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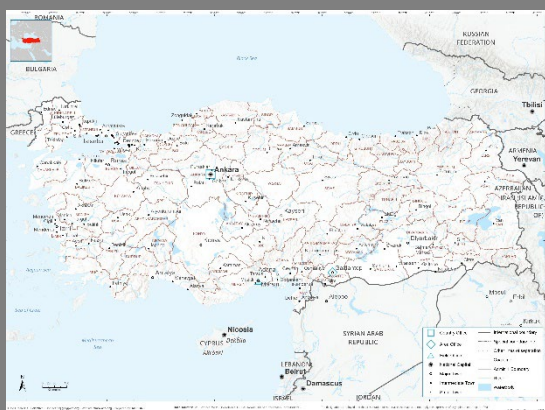
WFP Türkiye

Country Brief
March 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 3.1 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 extending 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: 85.6 million

Poverty Rate: 23.9 percent living below the national poverty line (Turkstat)

Income Level: Upper middle

Human Development Index 2023-2024: 45 out of 193

In Numbers



35,276 people received cash assistance in March 2025.

USD 0.44 m distributed through e-voucher and cash transfer modalities

USD 0 m six-month net funding requirements (April – September 2025)

Operational Updates

- WFP completed its [border gate food distribution](#), in partnership with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), in the beginning of March. **Since 15 January, 59,498 Syrian refugees have received hot meals and snack packs** while waiting at the Syrian border for the completion of their return procedures. WFP and TRC are working on a new agreement to restart the activity with a more cost efficient and nutritious food assistance package.
- WFP and TRC continued the [in-camp e-voucher assistance](#) in six refugee camps in the southeast of the country. In March, **32,356 individuals** received monthly uploads of Turkish lira (TRY) 425 (USD 11.6). The e-vouchers are intended to help camp residents meet their food needs and can be redeemed at camp markets.
- WFP, in partnership with the Association for Social Development and Aid Mobilization (ASAM), continued the [cash programme](#) to support earthquake-affected refugees in Hilalkent Container City in Hatay. In March, **2,824 refugees received monthly transfers of TRY 500 (USD 13.6) per person to meet their food needs**. The assistance was designed to support vulnerable camp residents who are not eligible for the EU-funded Social Safety Net (SSN) assistance.
- The [voluntary transition pilot](#) led jointly by WFP, UNHCR, and the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM), enabled an additional **96 individuals** to voluntarily relocate from Adana camp, each receiving a **one-time cash grant of TRY 12,000 (USD 332) to support their resettlement**. The pilot was initiated to offer in-camp households an opportunity to voluntarily leave camp settings and resettle in urban areas. Since the beginning of the implementation in December 2024, 1,011 people have benefitted from the initiative.
- In March, WFP continued the [recovery projects](#) in partnership with a wide range of partners in the earthquake-affected region (**Adiyaman, Hatay, Malatya and Kahramanmaras**) to sustain food

Photo Caption: Fatma, a mother of four living in Kahramanmaras, is rebuilding her life with the support of WFP. Through WFP's recovery project with a local NGO, YSYD, she received twelve goats, enabling her to have a sustainable source of income by selling milk, butter and cheese. ©WFP/Sevda Yuzbasioglu

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Country Strategic Plan (January 2023- December 2025)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
181 m	123 m
2025 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (April – September 2025)
31.6 m	0 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

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security through strategic investments in small food-related businesses.

- Run in partnership with Firat Development Agency, WFP is establishing a machinery hub in Malatya to enable wheat farmers to use agricultural machinery free of charge for harvesting crops. In March, a tender process was launched to procure the machinery, ranging from tractors to stone collecting machines. Once established, the machinery hub will be managed by the district municipality of Dogansehir.
- WFP and FAO's Farmer Field School project in Kahramanmaraş continues to provide **training to dairy farmers**. In March, the 25 participating farmers were enrolled in training modules on bulk milking, benefits of milk collection centers, calculation of the cost of milk production and herd maintenance.
- In March, the **fruit and vegetable value chain** project with World Vision in Hatay provided participating farmers with field and crop maintenance equipment along with tools to facilitate irrigation, greenhouse farming and harvesting such as pruning and spraying machines, mini tractors, pulverizers, pesticide tanks, etc.

Collaborations

- In collaboration with Qualitas Agroconsultores, WFP Türkiye conducted a study to assess the economic impact of WFP's food procurement in Türkiye between 2014 and 2023. WFP procures large amounts of locally produced and/or purchased food from Türkiye to use in its global operations.
- Findings show that WFP's purchases of food produced in Türkiye have had a significant positive impact on Türkiye's agricultural economy. On average, WFP procured 71,373 mt of local products annually, valued at approximately USD 47 million. These purchases supported around 6,000 farmers and 45,000 hectares of agricultural land each year, generating gross annual revenue of approximately USD 41.4 million and an estimated income of USD 7,300 per farming household.
- In addition, WFP's interventions contributed to the creation of about 1,200 full-time equivalent jobs annually. Locally produced food represented only 29 percent of WFP's total procurement from Türkiye by value.

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