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1. Introduction: solidarity through the kitchens

On February 6, 2023, two powerful earthquakes measuring 7.7 and 7.5 on the Richter scale struck southeastern Türkiye. A region with more than 15 million inhabitants in 11 provinces, of which 1.74 million are refugees, mainly Syrians. The earthquakes claimed more than 55,000 lives in Türkiye and injured tens of thousands of others, according to official estimates. In Syria, 8.8 million people lived in the areas worst affected by the earthquakes. An estimated 6,000 Syrians in northern Syria have been killed by the earthquakes.

From a great distance, this evoked enormous sadness and feelings of powerlessness among all kinds of people in the Netherlands with roots in Türkiye. But immediately in the first week after the earthquakes, a group of volunteers, expats from Türkiye, came together. This group decided to join forces under the name Solidarity Kitchen NL. The initiators decided to start a fundraising campaign to raise money for the injured and survivors in Türkiye and Syria.

Volunteers from different sectors and from different cities in the Netherlands soon joined this initiative. Homemade Turkish and Arabic dishes were sold at markets by volunteers and the proceeds were donated to Solidarity Kitchen NL. Day after day, various activities were carried out such as festival sales, concert foyer sales, second-hand market sales and running activities. Within a short time, solidarity grew through the kitchens and more and more people were reached. This created a huge solidarity kitchen. In addition, the volunteers also supported with online book sales, auctions and the sale of homemade products. All donations collected through these actions have been used to provide small-scale humanitarian aid to survivors in the earthquake area.

2. About Stichting Solidarity Kitchen NL

The initiators strive for sustainable involvement and aim to draw continued attention to supporting the victims of the earthquakes. On June 14, 2023, Solidarity Kitchen NL was officially established as a foundation, partly for these reasons. The statutory purpose of the Solidarity Kitchen NL Foundation is The purpose of the Foundation is to help people and animals in need and furthermore with everything that is related to this in the broadest sense, is part of it and/or can be conducive to this (Article 3 of the articles of association of the Foundation). In the coming years, the Foundation wants to focus on fundraising for the victims of the earthquakes of February 6, 2023 in Türkiye.

3. Mission, goals and target group

The main goal of the Solidarity Kitchen NL Foundation is to support people in the earthquake zone in rebuilding their lives by creating funds for urgent needs and making sustainable projects possible.

Our secondary goal is advocacy and increasing awareness in the Netherlands to draw continued attention to the long-term effects of the earthquake on local communities, people, animals and nature.

Finally, we strive for greater solidarity through international cooperation and building networks and supporting civil society in Hatay.

The Foundation tries to achieve its mission by, among other things:

- strengthening social awareness and the importance of cooperation in society;
- supporting and enabling new models of cooperation and establishing contemporary and sustainable networks and transnational ties for solidarity and project creation in times of humanitarian crises and disasters;
- contribute to the development of local culture in a future-oriented way, using today's technological possibilities;
- raising funds for the Foundation and conducting other related or additional activities to further the Foundation's mission;
- in the long term, create a Netherlands-based broad support network that can provide sustainable assistance to any region in Türkiye that could be affected by such disasters in the future.

The Foundation is not a profit motive.

Our target groups are children, young people, women and disadvantaged groups. Our goal is to promote sustainable projects for earthquake victims so that they can return to their normal life more quickly.

4. Board and organizational structure

As interest and participation in our markets and charity events increased, we realized we needed to be more systematic and shaped our organizational structure through the working groups.

The early initiators, who live in different cities in the Netherlands, physically met on April 1, 2023 and June 2, 2023. The decision was made to set up an official foundation. On June 14, 2023, the deed of incorporation was signed to obtain the status of a foundation.

There is a three-person board with a two-year mandate as of June 14, 2023. Board members can be re-elected a maximum of three times.

Chair: Müzeyyen Güldaş

Secretary: Aysel Sabahoğlu

Treasurer: Beril Kaba Nayman

Core tasks of the board

The chairman is the spokesperson for the Foundation. The secretary is responsible for legal support. The treasurer is responsible for the finances. These tasks are largely carried out in close consultation, in confidence and in compliance with the rules as agreed in the Internal Regulations.

