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**TURKEY WILDFIRES – 03.08.2021**  
**TURKISH RED CRESCENT**



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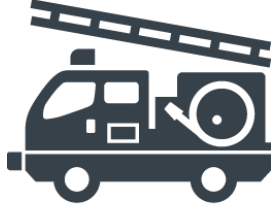
**Host National Society:** Turkish Red Crescent

### Situation Overview

A total of **132** wildfires have affected **36** different provinces in Turkey. The fires started on **28.07.2021** and continue to rage mainly in the Mediterranean and Aegean regions of Turkey. The main provinces that have been affected are Antalya, Adana, Mersin, Muğla and Osmaniye.

According to reports by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Turkey, **125** of the **132** wildfires have been brought under control through the determined efforts of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) as well as Metropolitan and Local Municipalities. More than **5,000** personnel, **51** helicopters, **16** aircraft fire extinguishers, **850** mobile water tankers, **9** aerial reconnaissance drones as well as more than **150** heavy machinery of various kinds have been deployed to battle the raging fires.

The Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) has indicated that **8** people have lost their lives as a result of the fires. The Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, Dr. Fahrettin Koca has stated a total of **869** people have sought hospital treatment, having been subsequently successfully treated and released from hospital. In addition the treatment of **47** people are continuing to be undertaken at a number of hospitals. The Ministry of Health has dispatched **44** ambulances in Muğla and **34** ambulances in Antalya, with health services continuing uninterrupted in other provinces affected by the fires.



Breakdown of the wildfires according to provinces are as follows:

**Muğla** - 10 wildfires (4 still raging, 6 brought under control), **Antalya** 15 wildfires (2 still raging, 13 brought under control), **Adana** – 22 wildfires (22 brought under control), **Isparta** 1 wildfire (still raging), **Mersin** 9 wildfires (9 brought under control), **Izmir** 9 wildfires (9 brought under control), **Kahramanmaraş** 8 wildfires (8 brought under control), **Manisa** 6 wildfires (6 brought under control), **Kastamonu** 5 wildfires (5 brought under control), **Osmaniye** 5 wildfires (5 brought under control), **Balıkesir** 3 wildfires (3 brought under control), **Hatay** 3 wildfires (3 brought under control), **Kütahya** 3 wildfires (3 brought under control), **Sakarya** 3 wildfires (3 brought under control), **Bursa** 2 wildfires (2 brought under control), **Çorum** 2 wildfires (2 brought under control), **Diyarbakır** 2 wildfires (2 brought under control), **Istanbul** 2 wildfires (2 brought under control), **Kırklareli** 2 wildfires (2 brought under control), **Kocaeli** 2 wildfires (2 brought under control) in addition to sporadic fires brought under control in the provinces of **Aydın**, **Bilecik**, **Bingöl**, **Bitlis**, **Çanakkale**, **Çankırı**, **Denizli**, **Edirne**, **Isparta**, **Karaman**, **Kayseri**, **Kilis**, **Uşak**, **Samsun**, **Şanlıurfa** and **Tunceli**.

The average temperature in Antalya and Muğla provinces being 40 degrees celcius with high winds and record low humidity are further complicating efforts to bring the wildfires under control.

### **Overview of Operating National Society Response Action**

The Turkish Red Crescent has set up crisis desks in the affected regions through its Deputy Directorate General of Disaster Management and mobilized **222** staff members (including disaster response specialists) as well as **1,829** volunteers since the beginning of the disaster response. The field teams have hence been on active field duty since **28.07.2021**.

Turkish Red Crescent response has been focused on wildfires raging in **12** different provinces; the **Aladağ** district of **Adana**, **Manavgat** district of **Antalya**, **Sütçüler** district of **Isparta**, **Silifke** district of **Mersin**, **Marmaris** district of **Muğla**, **Seydikemer** district of **Muğla**, **Kozan** district of **Adana**, **Buldan** district of **Denizli**, **Bozyazı** and **Aydıncık** districts of **Mersin**, **Bodrum** district of **Muğla**, **Milas** district of **Muğla** and the **Kadirli** district of **Osmaniye**.

As a result of the culminated efforts of the public agencies and various NGO's involved, the wildfires affecting the **Karacalar** and **Soma** regions have been eradicated.

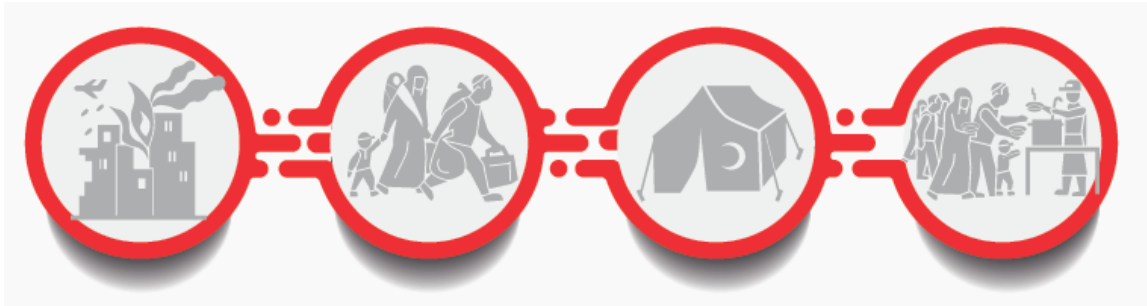


The activities undertaken by the Turkish Red Crescent disaster response teams include; distribution of hot meals through mobile kitchen units, distribution of food baskets, distribution of clothing items, hygiene sets, ready to eat meals, drinking water and beverages as well as the provision of psychosocial support and assistance. **31** different Turkish Red Crescent branches located throughout the affected provinces have also been actively involved in the provision and delivery of the above stated relief materials.

In addition, first aid assistance has been provided by Turkish Red Crescent staff to minor wounds suffered by local residents experiencing the effects of the wildfires.

Since the beginning of the crisis, **256.311** persons have been provided with food assistance by the Turkish Red Crescent disaster response teams. The Turkish Red Crescent has distributed a total of **36.700** hot meals to those in need through **8** mobile kitchen units and **14** catering vehicles at **89** different distribution points. A total of **72.400** hot meals have been distributed as of **11.00 pm** on **03.08.2021** with the addition of the assistance provided by municipalities and other NGO's as well as various hotels located in the region.

The Turkish Red Crescent has allocated a total of **70** passenger vehicles, **14** catering vehicles, **8** mobile kitchens, **11** fire monitoring / reconnaissance vehicles, **5** minivans, **5** trucks, **1** communications vehicle and **1** field coordination vehicle.



Through the **7** days of disaster response and humanitarian assistance activities conducted by the Turkish Red Crescent, a total of; **319.332** liters of water (**566.402** units), **190.725** units of ready to eat rations, **156.167** units of snacks, **135.477** units of beverages, **2.200** hygiene sets, **660** sets of clothing as well as **100** food baskets have been distributed.

## **Needs Analysis on the Ground**

The unusually hot weather and high wind velocity is complicating efforts to extinguish the wildfires. Despite these difficulties, public officials have stated that the overwhelming majority of the wildfires have been brought under control.

TRC specialist teams on the ground have indicated the need to continue hot meal and snack distribution to those having to be relocated due to their places of residence being directly affected by the wildfires. In addition, there have been sporadic needs for the provision of basic shelter (tents for persons in need) as well as areas of cover / shade for the livestock in the region.