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Volkswagen Group donates one million euros of emergency aid to help those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria

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- The UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe receives 500,000 euros of emergency aid in Syria
- The company and Works Council also call for donations from the workforce

Wolfsburg, February 8, 2023 – Volkswagen AG and its Group brands are donating one million euros of emergency aid for the regions affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe e.V. and the German Red Cross (DRK) will receive 500,000 euros of the donation each. The Volkswagen Group, together with the Group Works Council are also calling on employees to contribute to the donations to help those affected by the earthquake.

Oliver Blume, Chief Executive Officer of the Volkswagen Group, says: "Our thoughts are with the victims and their loved ones. With this donation, we are providing rapid, unbureaucratic humanitarian aid for the people in the regions affected by the earthquake. The German Red Cross and the UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe are trusted partners that intensively tend to human suffering on site."

Chief Human Resources Officer Gunnar Kilian says: "We are all deeply shocked by the pictures coming to us from Turkey and Syria. It is important to support the people who have lost everything, particularly in these difficult times. It therefore goes without saying that we as a company and a team will come together to offer targeted help."

Chairperson of the General and Group Works Council, Daniela Cavallo, says: "There is great dismay at our sites, also because in many places our workforces have personal connections or even kinship with the regions affected by the earthquake. Just as many colleagues have asked us about the possibility of a joint donation. There is now."

In addition to the one-million-euro donation from Volkswagen AG, the company, together with the Works Council, has also made it possible for employees to make a donation to help the people in Turkey and Syria via the intranet.

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The means provided by the Volkswagen Group will serve to supply those in need, and will be used to distribute relief supplies and medical aid. At night time in particular, the temperatures in the affected regions currently drop below zero degrees Celsius, which is further exacerbating the situation on site. The expert teams from the organizations are providing accommodation, food and warm clothing. They are also supporting the rescue and recovery measures.



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The Volkswagen Group, with its headquarters in Wolfsburg, is one of the world's leading automobile manufacturers and the largest carmaker in Europe. The Group comprises ten core brands from seven European countries: Volkswagen Passenger Cars, Audi, SEAT, CUPRA, ŠKODA, Bentley, Lamborghini, Porsche, Ducati and Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles. The passenger car portfolio ranges from small cars all the way to luxury-class vehicles. Ducati offers motorcycles. In the light and heavy commercial vehicles sector, the products range from pick-ups to buses and heavy trucks. Every weekday, 672.800 employees around the globe are involved in vehicle-related services or work in other areas of business. The Volkswagen Group sells its vehicles in 153 countries.

In 2021, the total number of vehicles delivered to customers by the Group globally was 8.9 million (2020: 9.3 million). Group sales revenue in 2021 totaled EUR 250.2 billion (2020: EUR 222.9 billion). Earnings after tax in 2021 amounted to EUR 15.4 billion (2020: EUR 8.8 billion).