



**DISASTER MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT**

**2025
ACTIVITY REPORT**

ABOUT US

At IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation, we have been working since our establishment in 1992 to provide the humanitarian aid that is needed by people in dire straits, who are faced with a disaster, victimized in a war, or a natural disaster, or who have experienced violence, and to prevent the violation of fundamental rights and freedoms of these people anywhere in the world. These activities, which started with volunteer activities and were institutionalized in 1995, spread to 123 countries in a short period of time and became a bridge of charity stretching out from Türkiye to the whole world.

While carrying out its work in the fields of humanitarian relief, human rights and humanitarian diplomacy, IHH acts as a role model in the development of nongovernmental organizations that operate in regions that suffer from unjust treatment, prioritizing the development of a sense of helping, solidarity and brotherhood both at home and abroad and has implemented several social and cultural projects for this purpose. In addition to its emergency relief efforts, IHH also builds permanent buildings such as schools, hospitals, cultural centers, mosques, water wells, orphanages and healthcare centers that will help the local people improve, and provides humanitarian diplomacy in all matters where interstate diplomacy is not able to produce a solution, acting as a mediator to solve such problems.

Honored with the Outstanding Service Award by the Turkish Grand National Assembly in 2007, IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation has been granted tax exemption, and classified as a foundation working for public benefit as per Cabinet Decree 2011/1799 of 04.04.2011.

IHH received the “State Outstanding Sacrifice Medal and Badge” for its disaster management efforts in the earthquakes that happened in Kahramanmaraş in 2023.

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**A STRONG
TEAM SAVES
LIVES**



SECRETARY GENERAL

As IHH, we remain steadfast in our commitment to alleviating human suffering, standing alongside the oppressed, and delivering hope to those in need. Since 1992, we have not only delivered humanitarian assistance to diverse regions but have also worked to minimize the destructive impacts of crises and disasters, raise societal awareness, and strengthen community resilience against emergencies.

Earthquakes, floods, and other natural disasters occurring across different geographies remind us of the imperative not only to remain prepared but also to develop a sustainable and holistic disaster management approach. In this regard, through our Disaster Management Department, we aim to establish systems capable of delivering rapid, effective, and well-coordinated responses to disasters and crises, while continuously strengthening our institutional capacity.

We firmly believe that what amplifies goodness is the hand extended without expectation of return. Guided by this principle, we adopt the practice of standing with affected communities from the very first moment of any disaster, working with determination and with all available resources to minimize losses. In the aftermath of disasters, we regard the rebuilding of shattered lives not merely as an effort, but as a responsibility.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our volunteers who work tirelessly day and night to ensure constant preparedness for disasters, to our donors who never withhold their support, and to all our stakeholders whose contributions make these efforts possible.

Ahmet GÖKSUN
Secretary General

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Every disaster occurring in different parts of the world once again reminds us of a fundamental truth: disasters profoundly affect not only the environment but also lives, hopes, and people's sense of security about the future. The year 2025 has been one in which humanity has needed solidarity and compassion more than ever due to the fires, earthquakes, floods, and other disasters that have taken place.

As the IHH Disaster Management Department, we do not operate solely as a structure that responds to disasters in these difficult moments; rather, we act with an approach that aims to safeguard human life, health, and psychological well-being together. A life rescued from the rubble, a timely medical intervention, or a helping hand extended to someone struggling with disaster-induced trauma are, for us, inseparable parts of the same whole. For this reason, we regard disaster management as a field of humanitarian responsibility in which search and rescue, medical rescue, and psychosocial support efforts are carried out in an integrated manner.

Throughout 2025, we implemented our relief and support activities across Türkiye and in various parts of the world through the dedicated efforts of thousands of volunteers and the contributions of our donors. Our teams—prepared through trainings, strengthened by drills, and deployed to the field in times of disaster—became a source of hope for people, sometimes in the midst of a forest fire, sometimes in an earthquake zone, and sometimes during search operations for missing persons. Every intervention was carried out with our deep respect for human life and our commitment to solidarity.

As the IHH Disaster Management Department, we act with the awareness that building a strong and reliable disaster response structure depends on transparency, standards, and continuity. In line with this understanding, we meticulously conduct both our team development efforts and accreditation processes. Within this framework, in 2025 we took nationally and internationally recognized steps in the fields of medical rescue and psychosocial support. We carefully plan every activity to ensure that the resources entrusted to us by our donors are used properly, effectively, and in a manner befitting human dignity.

