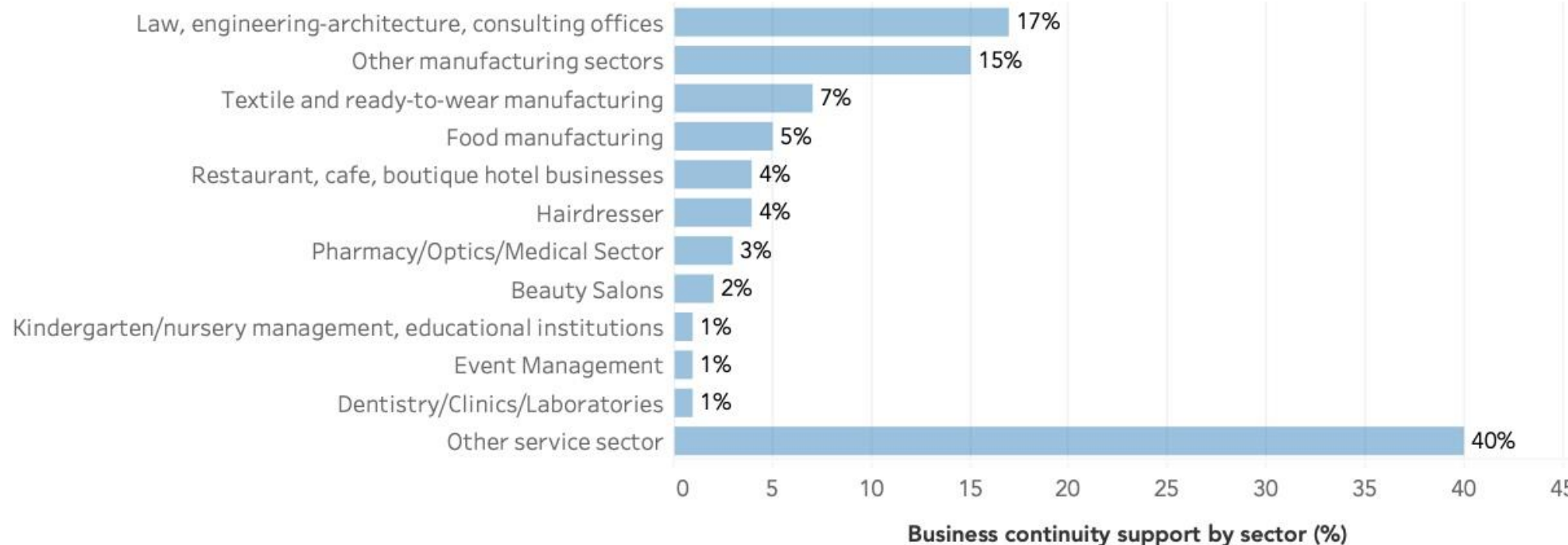


Businesses with at least one woman employee
43%



Businesses with owner and/or employee with disabilities
5%

Business continuity support sectors



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Building Sustainable Community-Based Models for Earthquake Response: Assisting Underserved Groups through Employment, Vocational Training, and Social Services for Early Recovery

- (i) Accessible and gender responsive social services for referral and support (such as psychosocial support) for all including persons with disabilities, the elderly and women, in the earthquake zone will be designed and delivered.
- (ii) Skills development, matchmaking, job transition programs to increase livelihood options of local communities will be implemented.
- (iii) Capacity for routine municipal waste management as well as basic waste management for temporary settlements will be enhanced.

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Project Achievements

- 1,688 persons directly benefited from social services,
- 2 accessible community centres and 3 mobile units have been activated,
- 139 care staff have been trained,
- 1,062 individuals (791 women) received upskilling or reskilling trainings,
- 324 persons (230) women employed with the project activities,
- 2 street sweepers, 1 dust abatement system and 550 waste containers delivered to the municipalities with the highest burden of sanitation and hygiene,
- 4 provinces received roadmaps for recovery in waste management.



UNDP Türkiye's Experiences



Restoring care services



“Accessible community centers” were constructed, equipped and staffed in Adiyaman, Hatay and Kahramanmaraş, in partnership with municipal authorities, and provided with specialized buses for transport and home care



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- In partnership with Ministry of Family and Social Services, centers for physical rehabilitation and daily care were established in container cities in Kahramanmaraş and Adiyaman and served by mobile care vehicles.



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Restoring care services



Developing an Inclusive Model for Providing Social and Assistive Services Capacity to Persons with Disabilities Project

- The project took a holistic approach, looking at medical evaluation, rehabilitation and social integration.
- The project developed a “3E Methodology”:
 - Evaluation** of medical, psycho-social, and other needs.
 - Empowerment** through rehabilitation, therapy, skills training, mentorship, and coaching.
 - Engagement** via workshops, employment, entrepreneurship support, and social participation.
- Following a comprehensive medical screening, prosthesis and orthosis needs were identified, and installation and revision procedures were planned and budgeted to ensure optimal functionality.

- Wheelchairs and assistive devices are in short supply, and wear-and-tear has increased.
- Services for persons with disabilities were expanded in Malatya, including the upgrading of a regional repair facility for wheelchairs and assistive devices.
- Similar repair centers for wheelchairs and assistive devices will now be established in Adıyaman and Kahramanmaraş.

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Lessons learned

- The needs remain vast, yet resources are scarce**
- Accurate, up-to-date and disaggregated data are vital to effective response**
- Skills vital to the recovery remain in short supply in the region**
- Sustainability depends heavily on engagement of local partners**
- Partnership with chambers of industry and trade proved greatly beneficial for the success of vocational training and job transition activities.**
- Shift from “medical” to “social” approach to disability more needed than ever**
- Social relief workers need periodic PSS support themselves.**
- “Nothing about us without us” is core principle in disaster as in normal times**
- Collaboration with projects having similar activities in the same provinces can create synergies**

