



In Numbers

USD 39 m distributed in multi-purpose cash

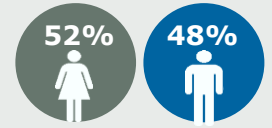
USD 1.9 m distributed through value vouchers

Shortfall: USD 2.3 m required in the six months May to October 2018, representing one percent of 2018 requirements

WFP Turkey Country Brief

April 2018

1.45 m people assisted in April 2018



Operational Context

Turkey currently hosts the highest number of refugees in the world: 3.9 million people, of which 3.5 million are from Syria. Only 230,000 refugees reside in camps located in the south-east, while the majority live in cities and villages throughout the country. The Government of Turkey has demonstrated leadership and generosity in providing for the needs of these populations. Since June 2011, a temporary protection regime has granted Syrians access to basic services such as healthcare and education. Refugees of other nationalities can benefit from an International Protection status.

WFP re-established a presence in Turkey in 2012, in response to the crisis in Syria. WFP Turkey's [Transitional Interim Country Strategy Plan](#) builds on WFP's partnership with the Government of Turkey and other stakeholders to safeguard the basic needs of the refugees in Turkey, ensuring no vulnerable refugee is left behind.



Population: **79.5 million**

Income Level: **Upper Middle**

Operational Updates

- WFP, working in partnership with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC/Kizilay) and the Turkish Government, using ECHO funding, continued to deliver the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) programme, the world's largest humanitarian multi-purpose cash programme.
- In April, the ESSN reached its target of assisting 1.3 million vulnerable refugees across Turkey, providing each person with 120 Turkish Liras (USD 30) to help cover basic needs. So far, over 2.1 million refugees have submitted applications, of which 60 percent meet the eligibility criteria.
- Between 17-19 April, WFP, TRC and ECHO conducted a Joint ESSN Monitoring Mission with participants from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies, the Ministry of Interior's Directorate General of Migration Management, the Prime Ministry Disaster, the Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) and the Prime Minister's Undersecretary Office. The mission visited ESSN implementation sites in three different regions: Mardin, Diyarbakir and Batman in the southeast; Denizli, Burdur and Isparta in western Anatolia; and Kayseri in central Anatolia. The mission allowed ESSN stakeholders to observe implementation of the ESSN, including its positive impact on beneficiaries. The mission's joint findings will inform future opportunities for the ESSN.
- In the first quarter of 2018, close to 9,400 cases (including both families and individuals) were referred to TRC's ESSN Outreach teams from multiple sources including TRC Service Centres, TRC Call Centre, WFP/TRC field teams, TRC branches, and NGOs. TRC's outreach activities aim to support refugees to overcome barriers to accessing the ESSN programme and increase awareness about the ESSN among key stakeholders. The ESSN Facebook page continued to serve as one of the primary channels for feedback to affected populations. In April, the total number of followers reached almost 70,500 followers.
- WFP continues its support to 145,000 refugees in ten camps across the southeast of Turkey, with an e-voucher worth 50 Turkish Liras (USD 12.5) per person per month to buy food in participating shops. The Government of Turkey provides an additional 50 Turkish Liras, for both food and non-food items.

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Main Photo

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Caption: Suad, a mother of four kids living in Antakya Hatay, expressing satisfaction with ESSN assistance.

WFP Country Strategy

Total Requirement
(in USD)

Confirmed Contributions
(in USD)

Six Months (May-October)
Net Funding Requirements
(in USD)

Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (January – December 2018)

737.3 m

824.3 m

2.3 m

WFP Country Activities

Provide technical advice to and strengthening of national institutions and NGO partners.

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Provide technical assistance to Government and NGO partners in order to transfer resources to refugees in Turkish communities.

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Monitoring

- Based on data representative of the first 1.6 million ESSN applicants, extreme and moderate poverty rates among assisted households have been reduced. ESSN beneficiaries have benefited from increases in acceptable food consumption, reduction in use of all coping strategies and reduced debt levels. Improvements in acceptable food consumption and reduced debt were highest in the Southeast region.
- Findings from the latest Comprehensive Vulnerability Mapping Exercise, with a sample of ESSN beneficiaries, ineligible applicants and non-applicants, show that Directorates General of Migration Management (DGMM) registration was the largest barrier to ESSN and demonstrated that non-applicants were generally more recent arrivals to Turkey.
- In the March Focus Group Discussions, the majority of refugee households stated that men were responsible for generating income while women were responsible for household tasks such as shopping, cooking and cleaning. ESSN assistance cards were most often registered with female participants and the latest post-distribution monitoring findings show that 69 percent of women participate in decisions on how to use ESSN assistance.
- The value of the minimum expenditure basket (MEB) increased by 8.4 percent in the last 12 months, with the highest change in MEB value recorded in Izmir at 11.4 percent. The lowest rate of change was in Gaziantep, Adiyaman and Kilis provinces, at 6.7 percent. WFP Turkey continues to monitor the contents of the MEB, including a variety of goods and services required for refugees to live a dignified life off-camp.

Challenges

- Funds of around USD 7 million are still required to continue WFP assistance in ten camps from October to December 2018.

- To ensure the most vulnerable refugees can apply to the ESSN, WFP is working closely with ESSN partners to address specific barriers such as DGMM registration, address registration, and access to disability health reports.

Partnerships

- WFP and TRC work at the central and field levels in collaboration with Turkish authorities, including the Ministry of Family and Social Policies (MoFSP), the Ministry of Interior's Directorates General of Migration Management (DGMM) and Population and Citizenship Affairs (DGPC), the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), the Prime Minister's Undersecretary Office (PMO), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations (SASF), as well as Provincial and District Governors' offices. Several agencies participate in the ESSN Governing Board, co-chaired by AFAD and ECHO.
- An ESSN Task Force co-chaired by WFP and TRC ensures external coordination with UN agencies and NGOs. This helps maximise coverage and reduce duplications in assistance.

WFP Turkey in the News

- Read on Hürriyet Daily News an [interview](#) with WFP Turkey Country Director, Nils Grede, on WFP-Turkish Red Crescent cooperation as a 'best practice in refugee assistance'.
- [Read](#) and [watch](#) an ESSN Joint Monitoring Mission visiting Kayseri Governor Süleyman Kamçı who warmly welcomed the mission and shared views to ensure the most vulnerable are assisted.



- Read more about WFP's work in Turkey, [in Turkish](#).
- During the [Brussels II Conference on 'Supporting the future of Syria and the region'](#), WFP's Executive Director David Beasley gave interviews to [CNN](#), [Euronews](#), [The Guardian](#), [AFP](#), [Deutsche Welle](#) and [DPA](#).

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