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## **Quarterly Update**

WFP continues the e-voucher programme in collaboration with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), providing around 33,395 refugees with a monthly assistance of Turkish Lira (TRY) 300 (USD 8.8) per person in September. In August, 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. In September, 1,848 refugees (645 households) in this container city who were ineligible for the EU-funded Social Safety Net (SSN) Programme of the Government received a monthly upload of TRY 500 (USD 14.7) per person to meet their basic needs.

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## Monitoring

According to the Q3 Post Distribution Monitoring findings, economic factors continue to be the drivers of food security, with 24 percent of households still facing food insecurity while 71 percent is vulnerable to food insecurity. Households with more working members tend to experience less food insecurity. The number of households with acceptable food consumption score increased in Q3 2024. However, the simultaneous increase in the use of consumption coping mechanisms, such as opting for less preferred food (91%), indicate that people had to rely on these strategies to secure their food intake. In the meantime, most households (68%) report worsening financial conditions due to high inflation. On the other hand, the results of the Hilalkent Container City Baseline Report revealed that 41 percent of households have members with special needs, 26 percent are food insecure and 29 percent spending over three quarters of their income on food, leaving little for healthcare, education, and shelter. All these indicators yield worse results in households headed by women.



## **Operational Context**

Türkiye continues to host one of the largest refugee populations in the world with 3.4 million people, the majority of whom are from Syria. Most of these refugees live among the host community with around 55,000 of them (including around 1,400 Ukrainians) living in camps in the southeast of the country. Following the 2023 earthquakes, previously closed refugee camps were reopened to provide shelter to around 17,000 refugees who lost their homes. WFP assists refugees with e-vouchers redeemable at camp markets in six refugee camps (Adana, Elazig, Kahramanmaras, Osmaniye, and Yayladagi and Boynuyogun in Hatay) and with multipurpose cash in Hilalkent camp in Hatay hosting earthquake-affected refugees. The assistance aims to ensure that refugees meet their basic needs while maintaining a healthy and diverse diet and reducing negative coping behaviours.

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