In addition, there is an informal advisory board that advises and assists the directors in practical, organizational and media areas. Members of the Board of Advisors are: Zeynep Kasli, Yeliz Mert, Eda Bener Aksam, Seda Sözügeçer, Hatice Görgülüoğlu, Özge Elif Ceylan.

Other tasks of the board and the advisory council

Board members, or representatives thereof, visit the supported projects once a year; information will be shared via the Foundation's website and other media: in 2023, Eda Bener Aksam, Seda Sözügeçer and Remziye Yiğit were in the earthquake area to visit the cooperation partners and to observe the relief efforts first-hand. Photos and reports of these trips have been made available online on the Solidarity Kitchen website and on the Instagram page. See for example:

<https://www.youtube.com/@SolidarityKitchenNL>

To ensure continuity and interconnectedness, the board meets monthly online, with agenda items determined based on current activities and projects. Monthly reports are drawn up of these meetings.

The board met frequently online in 2023 to discuss dilemmas, make choices and divide tasks. It took time to agree on a good division of tasks: the work is now divided via working groups. The board maintains an overview and is the body responsible for administration and accounting. Internal Regulations have been drawn up in which the mutual relationships and powers are laid down.

Good contact was also maintained with all volunteers or their representatives through the working groups.

Travel costs of board members, advisory council and volunteers to the region are not reimbursed.

The working groups

The working groups work closely with the Foundation's board, on the basis of mutual understanding and consent and in accordance with the Internal Regulations.

Aid coordination and project development. Duties and responsibilities include:

- Ensuring that aid reaches the right place
- Research into new options for providing financial support
- Organizing and leading necessary meetings
- Expanding our network that keeps us informed of the situation in the region
- Finding ways to add value and stay connected to the region through means other than financial support

Coordinators: Müzeyyen Güldaş, Zeynep Kaşlı, Seda Sözügeçer, Hatice Görgülüoğlu

The coordinators held regular consultations in 2023 about the selection of cooperation partners in Hatay. Criteria have been established on the basis of which the choices are made. Progress discussions are held regularly with the partners in Hatay and results are carefully monitored. It took time to find a good mode for this form of remote collaboration. But because the expats have an excellent command of Turkish, spoken and written, and have a large network in Türkiye, the lines of communication are short and it is possible to keep a close eye on things via digital means.

Fundraising and events. Duties and responsibilities include:

- Come up with event ideas to reach more people
- Provide support for annual event planning and organization
- Find sponsorship from major brands, municipalities or SMEs
- Actively participate in our events
- Selling Turkish dishes at food stalls
- Providing logistical support
- Running for a good cause,
- Raise money through workshops

Coordinators: Yeliz Mert, Eda Bener Akşam, Revan Yıldırım Karabağ

In 2023, the working group worked on an activities calendar, on criteria that fundraising actions or campaigns must meet, on reaching a larger audience and tapping into new financing channels. The working group meets regularly and provides feedback on progress and results during board meetings.

Legal support and lobbying. Duties and responsibilities include:

- The aim of the legal support and advocacy working group is to maintain a dialogue with SHO (Collaborating Aid Organizations, Giro 555) and with VNG International (Association of Dutch Municipalities) to ensure that aid reaches the most affected areas and to ensure transparency about how the funds have been spent by the SHO organizations in the disaster area.
- VNG International works together with the municipality of Amsterdam to realize projects for the affected communities of Antakya and Samandag.
- The Foundation has had various discussions with VNG International and with Femke Halsema, the mayor of Amsterdam. VNG International SK NL lobbied to connect the Netherlands with organizations active in the earthquake area.

Coordinators: Aysel Sabahoğlu, Zeynep Kaşlı, Eda Bener Akşam

5. Focus area and collaboration partners

We focus mainly on Hatay, one of the areas that felt the effects of the earthquake the most.

