



DISASTER
RELIEF

CASE REPORT
Turkey-Earthquake
September 6, 1975

*\$400 error in addition of
Worldwide figures*

Agency for International Development
Washington, DC 20523

Foreign Disaster Case Reports are publications of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, Agency for International Development. This office has responsibility for coordinating U.S. Government foreign disaster relief responses and for the further coordination of such activities with those of the U.S. private and international disaster relief communities.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Director acknowledges assistance received in the preparation of this and other case reports from the many public and private organizations in the United States and abroad engaged in foreign disaster relief.

TURKEY

Earthquake—September 6, 1975

A major earthquake registering 6.7 on the Richter Scale struck eastern Turkey on September 6, 1975. The quake affected mainly the Provinces of Diyarbakir, Bingol, and Mardin. The epicenter was at the town of Lice, which was totally destroyed. Casualties and losses were:

Deaths	2,500 (estimated)
Injured	3,372
Houses destroyed	7,223
Houses damaged	7,275
Homeless	50,000
VALUE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE	\$ 258,892
VALUE OF ASSISTANCE BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY	15,707,040 ^{6 940}

The small town of Lice and surrounding villages were not only affected by the earthquake, but by landslides which killed at least 1,000 of the inhabitants of this remote farm region. As soon as news of the disaster reached Ankara, Turkish military personnel were rushed to the scene with relief supplies, ambulances and other vehicles, and helicopters. The helicopters were used to transport relief supplies from a central warehouse in Diyarbakir to Lice. The Turkish

Red Crescent Society (Kizilay) was charged with the responsibility of providing shelter, food, and medical care; the latter being in cooperation with public health authorities. Kizilay launched an appeal for contributions consisting of the following: ambulances, mobile field kitchens, trucks, generators, gas lanterns, portable oxygen equipment, portable aspirators, sewing machines, canvas and fabric cutting equipment, and food. On September 9, the Government of Turkey



Aftermath of the earthquake disaster, the town of Lice lies in ruins.

(GOT) made an appropriation of 500 million Turkish lira (about US \$34 million) from the Disaster Fund for the relief operations including rehabilitation and reconstruction activities. The Ministry of Reconstruction and Resettlement determined the need for 3,000 simple prefabricated units to be erected by the end of October because winter sets in early in this part of Turkey, and is usually severe.

On September 25, more tremors were felt in Hazro and Dicle and surrounding villages in the Lice area destroying more homes. Fortunately, there were few deaths because people had been reluctant to remain in their homes since the initial tremor. With more houses destroyed, the GOT reassessed the need for an additional 1,000 housing units.

The GOT indicated Turkey had the capacity to manufacture 1,500 prefab units, but did

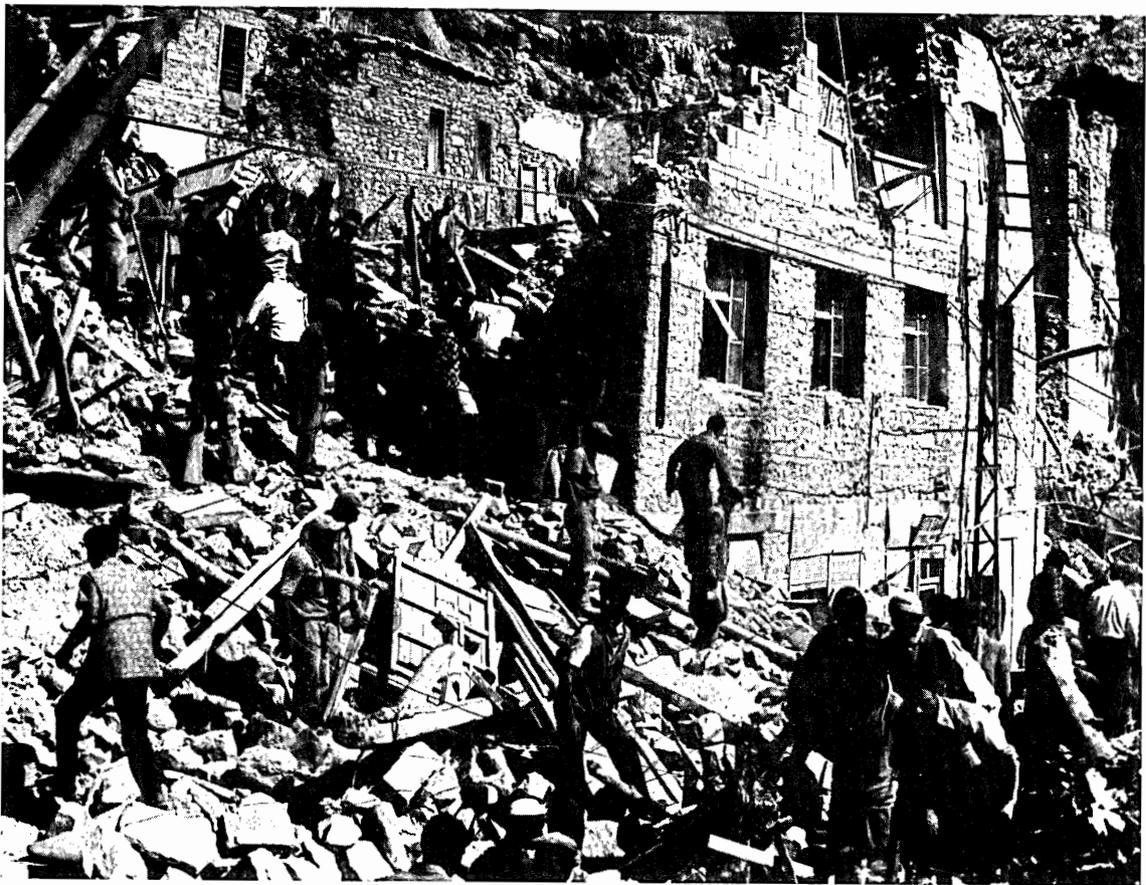
not have sufficient pressboard material to complete all the required units. The Government appealed to the international community through the League of Red Cross Societies (LICROSS) and the United Nations Disaster Relief Office (UNDRO), to provide the additional pressboard for the units to be constructed in Turkey. The GOT agreed that emergency reconstruction assistance from donors would be welcomed through both bilateral and multilateral channels. The GOT purchased 440 prefab units from Finland for approximately \$5,000 each including transportation costs.

