

TURKEY: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - JANUARY

FOOD SECURITY



370,000 non-camp Syrian refugees yet to be provided with food assistance.

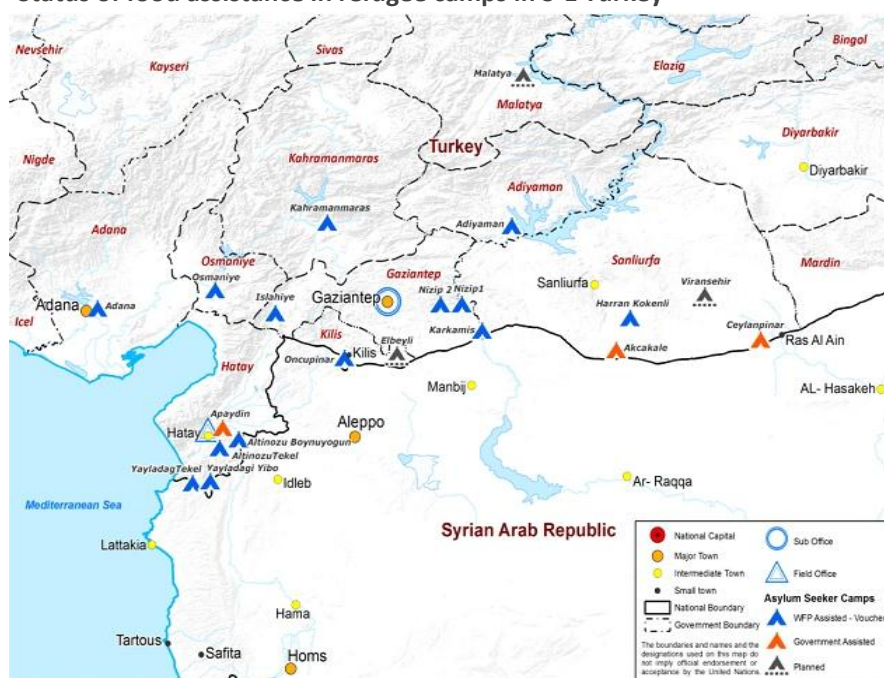
JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

Through its e-Food Card programme with Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), WFP is currently reaching 120,000 Syrians in 14 of the 22 camps in Turkey. In early February, WFP will fully expand to Ceylanpinar camp and cover an additional 20,5000 beneficiaries. The Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has given formal permission for WFP to expand the e-Food Card programme to all existing camps hosting Syrians in Turkey. In line with the agreement reached, the food entitlement costs will be shared between WFP and AFAD, with WFP contributing 60 Turkish Liras to the TRC/WFP e-Food Card and AFAD uploading 20 Turkish Liras to the AFAD e-card for food purchases, (US\$30 and US\$10 respectively), per beneficiary per month. To support the e-Food Card Programme, UNHCR has provided all refugees with stoves, fridges and kitchensets in order to be able to cook their own meals.

With the Turkish Lira weakening against the US Dollar during the reporting period, the rising exchange rate continues to fuel inflation and commodity prices throughout the country, including in camps. To address anticipated beneficiary feedback regarding insufficient allotments of food, WFP will scale up its efforts at price monitoring in all camps. During the reporting period, procurement totalled just over US\$22.3 million.

WFP Turkey will face a shortfall in March 2014 for the Syrian operation amounting to US\$9.3 million. To support the programme which is projected to reach 300,000 beneficiaries in April 2014, the total monthly requirement is approximately US\$ 11 million. As a result, the ration is planned to be reduced to US\$30 starting from April within all camps. The expansion plan takes into consideration both funding and readiness of present and prospective camps to institute the program. The total operational shortfall in 2014 is approximately US\$ 95m.

Status of food assistance in refugee camps in S-E Turkey



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 2.5 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

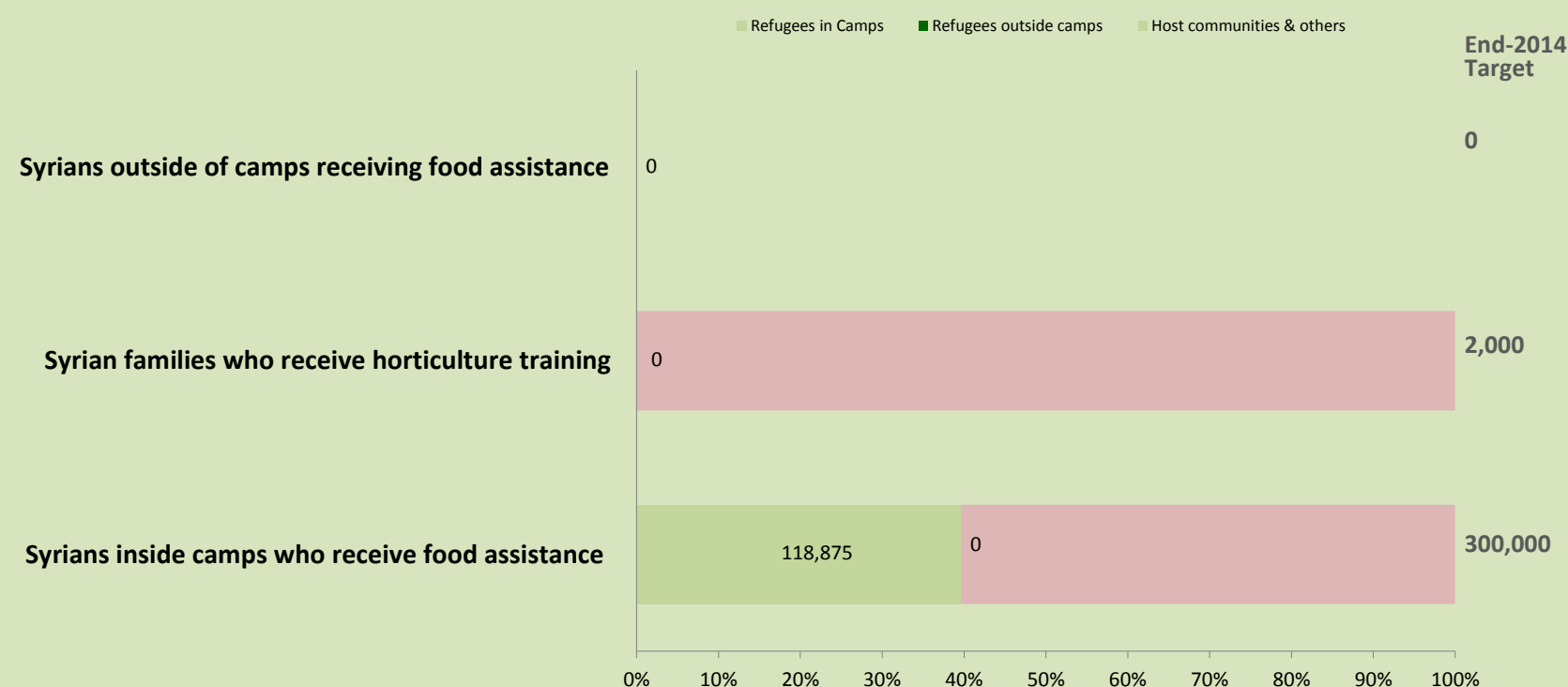
Provision of food assistance in camps (and if requested by the Government to vulnerable Syrians outside of camps) is considered to be a key priority of the response, as it is life-saving and prevents immediate risk of harm to health.

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.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Targets based on expected population of 1,000,000 Syrian refugees in Turkey by end-2014. There are currently 580,756 refugees in Turkey.



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