As fundraising continued in the Netherlands, our bond with Hatay, which was largely destroyed by the earthquakes, began to grow stronger. We received more and more up-to-date information about the situation and needs of the region by having regular contacts with NGOs that were already active in the region before the earthquake and appeared to be well informed about the region. We also came into contact with initiatives set up by victims immediately after the earthquake. Some Solidarity Kitchen initiators also visited the earthquake area to obtain first-hand information, to meet earthquake victims and to actually see our activities in the field. Here we had the opportunity to meet several organizations, NGOs and dozens of volunteers with whom we are now in contact and working together. These relationships have allowed us to develop our projects by quickly responding to the needs and developments in the region and thus reaching earthquake victims in a more coordinated way.

6. Recruitment of volunteers

We held an initial volunteer meeting online to share information about the interim results, the various actions and to explain what is needed to sustain the fundraising. On September 24 we held our second volunteer meeting. This time a physical meeting in Kargadoor in Utrecht. During this second meeting we explained the foundation, building blocks and organizational structure of

the Solidarity Kitchen NL Foundation to our new volunteers. We also had the opportunity to listen to the personal story of Meltem Halaceli from Hatay. We listened to songs by the Göksel Yılmaz Ensemble with their roots in Antakya and Enschede. The music of the Göksel Yılmaz Ensemble symbolizes tolerance in Hatay. The turnout was good. Many new volunteers came from different cities in the Netherlands. The network of the Solidarity Kitchen NL Foundation was able to expand that day. Now that the volunteer base has expanded, we have started working on our events calendar, donation campaigns and communications strategies for the coming years.

7. Activities overview of fundraising activities 2023

Shortly after the earthquakes, we held our first market sale of partly homemade Turkish sandwiches and sweets in Leiden. Volunteers from other cities such as Utrecht, Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Eindhoven soon followed. Together with our fast-growing volunteer network, we have raised money for the earthquake victims in this way. In 2023 we were at a total of six markets, five concert foyers and six festivals. All this in eight different provinces in the Netherlands. In addition, we organized charity bazaars, online and physical workshops and actions for children with disabilities due to amputations after the earthquakes. On the other hand, our volunteers organized their own events to donate to the Solidarity Kitchen NL Foundation.

This is the full overview:

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| February 11, 2023 | Leidse Markt - Food sales |
| February 18, 2023 | Amsterdam Ten Katemarkt - Food sales |
| February 18, 2023 | Amsterdam Dappermarkt - Food sales |
| February 19, 2023 | Amsterdam IJ Hallen - Sale of second-hand goods |
| February 28, 2023 | Melkweg Benefit Concert - Food Sales |
| March 11, 2023 | Amsterdam Dappermarkt - Food sales |
| March 18, 2023 | Amsterdam Dappermarkt - Food sales |
| March 18, 2023 | TivoliVredenburg Haluk Levent Concert - Book sale |
| March 24, 2023 | Kargadoor Benefit Concert - Food sales |
| March 28, 2023 | Stand of the American School The Hague |
| April 1, 2023 | Rotterdam Kantine Valhalla Meral Polat Concert - Food Sales |
| April 7, 2023 | Rotterdam De Doelen Pinhani Concert - Food sales |
| April 27, 2023 | King's Day Free market in three different provinces - Food sales |
| May 5, 2023 | Haarlem Liberation Doll - Product sales |
| May 6, 2023 | Run for CATE Run |
| May 13, 2023 | Zimihe's Culture Tasting Street Food & Art Festival - Food and Product Sales |
| May 19, 2023 | Online workout with Sedat Balta |
| May 20, 2023 | The American School The Hague - Spring Bazaar |
| May 21, 2023 | Amsterdam Mothers Double Holiday Picnic - Food and Book Sale |
| September 24, 2023 | Volunteer meeting |
| October 20, 2023 | Organizing a charity dinner at home |
| November 18, 2023 | Art workshop |
| November 18, 2023 | Hello Eindhoven Festival Food Sale |