On September 9, Ambassador William B. Macomber exercised his disaster relief authority and presented a check in the Turkish lira equivalent of US \$25,000 to Kizilay to support its relief operation. Subsequently, A.I.D.'s Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance made arrangements for a \$200,000 grant



Turkish Red Crescent field kitchens were in operation 24 hours after the earthquake had struck to provide hot meals to the survivors.

(CREDIT: League of Red Cross Societies)



Turkish military personnel search among the ruins for survivors. More than 2,500 people were killed by the earthquake or landslides in the remote region in eastern Turkey.

through LICROSS. The United States Government and United Kingdom each chartered an aircraft to transport materials donated by a British firm, OXFAM, from England to Turkey.

Summary of USG assistance:

Cash donation	\$ 25,000
Cash grant to LICROSS	200,000
Aircraft charter for transporting materials	\$ 33,892
TOTAL	\$258,892

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

<i>League of Red Cross Societies Society</i>	<i>Value of Assistance</i>
Afghanistan	\$ 3,035
Australia	3,003

Belgium	7,362
Brazil	1,012
Bulgaria	57,600
Canada	14,097
China (People's Republic of) ..	51,592
France	2,725
Germany (Democratic Rep.) ...	10,739
Germany (Federal Rep. of)	97,347
Great Britain	4,181
Greece	3,649
India	*
Iran	129,910
Iraq	*
Ireland	964
Japan	16,896
Jordan	780
Korea (Republic of)	206
Liechtenstein	375
Luxembourg	749

Monaco	1,124
Morocco	*
Netherlands	116,123
New Zealand	2,102
Norway	17,966
Pakistan	18,584
Poland	4,856
Romania	112,482
South Africa	813
Spain	4,349
Sweden	72,407
Switzerland (Red Cross and Government)	17,221
Taiwan	21,468
Thailand	256
Tunisia	1,263
U.S.S.R.	19,180
Yugoslavia	2,862
TOTAL	\$ 819,278

United Nations System

UNDRO	\$ 10,000
UN Staff, New York	500
WFP	805,750
WHO	*
TOTAL	\$ 816,250

Governments

Belgium	\$ 77,515
Canada	33,000

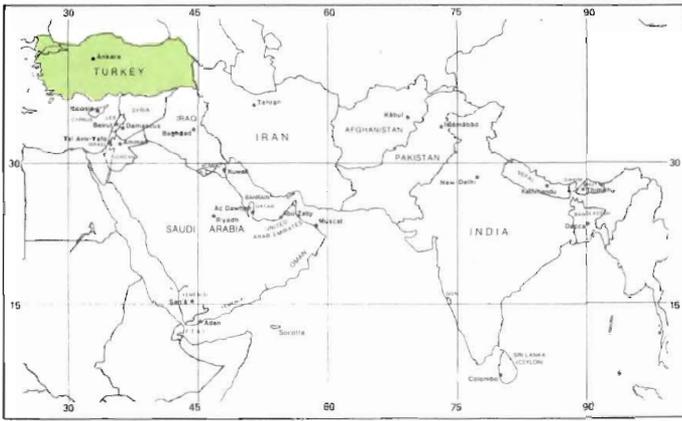
Cyprus	*
Denmark	32,121
France	16,557
Germany (Federal Rep. of)	31,873
Iran	*
Italy	110,840
Korea (Republic of)	10,733
Kuwait	503,437
Libya	1,000,000
Luxembourg	13,192
Netherlands	413,588
Norway	52,765
Pakistan	975,800
Saudi Arabia	10,000,000
Switzerland	444,297
United Arab Emirates	9,995
United Kingdom	33,225
Yugoslavia	*
TOTAL	\$13,759,038

4938

Organizations

EEC	\$ 187,644
Help-the-Aged	10,566
Staff Association of the Council of Europe	2,264
OXFAM	112,000
TOTAL	\$ 312,474

* Value of assistance not reported.



TURKEY