In Numbers

48,268 people assisted in August 2022

US$ 359,261 distributed through value vouchers

US$ 139,009 distributed through vocational and on-the-job trainings (estimated)

US$ 5.6 million six-month net funding requirements (September 2022 – February 2023)

Operational Updates

- In August, WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) assisted 42,499 refugees living in six temporary accommodation centres located across south-eastern Türkiye through the e-voucher programme. Each refugee household received Turkish Lira (TRY) 150 (USD 8) per person, of which 80 percent is allocated for food and 20 percent for non-food items. Also, 428 unregistered refugees temporarily accommodated in the camps received the same amount through prepaid cards. They will be included in the kizilaykart programme once their ID registration is completed and they are granted the international protection status.

- By the end of July, around 1,500 Ukrainian refugees hosted in dormitories in Bursa, Tekirdag, Kirklareli, Edirne and Eskişehir since the eruption of the Ukrainian crisis were relocated to the temporary accommodation centre in the province of Elazig already housing 1,320 refugees. In September, these refugees will start receiving monthly assistance of TRY 150 (USD 8) per person as part of the e-voucher programme.

- In collaboration with the Ministry of National Education (MoNE), the Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR) and Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) Programme continued to provide regular training to refugees and members of the host communities to help them gain new skills and facilitate their transition to the labour market. As of August, 1,194 participants pursued vocational and applied training in 14 provinces. Trainings offered in August were chef assistant, information technology, food packaging, housekeeping, kitchen staff and pastry chef assistant, among others.

WFP is preparing to sign a Field Level Agreement (FLA) in September with the Sanliurfa Chamber of Commerce and Industry to implement vocational and applied training programmes in the manufacturing sector in the south-eastern province. This will be the ninth FLA signed with different Chambers of Commerce and Industry in provinces under the SES programme.

Photo Caption: Abdulaziz putting into practice what he learned during the CNC furniture and woodwork vocational training in Ankara. Photo: WFP/Caglar Sari
Consequently, these rates led to a drop in the adequacy of the assistance from 42 percent to 35 percent during the same period. It also put further pressure on the purchasing power of in-camp refugees amidst decreasing agricultural work opportunities and farming activities compared to a year ago due to the high cost of agricultural inputs.

**Story from the Field**

Abdulaziz is only 18 years old but is very ambitious and has a well-set goal: working in the furniture sector. The SES programme is enabling him to get one step closer to the career he and his father value.

Like many Syrians who fled the atrocity of the war and sought refuge in neighbouring countries, in 2013, Abdulaziz and his family left Aleppo for Kilis in Türkiye. The family moved from one province to another before finally settling down in Ankara. Abdulaziz worked in several sectors to help his family get by. “I worked as a hairdresser for three years and a half. Later, I went to Gaziantep where I worked at different factories,” he said.

When his father encouraged him to consider the furniture sector, things took a different direction. “My dad loves this sector. I loved it too after working in it for eight months,” he explained. Today, Abdulaziz is participating in the computer numerical control (CNC) furniture and woodwork training implemented in partnership with the Ankara First Industrial Zone. He is excited about what’s coming next and finds this learning journey fruitful. “I am looking forward to getting a certificate because I want to build a career in this sector. I know that it is not an easy sector, but the outcomes are rewarding. This training is helping me learn fast.”.

**Donors**

Germany, Ireland, Norway, the Republic of Korea, USAID/BHA.

**Monitoring**

- WFP’s Q2 2022 market price monitoring, on-site monitoring and protection report showed that the food basket cost has more than doubled in contracted markets from TRY 196 (USD 11) to TRY 423 (USD 24) between June 2021 and June 2022 (116 percent rise). This spike is driven by the highest annual inflation (79 percent) and food inflation rates (94 percent) in the last 24 years recorded in June 2022. The inflation impacted every food basket item with a significant increase in the prices of sugar (86 percent) and dairy products (more than 50 percent) between March and June 2022.