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## WFP Türkiye

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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 southeast, 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 from 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. 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. [The CSP has been revised](#) to integrate the earthquake emergency response including food and multi-purpose cash assistance, logistics and telecommunications services, etc.

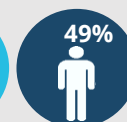


**Population:** 84.7 million

**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

**600,000 people** received cash assistance in May 2023, out of which 552,000 were assisted through the earthquake response.

**USD 1.6 m** distributed through value vouchers (camps) and **USD 10.5 m** through cash assistance (multi-purpose cash and livelihoods support)

**USD 28.5 m** six-month net funding requirements (June - November 2023)

### Türkiye Earthquake Response\*

#### Food Assistance

- WFP supplied food commodities in 16 municipalities to uplift their capacity to serve cooked meals in hard-hit Adıyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Malatya. The number of assisted municipalities further dropped to six between mid and end-May.
- WFP concluded the emergency food assistance at the end of May after reaching 1.6 million in-camp and off-camp people through cooked meals, family food packages and/or ready-to-eat rations. Throughout the response, WFP supplied 60 municipalities with food commodities.

#### Early Recovery

- WFP and the Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM) helped 32 earthquake-affected people in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş to find employment in return for a minimum wage of Turkish Lira (TRY) 8,500 (USD 440). WFP and ASAM are targeting 600 people under this initiative aimed at contributing to the early recovery efforts in the southeast.

#### Cash Assistance

- WFP provided around 11,500 earthquake-affected people (2,864 households) in the camps with TRY 2,500 (USD 128) per household through BIM cards (e-vouchers). Beneficiaries are Turkish nationals and Syrians under temporary protection, who sought refuge in camps following the quakes.
- Around 540,500 earthquake-affected people (135,118 affected households) in 12 provinces received TRY 3,000 (USD 153) per household. This assistance is delivered as part of a multi-purpose cash initiative brought to life thanks to joint efforts with the Turkish Red Crescent and the International Organization of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

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**Photo Caption:** Preparation of cooked meals at a WFP mobile kitchen in the Dulkadiroglu Metropolitan Municipality, Kahramanmaraş. ©WFP/Giulio d'Adamo.

## Country Strategic Plan (January 2023- December 2025)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
<b>177 m</b>	<b>71 m</b>
2023 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (June 2023 – November 2023)
<b>108 m</b>	<b>28.5 m</b>

### 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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### Sector Updates

- WFP phased out the emergency telecommunications and logistics sectors in May, after three months of leading both sectors on behalf of the humanitarian

community. Food Security and Livelihood are continuing with reduced activities and will phase out by mid-August. The sector also conducted an assessment to plan the delivery of cooked meals in informal settlements.

### Regular Programme Updates

- The Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) programme continued with 562 participants (approx. 2,500 beneficiaries) who attended vocational training in seven provinces. Active trainings included kitchen staff, machine maintenance and repair, shoemaking and textile, among others.
- Regular beneficiaries of WFP's e-voucher programme, around 45,516 people (10,030 households), benefited from monthly cash assistance valued at TRY 2,500 (USD 128) per household. Around 10,000 Syrians who moved into the camps are not expected to leave in the coming months and will be added to the e-voucher programme, increasing WFP's beneficiaries to 53,000.

### Monitoring

- Results of the interviews conducted with 353 households who received multi-purpose cash showed that while almost all respondents received the SMS reference number to cash out, 19 percent reported that they haven't collected the entitlements for a variety of reasons. This includes not being able to access the ATMs nor the banks, not understanding how to redeem the cash, not being aware of the entitlement, etc. Only 10 percent of the surveyed households reported being able to fully cover either food or non-food needs with their allocated entitlements. Surveyed households also indicated that this assistance helps them to address other prioritized needs (debt payment, healthcare, school supplies, etc.). Over half of the households were satisfied with the assistance amount and 92 percent reiterated their preference to receive cash assistance. This suggests that this assistance modality meets the needs of the affected populations.
- According to Q1 WFP Market Bulletin (January-March 2023), the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) cost is estimated to be Turkish Lira (TRY) 1,349 (USD 69) per person per month as of March 2023 - a yearly increase of 63 percent since March 2023. For the earthquake-affected population, however, the MEB cost has been estimated at TRY 1,578 (USD 81).

### Donors

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**\*For further information on the number of beneficiaries reached under WFP response to the earthquakes in Türkiye, please refer to WFP dashboard [here](#).**