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Dear National Presidents, Senators, Valuable Fellows,

We are on the fifth day of the terrific earthquake that affected over 10 cities located in the Southeast part of Türkiye as well as Northern part of Syria. As you all know, two deadly earthquake happened in Kahramanmaraş with magnitudes of 7.8 and 7.6.

In our lovely country, more than 6 thousand buildings collapsed, more than 19 thousand people died and many more are still hoping underground to be rescued. The casualties are "still" multiplying every second. JCI Türkiye is playing a key role in leading all sectors of society to ensure effective, clear communication and impactful collaboration for humanitarian support to the region. As it is known, we have three local JCI organizations in this region; Adana, Hatay and Mersin.

And unfortunately, in this earthquake that affected directly 13 million people, JCI Turkey 2023 Vice President Mr. Ahmet Öznur has lost his sister in Kahramanmaraş.

Also we have members in Hatay waiting for their relatives to be rescued. Besides our hearts, prayers and supports, our members and senators are in the region accompanying them to make them feel the spirit and power of JCI. Thankfully, they are fine and guiding us with first-hand information.

As we stated earlier, our prior need is to have teams and pieces of equipment to rescue people under collapsed buildings. We are thankful to all individuals, associations, and government organizations for their support. Most importantly we are thankful to you, as JCI members, support in these terrific moments.

We realize your kind intention to donate to ensure recovery after this devastating earthquake. Earlier, we asked your kind patience to wait for an update as we were working on the legal procedure, consolidation, and planning of donation and how to use this source in the most beneficial & impactful way.

For financial donations, We, hereby, would like to announce our strong collaboration with AKUT Vakfi (AKUT Foundation - <https://akutvakfi.org.tr/en/>). Mr. Nasuh Mahruki, the founder of AKUT Foundation, is a well-known public leader and 1999 JCI Türkiye TOYP finalist for the Humanitarian and/or voluntary leadership category.

This partnership agreement recently signed with AKUT Foundation allows us to have a specific bank account in order to legally collect your donations and to keep records. You may find below the necessary bank information and landing page link to get more information.

Bank details:

TL: TR98 0001 5001 5800 7319 6007 18
EUR: TR18 0001 5001 5804 8022 3037 18
USD: TR29 0001 5001 5804 8022 3037 14

Account Name: AKUT VAKFI
Bank: Vakıfbank
SWIFT Code: TVBATR2A

Landing page link: <https://jciturkiye.link/earthquake>

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We appreciate your dedicated support and sympathy for us. Let us create an impact together to rescue more people and ensure a mental and economical recovery from this terrific event. We will be sharing more updates and news in the coming days and weeks, so please kindly keep on track.

It is an urgent request, and any contribution will be appreciated, as three of effected has almost disappeared. We have long way to build up the life again in the area.

Yours Sincerely,



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