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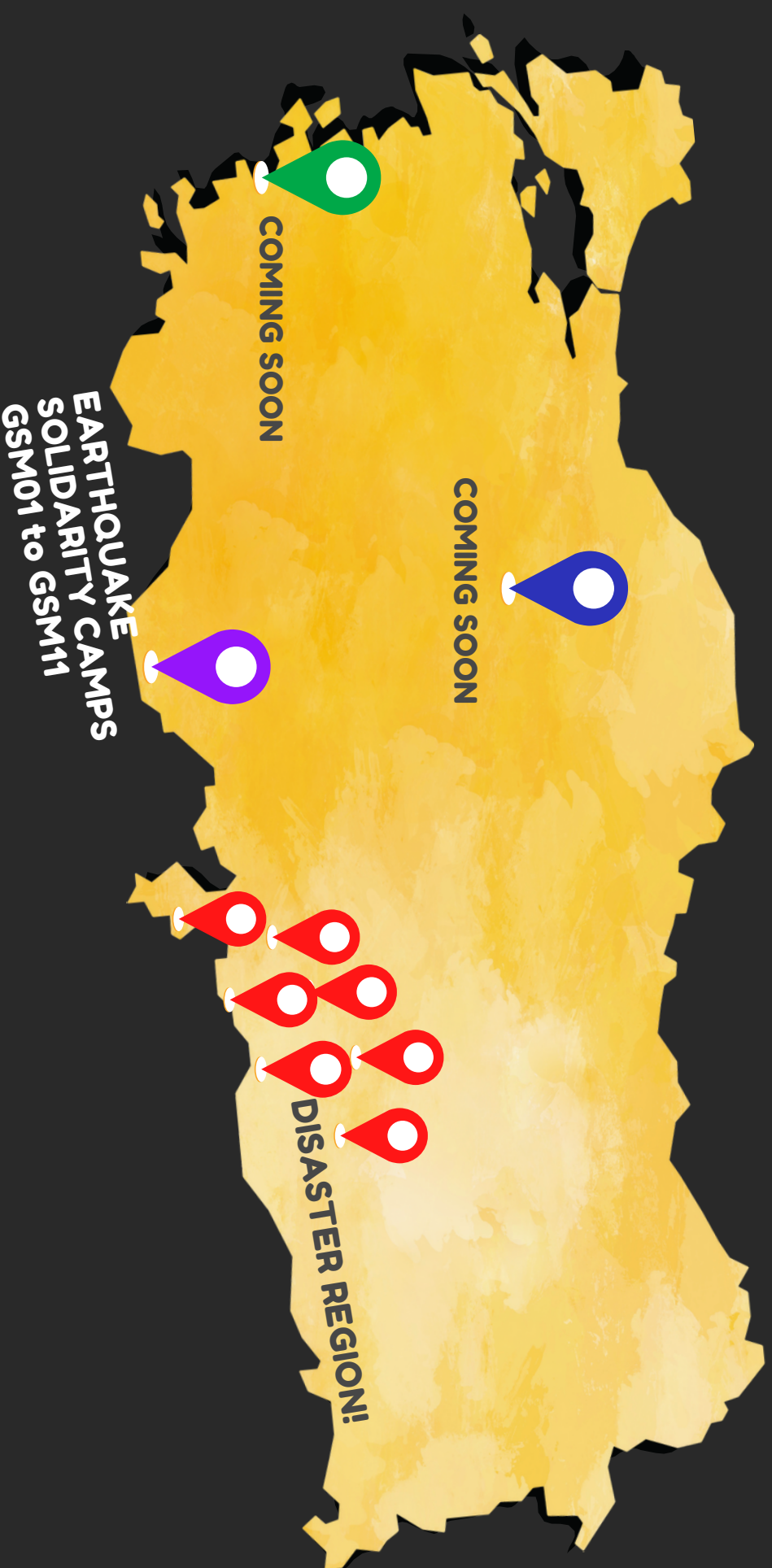
Workcamps (Earthquake Solidarity)

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

*"There are many hopes behind the despair,
there are many suns behind the darkness"*

• Mevlana





What is Earthquake Solidarity?



