Decree 3 of 2023 “Concerning Those Affected by the Earthquake”

On March 12, the Syrian government has issued Decree 3 of 2023, aimed at supporting the owners or occupants of real estate whose structures, commercial spaces, homes or buildings were destroyed or damaged by the February 6, 2023 earthquake.

**Geographic scope**
Areas impacted by the earthquake in four provinces: Latakia, Aleppo, Idlib, Hama.

**Time frame**
- **March 12, 2023**
- **December 31, 2024**
- **21 months**

**Targets**
Owners or occupants of real estate whose structures, commercial spaces, homes or buildings in earthquake disaster areas were completely or partially destroyed, or damaged and in need of repair.

**Includes**
- Loans for those impacted
  - Up to SYP 200 million (approximately $26,500)
  - A repayment period of up to 10 years, with the first installment paid three years after the loan is granted.
- Private tax exemptions
  - Includes taxes, fees, service allowances, local costs and licensing fees for full or partial reconstruction, or full or partial repair to structures, commercial spaces, homes and buildings.

**Does not include**
- Compensation for victims
  - The decree does not provide for financial compensation or alternative housing for those affected by the earthquake.
- Opposition areas
  - The decree does not cover territories outside of regime control in Aleppo and Idlib, the areas of Syria most affected by the earthquake.