TURKEY: RRP5 Update - September 2013

FOOD SECTOR

TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5

300,000
Syrian refugees to be assisted by December 2013

2,000
Syrian families access free, fresh and healthy food

120
Staff of public and private service providers, and male and female beneficiary farmers trained

111.6 M
USD required

NEEDS

Due to the continued increase in the number of Syrians seeking protection in Turkey, and the increasing cost of providing food assistance, the Government requested the expansion of assistance via the Electronic Food Card (an e-voucher modality) to all registered Syrians in all camps (an estimated camp population of 300,000 Syrians by the end of 2013).

OBJECTIVES

- Support the Food Security of registered vulnerable Syrians in Turkey through appropriate, cost efficient food assistance in camps and if requested by the Government to vulnerable Syrians outside of camps.
- Protect livelihoods by preventing the depletion of financial assets amongst vulnerable Syrians.
- Generate positive economic impacts on local host communities through food assistance that supports local purchases and businesses.
- Support to "micro-gardening" initiatives for improved food nutrition and income generation in selected Syrian refugee camps in Turkey
- Restoration of the agricultural livelihoods of rural communities hosting Syrian refugees through the provision of short-term subsidies for key agricultural inputs and capacity development in good agricultural practices.

ACTION/OUTPUTS

- Food assistance provided to Syrians in camps.
- Food assistance provided via Electronic Food Card, or other means, to vulnerable Syrians outside camps upon request from the Government.
- Enhanced nutritional status and income-generation capacity of impoverished Syrian refugees through support to "micro-gardening" initiatives in selected refugee camps.
- Restoration of the agricultural livelihoods of rural communities hosting Syrians .

KEY DEVELOPMENTS, MONITORING & PLANNING

The Government of Turkey (GoT) sets and implements food policies for Syrian refugees. 116,026 Syrians are now supported with e-food cards in 14 camps.

Within September, WFP has provided assistance worth US$ 4.74 million through the e-voucher system, which is also a direct investment into the local economy.

Through the funding of the e-voucher assistance, an estimated 10.5 million meals were prepared during September.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

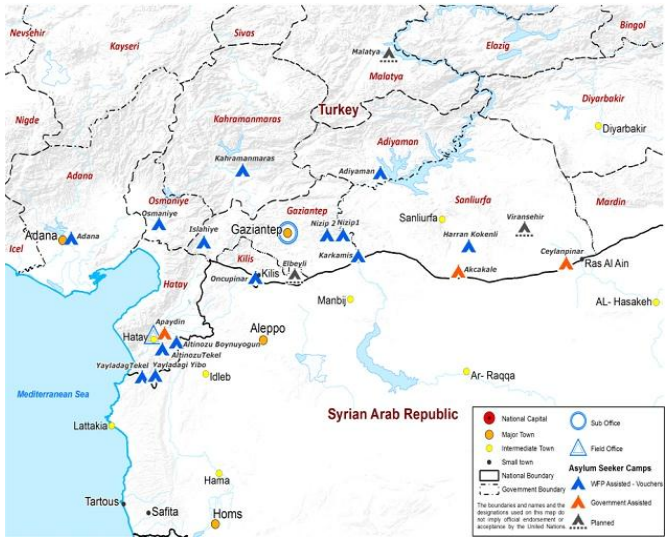
(September figures in brackets)

116,026 (2,734 in September) benficiaries assisted through e-food cards

US$ 24.9 million (US$ 4.74 million in September) food assistance provided via e-cards

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 2 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.

FOOD RESPONSE



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