IVS MOVEMENT AFTER THE DISASTER

International Voluntary Work Programme; It refers to groups of young volunteers working together to create an atmosphere of international solidarity between countries. This program was started in 1920 between Germany and France to repair the negative effects of the First World War and the deep wounds it inflicted on the society, and became institutionalized with more than a century of experience and spread all over the world. Short and long term International Voluntary Work Program of which GSM is a member today; It is carried out within the scope of universal principles and values by international umbrella organizations such as CCIVS (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service), ALLIANCE (of European Voluntary Service Organizations) and SCI (Service Civil International). In addition, the national and international volunteer work we foresee, in cooperation with institutions such as public institutions, municipalities, universities, foundations in Türkiye; We organize psycho-social support, children's activities, youth work, education, and public health by getting support from expert organizations.

Voluntary programs aim to provide multidimensional assistance to people and environments that are adversely affected by war and natural disasters, and in times of peace, they turn into a structure that develops the social skills of young people through volunteering and tries to give them a vision of world peace.

Programs that adopt the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a global approach come to the fore with the coordinated and massive contributions of volunteers in healing social wounds in times of social trauma.

As GSM, our goal is to contribute to meeting the social needs that emerged as a result of the great earthquake disaster in our country through volunteerism. Young volunteers from all over the world and Türkiye; It can assist in the establishment of container living spaces to be created for earthquake victims, support logistics efforts for established living spaces, contribute to psycho-social support programs and activities for children and youth, work with the disabled and the elderly who need care, provide public health, hygiene and cleaning services. They can work 5-6 days a week in services such as helping (within the scope of a predetermined work program). A volunteer from abroad can take part in the studies for a minimum of 14 days and a maximum of 89 days (longest legal stay without visa or residence permit).

The presence of young volunteers from various countries can also be a source of hope for local citizens and earthquake victims, and can contribute to the consolidation of intercultural learning by fostering the spirit of solidarity. Volunteers will play a major role in both improving post-disaster physical conditions and reducing social traumas.

Within the scope of this work, the accommodation, food, local transportation, working material needs and emergency health needs of the volunteers are met by the host organizations of which GSM is a partner. Volunteers can share the resources saved for earthquake victims or personnel, get meals prepared for everyone, and stay in containers in a designated area in their living spaces. Costs such as flight tickets, visas, travel health insurance are covered by the volunteer. Some camps may have more specific conditions. You can see it on the last page of the document.

Our Target

AFTER DISASTER

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT

WHY IT IS NECESSARY?



The earthquake in Türkiye is the most severe in the last centuries. The earthquake, which started with a magnitude of 7.4, was followed by many earthquakes with a magnitude of 6.3, 6.7 and 6.8. However, another 7.8 magnitude earthquake occurred in the same region and severe aftershocks still continue. Many buildings could not withstand all these tremors and collapsed. There are still many aftershocks in the region, and damaged buildings can be demolished. Search and rescue activities continue.

The eastern Mediterranean and 10 cities in the southeast of Türkiye were affected by the earthquake. However, Northern Syria was also greatly affected by the earthquake. Metropolitan cities such as Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir are far from the earthquake zone. 6.800 buildings were destroyed and hundreds of thousands were heavily damaged. Currently, we have 46,156+ casualties and 167,000+ injured. We have friends who were under the rubble, and acquaintances who lost their families. We strive for both our acquaintances and other people.

There is no way to beautify this apocalyptic landscape. However, we should add this: There is a great mobilization in Türkiye. Public institutions and non-governmental organizations sent a lot of aid to the region. Civil volunteers are coordinated by professionals and directed to the field. A large number of aid materials were delivered to the region. However, our call for international assistance was also answered. So far, hundreds of search and rescue and emergency medical teams from 35 countries, 27 of which are EU countries, have come to Turkey. Thousands of rescuers and 72 search dogs reached Turkey. Despite being at war, Ukraine supported Turkey by sending an emergency team.

Unfortunately, as GSM, we could not do anything other than send humanitarian aid to the disaster area. Only by declaring the national and international voluntary mobilization and coordinating this program can we make a big contribution! Because although we saw a great social reflex right after the earthquake, it is obvious that we need sustainable voluntary work activities and well-planned coordination. It is very important that national and international volunteers in the civil field can work systematically in the areas where earthquake victims stay temporarily. Because it is not correct and unrealistic to expect this support only from public services.

How can you join?

1) Please apply to join our workcamps in Türkiye!

- If you are going to participate from outside of Türkiye, you can submit your application to us through one of the following international coordination centers:

A) [ALLIANCE of EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

B) [SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL](#)

2) If you want to participate in our volunteer work programs from Türkiye, you can apply directly to us: <https://forms.gle/NUvzKNszb5pc6cTS6>

Donation Options



The following institutions are the local governments of the cities where the earthquake victims were transferred and the non-governmental organizations that most support the post-earthquake recovery efforts. You can donate to these organizations.



