



Meeting on March 10, 2023

- I. Conditions in Turkey as reported by members of the MD118 disaster relief committee:**
 - a. Turkish media has named this earthquake “The Disaster of the Century.”
 - b. Humanitarian crisis:
 - i. Approximately 14 million people were affected.
 - ii. Over 1.2 million houseless.
 - iii. Around 50,000 casualties.
 - iv. 120,000 injured.
 - v. 11 large urban areas and 30 small urban areas destroyed.
 - c. Aftershocks are continuing.
- II. Turkish Disaster Relief Committee Update:**
 - a. Conditions are changing rapidly.
 - b. 11 provinces have been affected; the Lions plan to focus on 4 areas with great need:
 - i. Antakya.
 - ii. Kahramanmaras.
 - iii. Malatya.
 - iv. Adiyaman.
 - c. It is time to focus on rebuilding.
 - d. Disaster Relief Committees are discussing several projects with LCIF.
 - e. Cash donations to LCIF are preferred over donations of items:
 - i. Local sources are often cheaper than what can be bought in other countries.
 - ii. Local materials are more suited for the environment.
 - iii. The disaster has brought an increase in smuggling, which has led to long delays in customs.
 - iv. There are additional logistical challenges to storing donated goods, delivering them, and to distributing them.
 - f. Donations for this disaster should be sent to LCIF, regardless of contact from individuals or clubs from Turkey.
 - i. Sending cash to individuals or clubs can lead to unwanted attention from the government.
 - ii. LCIF can provide financial transparency for donations.
 - iii. Having these donations in one place gives the disaster relief committees greater capacity to plan and coordinate projects.
- III. LCIF Programs team update:**
 - a. Comments by the Turkish Lions about preferring cash donations, and challenges managing donated items are consistent with our experience in other disasters.
 - b. There are stages to disasters which include:
 - i. Immediate needs: food, water shelter and hygiene are critical in this stage.
 - ii. Supporting stabilized populations: in temporary housing and with services.
 - iii. Rebuilding.
 - c. It sounds like this disaster is transitioning out of the immediate needs stage.

- d. LCIF will continue to support this crisis as long as there is interest from local Lions and funds are available.
- e. All project applications must be submitted, evaluated, and approved as per LCIF's processes.
- f. The first Major Catastrophe Grant for this disaster was for US\$200,000. Nearly US\$180,000 of that has been spent.
- g. The Turkish Lions are in a difficult position and have done an excellent job managing their grants and communicating about future projects with the Programs team.
- h. *Staff Addendum: MD111 has implemented LCIF earthquake relief projects through its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LCIF and Stiftung der Deutschen Lions for the following amounts in each location:*
 - i. *Syria: US\$108,695*
 - ii. *Turkey: US\$267,867*

IV. LCIF Development team update: *donation numbers as of the morning of March 10th, 2023

- a. Donations earmarked for Turkey have come to LCIF from 45 different countries and have exceeded US\$1,000,000.
- b. Donating countries include:
 - i. *Staff Addendum: German Lions have donated and implemented US\$376,293 in LCIF projects for Turkey and Syria through their MOU.*
 - ii. Donations to LCIF Earmarked for Turkey:
 - 1. Japan has contributed the highest number of donations to-date: over US\$350,000.
 - 2. The United States has donated the second-highest total to date: over US\$110,000.
 - 3. Europe has 4 of the top 10 donating countries. Europe's top five donor MDs and SDs to LCIF include:

a. MD105 (The British Isles):	US\$107,955
b. MD103(France):	US\$ 92,821
c. SD133 (Ireland):	US\$ 60,565
d. MD104 (Norway):	US\$ 50,249
e. MD112 (Belgium):	US\$ 27,626
- c. *The Lions of Germany have reported the implementation of several LCIF projects worth €350,000 in total which are expected to be recognized as projects in Syria and Turkey before the end of March.*
- d. Over €315,000 has been received from the Lions of Italy. It has yet to be processed by our Donor Assistance team.
- e. LCIF volunteers in France have set a goal to reach US\$300,000 in donations earmarked for this disaster.
- f. LCIF's general Disaster Relief fund has allowed the foundation to respond quickly to this disaster as with others in the past.

- V. LCIF's landing page on earthquake relief in Turkey can be found at the following link: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/helping-earthquake-victims>

Participants:

Attending International Officers:

- *Past International President:* Guðrún Björt Yngvadóttir
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- Christopher Plunkett: *LCIF Development Division Manager*
- Ben Futransky: *Global Grants Manager (CA IV, VI, VII)*
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LCIF Constitutional Area Leaders:

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- *Past International Director:* Robert Rettby
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MD118 Disaster Relief Committee Members:

- *Past International Director:* Oya Sebuk
- *Past Council Chairperson:* Danyal Kubin