

FULL SUPPORT TO SOMA FROM TURKISH RED CRESCENT

The Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), who took action right after the transformer explosion occurred in the Soma district of Manisa, is meeting the needs of miners' families with 50 specialists.

Also TRC's expert psychologists give psychosocial support to the families and relatives of miners.

Search and rescue activities continue in Soma, where many miners lost their lives. 51 experts and 11 vehicles from the National Disaster Management, the Aegean Region Disaster Management Center, the Manisa Blood Center, the Western Black Sea Region Disaster Management Center, the Marmara Region Disaster Management Center, the Mediterranean Regional Disaster Management Center, the Northeast Anatolia Regional Disaster Management Center, as well as Manisa and Soma Branches try to meet the needs of miners, their relatives and the teams that perform the rescue activities. Food rations, waters, juices, cakes, soups, breads, tea, pita breads, buttermilks and blankets are being distributed in 7 general service tents pitched in the field by TRC.

TRC team that continues its services in the field, has also completed the construction of 2 general service tents in Kırkağaç district in order to give autopsy and other services. There will be hot-meal distribution by mobile kitchen and mobile catering vehicle, as soon as they reach the region.

President Akar, "We Support the Activities in Two Ways"

TRC President Ahmet Lütfi Akar said that TRC began supporting the rescue activities in two ways as soon as they heard the incident in Soma. Akar said, "we've thought there could be wounded people needed blood, so we've taken cautions. Our staff is still waiting on standby. The second way is that, we prepared a logistics system and pitched tents in the field where the incident took place. Our mobile kitchen was deployed and hot soups, tea and food rations were distributed to people in front of the hospital through TRC catering vehicles. Around 6.000-7.000 rations were distributed and also hot soup distribution began in the early morning. The services are still continuing at the moment. Besides, 20 experts came here from Ankara for the relatives of miners and other people who need psychosocial support. We still continue to deploy experts to the region."

Psychologists On Duty

20 staff of psychologists and social workers, along with the Members of Disaster Psychosocial Services Union give psychosocial support services to support both the activities in the region and the families waiting their relatives get rescued.

Developments are being pursued by the Turkish Red Crescent Disaster Operation Center, Aegean Region Disaster Management Center and the Turkish Red Crescent Branches.