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Dear ASE Cultural Exchange Staff,

I wish to formally acknowledge your generous support of €1,094 to support UNICEF's emergency humanitarian response to the Turkey and Syria earthquakes. UNICEF greatly appreciates your timely support.

In emergencies of this magnitude UNICEF's comparative advantage is our ability to transport large quantities of humanitarian aid to where it is needed quickly. Your strong support at the very outset of this crisis allows us to accelerate that response in the knowledge that our current funding is being replenished by funding such as yours. For that, please accept our huge thanks.

It has become clear now that the scale and magnitude of the disaster will lead to a protracted humanitarian emergency which will require the coordination of the United Nations. UNICEF will be playing a significant part in that operation.

In Syria, UNICEF already had a strong presence on the ground, and we have now distributed all of our pre-positioned humanitarian stockpiles. Since Friday, we have been able to airlift two planeloads of further supplies into both Aleppo and Damascus and our focus is on now the following areas:

- **Tarpaulin Tents** - UNICEF has already airlifted in Tarpaulin Tents from our regional humanitarian warehouse in Dubai and these will be used to support Emergency Field Hospitals and shelter in conjunction with our partners on the ground.
- **Water Sanitation and Hygiene** - There has been huge damage to water and sewage infrastructure. We have begun trucking in 300,000 Litres of water each day into Aleppo. We are also working with the local authorities to repair water treatment facilities. In addition to clean water, we are also distributing water purification tablets and hygiene kits to those who have been displaced.
- **Medical Supplies and Hygiene Kits** - UNICEF already had pre-positioned supplies in the area, but these now need to be replenished as soon as possible. Your funding will allow us to do that.

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Our representative in Aleppo, Angela Kearney, gave an interview to RTE and if you scan the QR code below this paragraph you will see her report of our initial response:



In Turkey, UNICEF already had strong humanitarian operations in place for the last seven years dealing with the influx of Syrian refugees fleeing the war inside Syria. I have visited our operations there and confirm that UNICEF has the capacity and infrastructure in place to respond at the scale required for this crisis.

UNICEF's immediate emergency response in Turkey in the first 72 hours included:

- **Child Protection** - UNICEF evacuated 724 children to safe spaces. They were provided with food, water and blankets in addition to temporary shelter in the new locations, where they will continue to receive childcare services.
- **Humanitarian response** - 2,500 youth volunteers mobilised and began distributing our pre-position stockpiles of humanitarian aid.
- **Water Sanitation and Hygiene Kits** - Again, these were already prepositioned in Turkey but need to be replenished as soon as possible.

Joachim, your donation today will allow UNICEF's operations on the ground to accelerate these responses. We are extremely grateful for your timely support.

We have just received a message from UNICEF's global Emergency Coordinator, Manual Fontaine, who is on the ground and if you can scan the following QR code you can view his message and get a sense of the capacity of our teams which you are supporting today:



Very many thanks again.

Yours sincerely,

**Peter Power**  
**Executive Director.**

*Unicef greatly appreciates your strong support for our Emergency Response in Turkey & Syria.*

*Thank you. Peter*

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