

TURKEY: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - MARCH

FOOD SECURITY



129 million meals provided through WFP/TRC e-Food Card Programme since 2012.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

In March, WFP uploaded US\$4.9 million onto the e-food cards, reaching 140,097 beneficiaries.

WFP participated in the newly formed price market monitoring committee in Kahramanmaraş camp along with TRC, AFAD, shop owners and camp representatives. Market monitoring committees will be instituted in all camps where the e-Food Card Programme is operational.

WFP completed the assessment of four camps: Malatya, Akcakale, Nusaybin and Viransehir. Based on assessment findings, WFP with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) will expand to Midyat camp at the beginning of April. Expanding to Midyat increases the caseload by approximately 3,300 beneficiaries per month, thereby providing food assistance to a total of just under 145,000 beneficiaries per month through the WFP/TRC e-Food Card Programme.

The programme in Ceylanpinar pilots the new cost-sharing mechanism whereby WFP provides 60 Turkish Liras per person per month on the WFP/TRC e-Food Card and AFAD provides 20 Turkish Liras for food allowance on their e-Card. Further expansion of the e-Food Card Programme is anticipated in April, 2014.

As of February, 2014 WFP has invested approximately US\$246 million in the Turkish economy since the beginning of the programme in October 2012; not only through the e-Food Card Programme which totals US\$58.9 million direct transfer to beneficiaries, but also through the extensive procurement of commodities in support of global operations. WFP has procured commodities worth approximately US\$187.1 million in Turkey since October 2012. Approximately 60 percent of all procurement has gone directly to support WFP operations in Syria and the region.

To support the e-Food Card Programme, UNHCR has provided refugees with stoves, fridges and kitchensets in order to be able to cook their own meals.



Ceylanpinar Camp e-Food Card Launch/WFP 2014

The Government of Turkey takes the lead role for determining and implementing assistance provided to Syrian refugees, through the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD). AFAD reports spending 2.5 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Provision of food assistance in camps (and if requested by the Government to vulnerable Syrians outside of camps) is considered to be a key priority of the response, as it is life-saving and prevents immediate risk of harm to health.

The entire population living in camps is expected to be vulnerable and will be assisted with a monthly ration of 80 Turkish Liras per person from WFP and GoT. In addition, assistance will be extended to some of the most vulnerable Syrians, living outside of camps in Turkey, with a pilot programme, if requested by Government. This population will be selected based on need and only households that are highly vulnerable to food insecurity will be targeted.

Key intervention areas include:

- Provision of assistance to the full estimated camp population of 300,000 refugees during 2014 with the existing modality of electronic food card assistance.
- Provision of food assistance for vulnerable Syrians living outside of camps in Turkey through a mechanism to be worked out between GoT and WFP.
- Through collaboration between GoT and FAO, implementation of a micro-gardening project, with the objective of improving refugees' diet through a holistic approach that takes into account production, preparation and composition of nutritious food.

Status of food assistance in refugee camps in S-E Turkey



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PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

