

《一个非政府搜救队为土耳其灾难服务》



AKUT is a special task force designed to rapidly respond to natural disasters like earthquakes,

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located in the city of Izmir it's 1,600 square meter facility,

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is comprised of administrative offices, logistical operational centers, as well as training facilities.

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We give trainings,

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seminars indoor drills here for the entire year.

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we will also start to offer emergency in search and rescue training to the public, including schools.

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With 27 search-and-rescue teams ready to go on a minute's notice around Turkey,

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AKUT has taken part in more than 3000 operations,

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so far AKUT has rescued thousands of people and animals from different disasters and crisis,

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while AKUT is comprised of full-time staff members.

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It also has a large volunteer group that is mere branch alone has 140 volunteers to serve victims,

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affected by floods, earthquakes mining accidents among other disasters.

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AKUT leaders believe that by holding regular exercises and practices, the teams can be ready for any scenario.

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We draw up a new timetable every year.

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We provide training to our members and volunteers at different times within that time table.

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We have both elementary and advanced training sessions.

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We have to train an operational team capable of working all types of emergencies, and natural disasters.

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In order to become an AKUT volunteer, spiral members must attend meetings in disaster awareness seminars,

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and an orientation session,

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while the training sessions for responders can be intimidating for first-timers.

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Aras says there is a skill set that everyone brings to the table.

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Not everyone at the search and rescue organization will have to be with operational skills.

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We have a wide-ranging organizational scheme.

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We will in the end need help from anyone regardless of age,

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but they don't have to have operational skills.

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The head of training at Ismir's AKUT branch says responding to disasters in time is important.

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We reach those emergency disaster areas with our equipment and try to help losing no time.

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We study the disaster area first and figure out how much how is needed from us.

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Then we discuss how fast we should reach our search and rescue teams to the region.

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So far more than 45 people have died in two major earthquakes in Turkey this year.

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AKUT search-and-rescue teams assisted hundreds of survivors.

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