



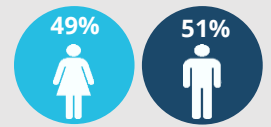
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WFP Türkiye
Country Brief
July 2022

In Numbers



46,855 people assisted in July 2022

US\$ 387,570 distributed through value vouchers

US\$ 70,747 distributed through vocational and on-the-job trainings (estimated)

US\$ 4.8 m six-month net funding requirements (August 2022 – January 2023)

Operational Context

Türkiye hosts the highest number of refugees in the world, 4 million people, of which 3.7 million are from Syria. Around 49,000 refugees reside in seven camps located in the country's south-east, while the majority live in cities and villages throughout the country. The Government of Türkiye has demonstrated leadership and generosity in providing for the needs of these people. Since June 2014, a temporary protection regime has granted Syrian refugees access to basic services such as healthcare and education. Refugees of other countries continue to benefit from International Protection status. WFP re-established a presence in Türkiye in 2012, in response to the Syria crisis.

WFP Türkiye's [Interim Country Strategic Plan \(ICSP 2020-2022\)](#) seeks to build on WFP's partnership with the Government of Türkiye and other stakeholders to contribute to refugee households' ability to meet their basic needs, ensuring no vulnerable refugee is left behind. Considering the protracted refugee presence in Türkiye, the ICSP includes longer-term activities including direct engagement in resilience programming that creates opportunities for refugees and host communities alike. The current ICSP has been extended to the end of 2022. The CSP (2023-2025) is under development and will be reviewed during the November 2022 Executive Board.



Population of Türkiye: 84.7 million

Poverty Rate: 28.7 percent living below the national poverty line (TUIK)

Income Level: **Upper middle**

2020 Human Development Index: **54 out of 189**

Operational Updates

- In July, 43,084 refugees living in six camps across south-eastern Türkiye received monthly assistance. Each refugee household received Turkish Lira (TRY) 150 (USD 7) per person. This assistance helps refugees meet their food and non-food needs. WFP also extended its assistance to 931 irregular migrants who are temporarily hosted in camps for registration.
- Following the eruption of the Ukrainian crisis, the Government allowed Ukrainians to enter the country and housed those with no shelters in dormitories in the provinces of Bursa, Tekirdag, Kırklareli, Edirne, and Eskişehir, as well as in a temporary accommodation centre in Elazığ. In July, WFP visited a camp located in the province of Elazığ housing 1,320 Ukrainian refugees. In the upcoming months, the camp will host an additional 1,500 Ukrainian refugees, including those from other cities, who will be assisted by WFP and its partner, the Turkish Red Crescent through cash-based transfers (e-vouchers). Earlier this month, the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) sent an official letter to WFP seeking feedback on potential areas of support for the Ukrainian refugees newly arriving in Türkiye.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of National Education (MoNE) and the Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR), the Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) Programme continued in 15 provinces (Adana, Ankara, Bursa, Gaziantep, Hatay, Istanbul, Izmir, Kahramanmaraş, Kayseri, Kocaeli, Konya, Mardin, Mersin, Sanliurfa and Sivas) to enhance the self-reliance of refugees and Turkish nationals. In July, 588 participants, 61 percent of whom were female, pursued vocational and applied training in chef assistant, food packaging, information technology, store attendant, housekeeping, and other skills. WFP also signed new field level agreements with the Izmir Chamber of Commerce, Education and Health Foundation (IZTO) and the first organized Industrial Zone of Ankara Chamber of Commerce.

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Photo Caption: SES chef assistant training participants working in a team to come up with a delicious meal during the vocational training in Adana. WFP/Sinan Yildiz

Interim Country Strategic Plan

(2020-2022)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
250 m	209 m
2022 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (August 2022 – January 2023)
32 m	4.8 m

Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

Strategic Outcome #1: Enhance partnerships to support refugees and vulnerable populations, affected by prolonged refugee presence in Türkiye to equitably access basic needs assistance and labour market opportunities.

Focus area: Resilience Building

[WFP Türkiye 2021 Annual Country Report](#) **New**

- WFP resumed the Network Fresh Project ('As Ortagam' in Turkish) launched by Istanbul's Sisli Municipality for another three months following the implementation of a joint pilot project between July and December 2021. The project aims to reduce food waste by collecting surplus meals from participating businesses and distributing them to vulnerable refugees and host communities. Through the project, 8,396 meals donated by 17 businesses were delivered to 25 families, reaching 125 beneficiaries in July. The ownership of the project will be completely handed over to Sisli Municipality in September 2022.
- In partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), in July, WFP started to conduct a supply chain analysis of the Turkish wheat sector. The analysis will examine both internal market instabilities and external challenges such as COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of the Ukrainian crisis on the sector. WFP and FAO plan to complete the analysis by December 2022.
- WFP continued to advance the investment case for MoNE school meals programme. WFP complemented and triangulated quantitative data using the qualitative data collected from teachers, parents, local MoNE staff and school administrators. The programme currently targets 1.5 million school children at all levels during the current school year. WFP will provide technical support to widen the programme's scope at the primary school level.

Monitoring

- Given that Türkiye depends on imported energy, the continuous devaluation of the Turkish Lira and the global increase in oil prices pushed the annual inflation and food inflation rates up to reach 79 and 94 percent respectively in June 2022. The price of oil per litre doubled to TRY 28 (USD 2) in Q2 2022 compared to last year, leading to an increase in the production costs by 138 percent and inflicting an impact on food prices.
- According to Q2 2022 In-Camp Price Market Monitoring (PMM) findings, the food basket cost in contracted markets increased from TRY 353 (USD 20) to TRY 424 (USD 24) between March and June 2022. The preliminary findings of the PMM showed that the prices of sugar and dairy products (i.e. cheese and yoghurt) had increased steeply while the contracted markets in the camps also had difficulty in keeping enough sugar in their stocks. The costs of all food items in the food basket increased in Q2 2022 compared to Q1 except eggs, tomatoes and cucumbers.
- The Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) in Türkiye reached TRY 925 (USD 53) as of April 2022 according to the latest available data from the Turkish Statistical Institute. Considering the inflation rates released in May and June, the cost of the MEB is expected to reach TRY 986 (USD 59) in June 2022.
- Preliminary findings of the Q2 2022 livelihoods monitoring report on the SES Programme showed a high satisfaction of the respondents with the training and programme components as well as the instructors' performance exceeding 80 percent whereas their satisfaction level with the mobile application was 72 percent. Moreover, applied training participants were more likely to cover their expenses with cash assistance they receive during the programme compared to vocational training participants; 20 percent of the applied training participants and 8 percent of vocational training participants reported that the assistance covered their needs mostly or completely. Around 78 percent of the respondents expressed confidence in finding a job, compared to 72 percent in Q4 2021.



Photo Caption: Abdurrahman from Syria and Kubra from Türkiye attending applied training together in Adana. WFP/Sinan Yildiz

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