

WFP TÜRKİYE

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Quarterly Update

Since June, WFP resumed its regular in-camp e-voucher programme in collaboration with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), providing around 53,000 beneficiaries in eight camps in the southeast with a monthly assistance of Turkish Lira (TRY) 300 (US\$ 11) per person. This caseload includes additional earthquake-affected Syrians who took shelter in the camps after the earthquakes of 6 February 2023. Also in June, WFP and TRC increased the monthly assistance amount from TRY 230 (US\$ 8.5) to TRY 300 (US\$ 11). This increase is aligned with the Social Safety Net (SSN) transfer value.

Monitoring

The food basket cost in the contracted shops in the eight operational camps increased from TRY 677.36 (US\$ 25) to TRY 802.89 (US\$ 29.8) between July and September, representing a 19 percent increase. Meanwhile, in collaboration with TRC, WFP teams resumed the work on the comprehensive needs assessment of refugees living in seven camps as of July—excluding the Elazig camp which hosts Ukrainian refugees. The assessment was first initiated in Q4 2022 and was later interrupted with the occurrence of the earthquakes in early 2023. The purpose of the assessment is to identify needs and vulnerability levels to ensure that assistance is provided to the right people at the right time. The quantitative data collection was completed in September. The research team is planning to conduct qualitative data collection, using appropriate tools such as focus group discussions and key informant interviews, to triangulate the quantitative findings. The results of the analysis will be discussed collaboratively among stakeholders in Q4 to further inform programme design and targeting options.



E-Voucher Programme: Lifeline since 2012

After more than a decade since the conflict in Syria erupted, Türkiye continues to host the world's largest refugee population of around four million people. Most of these refugees live among the host community with around 53,000 of them living in camps in the southeast of the country. In the aftermath of the earthquakes that struck the country on 6 February, affecting an area home to roughly 1.74 million refugees, the WFP-assisted camp population rose from 45,000 to at one point 80,000 and is currently stable around 53,000. Also, the number of assisted camps increased from seven to eight, with the addition of Hatay Apaydin camp. The e-voucher assistance aims to ensure that refugees have access to sufficient food and maintain a healthy and diverse diet, while reducing negative coping behaviours, in addition to enhancing Türkiye's national crisis-response capacities.