



16 camps (out of 22) implement a joint WFP/TRC e-Food Card Programme.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

WFP/TRC officially expanded the e-Food Card Programme to Midyat camp in Mardin, bringing the total number of camps implementing the joint programme to 16, with a total beneficiary caseload receiving food assistance in camps of over 140,000 Syrians.

The programme in Midyat 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 cost-sharing modality of the e-Food Card Programme is planned for May.

By the end of April 2014, WFP had invested approximately US\$ 63.7 million in the Turkish economy since the beginning of the programme in October 2012 through the e-Food Card Programme. In April alone, direct transfers to beneficiaries' e-Food cards in refugee camps amounted to about US\$ 5,423,570.

Throughout April, WFP welcomed various dignitaries to camps in Turkey to witness the e-Food Card Programme in action. Notable visits included: HE M Richard Moore, the British Ambassador to Turkey; the German President, Joachim Gauck and a large group of French parliamentarians.



Refugee camp food shop in Sanliurfa-Harran/UNHCR 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 3 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

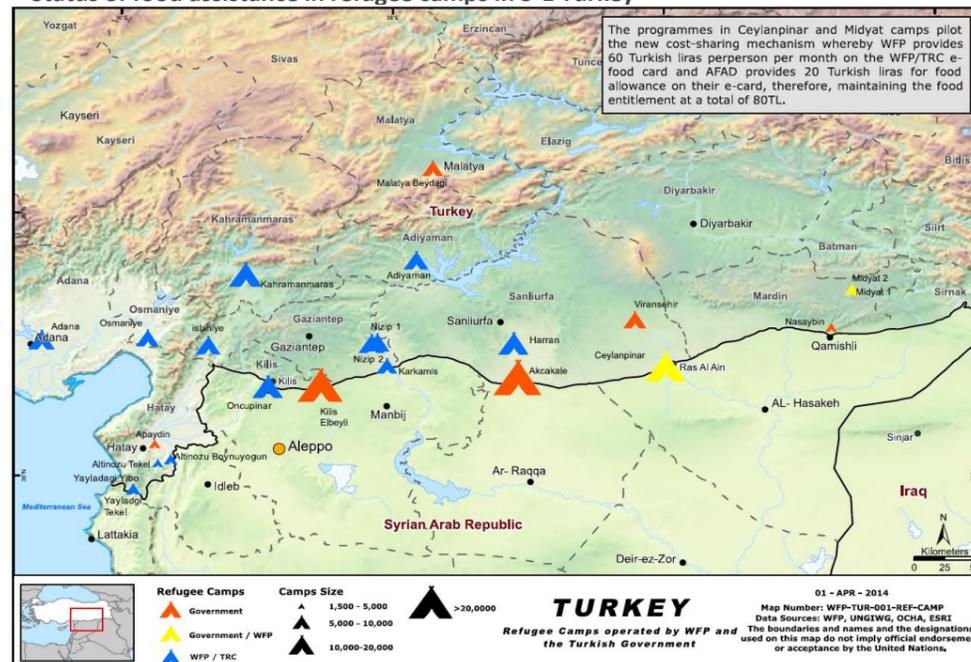
Provision of food assistance in camps (and if requested by the Government to vulnerable Syrians outside of camps) is considered to be a key priority of the response, as it is life-saving and prevents immediate risk of harm to health.

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:



Targets based on expected population of 1,000,000 Syrian refugees in Turkey by end-2014. There are currently 735,864 registered refugees in Turkey.