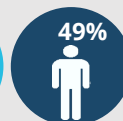




In Numbers



44,273 people received cash assistance in March 2024 (estimated).

USD 0.4 million distributed through in-camp value vouchers and **USD 0.17 million** through livelihoods cash assistance (estimated)

USD 6.6 m six-month net funding requirements (April - September 2024)

Operational Context

Türkiye hosts the highest number of refugees in the world – 3.7 million people. Around 60,000 of the most vulnerable refugees 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 purely basic needs assistance to include more 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 refugees. [The CSP has been revised](#) to integrate recovery efforts following the devastating earthquakes of February 2023, focusing on restoring and revitalising the food value chain in the earthquake-affected regions that will benefit vulnerable Turks and refugees alike.



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

Operational Updates

- In March, under the **In-camp E-voucher Programme**, WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) assisted 42,201 beneficiaries (9,561 households) in six refugee camps with an e-voucher of Turkish lira (TRY) 300 (USD 9) per person per month.
 - As part of the Presidency of Migration Management's (PMM) strategy to reduce camp population, some 7,000 individuals in Adana camp will no longer be enrolled in the e-voucher programme by the end of April as they were assessed to be less vulnerable by PMM's protection desks. PMM also informed WFP of its plans to close the Boynuyogun camp in Hatay in the near future.
 - WFP and PMM continued discussions on the design of the Voluntary Transition Programme that would target the residents of Adana camp and Boynuyogun camp in Hatay. The programme will involve cash assistance and complementary activities to help refugees wishing to leave the camps to settle in urban areas.
 - WFP and the Governorate of Antakya in Hatay are planning to provide multi-purpose cash assistance to Hilalkent camp, housing around 8,000 refugees, starting in June. A call for proposals was launched to seek a cooperating partner.
- In March, WFP signed field-level agreements with two new partners under the **Earthquake Recovery Programme**: With World Vision, WFP will provide comprehensive support to small fruit and vegetable value chain actors in Hatay. Secondly, UN-to-UN agreement was signed with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization to support 'homebased micro-business owners' to recover their dairy businesses in Kahramanmaraş.
- WFP met with the Provincial Directorate of Agriculture, and Governorates in Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, and Adiyaman to introduce the scope of the Earthquake Recovery Programme activities in these provinces. A project launch event was conducted on 5 March by the International Migration and Solidarity Association (UGDD) in Adiyaman, which was attended by government officials.

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) (April – September 2024)
41 m	6.6 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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- Under the **Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) Programme**, in March 160 participants attended vocational training (VT) and were enrolled in chef assistant, CNC (Computer Numerical Control) operator and soft skills courses in Bursa, Malatya and Adiyaman. Meanwhile 358 participants took part in the applied training programme (ATP) in the same period, enabling some 2,072 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 are the Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR), Support to Life (STL), UGDD and chambers of commerce and industry in the targeted provinces.

- The Gaziantep Chamber of Industry held interviews for foreign trade and packaging courses, selecting 20 people for each course. The Adana Chamber of Industry completed VTs and referred graduates for ATP. In Istanbul, all VT graduates were matched with businesses for ATP, which will be completed on 28 June. The Bursa Chamber of Commerce and Industry Training Foundation completed the VT for the final cohort comprised of 96 participants and referred the graduates for ATP. Five graduates are currently waiting for their work permits to be issued.

Partnerships

- WFP's Deputy Executive Director and the WFP Türkiye Country Director participated in the Antalya Diplomacy Forum on 1-3 March. They met with Türkiye's Deputy Foreign Ministers to discuss the coordination of humanitarian aid to Gaza, along with enhancing cooperation in humanitarian crises such as those in Chad and Sudan.
- On 6 March, KfW Development Bank, WFP's main donor of the SES Programme, visited Gaziantep to witness the programme progress and attend a presentation of 2023 achievements. The delegation met with current and previous participants and visited two companies employing programme graduates to hear about the experiences of the participants and employers.
- A SES Programme Cooperating Partners Workshop was held in Antalya from 6 to 8 March, gathering current SES partners to discuss implementation challenges and the 2024 plan to improve reporting capacities of partners and adherence to WFP corporate standards. The workshop fostered constructive dialogue and collaborative planning, setting the stage for successful project implementation.

Monitoring

- In Elazig camp, hosting Ukrainian refugees, WFP field teams surveyed 120 beneficiaries. Around 79 percent stated that the e-voucher is their main source of income. On the other hand, 58 percent indicated that they receive remittances and pensions from family members or spouses living and working abroad to meet their needs because the e-voucher is insufficient. In addition, 24 percent engage in daily-paying jobs such as construction and housekeeping.

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