MEZİTLİ MUNICIPALITY

TRY IBAN: TR96 0001 5001 5800 7309 0449 23

EUR IBAN: TR14 0001 5001 5804 8017 9800 15

USD IBAN: TR39 0001 5001 5804 8019 7438 01

SWIFT: TVBATR2AXXX - **Explanation “I want to make an unconditional donation.”**

<https://mezitli.bel.tr/2023/02/14/sartsiz-bagis/>

A municipality that provides humanitarian aid and temporary accommodation for earthquake victims.



ANKARA METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

TRY IBAN: TR50 0001 5001 5800 7284 8818 87

EUR IBAN: TR09 0001 5001 5804 8000 4613 23

USD IBAN: TR02 0001 5001 5804 8010 9098 04

SWIFT: TVBATRAA - **Explanation “I want to make an unconditional donation.”**

<https://www.ankara.bel.tr/duyurular/sartsiz-bagis-yapilabilecek-hesaplar-350>

A municipality that provides humanitarian aid and temporary accommodation for earthquake victims.



AHBAP ASSOCIATION

TRY IBAN: TR12 0006 4000 0011 0211 3800 59

EUR IBAN: TR15 0006 4000 0021 0212 1502 77

USD IBAN: TR32 0006 4000 0021 0212 1502 62

SWIFT: ISBKTRIS - **Exp: “I want to make an unconditional donation.”**

<https://ahbap.org/bagisci-ol>

A large NGO providing humanitarian aid and volunteer labor for earthquake victims.



DARÜŞŞAFKA SOCIETY

ONLINE DONATION BY CREDIT CARD

<https://www.darussafaka.org/en/donation/earthquake-support-campaign>

It is a 160-year-old educational institution that offers 8-year full scholarship and boarding education to earthquake survivors and acts with the motto of equal opportunity in education.

GSM - Gençlik Servisleri Merkezi

Youth Services Center

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We Are **Volunteers!**



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2023 Teaser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkqkITMdbD8>

2022 Teaser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQ5-YOZjZmg>

2019 Workcamps in Türkiye: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bd_tNCxVOB4

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GSM-Youth Services Center was established in Ankara in 1985 in order to contribute to the individual, social and cultural development of young people and to support their active participation in social and economic life.

GSM accepts the youth as the main resource and the most dynamic segment of the society. It believes that the active participation of young people in social life contributes to the continuation and development of the democratic social infrastructure.

It strives for the development of youth work and youth policies with a rights-based approach so that young people can become individuals who look to the future with hope.

ABOUT US

Working Areas



Volunteering

It is a social enterprise for the purpose of solidarity or to meet a societal need, and
It is a unique learning process that contributes to the individual and social development of young people.



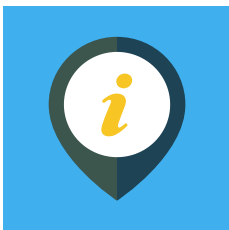
YOUTH WORK

It is a process that focuses on young people, expressing different types of activities and approaches that will ensure their individual, social and emotional development in line with their problems, needs, expectations and rights.



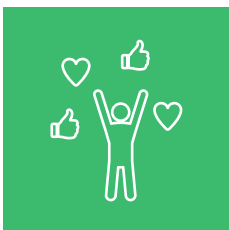
YOUTH POLICY

Sustainable, inclusive and holistic youth policies that will enable young people to participate actively in social, political, artistic, cultural and economic life have the potential to contribute to the solution of their problems and meeting their expectations and needs.



YOUTH INFORMATION

It is a process that enables young individuals to develop their skills, access useful services, opportunities and opportunities, actively participate in social and economic life, and learn to find the solution to their problems.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

It creates spaces with interactive and fun processes that aim to increase the experiences of young people to come together, socialize, express themselves, love and respect, listen and tell.



GLOBAL EDUCATION

Global Education; It is a joint program of the Council of Europe and the European Union, supported by the United Nations, that facilitates the world's citizens to acquire the knowledge, skills, values and behaviors necessary to comprehend global problems and to understand world issues.

Our Network



[ALLIANCE](#) | of European Voluntary Service Orgs.

ALLIANCE is the association of authorized organizations working in the field of International Voluntary Service. GSM is a former and active member of the European Association of Voluntary Service Organizations.



