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## WFP Türkiye

Country Brief  
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### Operational Context

Türkiye hosts the highest number of refugees in the world, 4 million people, of which 3.7 million are from Syria. Around 51,000 refugees reside in 7 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 Syrians 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**

2019 Human Development Index: **54  
out of 189**

### In Numbers



**46,257 people assisted** in June 2022

**US\$ 386.685,79** distributed through value vouchers

**US\$ 80,944** distributed through vocational and on-the-job trainings (estimated)

**US\$ 6.1 m** six-month net funding requirements  
(July 2022 – December 2022)

### Operational Updates

- In June, 42,264 refugees living in six temporary accommodation centres located across south-eastern Türkiye received monthly assistance of Turkish Lira (TRY) 150 (USD 9) per person in the e-voucher programme co-implemented by WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent. This assistance helps refugees meet their food and non-food needs.
- 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). In June, 594 refugees pursued either vocational or applied training. SES includes a wide array of trainings such as chef assistant, housekeeping, information technology, computer numerically-controlled (CNC) operator, and barista. The programme aims to enhance self-reliance of the refugees and host communities by facilitating their transit to the labour market.
- In June, WFP signed field level agreements with the Chambers of Industry of Adana, Ankara and Gaziantep as well as Mersin Chamber of Industry and Commerce and Istanbul Chamber of Commerce to start piloting SES Programme vocational trainings in the manufacturing sector in response to the labour market demand. As such, WFP is expected to reach 190 participants.
- In June, WFP Türkiye signed a Field Level Agreement with Sisli municipality in Istanbul to resume support to the Network Fresh Project, 'As Ortayim' in Turkish, following the implementation of a joint pilot project from July to December 2021 which assisted 324 beneficiaries (72 families) with 19,503 meals donated by 22 businesses. WFP will resume support from July until September 2022 to ensure the sustainability of the project before the ownership of the project is completely handed over to

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**Photo Caption:** CNC operator training participants during the SES programme vocational training in the province of Hatay.  
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## Interim Country Strategic Plan (2020-2022)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
<b>250 m</b>	<b>208 m</b>
2022 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (July 2022 – December 2022)
<b>32 m</b>	<b>6.1 m</b>

**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

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the municipality. The Network Fresh Project is a project that addresses food waste by collecting surplus meals from participating businesses and distributing them to vulnerable refugees and members of the host communities.

- The investment case for scaling up MoNE school meal programme kickstarted following the visit of a school feeding expert from WFP Headquarters last month. Qualitative data was collected from teachers, parents, local MoNE staff and school administrators to complement and triangulate quantitative data. The existing programme targets around 1.5 million school children at all levels during the current school year. WFP will provide technical support to widen its scope at the primary school level.

## Monitoring

- The Q1 2022 post-distribution monitoring report showed an increase of 98 percent in the acceptable level of food consumption among in-camp refugees, since Q1 2021. It also revealed a greater improvement in the food consumption score among female-headed households (by 4.3 percent) than male-headed households (by 0.5 percent) during the same period. Moreover, The overall dietary diversity score slightly improved among female-headed households, compared to Q1 2021 (from 6.6 to 6.7 days), while male-headed households tended to have a relatively more diverse diet in all food groups during both years. However, beneficiary households struggle to consume meat groups, nuts, vegetables and fruits mainly because they can't afford these items or dislike some meat groups such as fish and organ meat.

Participation of women in decision-making on the use of the monthly assistance, either together with men or independently, is as high as 92 percent.

## Events

- A series of events were organized in June to launch partnerships between WFP and many chambers of commerce/industry across Türkiye to implement and diversify the SES programme trainings. On 8 June, a formal launch event was organized at Istanbul Chamber of Commerce and on 22 June two launch events took place in Mersin and Adana Chambers.

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