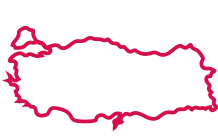
The data and activities presented in this report reflect only the numerical outcome of a year's worth of dedicated effort. Behind these figures stand volunteers who work tirelessly day and night, field teams operating under challenging conditions, and benefactors who support the expansion of goodness. We firmly believe that effective disaster management cannot be the achievement of a single institution; rather, it is the result of collective action and solidarity.

We hope that everyone who reviews our 2025 Activity Report will recognize that the work presented here is not merely a record of past activities, but also a call of responsibility and hope for the future. For we believe that every step taken toward building more disaster-resilient societies constitutes a contribution to the common good of humanity.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers, donors, and stakeholders who walk this path together with us..

Ömer KARS
Board Member Responsible for Disaster Management

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM MEMBERS



69
cities



Over
3,800
volunteer search
and rescue
technicians



77
search and
rescue vehicles



5
K9 dogs

The foundations of the IHH Disaster Management Department were laid in 2009 with the establishment of the Emergency Relief and Search and Rescue Unit, in order to professionalize the Foundation's search and rescue activities. By 2020, the IHH Disaster Management Department was formally established to both consolidate disaster and emergency response efforts under an integrated disaster management system and to enable faster and more professional intervention in disasters and emergency relief situations. As of 2025, the number of volunteers operating under the IHH Disaster Management Department in the fields of search and rescue, psychosocial support, and medical rescue has exceeded 4,000.

Within the Foundation, a Disaster Management Commission was also established, taking the Türkiye Disaster Response Plan (TAMP) as its reference framework.

Working Groups Affiliated with the IHH Disaster Management Commission



Search and Rescue Working Group



International Cooperation Working Group



Nutrition and In-Kind Aid Working Group



Logistics and Warehouse Management Working Group



Educational Activities Working Group



Information Management Working Group



Communications Working Group



Shelter Working Group



NGO and Volunteer Management Working Group



Healthcare Working Group



Psycho-social Support Working Group



Damage and Loss Assessment Working Group



Operations Management Working Group



Procurement and Financial Affairs Working Group



Correspondence Working Group

IHH DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT – 2025 BUDGET

The expenditure breakdown of the \$1,278,801 budget utilized by our Disaster Management Department in 2025 is as follows:

Equipment Procurement	\$248,674
Textile Expenses	\$113,714
Vehicle Expenses	\$388,893
Operations, Drills, and Activities	\$386,251
Transportation Expenses	\$107,702
Other	\$33,566
TOTAL	\$1,278,801

*This represents the total expenditure of the Headquarters and the İstanbul and Ankara teams.

2025 ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Number of Activities	Participants	Beneficiaries
4,361	42,859	74,552

Type	Activities	Participants
Training	1,162	13,921
Meeting	1,146	10,468
Visit	476	2,021
Administrative	429	3,543
Sports	410	4,165
Operation	353	3,480
Promotion	122	1,238
Drill	138	2,380
Awareness	114	899
Accreditation	11	744
TOTAL	4,361	42,859

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

In 2025, the IHH Disaster Management Department organized 1,162 training sessions across 17 different fields, with the participation of 13,864 attendees. A total of 69,513 individuals who are not volunteers of our search and rescue organization benefited from these trainings.

Topic	Activities	Participants	Beneficiaries
Disaster Awareness	392	1,791	65,523
Wilderness Search and Rescue	148	1,933	638
Urban Search and Rescue	213	3,824	1,224
Accreditation	132	3,330	190
First Aid	74	857	294
Fire Training	43	646	1,335
Radio Communication	55	802	137
Mountaineering	20	68	40
Water Search and Rescue	55	298	132
Diving	17	108	-
Other	13	207	-
TOTAL	1,162	13,864	69,513



