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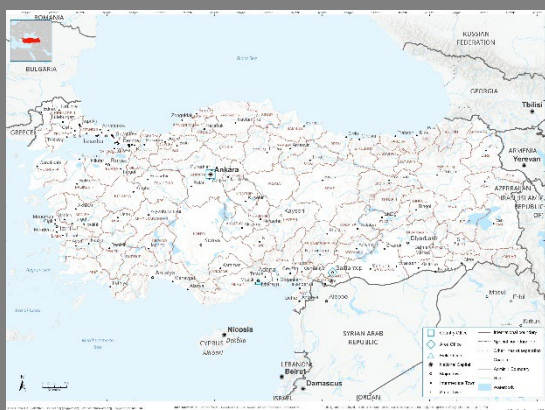
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WFP Türkiye Country Brief August 2025

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



49,895 people received cash and food assistance in August 2025

USD 0.32 m distributed through e-voucher and cash transfers

USD 0.3 m six-month net funding requirements (September 2025 – February 2026)

Operational Updates

- As of 29 August, some 450,169 Syrians have voluntarily returned from Türkiye to Syria since the political transition in late 2024, reflecting a growing trend in returns during the summer months. In response, WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) distribute food to the returnees at the two border gates in Hatay and Kilis while they wait for the completion of their return procedures, to help them meet their immediate food needs. In August, **18,787 Syrian returnees** have been supported at the border gates, receiving each a snack kit with a total caloric value of 1,323 kcal, containing a cheese sandwich, fruit, sesame bar, cereal bar, and water.
- WFP and TRC continued the in-camp e-voucher assistance in refugee camps in the southeast. In August, **26,929 refugees** received monthly transfers of 425 Turkish lira (TRY) (USD 10.3). E-vouchers are intended to help camp residents meet their food needs and can be redeemed at camp markets.
 - An additional **4,179 refugees** received equivalent cash transfers 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.
 - The Presidency of Migration Management (PMM), the government authority responsible for managing refugee camps, announced the start of a downsizing exercise in camps, effective on 1 September 2025. Accordingly, households with special needs will be transferred to Adana camp and continue to live in camp settings. The rest of the camp population, around 18,000 people, who are considered less vulnerable by PMM, will resettle in urban areas.
 - To help ease the transition of the refugees leaving the camps to urban areas, WFP is planning to extend

Photo Caption: Since 2022, Türkiye continues to serve as a strategic hub for WFP's grain reserve and milling operations. In August, a vessel carrying 20,000 mt of wheat departed Odessa for Samsun, where over two-thirds will be milled into flour and dispatched to support WFP's emergency operations in Syria and Gaza. ©WFP/Erdi Yatgin

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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) (September 2025 – February 2026)
31.6 m	0.3 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

the e-voucher assistance for an additional three months. This extension aims to ensure that refugees are not burdened with food expenses when they have to allocate their savings to cover moving costs. The e-vouchers will be redeemable at point-of-sale (POS) machines nationwide and the monthly per-person transfer value will be aligned with the EU-funded Social Safety Net (SSN) Project's transfer value of TRY 500 (USD 12.1), which is designed to meet the needs of refugees living in urban areas.

- 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 Hatay, WFP's partner, World Vision, completed the setup of irrigation and plastic crate facilities to support small businesses producing fresh fruit and vegetables to increase yield and facilitate harvesting. In the meantime, WFP's partner, Dogaka Development Agency, completed the tender process to construct a 1,000 mt cold storage facility to enable farmers to store their produce.
 - In Malatya, WFP and Firat Development Agency partnered to improve the wheat value chain by renovating three mills. Reconstruction and repairs, ranging from building a warehouse to enhancing the electrical system, were finalized in August.

Monitoring

In August, WFP post-distribution monitoring of the cash assistance in container cities showed high performance (over 70 percent) among key indicators (i.e. field staff checking IDs, accurate assistance amount and list, crowd control). The vast majority of beneficiaries—over 90 percent—typically wait between 3 to 7 days after the upload date before redeeming their assistance. They overwhelmingly prefer to withdraw the funds in cash from ATMs rather than using the card for purchases. In terms of access, over three-quarters of beneficiaries find travel time to redeem assistance acceptable, and almost none report issues with queueing. Accountability indicators scored perfectly, with beneficiaries confirming fair selection and accurate transfer values. Satisfaction was higher with the assistance modality than the amount provided. Over 93 percent were aware of their entitlements and redemption details, while awareness of complaint and feedback mechanisms (CFM) and targeting criteria was lower at 60 percent, though over 65 percent knew at least one CFM channel.

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