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In Numbers



35,681 people received cash assistance in November 2024.

USD 0.34 million distributed through e-voucher, multi-purpose cash and capacity strengthening transfer modalities in November 2024.

USD 0.01 M six-month net funding requirements (December 2024 – May 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.



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

Operational Updates

- In November, WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) continued the in-camp e-voucher distribution, **reaching 33,056 individuals (7,619 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.
- Under the voluntary transition pilot programme launched by WFP, UNHCR and the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) to support refugees to voluntarily leave camps to move to urban areas, **1,042 individuals (198 households) applied so far. Some 325 of them (59 households) have received a total of USD 113,570 (TRY 3.9 million) and have resettled in urban areas.** WFP is providing a one-off multi-purpose cash payment of TRY 12,000 (USD 353) per person to enable beneficiaries to afford moving costs.
- WFP, in partnership with the Association for Social Development and Aid Mobilization (ASAM), continues the multi-purpose cash programme to support earthquake-affected refugees in Hilakent Container City in Hatay. Hatay refugee camp was previously closed and was reopened following the 2023 earthquakes to host refugees who lost their homes. In November, **2,465 refugees received monthly cash assistance of TRY 500 (USD 14.6) per person to cover their basic needs.**
- In November, **WFP continued support to 2,934 individuals with food-related businesses impacted by the earthquake** as part of the recovery efforts in three provinces (Adiyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş). WFP is collaborating with Non-Governmental Organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and government partners to deliver targeted assistance ranging from asset recovery schemes, access to production equipment and trainings on agricultural practices and marketing.

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Photo Caption: Newly opened convenience store in Hatay Hilakent Container City, hosting earthquake-affected Syrian refugees. Due to the remote location of the container city, WFP supported the construction of a marketplace with various shops to secure food access for its residents. ©WFP/WFP Türkiye

Country Strategic Plan (January 2023- December 2025)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
187 m	121 m
2024 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (December 2024 – May 2025)
41.4 m	0.01 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 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

- WFP Türkiye and WFP HQ Global Partner Countries Division participated in the **40th Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC)** in Istanbul on 2-5 November to foster partnership with representatives of states/ international actors including Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and the Islamic Development Bank.

- WFP Türkiye had meetings with various **private companies (Google, Pepsico Foundation, Coca Cola)** to foster the emergency preparedness and response agenda of WFP through enhanced collaboration with the private sector. The WFP Türkiye Country Director (CD) participated as a panel speaker in the G20 Business Summit organized by the Independent Industrialists and Businessmen's Association (MUSIAD) to discuss Türkiye's role as a Strategic Partner for WFP in global sourcing of food and logistic services.

- In November, WFP Türkiye engaged with public institutions to determine possible pathways for cooperation. In a joint meeting with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office and UNDP, WFP presented a concept note on **emergency preparedness and response (EPR) collaboration to AFAD**, the government agency responsible for coordination and response efforts in emergencies. WFP also met with officials from the **Ministry of National Education to discuss collaboration to enhance the national school meals programme.**

Monitoring

- WFP field teams conducted a satisfaction survey regarding the voluntary transition pilot in November 2024. According to the findings, beneficiaries first heard about the project through camp announcements, but preferred to visit help desks to receive further information. Almost all beneficiaries felt well-informed about the project and were highly satisfied with the setting and the timing of the project outreach and registration process. Surveyed applicants stated that the **main reason to move out of the camp was the better accommodation conditions in urban areas** as well as the **family reunification with members living outside of the camp**. Higher rent costs were concerning for both the applicants and those who hesitated to enrol in the project. As such, while the pilot targeted 2,000 individuals, the applications amounted up to only half that number, as many opted to remain in camps due to concerns about their ability to afford rent in urban areas.

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