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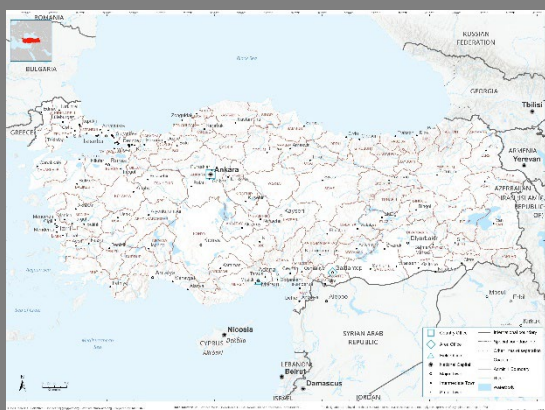


## WFP Türkiye Country Brief June 2025

### 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 3.1 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.



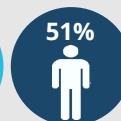
**Population:** 85.6 million

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

**Income Level:** Upper middle

**Human Development Index 2023:** 51 out of 193

### In Numbers



**34,664 people** received cash assistance in June 2025

**USD 0.38 m** distributed through e-voucher and cash transfer modalities

**USD 0.9 m** six-month net funding requirements (July – December 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 June, **30,437 refugees** received monthly uploads of Turkish lira (TRY) 425 (USD 10.8). The e-vouchers are intended to help camp residents meet their food needs and can be redeemed at camp markets.
  - An additional **4,227 refugees** received cash uploads equivalent to the e-voucher transfer value in two container cities established in Hatay and Adiyaman following the 2023 earthquakes. This cash assistance is provided to earthquake-affected refugee households who are not benefiting from any other kind of assistance to help them meet their basic food needs.
  - WFP held a one-day workshop with in-camp e-voucher programme stakeholders, TRC and the Presidency of Migration Management, to discuss the targeting criteria aimed at transitioning from blanket assistance to a more needs-based approach that better identifies and supports the most vulnerable households. Taking stock of WFP's earlier vulnerability survey, stakeholders have agreed on a set of criteria, such as household size and dependency ratio, which are now being validated in the field ahead of implementation.
- WFP continued the recovery projects in partnership with a wide range of partners in the earthquake-affected region to **sustain food security through strategic investments in small food-related businesses**.
  - In Malatya, WFP and its partner Fırat Development Agency started the restoration of five mills damaged in the earthquake as part of the wheat value chain project.
  - In Kahramanmaraş, WFP's Farmer Field School project with FAO was finalized. The participants completed the final module of the dairy farming training and received the final batch of farming

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**Photo Caption:** Burcu from Adiyaman supports her family by selling cow's milk. Through WFP's recovery project with Ipekyolu Development Agency, she gained access to a milk tank, allowing her to store milk longer and spend more time with her children. ©WFP/Sevda Yuzbasioglu

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

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
<b>181 m</b>	<b>123 m</b>
2025 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (July – December 2025)
<b>31.6 m</b>	<b>0.9 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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equipment to help them to put their learning into practice. WFP will monitor the participating farmers to assess the impact of the project on the progress of their business operations.

## Partnerships

- During a two-day mission to Istanbul, WFP Türkiye Country Director met with various private sector companies to explore opportunities for engagement and partnership around emergency preparedness and response and the establishment of a joint humanitarian hub with TRC in Istanbul Airport.

## Monitoring

In June, WFP Türkiye released the [final monitoring report for its livelihoods programme](#), which concluded last year. Between August 2021 and October 2024, the Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) Programme provided vocational training to Syrian refugees and vulnerable members of the host community in several sectors in need of qualified labour force (i.e. manufacturing, hospitality and IT). Graduates were then enrolled in three-months internship in exchange for minimum wage to put their skills into practice. The SES Programme trained 6,764 people (54 percent women and 44 percent refugees). While 95 percent of participants completed the vocational training successfully, the project experienced a dropout rate of 35 percent (40 percent among women and 42 percent among Syrians) due to long waiting periods for internship placement and the 2023 earthquake challenges. The programme successfully achieved its employment targets for both gender and nationality categories, with 49 percent of participants securing employment. 81 percent of the employers of participants were satisfied with the programme but noted the language barriers and work permits as areas requiring improvement. 94 percent of participants reported increased confidence in accessing employment opportunities with their new skills. Finally, participant households reported increased ability to meet essential needs and decreased reliance on negative coping strategies following their enrolment in the programme.

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