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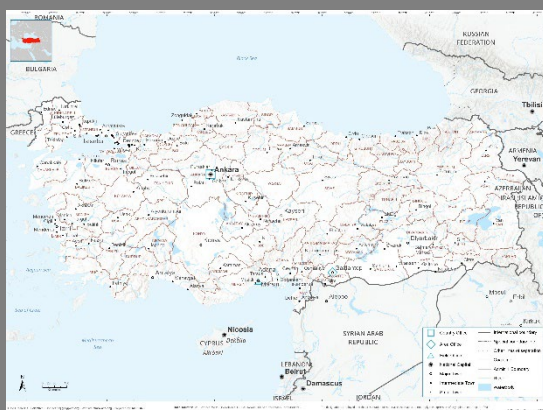
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WFP Türkiye Country Brief October 2025

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 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.



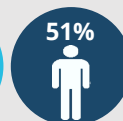
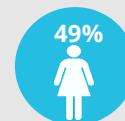
Population: 85.6 million

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



42,597 people received cash and food assistance in October 2025

USD 0.42 m distributed through cash transfers

USD 1.1 m six-month net funding requirements (November 2025 – April 2026)

Operational Updates

- In October, WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) continued to assist 1,699 Syrian and 1,549 Ukrainian refugees in Adana and Elazig camps, that remain open. Each refugee receives monthly e-voucher transfers of Turkish Lira (TRY) 425 (USD 10.1) per person to meet their food needs, reaching **3,248 people** in total.
- An additional **1,542 earthquake-affected refugees** in Adiyaman container city received cash transfers of TRY 500 (USD 11.9) per person. Following the scheduled closure of this container city at the end of October, WFP will assist these refugees for an additional three months to ease their transition to urban areas.
- WFP provided transition assistance to **11,305 refugees** who have recently moved to urban areas after the closure of their camps as part of the Government's camp downsizing exercise. Beneficiaries received TRY 500 (USD 11.9) per person as cash or e-voucher uploads, redeemable at all point-of-sale (POS) machines around the country. The amount of the assistance is aligned with the transfer value of the Government's EU-funded Social Safety Net (SSN) Project, which is designed to meet the food needs of refugees living in urban areas. The transition assistance will continue in November and December to help refugee households cover their food expenses so that they can allocate their spending toward moving costs.
- In October, WFP's voluntary transition project assisted **677 refugees** from Adana camp to resettle in urban areas. Launched prior to the announcement of the camp downsizing exercise in July, the project targeted people intending to voluntarily leave camps settings. In addition to the 916 refugees who left the camp in September, the project reached **1,593 refugees in total** with one-off cash transfers of TRY 15,000 (USD 358) to cover relocation costs.
- WFP's border gate food distribution activity with TRC supported **25,825 Syrian returnees** at two border gates

Photo Caption: Under the Grain from Ukraine initiative, WFP transported 20,000 mt of wheat into Türkiye in September. Following the milling and packaging procedures, the resulting wheat flour was shipped to WFP's operations in Palestine and Syria. ©WFP/Photo library

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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) (November 2025 – April 2026)
31.6 m	1.1 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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in Hatay and Kilis in October. The activity provides snack kits to returning Syrian refugees to help them meet their immediate food needs while they wait for the completion of their return procedures.

- WFP continued implementing its earthquake recovery projects to strengthen the local food sector resilience in the areas affected by the 2023 earthquakes.
 - **In Hatay**, the construction of the 1,000 mt cold storage facility continued in October. This facility will be used by local farmers to store fresh food and vegetables following the harvest, enabling them to store their products for longer to get better market value.
 - **In Malatya**, four mills supported under WFP's wheat value chain project, received seed cleaning machines, enabling better flour and seed quality, reducing reliance on external sources for planting new crops.
 - **In Kahramanmaraş**, WFP also enrolled the staff of six cooperatives and two associations operating in the dairy and livestock sectors in training sessions to enhance their business operations. These entities will also receive essential assets for institutional capacity development.

Partnerships

On 21 October, WFP Türkiye held a World Food Day event jointly with the embassy of Slovenia in Türkiye to showcase WFP supply chain operations in Türkiye to promote resilient and sustainable food systems in times of crises. Held at Baskent University's Gastronomy Department, the event brought together the ambassadors of Slovenia, Ukraine, Senegal and Sudan, representing all parties involved in the Grain from Ukraine Initiative, including donor and recipient countries. High-level representatives of FAO, WHO, Turkish Red Crescent and Turkish Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Agriculture were also present. The event featured a panel where participants enjoyed grain-based dishes, freshly prepared on site by renowned chefs from Türkiye and Slovenia. The panel aimed to raise awareness on the importance of grain and inspire action to ensure access to healthy food for all.

Monitoring

According to WFP outcome monitoring report of the Kahramanmaraş dairy value chain project with FAO in October, food security among the households of farmers enrolled in the project declined. The percentage of food-secure households dropped to 32 percent from 48 percent at the start of the project. In parallel, the average share of food expenditure rose from 36 percent to 45 percent, reflecting the ongoing deterioration in purchasing power driven by high inflation. However, all beneficiaries maintained acceptable food consumption levels throughout the 15-month project duration. Finally, 72 percent of farmers reported increased income and profit margins, and all beneficiaries confirmed easier access to markets for milk and dairy products.

Donors

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