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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. Around 45,000 refugees live in seven camps in the 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. Following the twin earthquakes that struck south-eastern Türkiye on 6 February 2023, WFP launched an emergency response to respond to the most urgent needs of affected populations.

WFP Türkiye's new [Country Strategic Plan \(CSP 2023-2025\)](#) seeks to assist refugees in camps and provide services to humanitarian and development partners in Türkiye. The CSP expands sustainable livelihood programming to build the self-reliance of vulnerable Turks and refugees alike. WFP will also venture beyond refugee programming to support Government efforts to enhance the national school meals programme. A CSP revision is underway to integrate the earthquake emergency response including food and multi-purpose cash assistance, logistics and telecommunications services, etc.



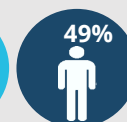
Population: 84.7 million

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



601,000 people received cash assistance in April 2023.

1.6 m affected people received WFP food assistance since the onset of the emergency response.

US\$ 1.57 m distributed through value vouchers (camps) and **US\$ 11.15 m** through cash assistance (multi-purpose cash and livelihoods support)

US\$ 35.7 m six-month net funding requirements (May - October 2023)

Türkiye Earthquake Response*

Food Assistance

- WFP continued to supply municipalities with food commodities for the preparation of cooked meals to the earthquake-affected populations in the worst-hit provinces (Adıyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Malatya). Currently WFP supports 14 municipalities from the previously supported 60.
- WFP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS), completed the delivery of 112,560 food packages in the disaster zone, reaching an estimated 562,800 affected people living outside the camps since the beginning of the emergency response. Each package covers the food needs of a five-person household for one week. WFP is also in the process of sourcing an additional 75,000 packages sufficient for 375,000 people to be distributed in May.

Early Recovery

- In contribution to Türkiye's early recovery efforts, WFP and the Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers (ASAM) matched 17 participants with bakeries in Malatya to help them restore their livelihoods in return for a minimum wage of Turkish Lira (TRY) 8,500 (US\$ 155). Interviews with candidates are ongoing in Adıyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Malatya to match more people with businesses over the upcoming two months. This initiative is implemented as part of the Early Recovery by the Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) programme.

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Photo Caption: Şeyma and her children, Ali and Büşra, having their family meal received at a WFP-supported distribution point in Kahramanmaraş. ©WFP/Giulio d'Adamo.

Country Strategic Plan (January 2023- December 2025)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
145 m	71 m
2023 Requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (May 2023 – October 2023)
108 m	35.7 m

Strategic Outcome 2: People have better nutrition, health and education outcomes

Country Strategic Plan Outcome 1: Refugees and other crisis-affected populations can meet their basic needs, including nutritious food, all year round.

Activities:

- **Act 1:** Provide food and non-food assistance to refugees living in camps.
- **Act 5:** Provide emergency food assistance through cash-based or in-kind transfers to shock-affected populations.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Strategic Outcome 3: People have improved and sustainable livelihoods

Country Strategic Plan Outcome 2: Refugees and vulnerable populations have access to labour market opportunities in order to meet their basic needs, all year round

Activities:

- **Act 2:** Provide innovative livelihood trainings, private sector internships, grants and other opportunities to vulnerable refugees and host community members to improve their access to the labour market.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Strategic Outcome 4: National programmes and systems are strengthened

Country Strategic Plan Outcome 3: Vulnerable groups, including schoolchildren, benefit from enhanced national capacities on social protection including school feeding by 2025.

- **Activity 3:** Provide technical assistance and support to the Government to enhance the national school meals programme and other programmes, policies and systems as needed.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Strategic Outcome 5: Humanitarian and development actors are more efficient and effective

Country Strategic Plan Outcome 4: Vulnerable populations in Türkiye benefit from improved humanitarian and development assistance all year round

- **Activity 4:** Provide on-demand common services to partners, including United Nations agencies.

Focus area: Crisis Response

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Cash Assistance

- WFP joined forces with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Turkish Red Crescent to put in place a multi-

purpose cash programme targeting earthquake-affected populations in 12 provinces, outside camps. Since the beginning of the earthquake response, 135,759 households received monthly assistance of TRY 3,000 (US\$ 155) per household.

- WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) provided 3,203 earthquake-affected households in camps with e-vouchers (BIM cards) credited monthly with TRY 2,500 (US\$ 130) per household.

Regular Programme Updates

- The SES programme continued in April with 165 participants who attended vocational training in Konya, Bursa, Mersin and Ankara. Active trainings included account assistant, barista, chef assistant, computer numerical control (CNC) operation, CNC woodworking, pastry apprentice, textile and welding.
- WFP's regular beneficiaries of the e-voucher programme, amounting to 9,525 households, received the same entitlement as the earthquake-affected people sheltering in camps (TRY 2,500 per household).

Monitoring

- Between 13 and 19 April, WFP conducted one round of face-to-face post-distribution monitoring surveys with 193 households living in seven temporary accommodation centers (TACs) and receiving BIM assistance of TRY 2,500 per household (e-voucher). The findings revealed that the majority of the families sheltering in these TACs due to the earthquakes are headed by men (84 percent) and are of Syrian origin (67 percent). Around one fifth of the surveyed households, regardless of their size, confirmed that the assistance is sufficient to cover their food needs for an entire month. However, small-sized households (up to five members) mostly reported that their entitlement lasted for three weeks and medium-sized households (five to ten members) stated that they would consume the assistance within two weeks.

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