



# MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE

IMPACT REPORT

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# BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

## Almost 3,000 killed in Morocco's deadliest earthquake in 60 years

Forty kilometres from the tourist destination of Marrakech, mountains have been split, toppling onto homes. Entire villages have been crumpled, bodies still under the rubble.

The UN says that **300,000** people have been affected, including an estimated **100,000** children, according to UNICEF. **2,946** people were killed, and **5,647** injured in the 6.8-magnitude

earthquake that hit on the night of 8 September.

The epicentre of the earthquake hit in the rocky Atlas Mountains, where villages are covered in several feet of snow for most of the winter months. As the weather cools, families urgently need supplies to help them to stay warm and dry through the sub-zero temperatures.









# KEY FACTS



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affected



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children affected



**50,000**

homes damaged  
or destroyed

# OUR RESPONSE

Human Appeal staff arrived on the ground within 30 hours of the earthquake. Working with our local partner of six years, we immediately conducted an assessment of the most urgent needs. Within two weeks of the quake we provided:



**1,747**

warm blankets



**967**

food parcels and hygiene kits



**540**

mattresses



**12,578**

shelter items







In all, your donations allowed us to support a total of **over 19,840** people in the first two weeks of the emergency.



# A LOOK AHEAD

## Preparing for Winter

In the coming weeks, we're refocusing on preparing the community for winter, providing them with waterproof tents to keep families and their possessions protected from the rain. In our first distribution we'll be providing 500 tents, but we're working to increase that number in future distributions before winter. We're also providing warm clothing— such as boots and coats – so that when cold winter temperatures arrive, they have a way to stay warm and dry. We're distributing shelter kits containing warm blankets and mattresses, as well as kitchen kits, providing pots, pans, plates and cutlery to help families to cook and eat with dignity.

## Medical Aid Initiative

We're committed to delivering essential medical supplies to hospitals and clinics that are tirelessly caring for those injured in the aftermath of the earthquake. To achieve this, we have a vital initiative in place: delivering ten specially designed medical containers to the affected region. These containers are stocked with a range

of high-quality medical consumables, crucial for both routine procedures and advanced surgeries. Inside, you'll find sterilised medical disposables, syringes, needles, pads, catheters, disposable sterile bed sheets, aprons, surgical tools, emergency kits, and more. These items are often prohibitively expensive for local communities to obtain, but thanks to your support, we're ensuring that multiple healthcare facilities in Morocco will have access to these critical supplies for months to come. Your generosity is truly making a lasting impact on the health and well-being of those in need.

## Continuing Support

We'll continue providing cleaning supplies and food parcels, ensuring survivors have access to nutritious food and a safe way to keep themselves and their belongings clean.

In addition, we are proud to announce our sponsorship programme for orphans in Morocco affected by the earthquake, along with our dedicated efforts to provide essential psychosocial support to children from affected families.









# THANK YOU

Thank you for entrusting your charity in Morocco to our **32** years of experience in delivering aid in emergencies, and our **6-year** partnership in Morocco.

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