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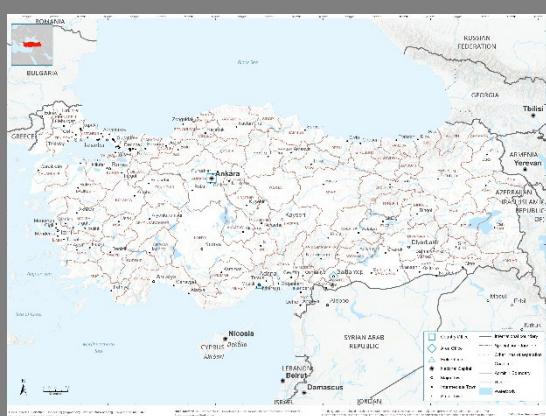


WFP Türkiye
Country Brief
December 2025

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 2.3 million people. Around 5,500 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 \(CSP 2023-2026\)](#) 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



39,169 people received cash and food assistance in December 2025

USD 0.3 m distributed through cash transfers

USD 2.1 m six-month net funding requirements (January – June 2026)

Operational Updates

- In December, WFP's border gate food distribution with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) supported **20,400 Syrian returnees** at two border gates in Hatay and Kilis. Since January 2025, returning Syrian refugees have been provided with one-off snack kits to help meet their immediate food needs while they wait for their return procedures to be completed at the border.
- WFP provided cash transfers of TRY 1,000 (USD 23.3) per person to **7,279 earthquake-affected refugees** who have recently relocated to cities following the closure of the container cities in Hatay and Adiyaman as part of the Government's camp downsizing exercise. The transfer value was determined considering the heightened vulnerability of refugees, driven by limited economic opportunities and the high cost of living in the earthquake-affected provinces.
- An additional **7,982 refugees** who have recently moved to urban areas after the closure of their camps received transition assistance of TRY 500 (USD 11.7) per person as e-voucher uploads. This short-term support was designed to help them meet basic food needs, allowing them to allocate more of their own resources toward relocation-related expenses. The assistance was provided over a three-month period starting in October and concluded in December.
- WFP and TRC continued to assist 1,952 Syrian and 1,556 Ukrainian refugees in Adana and Elazig camps that remain open. Each refugee receives monthly e-voucher transfer of Turkish Lira (TRY) 425 (USD 9.9) per person to meet their food needs, reaching **3,508 people** in total. Beginning in January 2026, the transfer value will increase to TRY 1,050 (USD 24.4) in line with the EU-funded Complementary Social Safety Net provided by the Government of Türkiye to assist the most vulnerable refugees. The e-vouchers can be redeemed at all point-of-sale (POS) machines, including at camp markets.
- WFP continued implementing its earthquake recovery

Photo Caption: Since 2022, WFP has been transporting wheat into Türkiye to process and repackage it for life-saving operations worldwide. In December, the vessel Gloria unloaded 20,000 mt of Ukrainian wheat at the port of Samsun. Once milled, the resulting flour will be shipped to Palestine and Syria, where it will help feed families in need. ©WFP/Erdi Yatgin

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WFP Country Strategy



Country Strategic Plan (January 2023 – June 2026)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
181 m	123 m
2026 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (January-June 2026)
16.1 m (until June 2026)	2.1 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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projects to strengthen the local food sector resilience in the areas affected by the 2023 earthquakes.

- In **Kahramanmaraş**, the dairy value chain scale-up project with the Association for Aid and Social Solidarity (YSYD) has begun asset distribution, with four of the targeted 30 farmers already receiving productive assets. Through partner-led support, 42 business development plans have been completed, providing farmers with veterinary guidance and business-capacity advice. In addition, 45 households have undergone protection screening to identify needs that may fall beyond the scope of the project.
- In **Adiyaman**, plans are underway to establish two machinery hubs under the chickpea-lentil value chain project in partnership with the İpekyolu Development Agency. The Directorate of Agriculture has completed the procurement, awaiting the Ministry's approval for tender publication. Ten staff are under recruitment to operate the hubs, creating new livelihood opportunities for local communities.

Partnerships

- WFP Türkiye delivered a presentation on emergencies food management in Ozyegin University, covering topics such as early warning, stock management and menu planning to ensure scalable and adaptable meals in different crisis scenarios. WFP plans to partner with Ozyegin University to organize a workshop on private sector engagement in emergency preparedness, as well as a training on hot meals distribution in emergencies, which may expand WFP's volunteer base for future operations.

Monitoring

- In December, WFP Türkiye published the Q3 Post Distribution Monitoring Report, measuring the impact of the e-voucher assistance in camps, with data collected before and during the camp downsizing exercise. The findings show persistent vulnerability among assisted households. One in four households was food insecure and a further 73 percent were at risk of food insecurity. While 96 percent of households reported an acceptable food consumption score, 2.5 percent of female households fell into the poor consumption category. Wage labour was the primary source of income source for 80 percent of the households, while 84 percent reported e-voucher assistance as their second source of income, highlighting a high dependence on assistance.
- In terms of coping strategies, households reported a slight decrease in borrowing food and in reducing adult consumption to prioritize children. However, more households indicated cutting meal portion sizes and reducing the number of daily meals. As for long-term coping behaviours, the number of households resorting to livelihood coping strategies increased by 18 percent compared to last year.

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