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Quarterly Update

WFP continues the in-camp e-voucher programme in collaboration with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), providing around 46,000 beneficiaries in seven camps in the southeast with a monthly assistance of Turkish Lira (TRY) 300 (US\$ 10) per person. The Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) adopted a camp decongestion strategy which involves closing some of the camps and consolidating vulnerable refugee households with special needs in Adana camp. Accordingly, the WFP-assisted Kilis camp was closed at the end of November. The camp residents were supported by PMM to settle in urban areas or move back to Syria, which resulted in a decrease in the overall number of beneficiaries in the reporting period. WFP also started talks with PMM to include in the programme Malatya camp, hosting around 11,500 Syrians.

Monitoring

The food basket cost in the contracted shops in the six camps hosting Syrian refugees increased from TRY 915 (US\$ 31.5) to TRY 969 (US\$ 33.4) between October and December, representing a 5 percent increase. Meanwhile, the preliminary findings of the WFP-TRC comprehensive needs assessment of refugees living in seven camps as of July—excluding the Elazig camp which hosts Ukrainian refugees—demonstrate that one third of the surveyed households are highly vulnerable, half of them rely on WFP assistance as their main source of income, and the majority do not have any plans to leave the camps. According to the Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) surveys conducted with Ukrainian refugees, the percentage of households with acceptable food consumption decreased to 97 percent in Q4 2023 from 100 percent in Q2 2023. The surveyed households report resorting to at least one type of consumption and livelihood coping strategy. The percentage of households headed by women resorting to coping behaviour is higher than households headed by men.

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 65,000 of them (including around 1,600 Ukrainians) living in camps in the southeast of the country. 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. By the end of Q4 2023, the total amount of cash transferred under this programme amounted to USD 255.7 million.

Beneficiaries	October	November	December
Individuals	52,663	49,047	46,337
Households	11,440	10,792	10,339