In the first week of January 2020, heavy rains fell across southeastern Turkey causing severe floods. On the 7th of January, IOM received a request for emergency support from the Adana Municipality to assist seasonal workers living in tent settlements who had been badly affected by the floods. The flowing water had damaged tents and property belonging to seasonal agricultural workers in some parts of Adana province. IOM informed the humanitarian basic needs working group which consists of different development agencies and NGOs about the request. After the approval from the district governor, who also confirmed the need for the assistance, IOM was tasked with leading the response effort.

IOM in collaboration with the Adana Municipality conducted a needs assessment of the affected population. Due to the extent of the damage caused to the tents and the urgent needs, IOM decided to provide the workers with cash assistance. IOM does not usually provide cash assistance to beneficiaries but in this case, cash grants were the most flexible and fastest form of assistance to help beneficiaries repair their damaged tents and buy new mattresses and food supplies.

The affected beneficiaries were located in tent settlements in Karataş, Yumurtalik, Seyhan and Ceyhan districts of Adana. The municipality registered and prepared a list of all the affected and transported them to a central location where IOM then provided them the cash assistance. A total of 669 households were assisted with a total number 3,480 people benefiting from the support.