Trainings

- ▶ On 22–26 September, we participated in the five-day international summer school on “Disaster Risk Management”, organized by Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa under the EU-supported EUMA program.
- ▶ On 21 February–2 March, we delivered Advanced Urban Search and Rescue Training in Pakistan to a 30-member team affiliated with the Sindh Boy Scouts Association and the Alkhidmat Foundation.
- ▶ On 28 June–3 July, we conducted a Training of Trainers in Wilderness Search and Rescue in the Republic of South Africa for an 11-member team affiliated with the Salaam Foundation.
- ▶ On 24 September–10 October, we provided Basic–Advanced–Training of Trainers in Urban Search and Rescue in Istanbul for the emergency response teams of the Islamic Medical Association (IMA) Search and Rescue Unit, the Emergency Response and Relief Corps (ERC), and the Awareness and Consolation Association (ACA).
- ▶ We launched the Disaster Awareness Training Project in cooperation with the Japan-based organization Peace Winds Japan.



OPERATIONS

The IHH Disaster Management Department took part in 353 operations across 10 different categories, with the involvement of 3,480 personnel.

Category	Operations	Participants
Missing Person Case	148	1,394
Fire	147	1,511
Flood/Water Inundation	12	71
Animal Rescue	10	27
Entrapment	16	94
Building Collapse	5	86
Transportation Accident	4	36
Landslide	1	18
Storm	1	9
Earthquake	9	234
Total	353	3,480



Selected Operations Participated in by Our Search and Rescue Teams in 2025

- ▶ 24 January – Konya Selçuklu Building Collapse
- ▶ 28 March – Bursa İnegöl Building Collapse
- ▶ 23 April – İstanbul Earthquake
- ▶ 25 June – İzmir Forest Fire
- ▶ 23 July – İstanbul Beyoğlu Building Collapse
- ▶ 27 July – Bursa Fire
- ▶ 8 August – Çanakkale Sarıcaeli Fire
- ▶ 10 August – Balıkesir Sındırgı Earthquake
- ▶ 11 August – Aksaray Güzelyurt (Gözlükuyu) Fire
- ▶ 12 August – İzmir Gaziemir Fire
- ▶ 23–24 August – Denizli Cankurtaran Fire
- ▶ 18–20 September – Alanya (Demirtaş, Yaylakonak, and Şihlar) Fires
- ▶ 28 September – Kütahya Simav Earthquake
- ▶ 27–28 October – Balıkesir Sındırgı Earthquakes
- ▶ 29 October – Kocaeli Building Collapse
- ▶ 7 December – Hatay Reyhanlı Missing Person Case



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

In 2025, the IHH Disaster Management Department organized 410 activities across seven different fields, with the participation of 4,166 individuals.

Category	Activities	Participants
Nature Hiking	122	1,505
Diving	97	558
Summit Climb	41	348
Camping	95	1,304
Athletics	4	34
Climbing	37	305
Extreme Sports	14	112
TOTAL	410	4,166



DRILLS

In 2025, the IHH Disaster Management Department participated in 140 drills across three areas, with the involvement of 2,380 participants.

Category	Activities	Participants
Field	113	2,017
Tabletop	6	34
TAMP	21	329
TOTAL	140	2,380

Drills Participated in by IHH Disaster Management Department Teams Across Türkiye in 2025

- ▶ 25–26 June – Muğla, Regional UMKE Drill
- ▶ 26 June – Amasya, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 17 September – Muş, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 19 September – Konya, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 23 September – Kayseri, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 1 October – Afyonkarahisar, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 3 October – Aksaray, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 4 October – Yalova, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 8 October – Uşak, UMKE Drill
- ▶ 9 October – Kütahya, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 11 October – Şanlıurfa, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 14 October – Manisa, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 14 October – İzmir, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 15 October – Bolu, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 16 October – Alanya, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 23 October – Kastamonu, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 12 November – Giresun, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 18 November – Siirt, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 10 December – Ankara, TAMP Earthquake Drill
- ▶ 10 December – Denizli, TAMP Earthquake Drill

IHH 5TH NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT DRILL

On the 26th anniversary of the Marmara Earthquake, the IHH Disaster Management Department organized the 5th National Disaster Management Drill in Ankara on 15–17 August to further strengthen its disaster management capacity and experience.

During the three-day exercise, 54 teams and 1,255 volunteer search and rescue technicians from many provinces across Türkiye conducted wilderness, urban, and water search and rescue operations. In addition, the Department's nutrition, in-kind aid and warehouse management, and psychosocial support working groups, structured in line with TAMP, actively participated in the drill, carrying out planning and implementation exercises for disaster response assistance.