8. Results: What has been achieved in one year?

With the income from all events, we first donated to Darüşşafaka and Ahbap in Türkiye, and to Heyva Sor and Child House in Syria. Later, we decided to focus aid on Hatay through the solidarity network we had set up with NGOs in Türkiye that already knew the region very well, were already active or had been founded by the victims of the earthquakes. In this process, we provided shelter for three families by sending container homes with kitchens and bathrooms. In Hatay, children became malnourished due to poverty caused by the earthquakes. That's why we had food distributed. There were also enormous water shortages. We donated 26.6 tons of drinking water and also paid attention to the plight of animals (livestock, pets and street animals) by having animal feed distributed. We also had clothing, medicine and hygiene supplies distributed. We provided support for children's educational and psychosocial needs. With our campaign launched in collaboration with Hatay Earthquake Solidarity, we distributed breakfast boxes to 40 single mothers who have no income and live with their children in makeshift tents in Defne, Hatay. By distributing local products, we were also able to support local producers and local women's cooperatives. The breakfast package contained tinned tomatoes, olives, jam, olive oil and cheese.

Here is a complete overview of the income raised from all volunteer activities and the organizations in Turkey to which donations have been made. Details of the donations and expenses are in the separate Financial Report 2023.

TOPLAM TOPLANAN BAĞIŞ=TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

ÖDEMELER=DONATIONS MADE TO

| 1 | | TOPLAM TOPLANAN BAĞIŞ | | ÖDEMELER |
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| 2 | Ten Kate Pazar | €6.412,70 | Etkinlik Giderleri/Ürün alımları | €1.896,65 |
| 3 | Dappermarkt Pazar | €3.640,15 | Child Houses | €600,00 |
| 4 | Ij Hallen Pazar | €469,80 | Heyvasor | €1.000,00 |
| 5 | Melkweg Bağış Konseri | €2.613,00 | Darüşşafaka | €1.000,00 |
| 6 | Zain Naqvi Bağış | €600,00 | Hancağız Konteyner Alımı | €6.657,00 |
| 7 | Dayanışma Mutfakı Tikkie | €1.250,00 | Hancağız İhtiyaçlar Yem/Su/Hırdavat/İlaç | €3.711,00 |
| 8 | Dappermarkt Pazar | €2.080,00 | Hoofddorp Ekibi Bağışlar | €1.400,00 |
| 9 | Dappermarkt Pazar | €3.402,10 | Ahbap Bağış | €2.152,00 |
| 10 | Tivoli Haluk Levent Konseri | €2.152,00 | İskenderun Su Alımı | €953,78 |
| 11 | Kargadoor | €1.689,45 | Tomruksuyu Eğitim Merkezi Klima Alımı | €1.755,00 |
| 12 | Kermes | €2.200,00 | Mavikuş İhtiyaç Listesi | €951,00 |
| 13 | Bireysel Bağış | €160,00 | Bütün Çocuklar Bizim Derneği | €1.875,00 |
| 14 | Walhalla Meral Polat Konseri | €1.825,50 | Yazlık Kıyafet Alımı | €3.200,00 |
| 15 | Pinhani Konseri | €1.880,00 | İhtiyaç Kolisi | €906,09 |
| 16 | Bireysel Bağış | €200,00 | Su Alımı (İskenderun ve Hatay) | €1.020,00 |
| 17 | Geef.nl | €1.295,00 | Noter Tercüme Ücreti | €150,00 |
| 18 | Tablo Satışı | €25,00 | Özlem Lesport | €1.000,00 |
| 19 | Kitap Satışı | €115,00 | Seher Yıldız | €450,00 |
| 20 | AA Bağış (Voleybol) | €40,00 | ALİKEV Burs | €7.270,00 |
| 21 | Kimono Satışı | €60,00 | Actus Notarissen(Vakıf Kuruluş İşlemleri) | €995,00 |
| 22 | King's Day | €3.029,45 | KVK Ödemesi | €247,21 |
| 23 | Bağış (LaTr Interior) | €200,00 | Kargadoor Salon Kirası | €242,00 |
| 24 | Bağış(Run for CATE) | €290,00 | Pos Makinesi | €78,72 |
| 25 | Haarlem Bevrijdingfeest | €390,50 | Gümüşgöze Çocuk Evi Bağış | €160,00 |
| 26 | Buket Kermes | €1.278,80 | | |
| 27 | Utrecht Zimich | €1.780,65 | | |
| 28 | Den Haag Anneleri Online Workout | €335,00 | | |
| 29 | Amsterdam Anneleri Piknik | €3.359,00 | | |
| 30 | Satılan ekstra Börekler (Eda) | €75,00 | | |
| 31 | Eda Bener Aksam Satış | €170,00 | | |
| 32 | Bağış(Yeliz) | €220,00 | | |
| 33 | Bağış (Remziye) | €100,00 | | |
| 34 | GoFundme | €532,63 | | |
| 35 | Art Workshop Leiden | €160,00 | | |
| 36 | TPN Bağış | €982,55 | | |
| 37 | Merhaba Eindhoven | €603,00 | | |
| 38 | Bireysel Bağış | €33,60 | | |
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| 45 | TOPLAM | €45.649,88 | | €39.670,45 |
| 46 | NET TOPLAM | €5.979,43 | | |
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Our results at an organizational level are: we have established a foundation, we have a separate bank account, drawn up internal regulations, set up our working groups, set up our website and social media channels, a corporate identity has been created and a substantive and financial annual report has been drawn up. These are all tasks that the board and the members of the working groups perform in their own time, with enormous dedication.

