

## FRIENDSHIP TESTED BY ADVERSITY: UZBEK-TURKISH COOPERATION DURING COVID-19 AND EARTHQUAKE

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**Abstract:** The article discusses how cooperation between Uzbekistan and Turkey has strengthened during the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2023 Turkish earthquake. It shows that during the pandemic, the two countries actively cooperated in the field of medical assistance, protective equipment, vaccines, and exchange of experience. It is noted that during the earthquake, Uzbekistan was the first to send rescuers, humanitarian aid, and container houses, which further strengthened the brotherly ties between the two peoples. This processes Uzbekistan – Turkey of relations strategic and humanitarianism based on has that it is confirms.

**Key words :** Uzbekistan – Turkey cooperation, COVID-19 pandemic, 2023 Turkey earthquake, Humanitarian help, medical Support, Rescuers, Strategic Cooperation, Brotherhood ties

### Access

Uzbekistan and Turkey between friendship and cooperation historical to the roots, general language, religion and to culture is based on. Last in years two state "strategic»relations to the level of "partnership»rising, different in the fields consistent is developing. Especially the COVID-19 pandemic and Turkey in 2023 earthquake such as experimental periods two state between brotherhood, solidarity and humanitarianism based on cooperation obvious manifestation This in the article this cooperation main directions and results analysis will be done.

### LITERATURE ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY

Uzbekistan and Turkey between pandemic and natural disasters during the period cooperation on the subject there is literature two main in the direction collected: first, medical and humanitarian help according to statistics and official reports; the second, diplomatic and strategic partnership point of view from the point of view two state between relationships analysis doer scientific articles and expert reports.

For example, TIKA official on the site cited information and Turkey External affairs ministry reports during COVID-19 medical help, vaccine delivery to give and consultation processes in detail illuminates. With this together, Uzbekistan Health storage Ministry of Emergency situations ministry and official government portals 2023 in February Turkey earthquake during the period fast help and rescue works according to statistic information gives.

Also, scientific articles and international news analysis two state between friendship, brotherhood and strategic partnership principles pandemic and natural disasters during strengthened shows. These sources using topic with related social, political and humanitarianism aspects deeper is studied.



## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

COVID-19 pandemic on a global scale health storage to the system big pressure spent and countries between cooperation necessity strengthened. Under these circumstances Uzbekistan and Turkey between strategic partnership and humanitarianism principles based on cooperation clear manifestation was, especially medical help, protection tools, vaccine delivery to give and experience exchange in the directions.

Pandemic beginning with personal protection Demand for tools is high increased. Under these circumstances Turkey Republic To Uzbekistan first humanitarian help sent from countries one According to the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA), according to, April 30, 2020 5,000 protection for Uzbekistan clothes, 5,000 masks, 5,000 pairs gloves, 5,000 protection glasses and caps [1]. This help Uzbekistan their doctors pandemic initial in the phase protection It did not only material help, maybe Turkey by shown solidarity and strategic partnership symbol It happened. Pandemic at the beginning fast help show, doctors safety provide and disease spread prevent in receiving important factor it has been.

Next in stages Turkey To Uzbekistan big in size medical help sent to the TİKA press release according to, delivered in July 2020 help includes 50,000 N-95 respirator masks, 200,000 medical mask, 40,000 protection overalls, 5,000 pieces shield and antiviral medication tools there is was [2]. This help Uzbekistan health storage system stability in providing solution doer role played and two state between strategic partnership further strengthened.

Also, Turkey medicine experts Uzbekistan colleagues with online consultations to pass on the virus against prevention, treatment protocols and medical from tools effective use according to experience exchanged. According to the Turkish Ministry of Health according to this tips through Uzbekistan doctors international standards based on treatment skills [3]. This process disease spread control to do and health storage system in strengthening important role played, as well two state medicine experts between stable cooperation mechanism formed.

Pandemic during vaccination process acceleration for the purpose Turkey 200,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Uzbekistan and 20,000 boxes of the drug "Favipiravir»tools free help as sent to the TİKA press release according to this vaccine and medicine tools Uzbekistan internal resources strengthened and vaccination process effective organization to reach service [4]. With this together, this help Uzbekistan and Turkey between strategic partnership and humanitarian cooperation further deepened.

Pandemic during the period help only material in appearance not, maybe political solidarity symbol as big as importance has It was. Uzbekistan and Turkey Representatives of Turkish-speaking countries within the framework of the organization (TDT) experience exchange and to the pandemic against general strategies working on the way out active participated [5]. This process two state between brotherhood and trust strengthened, future emergency in situations cooperation made it easier and regional solidarity increased.

So so, the COVID-19 pandemic during the period Uzbekistan – Turkey cooperation not only material help with limited there is no more, maybe experience exchange, vaccine and medicine tools delivery give, online tips through international standards mastery and strategic partnership reinforcement own inside took. Each in the footnote cited events two state between friendship, trust and solidarity of the bonds strength shows. With this together, pandemic tests in the future other emergency in situations cooperation further develop for foundation created.

