



# MOROCCO MARRAKESH EARTHQUAKE HUMANITARIAN MISSION 2023

TEMPLAR CORPS INTERNATIONAL - PORTUGAL

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**OUTPOSTS:** LAGOS, ALGARVE, PORTUGAL

**OPERATIOS:** Humanitarian Caravan; Human and Logistical support; Aid

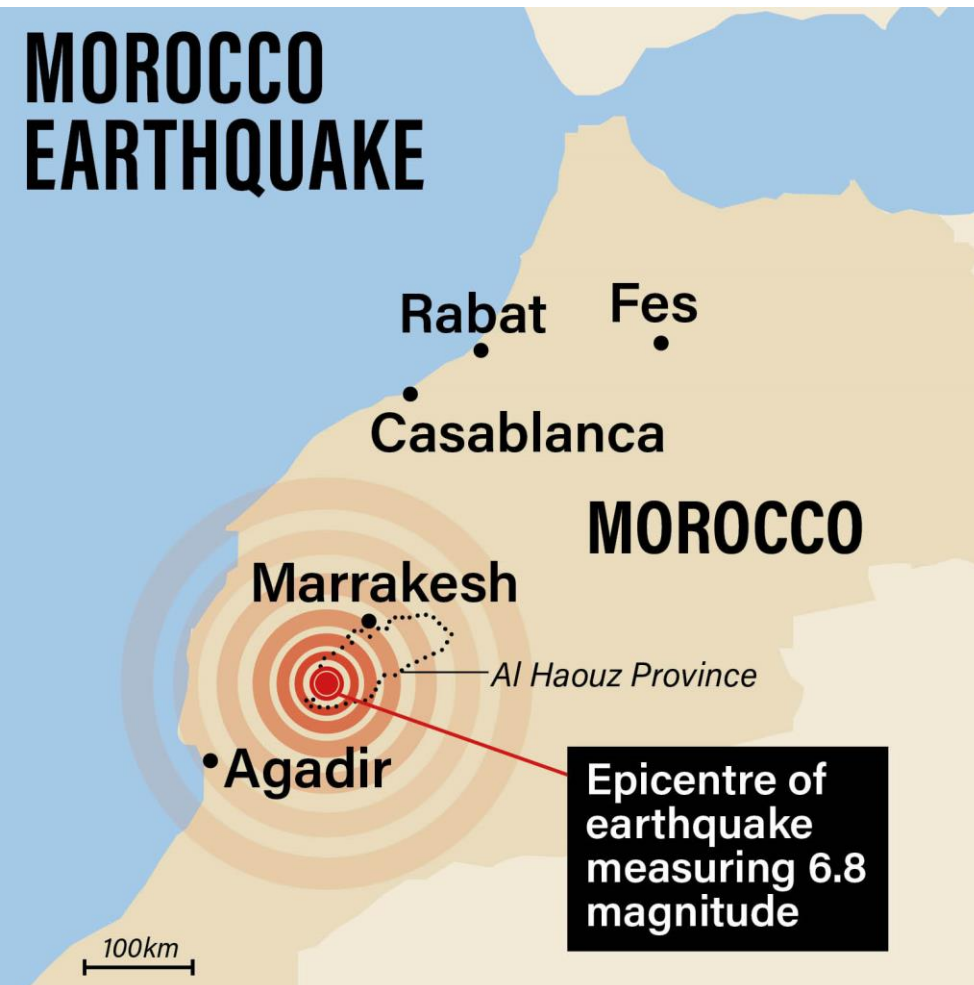
## LEADERSHIP:

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## DESCRIPTION

The Morocco – Marrakesh 6.8 Richter scale Earthquake of September 8, 2023 was a major natural disaster, with a heavy death toll (over 2.000 deaths and 2.800 injured reported in the first 24h). Situated in the north of Africa, very close to the European continent and the Strait of Gibraltar, Morocco is a country with close bonds to neighbors such as Portugal, Spain and France. As the Earthquake hit, reverberations and replicas were felt across the region, including in cities like Faro, Lagos and Lisbon (Portugal) and Seville, Malaga and Granada (Spain).

