

CASE STUDY BUILDING RESILIENCE

TPF and GlobalGiving's Partnership for Earthquake Recovery in Türkiye

How TPF Engages Institutional Partnerships to Address Systemic Challenges in Post-Disaster Recovery

PROJECT NAME:	Comprehensive Multi-Project Support for Long-Term Disaster Recovery
STAKEHOLDERS:	Turkish Philanthropy Funds, GlobalGiving, Basketball for Education Foundation (BIDEV), Medical Rescue Association (MEDAK), Talebeyiz Biz Association, Turkish Education Association (TED)
TIME PERIOD:	August 2024 – September 2025

Overview

Since the February 6th earthquakes, TPF has taken a strategic, needs-driven approach to grantmaking—guided by field assessments, evolving priorities, and a commitment to long-term impact. Beginning with emergency relief, including shelter, food, and hygiene supplies, TPF quickly shifted its focus to emotional healing, rebuilding, and community-led recovery. Local partners were essential in ensuring that every donation made a meaningful, on-the-ground impact.

GlobalGiving and TPF share a long-standing partnership rooted in trust and impact. It began in 2011 when GlobalGiving provided a direct grant to TPF's Van Earthquake Fund. Since then, GlobalGiving has consistently supported TPF's mission. For almost 15 years, GlobalGiving has supported TPF's mission by featuring its programs on its global platform and helping channelling thousands of individual donations toward grassroots-led impact in Türkiye.

In August 2024, this long-standing partnership deepened once again further when GlobalGiving generously contributed a \$200,000 direct grant to TPF's Earthquake Relief Fund—launching a powerful collaboration to strengthen local NGOs and amplify TPF's strategic disaster response.

This grant partnership has supported four critical, community-based projects that address key recovery needs in the region:

- **Expanding Access to Healthcare for Women and Children in Southeastern Türkiye Through Digital Health Solutions with – MEDAK**
- **Equal Access and Youth Participation in Arts and Culture: A Community-Based Model for Post-Disaster Recovery with – Talebeyiz Biz Association**
- **One Big Step for Basketball: Empowering Youth Through Sports in Earthquake-Affected Regions with– BIDEV**
- **Disaster Scholarships: Ensuring Education and Hope After the Earthquake with– TED**

Together, TPF and GlobalGiving are not only delivering critical support but also investing in the long-term resilience of communities—ensuring a recovery that is holistic, inclusive, and led by those who know their communities best.

Key Takeaways

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY

TPF's long-term recovery strategy centers on high-impact partnerships that drive systemic change. These collaborations ensure sustained support after large-scale disasters, helping communities not just recover but build resilience. By strengthening the capacity and visibility of local partners, they tackle deep-rooted inequities and create lasting impact.

GLOBALGIVING'S SUPPORT

Since 2011, GlobalGiving has supported TPF programs through direct-grants and channelling individual donations. This trusted partnership deepened further in 2024 with a \$200,000 direct grant to TPF's Earthquake Relief Fund, investing in local communities, strengthening grassroots organizations, and leveraging TPF's deep regional expertise and networks for systemic impact.

LOCALLY LED RECOVERY SOLUTIONS

Lasting recovery requires strong, capable local organizations. TPF invests in NGO capacity—enhancing infrastructure, operations, and program delivery. This dual impact strengthens organizations while fostering resilient, self-reliant communities capable of meeting present and future challenges. In this most recent partnership, four local organizations—MEDAK, Talebeyiz Biz, BIDEV, and TED—were supported.

Challenges and Response

While disasters strike in an instant, recovery is a long and evolving journey. One key challenge is sustaining support over time while staying responsive to changing needs. TPF addresses this through a flexible, three-phase strategy—immediate relief, long-term recovery, and sustainable resilience—grounded in local partnerships and on-the-ground insight. A critical element of this approach is building institutional partnerships that extend impact and ensure long-term support. GlobalGiving's grant, received 18 months after the disaster, reinforced this model—boosting TPF's ability to support community-led recovery with lasting impact.



Importance of Investing in Local NGOs for Long-Term Impact

Beyond providing direct relief, TPF recognized the critical role local NGOs play in recovery and rebuilding efforts. By investing in the capacity of these organizations, TPF ensures that the foundations of disaster response are strengthened for both today and the future. Through funding and resources, TPF helps NGOs build their infrastructure, enhance their operational capacity, and deliver more effective programs on the ground. This investment enables local organizations to expand their reach, develop resilience, and become better equipped to address ongoing and future needs. It's a dual impact: empowering NGOs to serve communities more effectively while fostering the self-reliance of the communities they serve.

Innovative Partnerships Spotlight

GLOBALGIVING

GlobalGiving, one of the world's largest crowdfunding platforms, has connected over 1.8 million donors with community-led projects across 175+ countries since its founding in 2002. For nearly 15 years, GlobalGiving has partnered with TPF, amplifying its initiatives and channeling vital support to grassroots organizations in Türkiye.

In the aftermath of the 2023 earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, GlobalGiving launched its Earthquake Relief Fund, raising more than \$7.13 million through over 31,000 donations. This fund not only provided immediate relief such as food, water, and shelter but also invested in long-term recovery. A \$200,000 direct grant to TPF further deepened this trusted partnership, combining GlobalGiving's global reach with TPF's regional expertise to ensure aid is both effective and locally led.