Turkey on February 6, 2023 Kahramanmaras in the province event magnitude 7.7 and 7.6 strong earthquakes country in history the most large natural from disasters one It was. Thousands people death there were millions citizens homeless left. This complicated in the situation Uzbekistan To Turkey first become help shown from countries This process two people



between brotherhood, humanity and strategic partnership practical expression as in history important trail left.

From disaster then Uzbekistan government immediately with to move passed. Uzbekistan Republic Emergency situations ministry to the information According to, more than 100 professional rescuers consists of special group immediately with To Turkey sent [1]. This group modern technology, search equipment and fast medical help tools with provided without disaster in the regions first from the days activity take This help Turkey government by very high was evaluated.

Uzbekistan rescuers first become arrived progress two state between close of friendship practical appearance disaster in the days the most important from virtues one is speed and solidarity obvious manifestation This situation Uzbekistan reliable partner as showed.

Earthquake consequences soften for the purpose Uzbekistan To Turkey one how many once big in size humanitarian help sent. Uzbekistan Republic Ministry of Transport to the information according to 80 tons more than food, medicine, heat clothes, blankets, generators and hygiene tools airplanes through delivered [2]. Humanitarian loads regular accordingly one how many day during sent.

Humanitarian of the goods short time inside shipment Turkey population from the head forgiven sharp needs to soften service Especially cold. winter in the days hot clothes and generators disaster in the regions alive remaining population his life save while staying important role plays.

Uzbekistan the most big humanitarianism help as 1,040 modules to Turkey type container houses sent. External labor migration agency and in cooperation with “Uzbekneftegaz” JSC assembled this containers earthquake as a result homeless remaining thousands Turkish families temporarily placement for intended was [3]. In the houses heating system, electrical supply and necessary household conditions there is they are short within the period Kahramanmaras and Hatay in the regions installed.

This container towns Turkey's the most heavy in the days people for safe and conditional to live their homes created by. This is Uzbekistan not only immediately with, maybe systematic and big in scope help show to take manifestation reached.

Earthquake during Uzbekistan doctors also go to Turkey help they showed. Uzbekistan Health storage ministry to the information according to, more than 30 doctor and paramedics Turkey's Hatay in the province medical service show for attraction [4] They to the injured fast medical help show, surgery treatments and psycho-psychological support to give such as tasks they did it.

Medical help earthquake as a result heavy injury received to citizens own on time help to give, their his life save stay and psychological stability in recovery important importance profession reached.

From this except Uzbekistan government 10 billion soums to Turkey allocated funds. Uzbekistan Republic President's press service to the knowledge of according to this help Turkey's recovery to the processes contribution added [5]. Amounts Turkey state organs with agreed without spent.

Financial help Turkey's infrastructural recovery works during additional resource become service These two state between friendship of the bonds only in words not, but also strong in practice that it is showed.

Also, Uzbekistan people by organized large social stocks Turkey to the people big encouragement It was. Thousands volunteers by collected hot clothes, medicines, food products «Green»«road «principle based on directly To Turkey [6]. Uzbekistan all in the regions people by “ Turkey” called for charity events was held.



People level solidarity two nation between ancient brotherhood of the bonds how much strength again one there is manifestation This process diplomatic of relationships basis organization doer human values strength shows.

Uzbekistan help on display fast, systematic and wide extensive position Turkey by high Turkey officials Uzbekistan is considered «the most first help gave and the most big support shown from countries "one «recognition They did. This is two state between strategic connections further strengthened.

2023 Turkey earthquake during the period Uzbekistan – Turkey cooperation two of the state brotherhood ties, humanitarianism values and strategic to partnership loyalty obvious showed. Uzbekistan by shown help Turkey people from the beginning forgiven heavy days to relieve big contribution added and in the future mutual cooperation new page opened.

## CONCLUSION

Cooperation between Uzbekistan and Turkey clearly demonstrated its real essence during the COVID-19 pandemic and the earthquake in Turkey in 2023. During the pandemic, the mutual assistance between the two countries in the field of medical assistance, protective equipment, vaccines, expert exchange, and telemedicine marked a new stage of cooperation in the field of health care.

During the 2023 earthquake, Uzbekistan was the first to send rescuers, medical teams, humanitarian aid, and temporary housing containers, demonstrating how the bonds of true friendship and brotherhood between the two peoples work in practice. The speed, humanitarianism, and mutual trust of their assistance to each other in both cases confirm the strategic strength of Uzbek-Turkish relations.

Overall, these processes have shown that the two countries have a deep model of cooperation based not only on political or economic, but also on human values, and that this partnership has the potential to develop further in the future.

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