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Dear Colleagues,

With a death toll nearing 12,000 from the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck southern Turkey and northern Syria on Monday, February 6, the region has been devastated and severely impacted. The haunting images and tragic news have left us all wondering what can we do to help.

Rescue efforts in both counties are overwhelmed and are in desperate need of resources. At LACCD we extend our deepest sympathies to those impacted. We also understand that many may want to help.

As aftershocks continue to pummel the area, both countries are working to increase border entries to allow more humanitarian aid to go directly to the victims and communities impacted. Many charities are accepting donations to help deliver emergency supplies.

A recent Time Magazine article entitled "[Earthquakes Struck the Heart of the World's Largest Refugee Population. Here's How to Help](#)," is providing a list of key charities and relief organizations that are directly working in the area:

- [Syrian American Medical Society](#)
- [UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency](#)
- [UNICEF](#)
- [The White Helmets](#)
- [Turkish Red Crescent \(Türk Kızılay\)](#)
- [International Rescue Committee](#)
- [Save the Children](#)
- [Global Giving](#)
- [Project HOPE](#)
- [Humanitarian Relief Foundation](#)
- [Doctors Without Borders](#)
- [Direct Relief](#)

If interested, please review each website to see how you can contribute to their charitable efforts.

Thank you for being the best part of LACCD,

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
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