The drill was conducted based on a 6.8-magnitude earthquake scenario on the North Anatolian Fault Line in Ankara's Elmadağ district. Teams performed search and rescue operations in designated zones representing 1,250 heavily damaged, 3,250 moderately damaged, and 7,000 lightly damaged residential units.

Simultaneous search and rescue activities were carried out in Altındağ, Etimesgut, Gölbaşı, Peçenek, and Yenimahalle, coordinated from Tevfik İleri Anatolian Imam Hatip High School in Yenimahalle.

Operating 24 hours a day across eight different zones, our teams utilized the full extent of their operational capacity. Responding to our Foundation's call, teams mobilized from across Türkiye and operated under challenging conditions within the Ankara earthquake scenarios, continuously enhancing their preparedness and capabilities for disasters.

The drill was monitored from our disaster management center by Ankara Deputy Governor Gürsoy Osman Bilgin, IHH President Bülent Yıldırım, Ankara Provincial Police Chief Ergin Dinç, AFAD Head of Volunteerism and Civil Society Relations Hüseyin Ceven, AFAD Head of Training and Awareness Recep Şalçı, Ankara AFAD Provincial Director Soner Tüter, and other officials.



MEDICAL RESCUE

As the IHH Disaster Management Department, particularly in the aftermath of the 6 February earthquakes, we observed that—apart from Türkiye’s National Medical Rescue Team (UMKE)—no official or civil society organization from Türkiye was actively operating in the field of medical rescue during disasters domestically or globally. Consequently, it became evident that large-scale disasters require a greater number of trained volunteers capable of delivering professional medical rescue services.

To help address this critical gap, the IHH Disaster Management Department decided to establish a dedicated Medical Rescue Unit, bringing together our healthcare professionals who have served in numerous search and rescue operations over many years.

Through our Medical Rescue Team, we aim to deliver rapid and effective response to disasters that may occur anywhere in Türkiye and around the world, and to obtain accreditation from relevant national and international bodies operating in this field. In line with this objective, our 125-member IHH Medical Rescue Team has successfully completed the international Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) accreditation process conducted by the World Health Organization.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

In 2024, the IHH Disaster Management Department established the Psychosocial Support Unit under the leadership of our Foundation’s professional psychologists, with the aim of expanding our services in the fields of orphan support, search and rescue, education, youth, women, and humanitarian aid.

With a volunteer network of 435 mental health professionals—including psychologists, sociologists, social workers, child development specialists, and psychological counselors—we began providing free psychotherapy and counseling services.

Our team was formed with a multidisciplinary approach. By strengthening our nationwide volunteer network in this field, we aim to enhance our capacity to respond more effectively to disasters and crisis situations both in Türkiye and globally, and to obtain accreditation from relevant national and international institutions. In this context, our Psychosocial Support Unit was accredited by the Ministry of Family and Social Services in 2025 in the field of psychosocial support interventions with a 34-member team.

Last year, our unit also contributed to the integrated disaster management system by participating in the National Disaster Management Drill with its 27-member accredited team.



IN-KIND DONATIONS AND WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT

We established our In-Kind Donations and Warehouse Management Unit to meet the full range of logistical needs of teams operating in the field during disasters. Within this unit, we manage the processes related to the acceptance, classification, storage, and dispatch of in-kind donations through a planned, systematic, and well-coordinated approach.

Our unit evaluates requests received from the field and ensures that needs are delivered to disaster-affected areas in a timely, orderly, and secure manner. It also oversees the safe storage and inventory tracking of supplies held by other units operating in disaster zones.

Through these efforts, we support the sustainability of logistics processes and the uninterrupted execution of field operations.

Our unit joined the accreditation process initiated by AFAD in 2023. Upon completion of the process, we contributed to the integrated disaster management system by achieving accreditation at the Light-Level Team standard with our 20-member staff.

