

GEA



TUR-04

This was the biggest earthquake that GEA responded to since its establishment in 1994. The overall impact of the earthquake forced us to deploy a 700-member team to Hatay and Iskenderun region. The most significant challenge was the overwhelming number of victims, with live rescues happening in 8 different worksites simultaneously at one point. Lack of coordination in the field was also a major problem in the early stages. Through collaboration with the ERICAM team, we supported the information management of our sector, shared information, and kept ICMS updated.

Lessons Learned

It is essential to be flexible in team structure, as we constantly changed our tactics with the increasing logistics support throughout the deployment.

Home support

Our management team worked 24/7 to identify any possible worksites and convey the confirmed ones to the team in the field.



Collaboration with Other Teams and Volunteers

There were thousands of volunteers and numerous teams on the ground, and we established excellent trust and collaboration, allowing us to communicate throughout the entire deployment, resulting in many live rescues.

The Power of the Network

Being a part of INSARAG for so many years and classified as a light team allowed us to connect with other international user teams easier, give crucial information to UCC, and helped us to understand to see the bigger picture during the deployment.

[Team Website](#)