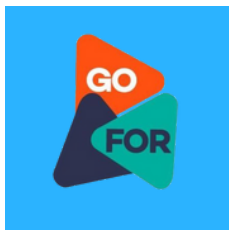
[CCIVS](#) | Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service

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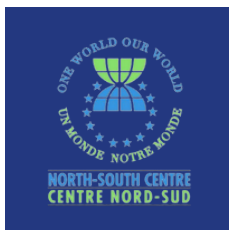
[SCI](#) | Service Civil International

SCI is the cooperation network of authorized organizations working in the field of International Voluntary Service. GSM is SCI's international partner.



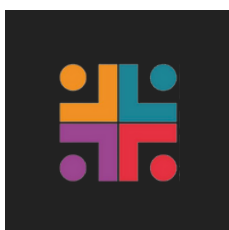
[GOFOR](#) | Youth Organizations Forum

The Youth Organizations Forum, which works to address youth policy in Turkey with a rights-based approach, is a common platform where youth organizations act together. GOFOR is an observer member of the European Youth Forum. GSM is a founding member of GOFOR.



[Avrupa Konseyi](#) | CoE North-South Center

It was established by the Council of Europe to spread universal values such as human rights democracy and the rule of law. GSM is the Turkish National Partner of Kuzey Güney Center and works to expand its Global Education efforts in Turkey.



[UGK](#) | National Volunteering Committee

The National Volunteering Committee (UGK) is a strategic advisory body that supports the recognition, strengthening and dissemination of volunteering. It was established in May 2013. It is a body that has adopted the principle of supporting cooperation by bringing together the actors in the field of volunteering in line with a common goal such as the recognition of volunteering.

Global Education and International Voluntary Service



GSM is the Turkish National Partner of the Council of Europe North-South Center Global Education Network and works to make the Global Education approach widespread in Turkey.

GSM-Youth Services Centre is an active part of International Volunteer Service Movement as ALLIANCE-Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations and CCIVS-Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service.

The people of the world today are faced by basic challenges: warfare and conflict, the struggle for social, cultural and economic justice and the preservation of the global ecosystem. The IVS movement is committed to overcoming these challenges. Our work is based on the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals.

IVS by people with different skills and high ideals is a practical demonstration of the commitment, solidarity and cooperation which our world so urgently needs. It is our aim to promote these ideals both locally and globally.

GSM-Youth Services Centre is Turkey National Coordinator of the Council of Europe North-South Center, the Global Education Network. NSC-The North-South Centre's objective is to enable forming strategies and policies, raising awareness, capacity-building, and expanding its co-operation area. The official name of The North-South Centre (NSC) is the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity.

The mandate of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe is to provide a framework for European co-operation designed to heighten public awareness of global interdependence issues and to promote policies of solidarity complying with the Council of Europe's aims and principles, respect for human rights, democracy and social cohesion.

Global Education; is a holistic approach deals with the increasing links between local and global realities. Global Education which aims to improve participant global citizenship, intends people to understand the world issues, gain knowledge and skills for global problems in the basis of values and behaviors towards the global issues. It helps individuals to understand the complication of the world; be aware of contradictions; understand that there is not one particular solution for complex problems, and think critically. It creates a transformative educational process for the development of these competences; and for individuals to become active global citizens. Transformative learning enables a common vision for a world which is more fair and sustainable for everyone.

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As a result of many ties of interdependence among countries, the world we live in has evolved into a globalised system. World-wide economic, geopolitical and social relations, modern communications and technologies, media and transport allow a fast flow of information. People and goods are both causes and characteristics of globalisation as a process that leads to an interdependent world and to what nowadays is called glocalisation. Globalisation is complex and ambivalent and its consequences can be regarded as both positive and negative.

Among the positive consequences of globalisation are the widening of peoples' horizons, access to knowledge and the products of science and technology, multiculturalism and intercultural views, an increase in opportunities, personal and social development and possibilities of sharing ideas and joint action towards solutions to common problems.

The negative consequences are mainly on social, economic and environmental levels. On one hand there is increasing poverty in societies, low standards of living, disease, forced migration, and human rights violations, exploitation of weak social groups, racism and xenophobia, conflicts, insecurity and growing individualism. There is a growing gap between developed and developing countries and between privileged and excluded people. On the other hand, there are many environmental repercussions such as the greenhouse effect, climate change, pollution and the exhaustion of natural resources.

