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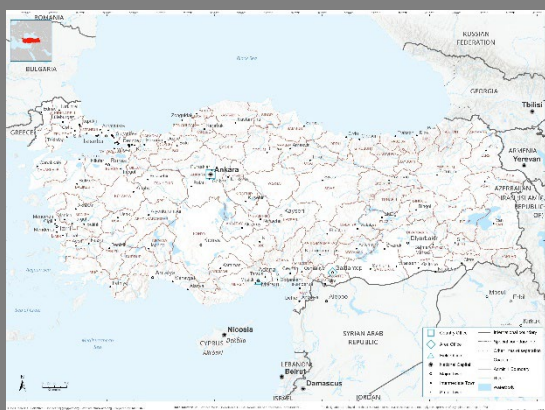


WFP Türkiye Country Brief May 2025

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 3.1 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.



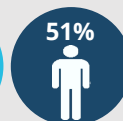
Population: 85.6 million

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



35,721 people received cash assistance in May 2025

USD 0.39 m distributed through e-voucher and cash transfer modalities

USD 0 m six-month net funding requirements (June – November 2025)

Operational Updates

- WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) continued the in-camp e-voucher assistance in six refugee camps in the southeast. In May, **31,559 refugees** received monthly uploads of Turkish lira (TRY) 425 (USD 10.9). 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 May, **2,816 refugees received monthly transfers of TRY 500 (USD 12.9) per person to meet their food needs.**
 - WFP rolled out the cash programme with the same modality in Bebek Container City in Adiyaman, which also hosts earthquake-affected Syrian refugees. As the sole implementer of the project, WFP made the first cash transfers to **1,346 refugees** in May.
- 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 security through strategic investments in small food-related businesses.
 - In May, WFP and its partner FAO, in collaboration with the provincial directorate of agriculture in Kahramanmaras, distributed a wide range of milk production assets to the participants of the Farmer Field School project. The asset distribution aims to supplement the technical training component of the project by enabling the participants to put their learning on milk production techniques into practice.

Partnerships

- On 8 May, WFP organized a donor event in Samsun port, showcasing the unloading of Ukrainian wheat for storage in Türkiye to be later milled and used in WFP's global humanitarian operations. The event was attended by high-level representatives from the Ministry

Photo Caption: Zakaria from Syria runs a butcher's shop in Kahramanmaras. Following the earthquake, he returned to find his shop slightly damaged. The freezer, meat mincer and AC he received thanks to WFP's project with the Danish Refugee Council enabled him to put his business back on track and increase sales. ©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) (June – November 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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of Foreign Affairs, embassies of donor countries, as well as from the governorate of Samsun and the provincial agricultural directorate. All speakers highlighted the importance of the WFP's grain milling operations in the territory of Türkiye for global food security.

- WFP and its partner World Vision organized a “business to business” (B2B) event in Hatay on 16 May. The event brought together local cooperatives and retailers to explore opportunities for expanding market access for small producers (i.e. women's cooperatives, smallholder farmers, small and medium sized enterprises).

Monitoring

- WFP's Quarter 1 (Q1) e-voucher programme price market and post-distribution monitoring analysis was finalized in May.
 - Price-market monitoring findings revealed that the average cost of the food basket in camp markets rose to TRY 1,382 (USD 37.7) in March 2025 from TRY 1,273 (USD 36,5) in December 2024. As the transfer value was increased from TRY 300 to TRY 425 in January 2025, the assistance is now able to cover 31 percent of the cost of the food basket (The adequacy ratio of the transfer value was 24 percent in Q4 2024). Despite the increase in the adequacy ratio, food inflation remains high at 37 percent.
 - WFP's Accountability to Affected People (AAP) analysis showed that 81 percent of households were fully informed about entitlements, up from 58 percent since Q1 2024.
 - In-camp beneficiaries primarily receive information from family and friends (63 percent). Meanwhile, 94 percent of beneficiaries are aware of official contact channels, including the camp management, TRC help desks and TRC's 168 Call Center. The majority (63 percent) prefer to contact the TRC staff in the camp when they face a problem, followed by 33 percent opting to call the 168 Call Centre.
 - Post-distribution monitoring shows food insecure households rose from 23 percent in Q1 2024 to 41 percent in Q1 2025. Female-headed households and households with disabilities report higher levels of food insecurity (53 percent and 50 percent, respectively). Meanwhile, 57 percent of the households are vulnerable to food insecurity. These findings are in line with a significant portion of households (59 percent) reporting worsening financial conditions, primarily due to rising inflation and reduced purchasing power. In addition to the increase in the use of consumption coping strategies (from 84 percent in Q1 2024 to 90 percent in Q1 2025), almost all households in debt reported spending the borrowed money on food.

Donors

Ireland, Norway, Private Donors, Republic of Korea and United States of America.