

## **FINAL STATEMENT FROM FMSI ON THE CLOSURE OF THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR THE EARTHQUAKE IN SYRIA**

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The Marist International Solidarity Foundation (FMSI) is pleased to announce the conclusion of the fundraising campaign in support of the victims of the earthquake that struck Syria on February 6, 2023. The campaign, which began on February 7, 2023, provided support during the initial phase of the humanitarian emergency.

Thanks to the support of our donors, a total of € 470,448.11 was raised, all of which was entirely donated to the Blue Marists in Aleppo, Syria. The proceeds of the campaign allowed for numerous essential interventions, including: the provision of drinking water, healthcare services and medicines, the initiation of emergency food programs, and the distribution of other goods such as tents, tarpaulins, blankets, buckets, jerry cans, kitchen utensils, and clothing.

All funds raised were entirely allocated to humanitarian aid, with no deductions for fees or management expenses, strictly adhering to eligibility and exclusion criteria. Each intervention was carried out following the fundamental principles of impartiality, non-discrimination, safeguarding and dignity of the beneficiaries, as well as accountability and vulnerability reduction requirements.

FMSI closely monitored every phase of the intervention, ensuring transparent and effective reporting in compliance with the Third Sector Code. All details regarding the amounts received and disbursed will be available in our Social Report and Financial Statement, currently under approval and inclusive of all necessary information to comply with transparency principles.

Finally, we take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to all those who contributed with generosity and a spirit of solidarity. Thanks to you, we were able to provide immediate and long-term assistance, strengthening the resilience of local communities and improving their ability to respond to present and future emergencies.

Thank you again for your support.

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