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## WFP Türkiye Country Brief October 2024

## In Numbers



**37,349 people** received cash assistance in October 2024 (estimated)

**USD 0.46 million** distributed through e-voucher, multi-purpose cash, livelihoods support, cash-for-work, and asset support modalities in October 2024.

**USD 0.01 M** six-month net funding requirements (November 2024 – April 2025)

## Operational Context

The Republic of Türkiye has experienced steady economic growth over the past two decades. Investments in infrastructure, education, healthcare and social assistance have led to significant progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Türkiye hosts one of the largest global refugee populations, currently estimated at 3.4 million people. Around 55,000 of the most vulnerable live in seven camps in the southeast, while the majority live in cities and villages throughout the country. Despite progress, recent economic downturn and inflation require greater efforts to reduce poverty among vulnerable host communities and refugees, half of whom are children.

In line with changing government priorities, [WFP Türkiye's Country Strategic Plan \(CSP 2023-2025\)](#) seeks to continue assisting refugees in camps to meet their basic needs, and provide services to humanitarian and development partners. WFP is also implementing sustainable livelihood programming to build the self-reliance of vulnerable populations and extend recovery support to restore and revitalise the food value chain in the area affected by the February 2023 earthquakes with a focus on ensuring the short- to medium-term recovery of the most vulnerable refugees and members of the host community.



## Operational Updates

- In October, WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) continued In-camp E-voucher Distribution, reaching 33,153 individuals (7,667 households) in six refugee camps in the southeast of the country. WFP provides e-vouchers of Turkish lira (TRY) 300 (USD 8.7) per person per month to meet their food and non-food needs. While designed to cover 80 percent of food needs, due to inflation, this transfer covers only 27 percent as of the third quarter (Q3) of 2024.
  - WFP monitoring in Q3 2024 revealed that 24 percent of refugee households in Türkiye are food insecure, with 71 percent marginally food secure and only five percent fully food secure.
- In October, WFP, UNHCR and the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM), the government body responsible for refugee camps launched a **voluntary transition pilot programme** to support individuals to voluntarily leave camps. WFP is providing a one-off multi-purpose cash (MPC) payment of TRY 12,000 (USD 353) per person to enable those who opt for this programme to afford moving costs.
- In response to the 2023 earthquakes, previously closed refugee camps in southeastern Türkiye were reopened to shelter refugees in need. WFP, in partnership with the Association for Social Development and Aid Mobilization (ASAM), continues the MPC programme to support residents of the newly designated 'Hilalkent Container City'. A total of 1,848 refugees (645 households) receive monthly cash assistance of TRY 500 (USD 14.6) per person to cover basic needs.
- In support to the **Earthquake Recovery Efforts**, WFP reached 2,934 individuals with food-related businesses impacted by the earthquake, collaborating with five NGOs, FAO, and government partners to deliver targeted assistance.

**Population:** 85.3 million

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

**Income Level:** Upper middle

**Human Development Index 2023:** 45 out of 193

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**Photo Caption:** Israfil from Kahramanmaraş lost his livelihood as a dairy farmer, his house and barn in the 2023 earthquakes. Thanks to the support from WFP's Earthquake Recovery Programme, he is now back in business with a milking machine, two cows, and cattle drinkers. ©WFP/WFP Türkiye

## 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) (November 2024 – April 2025)
<b>41.4 m</b>	<b>0.01 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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- The marketplace in Hilalkent Container City in Hatay was opened in October. Built in partnership with ASAM, it features resident-owned stalls, including a grocery, butcher, and sandwich shop. This initiative helps former business owners rebuild their livelihoods and ensures food access for camp residents.

- WFP's **livelihoods programme**, Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) was concluded in October 2024. Since its launch in August 2021, the programme delivered vocational training to over 6,400 participants across 15 provinces in sectors requiring skilled workers. Graduates were matched with employers for three-month placements, allowing them to gain practical experience, earn minimum wage, and pursue long-term employment. The SES programme achieved its 50 percent employment target, with strong outcomes in manufacturing, IT, and hospitality.

## Monitoring

- In October, WFP carried out 20 price market monitoring assessments, 40 post-distribution monitoring surveys in Elazig camp (the only refugee camp hosting Ukrainian refugees), ten on-site visits to camp markets, ten retailer feedback surveys, 27 beneficiary feedback surveys, as well as 67 process monitoring surveys for the voluntary transition project.
  - All beneficiaries reported respectful treatment by market staff, acceptable cashier wait times, and no issues with price or scale fraud. However, some raised concerns regarding crowds in the days following card uploads and the availability of certain products, such as fish and high-quality chicken. Monitoring teams noted improvements in market conditions, including hygiene and product variety, reflecting strong compliance with regulations.
- WFP continued process monitoring and baseline surveys under the earthquake recovery and MPC programmes to evaluate the effectiveness of the programme from the beneficiaries' perspective and assess the impact of the assistance on the overall well-being of the beneficiaries.
- The Q3 2024 Market Bulletin from WFP Türkiye, released in October, reveals a 65 percent annual increase in the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) cost, now at TRY 3,149 (USD 92). The Earthquake MEB, based on data from earthquake-affected provinces, rose to TRY 3,433 (USD 100). While disinflation has persisted since June, the inflation rate remains high at 43.7 percent, significantly impacting beneficiaries' purchasing power.

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