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Dear İkram,

Turkey-Syria Earthquake

I write on behalf of the NASUWT, the largest teacher's union in the UK to express our solidarity as your members and the communities they serve face the aftermath of the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

We know recent estimates from the World Health Organization state that up to 23 million people could be affected by the disaster and that the death toll has risen beyond 17,000 with tens of thousands injured.

We understand schools have been closed due to the 7.4 magnitude earthquake that affected 10 provinces and that these schools are often being used to accommodate hundreds of thousands of people displaced by the earthquakes.

The crisis desk established by Eğitim Sen, together with KESK, and the aid campaign for members affected by the earthquake are inspiring examples of the work that trade unions can do for their members. The same is true of the Eğitim Sen branches, who are distributing tents, heating, hygiene materials and basic food products to those in need.

The NASUWT has received the Education International urgent action appeal and will be giving this our most urgent and serious attention.

Our thoughts are with you and your members as you face this testing time.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Patrick Roach
General Secretary