



Education For All Morocco

Earthquake strikes at the centre of EFA
— URGENT RELIEF NEEDED

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During the late hours of Friday 8 September, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck the High Atlas Mountain region south of Marrakech. The epicentre was close to the area in which Education For All (EFA) operates six girls' boarding houses. This registered charity was set up in 2007 to give a safe home to teenage girls from the remotest villages on school days so they can access a full education.

Devastation and loss of life and homes still too early to measure

We are desperately trying to locate and confirm the safety of our students. We have a dedicated team at EFA working on this, however, phone communications are down in many of the villages and roads are blocked.

Our boarding houses have all been badly damaged. We are working with structural engineers to assess what we will need to do to get them safely rebuilt and repaired. Almost everything will need to be replaced — furniture, computers, kitchenware, and more.

The local villages have suffered greatly: thousands of people have died amid the immeasurable destruction. Many of our girls have lost family members and their homes. People are sleeping outdoors, afraid to sleep in their homes. Villages are in need of food, water and blankets. Many remote villages have still not been accessed. Schools are also reported to be damaged and teachers injured — it's not yet clear when and how education will resume. Global support will be crucial in helping us continue our work and our mission to ensure all the girls have access to an education.

EMERGENCY FUNDRAISER — Dedicated appeal running on GlobalGiving. Please share/give generously: <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/earthquake-crisis-appeal/>

LOCAL ASSISTANCE: If you live in Morocco and are able to help with emergency logistics and transporting relief and supplies, please contact Education For All CEO Sonia Omar at sonia@efamorocco.org / Whatsapp: +44 7789 803302.

ABOUT EDUCATION FOR ALL

Education For All (EFA) Morocco Limited has UK charity status (No: 1124500) and works with a legally constituted Association in Morocco that is created for the building and running of the boarding houses in Asni, Talat N Yacoub and Ouirgane. www.efamorocco.org

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