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COUNTRY BRIEF

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Following vulnerability assessment by the Presidency of Migration Management, WFP expanded its in-camp e-voucher assistance to 81 Syrian refugees residing in Islahiye, Gaziantep, identified as eligible for assistance. This camp temporarily hosts refugee households who relocated after their previous camps were closed last year as part of the Government's camp downsizing exercise.

IN NUMBERS



38,650 people assisted with cash and food assistance in February 2026



51%
Male



49%
Female



USD 3M (March – August 2026) net funding requirements

Photo Caption & Credit: Müfide, 64, from the earthquake-affected province of Hatay got her small food business back on track thanks to WFP and its partner World Vision's support. The various food processing equipment she received helped her surpass pre-earthquake levels of production and even join major trade fairs to sell her products. ©WFP/Feride Yildirim

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, persisting high inflation, rapid currency depreciation and loss of purchasing power have compounded humanitarian needs, with the impact most severe in the 2023 earthquake-affected provinces that host over 40 percent of Türkiye's refugee population.
- Even after the political transition in Syria, Türkiye continues to host 2.5 million refugees, mostly Syrians. While most live within host communities, about 5,500 of the most vulnerable remain 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.
- Current regional escalation and shipping disruptions are increasing economic pressure on the country, raising oil and input costs, while freight, insurance, and container shortages slow logistics and delay deliveries.
- 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 February, WFP's border gates food distribution with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) supported 17,320 Syrian returnees at two border gates in Hatay and Kilis. The assistance supports returnees in meeting their immediate food needs while they complete border return procedures, ensuring they have sufficient provisions for the onward journey.

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

- In February, WFP and its partner, Support to Life, provided cash transfers of TRY 1,000 (USD 22.9) per person to 17,569 earthquake-affected refugees living in urban areas. The assistance helps families access nutritious food through local markets and offsets part of the rising living expenses, particularly during winter, as livelihood opportunities in the earthquake-affected areas remain scarce.

E-voucher assistance to in-camp refugees

- WFP and TRC continued the e-voucher assistance to 2,229 Syrian and 1,532 Ukrainian refugees in Adana, Elazig and Gaziantep (Islahiye) camps to help meet their food needs, reaching 3,761 people in total. Beneficiaries received TRY 1,050 (USD 24) per person monthly 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's dairy and livestock value chain activities continued during the month, strengthening the capacities of farmers and sector institutions. As of February 2026, 26 smallholder farmers in Kahramanmaras received assets such as milking machines, waterers, feeders, and butter churns, based on their business development plans prepared with support from WFP's partner's YSYD's veterinarians. These assets aim to improve productivity, hygiene, and efficiency in milk extraction while reducing physical workload. On-site technical guidance was also provided on proper use,

maintenance, hygiene, occupational safety, and animal health.

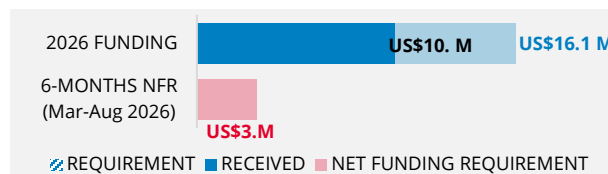
- In parallel, 52 farmers were trained in collaboration with the Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry at the Kahramanmaraş Metropolitan Municipality. The sessions covered animal welfare, health, hygiene, infectious diseases, feeding practices, and milking hygiene.
- Additionally, one animal-feed analysis device - quickly measuring the nutritional content of animal feed to help farmers improve livestock feeding and productivity - was delivered to the Elbistan District Red Meat Producers Association in Kahramanmaras. Installation and operational preparations began, including sample procedures and veterinarian-led evaluations. More small-scale farmers are showing interest to join the associations, especially those seeking support on feeding and productivity.

Monitoring

According to WFP Türkiye's 2025 Q4 post-distribution monitoring in Elazig camp hosting Ukrainian refugees, food-insecure households remained at 20 percent, with 76 percent vulnerable to food insecurity. Households headed by women were more likely to be food insecure. However, all households showed acceptable food consumption and relied less on consumption- and livelihood-based coping strategies, although a higher share of household budgets was spent on food. Most families relied on informal support from relatives abroad (51 percent) or labour income (44 percent). E-voucher uploads remained a key secondary income source for 84 percent of households. All beneficiaries reported being treated respectfully, with dignity and facing no barriers in accessing assistance.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2026)



Donors

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