



The GoT officially requested WFP to expand its programme to cover non-camp populations.

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

In December, WFP and Turkish Red Crescent e-food card programme reached 219,813 beneficiaries in camps, which is supplemented by the AFAD e-card programme. Moreover, WFP provided support to TRC hot meal provision in Suruc. The kitchen is providing on average 637,000 meals monthly and reaching approximately 15,100 people.

In late 2014, the Government of Turkey officially requested WFP to expand its programme to cover the most vulnerable non-camp refugees in Hatay, Sanliurfa, Gaziantep and Kilis. WFP, in coordination with the Food Security Working Group, has developed preliminary vulnerability criteria and continues to work with food security actors for harmonized, streamlined criteria. Assessment of shops in urban centres for non-camp programming is ongoing.

During December, IOM continued to support the soup kitchen run by the municipality in Gaziantep. The food kitchen supports 737 Syrian households (around 4,000 persons) living in urban areas in Gaziantep with one meal per day.



A Syrian refugee family is having a lunch in Boynuyogun camp in Hatay. Syrian refugees can buy food with their WFP/ Turkish Red Crescent's e-food card and cook traditional Syrian meals. 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 over 4 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

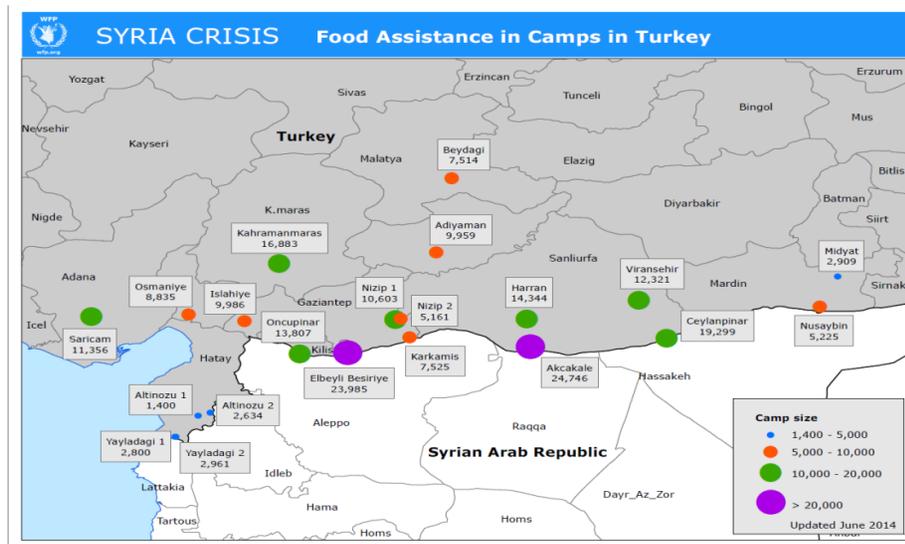
Provision of food assistance in camps (and if requested by the Government to vulnerable Syrians outside of camps) is considered to be a key priority of the response, as it is life-saving and prevents immediate risk of harm to health.

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.

* Needs analysis are based on the RRP6 analysis made at the end of 2013.



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Targets based on expected population of 1,000,000 Syrian refugees in Turkey by end-2014. Currently (as end of December), there are 1,522,839 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey.



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