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Operational Context

Türkiye hosts the highest number of refugees in the world, four million people, of whom 3.6 million are from Syria and 322,000 from other nationalities. Around 45,000 refugees reside in seven 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 Syrian refugees 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 new CSP (2023-2025) will be presented during the November 2022 Executive Board.



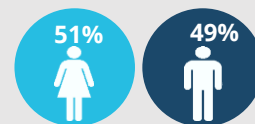
Population: 84.7 million

Poverty Rate: 28.7% living below the national poverty line (TUIK)

Income Level: Upper middle

Human Development Index 2021: 48 out of 191

In Numbers



51,869 people assisted in September 2022

US\$ 352,128 distributed through value vouchers

US\$ 247,720 distributed through vocational and on-the-job trainings (estimated)

US\$ 5.3 m six-month net funding requirements (October 2022 - March 2023)

Operational Updates

- WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent continued the e-voucher programme in seven temporary accommodation centres (TAC) across south-eastern Türkiye. In September, 45,949 refugees received monthly assistance of Turkish Lira (TRY) 150 (US\$ 8) per person, amounting to US\$ 352,128 in total. Beneficiaries include 2,440 Ukrainian refugees accommodated in the TAC in Elazig and around 240 Syrian refugees, awaiting registration, assisted through prepaid cards.
- In September, 658 participants pursued vocational and applied training in 14 provinces as part of the Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) Programme. WFP offered diverse trainings throughout the month which included accounting, furniture and wood work, kitchen staff, butchery, metal sheet processing, and textile, among others. In addition, during the month, a new barista training programme was introduced in response to a growing demand for professional baristas in the employment market.
- The SES programme facilitated the employment of 582 individuals thus far. Hence, the overall employment rate among SES participants is around 39 percent. This programme is implemented in partnership with the Ministry of National Education, the Turkish Employment Agency and many Chambers of Commerce and Industry. It aims to build the capacities of refugees and host communities to match the demand in the labour market.
- WFP signed a Field Level Agreement (FLA) with the Sanliurfa Chamber of Commerce and Industry to co-implement vocational training in the manufacturing sector in the southern province as part of the SES programme. This is the ninth FLA signed with different Chambers of Commerce and Industry across the country, including Chambers in main cities such as Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir.

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Photo Caption: Yasemin, an Iraqi CNC furniture and woodwork vocational training participant in Ankara, focused on the task assigned by the instructor. Photo: WFP/Caglar Sari

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2020-2022)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
250 m	209 m
2022 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (October 2022 – March 2023)
32 m	5.3 m

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

[WFP Türkiye 2021 Annual Country Report](#) **New**

- Under the Network Fresh Project (As Ortagam in Turkish), WFP and Sisli Municipality in Istanbul delivered 4,531 meals donated by 19 businesses to 744 beneficiaries in September. WFP resumed its support to Sisli Municipality in the implementation of this project in July 2022 following a successful pilot phase between July and December 2021. The project aims to collect surplus meals from participating businesses and distribute them to vulnerable households. The ownership of the project will be completely handed over to the municipality at the end of the month.
- WFP continued to advance the cost benefit analysis for the Ministry of National Education's (MoNE) school meals programme. WFP has collected quantitative data from the Ministry and will complement it with qualitative data collected from teachers, parents, local MoNE staff and school administrators. Findings will be shared with MoNE on 20 October. The school meals programme currently targets 1.5 million school children at all levels.

In light of the deteriorating economic situation in Türkiye, WFP and its partners initiated a needs assessment in the camps where the e-voucher programme is implemented to assess the adequacy of assistance to the current needs. The assessment will feed into reviewing the voucher transfer value and will inform the beneficiaries targeting to identify the most vulnerable and ensure they meet their basic food and nutrition needs. While data collection is planned for the period of 26 September to 18 November, data analysis and preliminary findings will be finalized on 9 December.

Monitoring

In tandem with the declining economic conditions in Türkiye, inflation reached its peak over the last 2 years, resulting into a reduction of the Coping Strategy Index (CSI) and the acceptable food consumption rates in six TACs housing around 43,000 Syrian refugees. Preliminary findings of WFP's Q3 2022 Post Distribution Monitoring survey revealed that refugee households are eating less and resorting to more negative coping strategies to manage their food security. The percentage of people with an acceptable food consumption decreased from 99 percent in Q3 2021 to 95 percent in Q3 2022. Similarly, the CSI decreased from 12 to 13 over the same period.

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