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Operational Context

Türkiye hosts the highest number of refugees in the world – 3.7 million people. Around 63,000 of the most vulnerable of them live in eight 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 hosting this large number for close to a decade. Since June 2014, a temporary protection regime has granted Syrian refugees access to basic services such as healthcare and education. Asylum seekers 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 and transitioned its programmes from basic needs assistance to livelihoods support as the needs of the target population evolved over time. WFP Türkiye's [Country Strategic Plan \(CSP 2023-2025\)](#) seeks to continue assisting refugees in camps, provide services to humanitarian and development partners, and implement sustainable livelihood programming to build the self-reliance of vulnerable Turks and refugees alike. [The CSP has been revised](#) to integrate the recovery efforts following the devastating earthquakes of February 2023, focusing on restoring and revitalising the food value chain in the earthquake-affected regions.



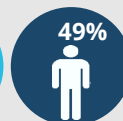
Population: 85.3 million

Poverty Rate: 29.7% living below the national poverty line (Turkstat)

Income Level: Upper middle

Human Development Index 2022: 45 out of 193

In Numbers



44,629 people received cash assistance in February 2024 (estimated).

USD 0.4 million distributed through in-camp value vouchers and **USD 0.2 million** through livelihoods cash assistance (estimated)

USD 5.3 m six-month net funding requirements (March - August 2024)

Operational Updates

- In February, under the **In-camp E-voucher Programme**, WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) assisted 42,501 beneficiaries (9,710 households) in seven refugee camps with an e-voucher of Turkish lira (TRY) 300 (USD 10) per person per month.
 - As part of the Presidency of Migration Management's (PMM) strategy to reduce camp population, Apaydin camp in Hatay was closed in February due to inadequate facilities and the most vulnerable residents were transferred to Adana camp. PMM also informed WFP of its plans to close the Boynuyogun camp in Hatay in the near future.
 - WFP is currently formulating a new project to support voluntary relocation of camp residents to urban areas through resilience-building activities and multi-purpose cash assistance to households wishing to resettle in urban areas in stages.
 - WFP is exploring options to provide multi-purpose cash assistance to Hilalkent camp in Hatay, which is run by the Governor's Office and houses Syrian refugees affected by the earthquake. The assistance will target refugees who are ineligible for Social Security Net (SSN) assistance.
- In February, WFP launched its **Earthquake Recovery Programme** in three of the five provinces most affected by the February 2023 earthquakes: Hatay, Adiyaman, and Kahramanmaras.
 - Five field level agreements were signed with INGO and NGO cooperating partners in Hatay. Four agreements are under development: three with governmental partners and one for a joint project with FAO to start in April, which will scale up to the non-covered provinces. In each targeted province, strategic investments are made to restore key value chains and support their revitalization beyond pre-earthquake:
 - In Kahramanmaras, WFP and partners support the restoration of the dairy and livestock value chain, with focus on rural actors.
 - In Hatay, WFP supports the restoration of the fresh fruit and vegetable value chain. Significant progress was made in the development of a concept note for a large-scale cold storage facility which would reduce

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Photo Caption: Kübra, a SES Programme participant from Mersin is attending a food packaging training. ©Sinan Yildiz

Country Strategic Plan (January 2023- December 2025)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
187 m	114 m
2024 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (March – August 2024)
41 m	5.3 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.

- **Activity 1:** Provide food and non-food assistance to refugees living in camps.
- **Activity 5:** Provide emergency food assistance through food or cash-based transfers to crisis affected populations.
- **Activity 8:** Provide transfers, assets and/or technical support to food value chain actors in crisis-affected areas.

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

- **Activity 2:** Provide innovative livelihood trainings, private sector internships, grants and other opportunities to stimulate the local economy and enable 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.
- **Activity 6:** Provide coordination, information management and logistic services in support to the Government of Türkiye and humanitarian actors to strengthen their capacity to support crisis-affected populations.
- **Activity 7:** Provide emergency telecommunication services to the humanitarian community to enhance their support to crisis-affected populations.

Focus area: Crisis Response

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post-harvest waste of smallholder farmers and enable their access to export markets.

- Under the **Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) Programme**, 144 participants attended vocational training (VT) and were enrolled in chef assistant, CNC (Computer Numerical Control) operator, welding, soft skills and textile manufacturing (ready-to-wear

garment) courses in Adana, Bursa, Malatya and Sanliurfa. Meanwhile 388 participants took part in the applied training programme (ATP), enabling some 2,128 people (members of the participant's household) to benefit from the Programme indirectly. ATP places VT graduates into jobs to gain practical experience and become familiar with the sector, all while earning a minimum wage. WFP's partners for the SES Programme include the Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR), Support to Life (STL), International Migration and Solidarity Association (UGDD) and chambers of commerce and industry in the targeted provinces. Since 2021, the programme has trained 5,939 people, and so far, 50 percent of VT graduates have found employment.

Partnerships

- As part of WFP Türkiye's strategic shift to foster private sector partnerships, the team conducted a two-day mission in February to Istanbul to engage with existing and new private sector companies, such as Novo Nordisk and Metro.
- On 8 February, representatives from the US Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) visited Adana camp along with UNHCR and the US Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM) teams. The delegations toured the camp facilities including markets, school, health clinic and public education center, showcasing the Government services and how WFP's assistance is being utilized.
- WFP introduced a new operational budget template for its SES cooperating partners, STL and Bursa Chamber of Commerce and Industry Training Foundation (BUTGEM) and gave a comprehensive refresher training on data reporting for STL.
- Each of the four Earthquake Recovery Programme partner induction meetings conducted in February included a session on cross cutting issues and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA). The session specifically identified key risks pertaining to protection, gender, and conflict sensitivity and provided a space for discussion for partners on how to mitigate these.

Monitoring

- WFP Türkiye's Programme and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) teams developed a monitoring plan for the four partners of the Earthquake Recovery Programme that completed induction meetings. Alongside this, the teams are working together on the baseline, endline, and process monitoring questionnaires. The M&E team also completed a comprehensive briefing to all partners on monitoring requirements and supported all partners with developing a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on beneficiary selection, which must be endorsed by the M&E unit. This process is anticipated to be completed in March.

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