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Whenever major disasters in the world occur, four aid organisations – Caritas International, the German Red Cross, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe and UNICEF Germany – make a joint appeal for donations as "Aktionsbündnis Katastrophenhilfe". This alliance and its partners are currently providing immediate emergency aid with teams already on the ground or on the way to assess the extent of the aid relief needed. Providing drinking water and food to the communities affected by the earthquake is the most urgent priority. Since scores of people have lost their homes and temperatures in the region are below ten degrees Celsius, especially at night, volunteers are distributing tents, blankets and tarpaulins. The relief organisations and their partners are also providing medical assistance.

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