Worldwide consciousness of global change towards more sustainable, fair development and the need for international cooperation have been increasingly addressed through covenants, declarations and campaigns promoted mainly by a growing civil society commitment and international organisations. Hence, the need for global education as an international dimension in learning and teaching methods in both formal and non-formal education in order to move towards a better understanding of the current issues of the world, its impact at local and global level, is not only a need, but an ethical challenge in today's world.

As a part of Global Education and International Volunteer Service, GSM aims to provide global education approach, and values of global education to volunteers from different countries and Turkey by gathering all its short-term volunteer services(workcamps) under the name of "Global Education Through Volunteering".

Universal Charter of International Voluntary Service

GSM IS A FULL MEMBER OF ALLIANCE AND CCIVS; IS A PARTNER OF SCI

We, the following,

*ALLIANCE (Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations),
CCIVS (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service),
EAVS (Eastern Africa Voluntary Service Development Network),
ICYE (International Cultural Youth Exchange),
NVDA (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia),
SCI (Service Civil International),*

*present our fundamental principles and ideals through this Universal Charter of
International Voluntary Service (IVS).*

PREAMBLE

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PRINCIPLES

Volunteers are people who offer to devote their knowledge, time and energy, within the framework of a collective social effort, working actively for the general interest of the community without replacing paid labour. IVS brings mutual benefit to volunteers

and to the wider community. Volunteers have the opportunity to learn from experiences and to develop through new friendships and intercultural learning. Volunteers must not be exploited for private interests. Volunteers cannot expect any compensation other than personal growth, gaining knowledge, skills and sense of value for both themselves and the local community.

IVS is a vehicle for non-formal and informal education and seeks to encourage the belief of the volunteers and their hosts in their personal potential as tools of positive change. IVS demonstrates a concern for the problems of local communities, raises

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awareness among the stakeholders involved, and shows how problems may be overcome through co-operative effort.

Volunteers should co-operate with the local community as fully as possible in useful work and exchange knowledge, skills and experience with the members of the local community. Thus, international voluntary service supports local objectives and actions, provides practical training and education, develops social responsibility, self-awareness and self reliance, as the basis for sustainable socio-economic progress.

IVS encourages a spirit of reciprocal international co-operation, and emphasises the need to reconstruct global society to achieve material and social equality between countries and between people. IVS encourages global citizenship and promotes peace, justice and sustainability.

COMMITMENT

Volunteers, IVS organisations, hosting communities and all other stakeholders should work within the spirit of this Charter. We, who co-sign it, commit ourselves to subscribe to the principles above and we appeal to national and international bodies as well as states and local governments, to provide the voluntary organisations with the necessary means to develop international voluntary service.

This Charter can be amended over time. However, IVS at the local and global level is a tide of practical idealism, which will only be effective if it retains its basic principles.

27th General Conference of CCIVS, 8-13 November 1998, Rabat - Morocco

Revised in the Meeting of Global Task Force "What is Our IVS?", 29 September-03 October, 2017, Kawasaki - Japan

Adopted by the 35th General Assembly of the Alliance - 1-3 November 2017, Athens - Greece



SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Attention volunteers who will participate in our programs!



- We try to coordinate the programs as well as possible. However, it takes time for the conditions of the post-earthquake recovery period to mature. The maturity of these conditions depends on the situation of the earthquake victims and the situation of the host organization. Please note that during this process, physical conditions such as date, accommodation, food, location may change, and there may be changes in the work plan. Maximum adaptation to changing conditions is strongly requested.
- Our general aim is to improve the physical conditions of earthquake victims in temporary accommodation, to meet their basic needs and to minimize the effects of trauma. In addition, it is among our duties to make the environment they are in a more livable place. If you do not know how to personally approach traumatized individuals, you can get support from experts in the area. If you are unsure of yourself, please stay away from one-on-one social communications to avoid possible risky approaches.
- Children may also be among the earthquake victims. Please follow the advice of experts and display pedagogical attitudes. Building strong social bonds with children can be risky. If you are not familiar with children's rights and pedagogical approaches, please seek support from an expert in the region or establish a maximum social distance to prevent possible risky behaviors.
- Discrimination, verbal and physical conflict of any kind against earthquake victims or your colleagues will not be tolerated. Please try to establish an environment of positive relations and intercultural understanding.
- [Maximum compliance with the Universal Charter of International Voluntary Service is required.](#)

Workcamp List - 2023



To be updated.

