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) was approved during the November 2022 Executive Board.

In Numbers

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<td>US$ 350,666</td>
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<td>US$ 134,900</td>
<td>distributed through vocational and on-the-job trainings (estimated)</td>
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Operational Updates

- WFP's new Country Strategic Plan (CSP) which sets the roadmap for the organization's activities in Türkiye between 2023 and 2025 was approved during the Executive Board held in November in Rome. Under the CSP, WFP will continue to provide assistance to refugees living in camps and services to humanitarian and development partners in the Republic of Türkiye. It will also expand sustainable livelihood programming that aims to build the self-reliance of vulnerable Turks and refugees alike. Building on WFP’s expertise in school feeding, WFP will also venture beyond refugee programming to support the Government efforts to enhance the national school meals programme. WFP aims to reach 56,290 beneficiaries in 2023 and a total of 87,591 beneficiaries between 2023-2025.

- Under the e-voucher programme, WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) assisted 43,416 people living in seven temporary accommodation centres (TAC) in south-eastern Türkiye with Turkish Lira (TRY) 150 (US$ 8) per person, of which 80 percent is allocated for food. Beneficiaries include 2,301 Ukrainian refugees and 31 irregular migrants accommodated in the TACs for registration and supported through prepaid cards. The total amount of cash transferred in November totalled US$ 350,666.

- WFP and its partners continued the implementation of the Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) Programme in 14 provinces. In September, 495 participants attended vocational and applied training in many vocations, including computer numerical control (CNC) operator, furniture, kitchen staff, meat processing, shoe making, textile, welding, etc. Females constituted 62 percent of these active participants.

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Photo Caption: A leather treatment operator training participant in Izmir putting into practice her learnings.
Photo: WFP/Iker Metin Kurusova
WFP Country Strategy

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2020-2022)

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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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Implemented in partnership with the Ministry of National Education (MoNE), the Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR), chambers of commerce and industry and local NGOs, this programme equips refugees and members of the host communities with the skills they need to enter the job market. It contributes to WFP’s resilience-building programming and promotes its “changing lives” agenda.

Within the scope of its capacity-strengthening activities, WFP organized a workshop in Antalya between 29 November and 1 December to discuss the targeting criteria of the SES programme. It introduced its monitoring and evaluation tools to the Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) and its cooperating partners (NGOs and chambers).

- WFP finalized the cost benefit analysis launched in June 2022 to evaluate the existing national school meal programme of the Ministry of National Education (MoNE). WFP shared findings and recommendations with the ministry on 20 October. MoNE is evaluating WFP’s final report and both parties are discussing the scope of their collaboration to contribute to the existing programme.

Needs Assessment

- WFP and TRC completed the data collection for the needs assessment launched in October to evaluate the vulnerability status of in-camp refugees and to ensure WFP and partners provide the right assistance at the right time to the right people. With the support of WFP Regional Bureau of Cairo, WFP is currently analysing the collected data.

Monitoring

- WFP’s post distribution monitoring survey conducted between July and September 2022 showed that the percentage of households with acceptable food consumption decreased from 99 percent in Q3 2021 to 95 percent in Q3 2022. Similarly, the dietary diversity score slightly declined from 6.7 to 6.5 days over the same period. With scores equaling 6.2 and 6.6, respectively, households headed by women suffered from a slightly lower score than households headed by men. These results indicate that beneficiaries struggle to afford meat, nuts, vegetables and fruits amidst high inflation rates. In addition, results revealed that the consumption coping strategies (rCSI) index increased by nine percent, especially among households headed by women, compared to Q3 2021.

- WFP’s Q3 2022 livelihoods monitoring report that outlines the SES programme’s quarterly progress showed that 3,264 people have enrolled in the programme between August 2021 and September 2022, 57 percent of whom were women and 47 percent were refugees. Close to 11,700 beneficiaries benefitted from the programme since its inception, thanks to the cash transfers exceeding US$ 1.4 million.

- The employment rate, achieved by all sectors, is on average 39 percent. The report revealed a higher employment rate among the IT sector participants (53 percent), compared to the hospitality sector (33 percent). Nevertheless, 70 percent of those employed in the hospitality sector managed to sustain their jobs in the sector, meaning that the programme efficiently helps participants acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to contribute to the target sector.

Gender

- As part of the 16 days of activism campaign, WFP and SES programme participants filmed a video to raise awareness on the fight against gender-based violence. The video was disseminated on WFP’s Instagram account and is accessible [here](#).

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