9. Lobbying and networking activities of the Solidarity Kitchen NL Foundation

To keep the sustainable development of the region on the agenda of civil society organizations in the Netherlands and in the media, we have focused on increasing awareness of the impact and aftermath of the earthquakes. We have created a large solidarity network both in Hatay and in the Netherlands by bundling our contacts and networks.

Through dialogue with representatives of the Collaborating Aid Organizations (SHO/Giro 555) and VNG, we drew attention to the problems experienced by victims in Hatay as a result of the earthquakes. With precise information from the region, we have been able to provide targeted assistance to the hardest-hit communities in Hatay province. During the visit of the mayor of Samandağ to the Netherlands, we listened to the latest news from the region and discussed the situation of women's cooperatives that were set up there with the help of KedeV and Oxfam Novib. The Solidarity Kitchen NL Foundation was closely involved in the preparation of the program for the visit of the Mayor of Amsterdam Femke Halsema and VNG (Albert van Hal) to Antakya and Samandağ.

Overview of meetings

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| March 21, 2023 | Hague Political Café Türkiye and Syria Earthquakes |
| March 27, 2023 | Politics of corruption and the earthquakes in Türkiye, Syria and Kurdistan |
| May 10, 2023 | Participation in the program to commemorate the victims with attention to the upcoming elections in Türkiye in De Balie |
| June 14, 2023 | Mayor Halsema visits Hatay |
| June 24, 2023 | Visit of Samandağ Mayor Refik Eryılmaz and his wife to Amsterdam |
| July 17 and 24, 2023 | Conversations with Albert van Hal from VNG |
| October 2, 2023 | Earthquake relief meeting of the Association of Dutch Municipalities (VNG). |
| November 6, 2023 | Giro 555 meeting |
| October 21, 2023 | Visit of the mayor of the municipality of Hatay, Lütfü Savaş, to Amsterdam |

10. Outlook 2024

Our goal in 2024 is to reach more earthquake victims and make meaningful contributions to help them return to their normal lives. We want more focus and have opted for collaboration with two permanent parties whose work and progress will be monitored through regular good contact and field trips.

Our campaign goals for 2024 are;

Financially support students to create a more secure future by providing four-year continuous scholarships to 20 earthquake-affected university students through ALiKEV's Tree Scholarship Fund.

Providing hope to people in need by strengthening solidarity between local producers and victims.

Implementing our Little Hopes Big Hearts campaign to better meet the needs of young learners.

11. Financial report: see separate document.

This annual report was adopted by the board on June 1, 2024 and covers the period February 6, 2023 - December 31, 2023.

Müzeyyen Gültaş

Aysel Sabahoglu

Beril Kaba Nayman

Special thanks to all our volunteers who committed themselves to support the victims of the earthquake through the solidarity of the kitchens.

