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WFP Türkiye

Country Brief

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Operational Context

Türkiye hosts the highest number of refugees in the world, four million people, of whom 3.6 million are from Syria and 322,000 from other nationalities. Around 45,000 refugees reside in seven camps located in the country's south-east, while the majority live in cities and villages throughout the country. The Government of Türkiye has demonstrated leadership and generosity in providing for the needs of these people. Since June 2014, a temporary protection regime has granted Syrian refugees access to basic services such as healthcare and education. Refugees of other countries continue to benefit from International Protection status. WFP re-established a presence in Türkiye in 2012, in response to the Syria crisis.

WFP Türkiye's [Interim Country Strategic Plan \(ICSP 2020-2022\)](#) seeks to build on WFP's partnership with the Government of Türkiye and other stakeholders to contribute to refugee households' ability to meet their basic needs, ensuring no vulnerable refugee is left behind. Considering the protracted refugee presence in Türkiye, the ICSP includes longer-term activities including direct engagement in resilience programming that creates opportunities for refugees and host communities alike. The current ICSP has been extended to the end of 2022. The new CSP (2023-2025) will be presented during the November 2022 Executive Board.



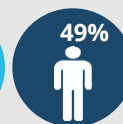
Population: 84.7 million

Poverty Rate: 28.7% living below the national poverty line (TUIK)

Income Level: Upper middle

Human Development Index 2021: 48 out of 191

In Numbers



49,060 people assisted in October 2022

US\$ 362,402 distributed through value vouchers

US\$ 158,409 distributed through vocational and on-the-job trainings (estimated)

US\$ 3.4 m six-month net funding requirements (November 2022 – April 2023)

Operational Updates

- WFP continued to implement the joint e-voucher programme with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) in seven temporary accommodation centres (TAC) as planned. In October, 44,840 refugees received monthly assistance of TRY 150 (US\$ 8) per person, including 2,296 Ukrainian refugees accommodated in a TAC in Elazig. The total amount of cash transferred during the reporting period amounted to US\$ 362,402. Between July and September 2022, WFP and TRC had assisted around 1,453 refugees transferred to the TACs while awaiting registration with the same amount through prepaid cards.
- In October, the Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) Programme continued to provide vocational and applied training to 560 participants in 14 provinces. The trainings offered throughout the month were diverse, including account assistant, barista, chef assistant, information technology, metal sheet processing and joining, machine maintenance and repair, shoe making, and printing, among others.
- The SES programme is implemented in partnership with the Ministry of National Education, The Turkish Employment Agency, local NGOs and several Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Designed in line with the employment market's needs, the SES programme aims to build the capacities of refugees and host communities to reach long-term employment and become self-reliant.
- Under the SES programme, WFP held a series of meetings with many Chambers of Commerce and Industry partners to discuss the sector needs and expand livelihoods interventions accordingly. As 2022 nears its end, WFP started to review its existing field level agreements with these chambers based on their performance to plan for the livelihoods activities in 2023.

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2020-2022)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
250 m	209 m
2022 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (November 2022 – April 2023)
32 m	3.4 m

Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

Strategic Outcome #1: Enhance partnerships to support refugees and vulnerable populations, affected by prolonged refugee presence in Türkiye to equitably access basic needs assistance and labour market opportunities.

Focus area: Resilience Building

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- At the end of September, following the distribution of 16,440 meals donated by 19 businesses to 744 (162 families) beneficiaries between July and September 2022, WFP completed its three-month support to Sisli Municipality in the implementation of the Network Fresh Project (*As Ortagim* in Turkish) and handed over the ownership of the programme. Piloted between July and December 2021, the Network Fresh project aims to address food waste by collecting surplus meals from participating businesses and distributing them to vulnerable households.
- WFP finalized the cost benefit analysis launched in June 2022 to evaluate the existing national school meal programme by the Ministry of National Education, and shared findings and recommendations with the ministry on 20 October. Building on its school feeding expertise, WFP stands ready to support the ministry through technical assistance to scale up the programme targeting 1.5 million children at all levels.

Needs Assessment

WFP and its partner TRC continued to collect data for the needs assessment initiated in October to evaluate the vulnerability status of in-camp refugees and review the transfer value accordingly. With the support of WFP Regional Bureau of Cairo, WFP will integrate all the inputs by the middle of November and finalize the assessment by the end of 2022.

Monitoring

In October, WFP completed the endline survey with SES participants attending training in the hospitality sector to evaluate the programme's impact on their livelihoods and food security. Results revealed a decrease in their Reduced Coping Strategy Index (rCSI) from 11.70 to 10.02 between December 2021 and October 2022, indicating that beneficiaries are resorting less to negative coping strategies to manage their food security. Similarly, the percentage of households with the economic capacity to meet essential needs increased from 72.9 percent to 82.3 percent over the same period. However, while these improvements demonstrate the SES programme's positive impact on beneficiaries' overall situation, the livelihoods-based coping strategies, which provide a better understanding of the longer-term coping capacity of households, did not improve significantly since December 2021 due to the economic downturn and high inflation rates in Türkiye.

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