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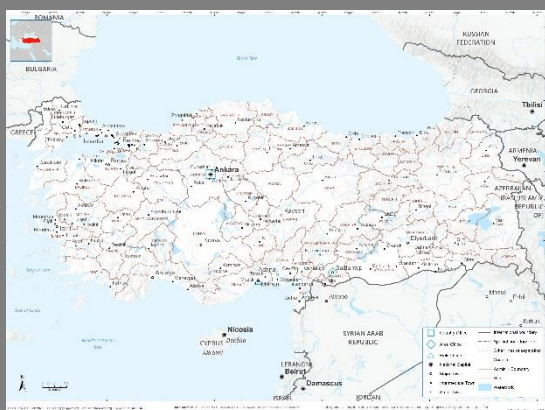


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Operational Context

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 2.7 million people. Around 4,000 of the most vulnerable currently live in 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.



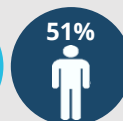
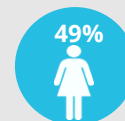
Population: 85.6 million

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



26,893 people received cash and food assistance in September 2025

USD 0.42 m distributed through cash transfers

USD 0.9 m six-month net funding requirements (October 2025 – March 2026)

Operational Updates

- In September, the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM), the Government authority responsible for managing refugee camps, carried out a downsizing exercise in camps aimed at consolidating the most vulnerable refugees in Adana camp and closing the remaining camps. Accordingly, households with special needs are currently being transferred to Adana camp while the rest of the camps population, around 18,000 people considered less vulnerable by PMM, are moving to resettle in urban areas. As of the end of September, two camps in Hatay and one camp in Osmaniye has been closed. Kahramanmaras camp is scheduled to close later as the exercise is taking longer to complete due to the large population of the camp. Elazig camp, hosting Ukrainian refugees, will remain open.
- In September, WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) continued to assist the remaining refugees in Adana, Elazig and Kahramanmaras camps to meet their food needs with monthly e-voucher transfers of Turkish Lira (TRY) 425 (USD 10.3) per person, reaching **3,797 refugees** in September.
- WFP and its NGO partner, the Association for Social Development and Aid Mobilization (ASAM), provided an additional **3,860 refugees** with monthly cash transfers of TRY 425 (USD 10.3) per person 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. As part of the camp downsizing exercise, the Hatay container city was closed at the end of September and the Adiyaman container city is scheduled for closure at the end of October.
- To ease the transition of refugee households to urban areas, WFP will continue the monthly e-voucher cash transfers to refugees leaving the camps and container cities for three months, starting from October.

Photo Caption: WFP Türkiye led a joint UN workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) on 30 September as a first step towards establishing an Inter-Agency Contingency Plan to be fully integrated with the government's national disaster response plan, based on the lessons learned from the 2023 earthquake response. ©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) (October 2025 – March 2026)
31.6 m	0.9 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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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 food needs of refugees living in urban areas. This extension is intended to prevent refugees from bearing food expenses at a time when they need to allocate their limited savings toward relocation costs.

- Prior to the announcement of the camp downsizing exercise, WFP had rolled out the applications for the second round of the voluntary transition project for refugees from Adana camp wishing to leave camp settings to resettle in urban areas. Out of the 1,670 applications received in July, **916 beneficiaries** received one-off cash transfers of TRY 15,000 (USD 364) in September to help families cover relocation costs.
- In September, WFP's border gate food distribution activity with TRC supported **18,320 Syrian returnees** at two border gates in Hatay and Kilis. The activity provides snack kits, containing a cheese sandwich, fruit, sesame bar, cereal bar, and water to returning Syrian refugees to help them meet their immediate food needs while they wait for the completion of their return procedures.

Partnerships

In the margins of the UN General Assembly, WFP Executive Director met with the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs to reaffirm the strong collaboration between WFP and Türkiye. The discussions highlighted Türkiye's strategic role in WFP's food procurement and its contribution to global food security, notably through its recent in-kind donation of 17,000 mt of wheat and cash contribution of USD 1 million to WFP. To further strengthen the partnership, both parties agreed to collaborate on humanitarian diplomacy to ensure access for WFP's live-saving assistance in complex contexts in the Middle East and North Africa.

Monitoring

According to the findings of WFP Quarter 2 post-distribution monitoring report for Ukrainian refugees living in Elazig camp, the proportion of food-insecure households increased significantly from 4 percent to 30 percent compared to the same period last year. Similarly, households relying on some form of consumption-based coping strategies to meet their food needs increased from 19 percent to 63 percent. Meanwhile, 36 percent of households headed by women are food-insecure, compared to 20 of households headed by men. These trends mirror patterns observed in Syrian camps during the first quarter, where persistently high inflation—reaching 35 percent in June—has severely impacted household food access. WFP will continue to advocate with PMM to increase the e-voucher transfer value, especially now that only the most vulnerable refugees remain in camps following the recent downsizing exercise.

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