Portuguese NGO's prepared a Humanitarian Caravan with logistic and human support, humanitarian aid (food, water, medical supplies, etc.) to depart within five days, on rout to the Strait of Gibraltar and thereon to the Marrakesh region. The **Templar Corps International** is joining the Humanitarian Caravan.



## TEMPLAR CORPS COMMITMENT

### Vehicles:

2 ambulances, fully equipped

### Cargo:

- Uniforms, technical gloves and boots for 8 people
- Intervention Bags, containing:
  - Aneroid sphygmomanometer;
  - Stethoscope;
  - Thermometer;
  - Pupillary assessment flashlight;
  - Scissors;
  - Disposable gloves;
  - Isothermal blanket;
  - Dressing material, 10x10 bandages and adhesive;
  - Emergency tourniquet.
- Traumatology Equipment, containing:
  - Set of padded wooden splints;
  - Cervical collars;
  - Hard plan with head immobilizers and spider type belt;
  - Orthopedic removal stretcher (Pluma/Scoop);
  - Vacuum stretcher;
  - Extraction vest;
  - Motorcycle helmet

### People:

11 volunteers

2 General Coordination

1 Logistical and Operational Coordination

8 Operational Volunteers

### NEEDS:

The Templar Corps International has opened a DONATION effort (see: [templarcorps.org/donate](https://templarcorps.org/donate))

Gas for vehicles (aprox. 3.500 km)

Medical equipment and consumables

Food and Lodging for Operational Volunteers (8 persons, 1 week)

Objective of the Appeal:

12.000 €

The **Templar Corps International** will finance all preparatory work. The Corps will also supply the ambulances and equipment.

All volunteers will donate their skills, working hours and availability for free.

It is projected that the **Templar Corps International** will need to raise funds from public and private sources.



## PROJECT TEAM



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## TEMPLAR CORPS INTERNATIONAL

The **Templar Corps International** is a group of men and women with a strong interest in the Order of the Temple, organized locally in units around the world, ready to put their energy, passion and intelligence at the service of humanity.

The **Templar Corps International** declares its adherence to the International Humanitarian Principles, namely:

### The Principle of Humanity

Human suffering must be addressed wherever it is found.

### The Principle of Neutrality

Humanitarian actors must not take sides in hostilities or engage in controversies of a political, racial, religious, or ideological nature.

### The Principle of Impartiality

Humanitarian action must be carried out based on need alone, giving priority to the most urgent cases of distress and making no distinctions based on nationality, race, gender, religious belief, class or political opinions.

### The Principle of Independence

Humanitarian action must be autonomous from the political, economic, military or other objectives that any actor where humanitarian action is being implemented.

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- » Forest Fire Firefighters Support (Portugal)
- » Powder Milk Bank Support (São Tomé e Príncipe)
- » Forest Fire Firefighters Support (Portugal)
- » Prime Minister Audience (São Tomé e Príncipe)
- » Help Ukraine, Refugee Rescue Operation (Ukraine)
- » Training in Trauma Victim Approach and Basic Life Support (Cape Verde)
- » Morocco Earthquake Relief Operation (Morocco)

CULTURAL PROJECTS

- |   | 2018/19   | 2020  | 2021  | 2022   | 2023  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| » International Conference Almourol (Portugal)            | » International Conference Almourol (Portugal)            | » International Conference Almourol (Portugal)            | » International Conference Almourol (Portugal)            | » International Conference Almourol (Portugal)                                     | » International Conference Almourol (Portugal)            |
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| » Celebration of Order of Christ, Castro Marim (Portugal) | » Celebration of Order of Christ, Castro Marim (Portugal) | » Celebration of Order of Christ, Castro Marim (Portugal) | » Celebration of Order of Christ, Castro Marim (Portugal) | » Celebration of Order of Christ, Castro Marim (Portugal)                          | » Celebration of Order of Christ, Castro Marim (Portugal) |
|   |   |   |   | » Publication of Monograph on the Templars in Croatia, Zagreb University (Croatia) | » Remembering 1500's Fair, reenactment, Lagos (Portugal)  |
|   |   |   |   | » Secular Templi   | » Secular Templi  |



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