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## WFP Türkiye Country Brief December 2024



## In Numbers

**36,207 people** received cash assistance in December 2024.

**USD 0.46 million** distributed through e-voucher, multi-purpose cash and capacity strengthening transfer modalities in December 2024.

**USD 0.01 M** six-month net funding requirements (January – June 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

- Following the transition in Syria, a surge in voluntary returns among Syrian refugees has been reported. As of 30 December, [official figures](#) shared by the Minister of Interior indicated that 35,114 Syrian individuals have voluntarily returned from Türkiye to Syria during the month. To support Syrians queuing at the borders to meet their immediate food needs, WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) designed a food assistance programme which is scheduled to start in January 2025.
- In December, WFP and TRC continued [in-camp e-voucher distribution](#), **reaching 32,861 individuals in six refugee camps** in the southeast of the country. WFP provides e-vouchers of Turkish lira (TRY) 300 (USD 8.6) per person per month to meet their food and non-food needs, redeemable at camp markets.
- Under the [voluntary transition pilot programme](#) launched jointly by WFP, UNHCR, and the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) **some 595 individuals (99 households) have so far left Adana camp**, where the pilot implementation is being rolled out. The programme supports refugees to voluntarily leave camps to settle in urban areas. **Beneficiaries received one-off multi-purpose cash payments of TRY 12,000 (USD 344) per person to afford moving costs.**
- WFP, in partnership with the Association for Social Development and Aid Mobilization (ASAM), continues a [multi-purpose cash programme](#) to support earthquake-affected refugees in Hilalkent Container City in Hatay. In December, **2,462 refugees received monthly cash assistance of TRY 500 (USD 14.3) per person to cover their basic needs.**

**Photo Caption:** Gulseren is a smallholder dairy farmer from Adiyaman, one of the hardest hit regions by the 2023 earthquakes. Before, she had to share her milk with neighbours to prevent spoilage. Thanks to the cold storage tank provided through WFP's recovery programme, she can now safely store her milk for longer periods. ©WFP/WFP Türkiye

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

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
<b>187 m</b>	<b>122 m</b>
2024 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (January – June 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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- In December, **WFP continued to support 3,263 food-related businesses owners impacted by the earthquake** as part of the recovery efforts in three provinces (Adiyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaras). WFP is collaborating with Non-Governmental Organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and government partners to deliver assistance ranging from asset recovery schemes, access to production equipment and trainings on agricultural practices and marketing.

## Partnerships

- WFP Türkiye participated in the TRT World Forum 2024, a prestigious global platform that brought together participants from around the world to discuss critical challenges and opportunities shaping the future. WFP's Türkiye Country Director joined the session "Transforming Tomorrow: The Power of Eco-Regeneration" and highlighted the importance of addressing hunger and food security as integral parts of the eco-regeneration agenda. The forum provided a unique opportunity to exchange ideas with thought leaders and policy makers to create a more sustainable and resilient future.



- During the 16 Days of Activism, WFP Türkiye organized an awareness-raising initiative for its staff. Printed information materials were distributed, covering topics such as recognizing signs of relationship abuse and how to assist affected individuals, types of violence against women, barriers preventing women and girls with disabilities from reporting abuse, and available helplines and resources. The initiative also provided a platform for staff to engage in discussions around these themes, fostering a deeper understanding and commitment to addressing gender-based violence.

## Monitoring

- According to the findings of the Q4 2024 post-distribution monitoring report of Ukrainian refugees in Elazig camp, food security outcomes improved compared to Q4 2023.
- The percentage of food-insecure households decreased to 20 percent, while households spending over three quarters of their budgets on food fell from 70 percent to 41 percent.
- Gender disparities appear to persist as reliance on coping strategies increased more among households headed by women (73% to 87%) than male-headed ones (47% to 53%) compared to last year. Also, a shift in income dynamics was observed with the conclusion of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) assistance. Half of households are now relying on external or unsustainable income sources.

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