MEDICAL RESCUE ASSOCIATION (MEDAK)

MEDAK is a Türkiye-based nonprofit strengthening public health systems and providing emergency care in crisis zones. After the 2023 earthquakes, MEDAK partnered with HERA Digital Health, deploying 40 volunteers. MEDAK and HERA Digital Health rolled out mobile clinics to serve 5,000 women and created a digital disaster health map reaching 800,000 people in 537 health centers. With TPF's support, the current project combines the HERA Health App with field interventions to improve maternal care, childhood vaccinations, and sexual/reproductive health education. By targeting underserved areas and using AI to track needs, the initiative will continue for three years—expanding access to life-saving services and empowering women and families in earthquake-affected regions.

BASKETBALL FOR EDUCATION FOUNDATION (BIDEV)

BIDEV uses basketball to drive youth development, education, and social impact. Its program, "One Big Step for Basketball," brings the sport to disadvantaged regions, including earthquake-affected areas, by training PE teachers, coaches, and trainers.

In Diyarbakır and Hatay more than 50 educators received multi-day training in coaching, leadership, and emotional support, preparing them to serve as mentors for children in their communities. By fostering teamwork, resilience, and structured activity, the program helps youth recover from trauma while building long-term well-being and opportunity.

TALEBEYIZ BIZ

Talebeyiz Biz is a youth-led organization advancing education, creativity, and civic engagement. Following the 2023 earthquakes, it launched the Equal Access and Active Youth Participation in Arts and Culture project in Hatay to provide psychosocial support through creative spaces.

The Arsuz Community Center was transformed into the "Art Depot," hosting music, theater, visual arts, and workshops. Activities like the Tebdil-i Mekân Youth Art Festival and the Youth Art Ambassadors Program foster leadership and community participation. With TPF's support, the initiative strengthens youth recovery while building long-term, scalable models for cultural resilience.

TURKISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (TED)

TED is one of Türkiye's leading educational institutions, advancing equal opportunity and youth empowerment. After the 2023 earthquakes, TED launched the Disaster Scholarship Program to support children who lost one or both parents.

As of September 2024, 640 students are supported, including 71 by TPF. Each student receives tailored aid such as a \$55 stationery grant and \$50 monthly scholarships, along with mentoring, psychosocial counseling, and cultural activities. By ensuring continuity in education, TED and TPF are helping young people rebuild resilience, stability, and hope for the future.

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY

This collaboration highlights the transformative power of collective action and the importance of forging new, strategic funding partnerships to drive long-term recovery. By bringing together the global reach of GlobalGiving and the deep local expertise of TPF, this partnership demonstrates collaborations can extend the life and impact of support beyond immediate relief. Investing in grassroots and locally active organizations ensures that resources are channeled directly to where they are needed most, while also strengthening the region's capacity for self-led recovery. As disasters grow more complex, embracing long-term strategic partnership models like this one will be essential to delivering sustained, resilient change for communities and the organizations that serve them.

Impact in Numbers

ORGANIZATION	REACH	KEY ACTIVITIES	HIGHLIGHTS/ OUTCOMES
MEDAK	<p>1,167 women</p> <p>810 children</p> <p>11,000+ digital users</p> <p>411,163 social media engagements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 workshops • 628 pregnancy check-ups • 1,000+ immunizations • 1,897 hygiene kits • 2,041 AI chatbot chats • 1,611 WhatsApp consultations • 337 Afetsaglikharitasi.org uses • 18,279 interactions • 28,106 website visits 	Expanded digital health access; improved maternal & child health; strengthened health awareness through digital platforms
Talebeyiz Biz	<p>883 youth</p> <p>314 festival participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 workshops • 4 concerts • 60 youth in summer camp • 24 Canva participants • 85 open-air movie attendees • 120 concertgoers • 80 music studio users • 200 regular Youth Space participants 	Fostered psychosocial healing and youth leadership through arts, culture, and creativity
BIDEV	<p>50+ physical education teachers (impacting thousands of youth)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40+ hours of training • Personal development roadmaps • Networking opportunities 	Built teacher capacity in Diyarbakır, Mardin & Hatay, ensuring sustained youth empowerment through sports
TED	<p>71 students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly scholarships • In-kind support • 17+ educational & psychosocial events • Ongoing mentorship 	Enhanced student motivation, emotional well-being, and school engagement after disaster

Impact Beyond Numbers

Collectively, the projects strengthened resilience, well-being, and community capacity in earthquake-affected areas, creating sustainable systems in health care, youth cultural engagement, sports education, and academic support.

Conclusion

A MODEL OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The partnership between GlobalGiving and TPF underscores the critical importance of long-term, strategic collaboration—and the power of combining global reach with local expertise in disaster recovery. By bringing together GlobalGiving’s vast donor network and TPF’s trusted presence and deep knowledge of Türkiye, this initiative has gone beyond emergency relief to invest in local organizations such as MEDAK, Talebeyiz Biz, BIDEV, and TED. Together, these projects advance healthcare, education, psychosocial healing, and youth empowerment in earthquake-affected regions. Grounded in trust, flexibility, and shared purpose, this multi-project model shows how institutional partnerships can drive systemic change and build resilience where it’s needed most. As recovery continues, it offers a blueprint for how global-local collaboration can deliver sustainable, community-centered solutions in the face of future disasters.

