TURKEY FOOD SECURITY & AGRICULTURE SECTOR









NARRATIVE

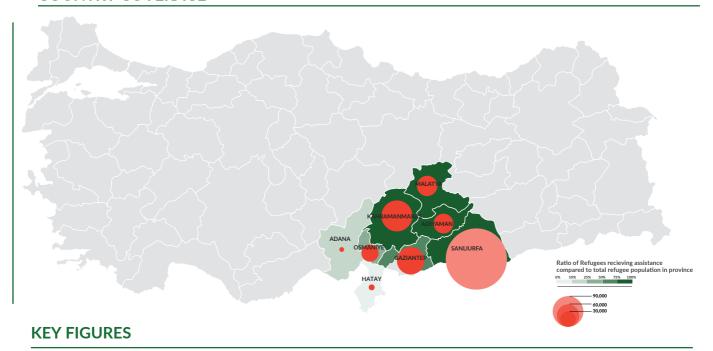
At the beginning of 2017, the WFP-led Food Security Working Group was expanded to include the Agriculture sector. To support discussions within the newly-reconstituted forum, FAO was brought on board as the group's co-coordinator.

For almost all refugee households in Turkey, the primary source of food is market purchase. Food insecurity among refugees therefore results, principally, from an inability to access sufficient food, or the right foods, due to their lack of purchasing power. This considered, FSA actors in Turkey have sought to address food insecurity among refugees through e-voucher and other restricted cash programming and, between 01 January and 30 June 2017 alone, either direct food assistance or multi-purpose basic needs assistance which can also be spent on food was extended to 142,436 on-camp and 24,622 off-camp refugees in this manner.

It has long been recognized that agriculture-related programming carries significant and, arguably, underutilized potential to promote food security and livelihoods among Syrian refugees and host communities in Turkey. FSA partners are thus focused on sharing information on challenges and good practices identified through pilot agriculture activities, including micro-gardening greenhouse projects and small-scale farming initiatives. Alongside market assessments to analyze employment opportunities in the agriculture sector, partners are also rolling out and seeking to expand vocational training, including on-the-job training, to refugees in Turkey.

Efforts over the coming quarter will focus on continuing to improve situational awareness and further exploring potential synergies between the FSAWG and the Protection and Livelihoods sectors.

COUNTRY COVERAGE



167,058 Total FS&A Beneficiaries Total number of Organizations Reported

44 M USD Funding Gap

ACHIEVEMENTS

Approximately 167,058 Syrian men, women, boys and girls received assistance which covered food and other basic needs between 01 January and the end of June;

Projects to promote access to agricultural livelihoods are under expansion;

Reached / Targeted

3RP

167,058 523,750

32%

FAO DATA Missing