



NARRATIVE

General Overview

In 2018, Food Security & Agriculture sector partners supported more than 166,410 people - either Syrians under temporary protection or members of host communities - with food and agricultural assistance.

More than 144,950 living in temporary accommodation centres across the Southeast of Turkey in Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, and Hatay in particular, received monthly or other regular food assistance through various modalities such as vouchers, e-cards, and in kind support. Food assistance was also provided to another 21,460 people living in host communities, including both regular and seasonal support such as Ramadan-related assistance.

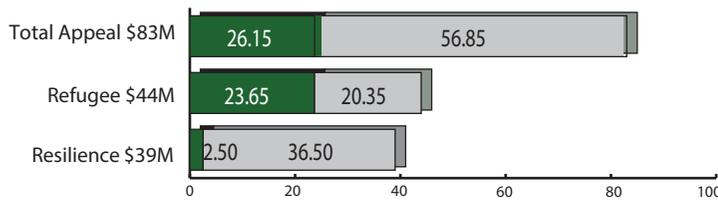
During 2018, the sector also provided targeted agricultural support to 2,030 Syrians under temporary protection and members from host communities. The majority of this support was provided in the Southeast provinces which have the highest concentration of both agriculture market needs and Syrians under temporary protection. Such assistance has incorporated support for host communities in order to strengthen social cohesion.

In order to improve nutrition as well as prevent chronic diseases, sector partners supported various trainings on nutrition to improve popular understanding of the fundamentals of nutrition and healthy diet.

During 2018, sector partners worked towards ensuring both increased employability and increased income as a result of having a formal job or other income generation for Syrians under temporary protection and vulnerable members of host communities. Responding to high demand for agricultural labour, sector partners supported vocational training relevant covering the most marketable agriculture-related skills. To enhance employment opportunities in the agriculture sector, partners organized awareness sessions on the regulations for work permit exemption, as well as six job fair events aimed at linking qualified Syrian refugee and vulnerable host communities with potential employees. These platforms brought together the private sector, government entities and targeted beneficiaries to exchange market information and enhance employability.

Challenges

Limited funding for the sector's resilience-related agriculture activities (only 4% of funding requested was actually received) impacted the ability of the sector's partners to achieve its targets for agricultural livelihoods during 2018.

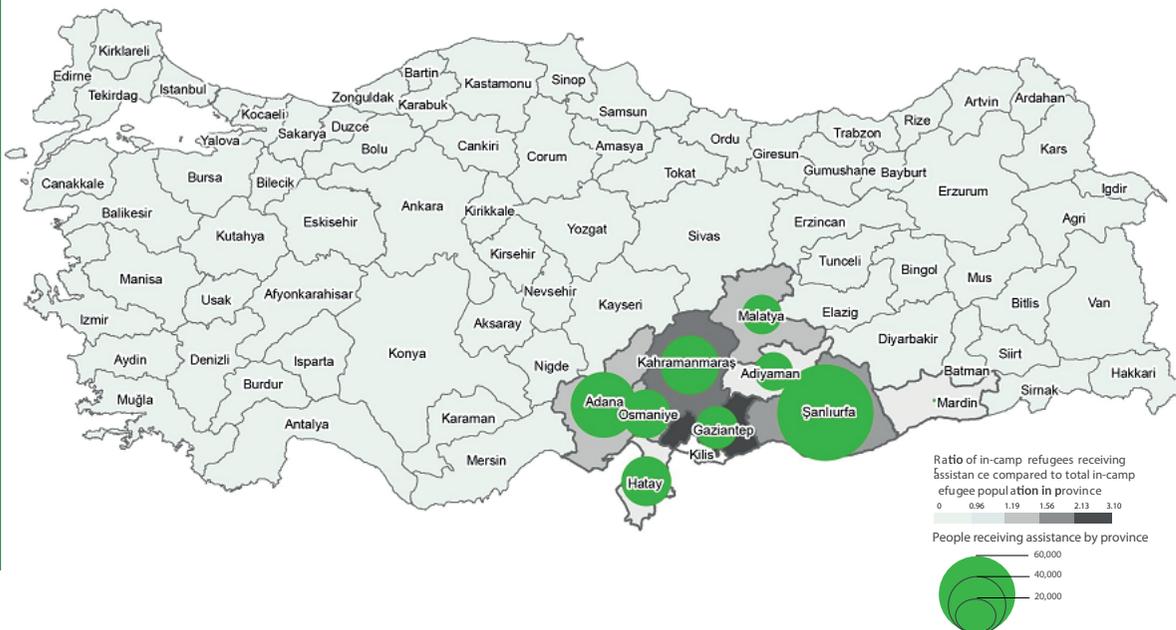


Only five organizations out of sixteen appealing under the sector were able to secure funding in 2018, thus affecting the implementing rate under the resilience component of 3RP.

Without more predictable funding, sector partners are unable to build resilience which in turn increases the likelihood of refugees utilising harmful coping mechanisms such as begging, forced migration in search of jobs, sale of productive assets or withdrawing children from school. This could have an irreversible negative impact on household food security, nutrition and livelihoods all of which contribute to providing a dignified protection environment for refugees.

In 2018, sector leads FAO and WFP with the sector partners agreed to transfer the coordination of food assistance and related activities to the Basic Needs sector from January 2019. This shift will help improve coordination of assistance in meeting immediate needs under the basic needs sector while allowing the Food Security & Agricultural Sector to focus on building resilience through promotion of food security, nutrition and access to agriculture livelihoods opportunities. FAO will remain as the sector lead.

COUNTRY COVERAGE



KEY FIGURES



ACHIEVEMENTS

3RP

	Reached / Targeted	% Achieved
Number of Syrian refugees receiving food assistance in Temporary Accommodation Centers (TACs)	144,953 150,000	97%
Number of Syrian refugees receiving food assistance within Host Communities	21,460 35,000	61%
Number of Syrian refugees provided with the inputs, tools and knowledge to establish micro-gardens	14 6,730	0.2%
Number of Syrian refugees benefiting from access to income-generating opportunities through green-house construction and/or management	415 21,350	2%
Number of Syrian refugees benefitting from agriculture-related vocational skills training and/or job placements	2,162 11,174	19%
Number of Syrian refugees and affected members of host communities benefiting from climate smart agricultural technologies (e.g. small-scale powered irrigation units)	458 250	183%
Number of actors (individuals) provided with training and technical support to bolster general or sector specific capacities	85 100	85%



REPORTING PARTNERS



Data reflected on this dashboard represents FSA sector achievements for the period January to December 2018 as reported by sector partners. This dashboard does not reflect non-3RP partner inputs and does not account for any overlap.