

# Rotary responds to earthquake in Turkey and Syria

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Southern Turkey and northern Syria were struck by two devastating earthquakes of magnitudes of 7.8 and 7.5 on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> that has already taken the lives of over 33,000 people (as of 23.02.13) with the number of fatalities continuing to rise with each day. Tens of thousands of people have been injured and millions have had their homes destroyed and have been left without shelter in the bitterly cold winter weather.



The Rotary world responded to this catastrophe immediately. Rotary leadership has activated its disaster response efforts, communicated with the affected districts, and encouraged governors in those regions to apply for disaster response grants.

At the same time, Rotary's project partner ShelterBox and service partner Habitat for Humanity are working on their responses.

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise are now joining other District 5060 Rotarians, along with the District in providing funds for the purchase of ShelterBoxes which will be distributed as soon as possible to the devastated areas of Turkey and Syria.

Donations can be made directly to ShelterBox Canada by making the donation through <https://www.shelterboxcanada.org/>.

Non-Rotarians can also help the devastated peoples of Turkey and Syria by making a donation through ShelterBox Canada. Club Rotarians are asked to share this message with their friends and relatives and how they can use this avenue to help these people in need at this very moment and in the days ahead.