



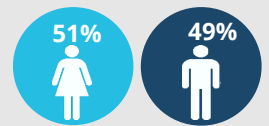
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## WFP Türkiye Country Brief July 2024



## In Numbers



**35,412 people** received cash assistance in July 2024 (estimated)

**USD 0.3 million** distributed through in-camp value vouchers and **USD 0.12 million** through livelihoods cash assistance (estimated)

**USD 0.7 m** six-month net funding requirements (August 2024 – January 2025)

## Operational Context

Türkiye hosts the highest number of refugees in the world – 3.7 million people. Around 55,000 of the most vulnerable 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 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. 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 July, under the **In-camp E-voucher Programme**, WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) assisted 33,672 beneficiaries (7,836 households) in six refugee camps with an e-voucher of Turkish lira (TRY) 300 (USD 9) per person per month to meet their food and non-food needs. The e-vouchers are redeemable at contracted markets in the camps.
- WFP and its cooperating partner, the Association for Social Development and Aid Mobilization (ASAM), launched a **multi-purpose cash programme** to assist earthquake-affected Syrian refugees in Hilalkent Container City in the southern province of Hatay starting in August 2024. Beneficiaries will receive TRY 500 (USD 15) per person per month to meet their basic needs.
- Under the **Earthquake Recovery Programme**, aiming to restore and revitalize the local food value chain disrupted by the February 2023 earthquakes, a wide range of activities were implemented in July in various cities to assist earthquake-affected refugees and members of the host community :
  - In Hatay, under the project with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) in Altinozu District, seven Syrian Cash-for-Work (CFW) participants have begun two months of employment on the agricultural lands of two farmers, receiving minimum wage. In Samandag District, under the project with World Vision, 100 small farmers were selected for agriculture training aimed at restoring the fruit and vegetable value chain.
  - In Adiyaman, WFP and the International Migration and Solidarity Association (UGDD) provided 49 small farmers with seeds and seedlings which helped them to harvest agricultural produce, including peppers, cucumbers, parsley, and eggplants, and sell them at local markets.
  - In Kahramanmaraş, under the project with DRC aiming to restore the dairy supply chain, 19 dairy farmers and processors received “business restoration proposal writing” training to help them grow their businesses. They will then submit proposals to become eligible to receive dairy equipment under the assistance program. The four-

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**Photo Caption:** Ali Seçkin, a 71-year-old participant of WFP’s Earthquake Recovery Programme from Adiyaman, received agricultural equipment and pepper seedlings, which have greatly contributed to his financial recovery. ©WFP

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

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
<b>187 m</b>	<b>121 m</b>
2024 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (August 2024 – January 2025)
<b>41.4 m</b>	<b>0.7 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.

- **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 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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day training achieved full participation. Under the project with the Association of Assistance, Solidarity and Support with Refugees and Asylum Seekers (YSYD), 17 dairy farmers in Kahramanmaraş were selected to receive a long-term asset grant package, which included livestock, milking machine, churning equipment to support their work.

- Under WFP's **Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) Programme**, 323 participants attended vocational training (VT) and applied training (ATP) in July, enabling some 1,740 people (members of the participant's household) to benefit from the programme indirectly. Participants were enrolled in soft skills courses in Adiyaman, Malatya and Kahramanmaraş, marking the final cohort for VTs before the programme concludes at the end of October. ATPs continue in Adana, Adiyaman, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Mersin and Sanliurfa. ATP places VT graduates into jobs to gain practical experience and become familiar with the sector, all while earning a minimum wage.

## Monitoring

- According to the [Q2 2024 Market Bulletin](#) (April-June), the cost of the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) is TRY 2,740 per person per month as of June 2024. In the earthquake-affected areas, this figure reached TRY 2,966 in the same period. The food basket cost slightly increased from TRY 989 in Q1 to TRY 1,034 in Q2. Meanwhile, the inflation rate dropped from 75 percent in May to 72 percent in June, while the food inflation remained steady at 69 percent. Finally, the unemployment rate remained stable at 8.5 percent in May 2024.
- The findings of the Q2 Livelihood Monitoring Report reveal that the SES Programme demonstrated significant achievements while facing various challenges to date. With 6,659 enrolments and a 51 percent employment rate, the programme met its employment target, particularly excelling in the manufacturing sector. However, dropout rates remained a concern, especially among women and refugees, with 67 percent of participants dropping out mainly because of the lengthy waiting period to be matched with employers for their ATP. Nevertheless, by June 2024, all short- and long-term employment goals had been met. The report also found that active monitoring and outreach efforts were instrumental in addressing participant concerns and enhancing programme visibility. Finally, the continuous support of the programme to 23,762 indirect beneficiaries (members of the households of the participants) highlighted the broader positive impact of SES, reaffirming its complementary role in strengthening the self-reliance of vulnerable populations through increased access to livelihood opportunities.
- According to the [Q2 Post-Distribution Monitoring Report](#) from the Elazig camp hosting Ukrainian refugees, 57 percent of beneficiary households are headed by women and 62 percent include children. Also, 16 percent of families have at least one member with a disability or a pregnant or breastfeeding woman. While only 3 percent of the residents are food insecure, a substantial 94 percent are vulnerable to food insecurity. Half of the residents report that their main income source is external support from family and friends, followed by unskilled non-agricultural wage labour. Additionally, the e-voucher assistance serves as a secondary income source for half of the families.

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