CODE	NAME	LOCATION	START	END	THEME	QUOTA	AGE
GSM01	Earthquake Solidarity - 1	Mezitli MERSİN	14 April	28 April	SOCI RENO KIDS	8	18-30
GSM02	Earthquake Solidarity - 2	Mezitli MERSİN	28 April	12 May	SOCI RENO KIDS	8	18-30
GSM03	Earthquake Solidarity - 3	Mezitli MERSİN	12 May	26 May	SOCI RENO KIDS	8	18-30
GSM04	Earthquake Solidarity - 4	Mezitli MERSİN	26 May	09 June	SOCI RENO KIDS	8	18-30
GSM05	Earthquake Solidarity - 5	Mezitli MERSİN	09 June	23 June	SOCI RENO KIDS	8	18-30
GSM06	Earthquake Solidarity - 6	Mezitli MERSİN	23 June	07 July	SOCI RENO KIDS	8	18-30
GSM07	Earthquake Solidarity - 7	Mezitli MERSİN	07 July	21 July	SOCI RENO KIDS	8	18-30
GSM08	Earthquake Solidarity - 8	Mezitli MERSİN	21 July	04 August	SOCI RENO KIDS	8	18-30
GSM09	Earthquake Solidarity - 9	Mezitli MERSİN	04 August	18 August	SOCI RENO KIDS	8	18-30
GSM10	Earthquake Solidarity - 10	Mezitli MERSİN	18 August	01 September	SOCI RENO KIDS	8	18-30
GSM11	Earthquake Solidarity - 11	Mezitli MERSİN	01 September	15 September	SOCI RENO KIDS	8	18-30



EARTHQUAKE SOLIDARITY - 01 to 11



Mezitli - MERSİN



14 April - 15 September 2023 (in 14-day periods)



Social - Renovation - Kids



4 Male | 4 Female | 18-30



ADA



English

HOSTING ORGANIZATION

We will organize this camp in cooperation with Mezitli Municipality and this year it will be the fourth year of our cooperation. Mezitli Municipality has proven its understanding of democratic, social, fair and transparent municipality with the international awards it has received, and has become one of the most influential municipalities in terms of social innovation in Turkey and in the world. It provides services such as accommodation and humanitarian aid for earthquake victims. [Click here](#) for detailed information.

WORK DESCRIPTION

A total of 10 cities were affected by two major earthquakes and hundreds of aftershocks that followed in Kahramanmaraş, located in southeast Turkey. Thousands of buildings were destroyed and many more severely damaged. Tens of thousands of adults and children affected by the earthquake were transferred to temporary accommodation areas in the surrounding safe cities as they had nowhere to go. Many of these regions were established by municipalities and many continue to be established. It is necessary to create suitable accommodation conditions such as the installation, construction and landscaping of tent and container cities. However, we will need the support of volunteers in many areas such as food preparation for earthquake victims, food distribution, environmental cleaning, public health and hygiene, organization, organization and distribution of humanitarian aid materials, transportation and transportation, psycho-social support for children and gamified activities. Various business divisions can be made on many subjects that are written and not written here. Volunteers can be assigned for any job in the living spaces created for earthquake victims, depending on the need. Please note that in such extraordinary circumstances, work plans and needs can change rapidly. Maximum adaptation to changing conditions is strongly requested. Volunteers can participate in more than one program without a work permit and visa for a minimum of 14 days and a maximum of 89 days.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD CONDITIONS

Volunteers will stay in the bungalow houses of MUTLU YAŞAM KÖYÜ, which is a youth and volunteer center throughout the year. Air conditioning, shower, toilet and outdoor garden facilities are available. Mutlu Yaşam Village is located in a green and wooded area and is a 15-minute drive from the Mediterranean Sea. Our volunteers will have their meals at the Down Cafe. This cafe is a sustainable development project that provides employment and internship opportunities for individuals with Down Syndrome. Income from the meals that the volunteers eat here supports individuals with Down Syndrome. Accommodation and meal expenses of our volunteers are covered by Mezitli Municipality.

LOCATION & LEISURE

Mezitli is the most modern district of Mersin. Mersin is a city where many earthquake victims were transferred. Central, easy to reach; close to the sea, working areas and activity centers. After arriving in the neighboring city of Adana by plane, you can easily reach Mersin by taking a train or by taking a shuttle from the airport. We regret that we could not plan enough social activities for you in this program. However, we will use all the means we can for the needs and training of the volunteers.