Warehouse Name	Warehouse Capacity	Pallet Capacity	Truck Capacity	Office Staff	Field Staff
Emre Yerli Disaster and Coordination Center Logistics	7000 m ²	6,442	200	8	9
Kilis Logistics	3,000 m ²	1800	55	1	3
Bursa Logistics Center	1,200 m ²	480	15	2	2
İkitelli	1,150 m ²	480	15	6	10
Gaziantep	1,000 m ²	320	10	1	2
Konya Logistics	1,000 m ²	320	10	2	3
Mersin Logistics	5,500 m ²	4000	125	2	-

Warehouse Name	Truck (TIR)	Trailer	Truck	Pickup/Van	Forklift	Stacker
Emre Yerli Disaster and Coordination Center Logistics	1	2	2	2	3	1
Kilis Logistics	1	2	-	1	2	-
Bursa Logistics Center	-	-	-	2	1	1
İkitelli	-	-	3	2	1	1
Gaziantep	-	-	-	1	1	-
Konya Logistics	-	-	4	1	-	1
Mersin Logistics	-	-	-	-	3	-

NUTRITION WORKING GROUP

Our Nutrition Working Group was established to ensure the effective planning, coordination, and field implementation of food, nutrition, and social assistance services in the aftermath of disasters. Within the group, we manage processes related to food supply and nutrition services through a planned, systematic, and well-coordinated approach.

During disasters, we organize food procurement based on data received from the field to ensure that affected populations have access to adequate, safe, and balanced nutrition. Through soup kitchens, mobile kitchens, and local resources, we produce and distribute hot meals and ensure that food packages and essential supplies reach beneficiaries in a regular and controlled manner.

Through these efforts, we maintain the continuity of nutrition services in disaster areas and contribute to the alignment of social assistance activities with field operations.

As of 2025, our Nutrition Working Group upgraded its previous TAMP accreditation to Level A following a comprehensive evaluation process conducted with a 58-member team, thereby strengthening our institutional capacity within the integrated disaster management system.

In 2026, we plan to expand the scope of our accreditation by incorporating one additional soup kitchen and four catering vehicles into the process. Through this expansion, we aim to increase production and distribution capacity, enhance rapid service delivery in the field, and further strengthen the sustainability of nutrition operations.

Based on current inventory data, the capacity figures below indicate how many people each asset can serve with hot meals/refreshments per single serving. At present, the total single-meal nutrition capacity of our Nutrition Working Group stands at 39,900 people.

Nutrition Working Group – Single-Meal Capacity Distribution

- ▶ İstanbul: 1 mobile soup kitchen trailer (3,000 persons/meal), 1 catering vehicle (200 persons/meal), 3 fixed kitchens (7,500 persons/meal), and 27 field soup kitchens (2,000 persons/meal)
- ▶ Ankara, Bursa, and Konya: one catering vehicle each (200 persons/meal); additionally in Bursa, 1 fixed kitchen (1,000 persons/meal)
- ▶ Hatay: 2 fixed kitchens (4,600 persons/meal)
- ▶ Kilis: 1 fixed kitchen (20,000 persons/meal)
- ▶ Yalova: 1 fixed kitchen (1,000 persons/meal)

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

In 2025, the IHH Disaster Management Department participated in numerous national and international events to enhance our effectiveness and capacity in search and rescue and disaster management, raise disaster awareness, and strengthen cooperation.

- ▶ 26–30 January: We exchanged experience with France’s Dignité Association on the digitalization of disaster management activities.
- ▶ 19–20 February: We participated in the EU-supported EUMA Project Workshop on Disaster Risk Management, Technological Hazards, and Crisis Management held at IMT Mines Institute in Alès, France.
- ▶ 17 March: We attended the INSARAG “Assessment and Development” meetings held within the framework of Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW 2025) in Geneva.
- ▶ 29 April – 1 May: We opened a stand at the DIHAD Dubai International Humanitarian Aid and Development Exhibition.
- ▶ 18 July: We delivered a presentation on our disaster management model at the University of Bath in the United Kingdom.
- ▶ 17–21 September: We opened a stand at TEKNOFEST held at İstanbul Atatürk Airport.
- ▶ 6–7 October: We participated in the INSARAG Regional Meeting held in Prague.
- ▶ 4 November: We attended the workshop organized by the ITU Faculty of Architecture on the role of mosque architecture and management in disaster processes.
- ▶ 13–14 December: We organized the Social Work Congress at İstanbul Medeniyet University.







Since 1992

We have been conducting our work in 123 countries without discrimination of religion, language, race, nationality, or sect, and we extend our gratitude to our beloved friends of the heart who have supported us along this journey.



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