



WFP TÜRKİYE

COUNTRY BRIEF
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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP Türkiye established a supply chain office in Mersin to support Syria and Gaza operations, manage prepositioned Emergency Preparedness Trust Fund stocks, and provide readiness capacity for Türkiye's own emergencies or spillover crises from neighbouring countries.
- WFP more than doubled the e-voucher transfer value to TRY 1,050 (USD 24.3), covering up to 60 percent of the food basket cost for in-camp refugees households facing vulnerabilities that constrain their ability to work.

IN NUMBERS



40,692 people assisted with cash and food assistance in January 2026



51%
Male



49%
Female



USD 2.9M (February – July 2026) net funding requirements

Photo Caption & Credit: Over the past 15 years, the port of Mersin has become a critical humanitarian logistics hub, facilitating more than 15 million mt of aid to 30 countries since 2010, including 80 percent of shipments to Syria. WFP operates a Strategic Stock Hub in Mersin with the Turkish Red Crescent to quickly dispatch food commodities to nearby emergencies. ©WFP/Gonenc Inal Ciftci

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- The Republic of Türkiye is an upper-middle-income country with well-established institutions, infrastructure and public services. Although Türkiye has made progress in reducing poverty and improving food and nutrition security, challenges persist. High inflation, rapid currency depreciation and loss of purchasing power have compounded humanitarian needs.
- The impact of macroeconomic volatility is felt more severely in the areas affected by the 2023 earthquakes. The hardest hit provinces are home to over 40 percent of Türkiye's refugee population who remain in need of assistance.
- Even after the political transition in Syria, Türkiye continues to host 2.5 million refugees, the majority of whom are Syrian. While most reside within host communities across the country, approximately 5,500 of the most vulnerable continue to reside in government-run camps.
- Refugee households face increasing strain owing to rising food costs and often adopt negative coping strategies. Households headed by women and those with persons with disabilities are disproportionately affected due to limited opportunities to work.
- WFP Türkiye's [Country Strategic Plan](#) (2023-2026) aims to assist vulnerable refugees to meet their food needs and provide capacity support to local institutions in earthquake-affected provinces to revitalize food value chains through strategic investments. WFP also provides enabling services to humanitarian and development partners.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Refugees border food distribution

- In January, WFP's border gates food distribution with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) supported 19,482 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 them meet their immediate food needs while they wait for their return procedures to be completed at the border.

Cash-for-food support to earthquake-affected refugees in urban areas

- WFP Türkiye partnered with Support to Life, a local NGO, to extend its existing cash-for-food assistance to an additional 10,000 vulnerable earthquake-affected refugees living in urban areas, along with the 7,000 refugees who moved from the container cities to urban areas.
- In this respect, in January, WFP provided cash transfers of TRY 1,000 (USD 23.2) per person to 17,534 beneficiaries. The assistance is intended to help families meet their nutritional needs through local markets and support them in covering part of the increased living costs, particularly during the winter months when livelihood opportunities in the earthquake-affected region remain limited.

E-voucher assistance to in-camp refugees

- WFP and TRC continued the e-voucher assistance to 2,142 Syrian and 1,534 Ukrainian refugees in Adana and Elazig camps to help meet their food needs, reaching 3,676 people in total. WFP increased the transfer value per person per month from TRY 425 (USD 9.8) to TRY 1,050 (USD 24.3) 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.

Earthquake recovery support

- WFP continued implementing its earthquake recovery projects to strengthen the local food sector resilience in the areas affected by the 2023 earthquakes.
- Under the wheat value chain, the machinery hub in **Malatya** will be fully functional once weather conditions improve and the agricultural season begins. In parallel, 11 farmer capacity-building training sessions were conducted in coordination

with the District Directorate of Agriculture, covering the district center and ten rural villages, with a total of 149 participants. Field assessments and consultations identified gaps in cultural pest and disease management practices in wheat cultivation. In response, a targeted training module on "Cultural Practices in Wheat Production" was developed and delivered since October 2025, benefiting 40 farmers to date.

- Construction of a 1,000 mt cold storage facility in **Hatay**, implemented in collaboration with the Yayladağı Municipality, is ongoing. Works experienced temporary pauses due to adverse weather conditions, with completion expected by the end of March.

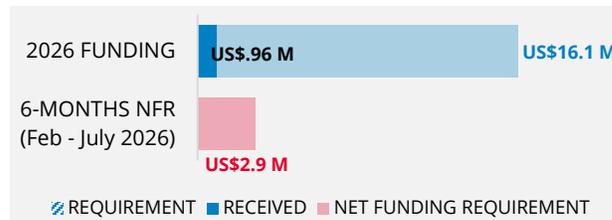
Story from the field



After years of displacement, loss, and hardship, 29-year-old Fatma has struggled to provide even the most basic foods for her three children. For years, her e-voucher could only stretch to oil, rice, and pasta, leaving no room for small joys or the nutritional variety she herself desperately needed. The higher assistance amount has had a tangible impact on her household's daily life: for the first time in years, Fatma was able to buy her children a simple treat and started nourishing herself with foods she had long been forced to forgo because of cost. She was even able to set aside a portion of her balance to buy chicken for Iftar in Ramadan—an act that restores a sense of normalcy and dignity after profound trauma.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2026)



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