

TURKEY: RRP5 Update - August 2013

FOOD



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 million

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 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 of 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. 113,292 Syrians are now supported with e-food cards in 14 camps. US\$4.7 million worth distributed through e-food card in August, which is a direct investment into the local economy. An estimated 10.5 million meals funded by the value distributed through the e-food cards during August.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



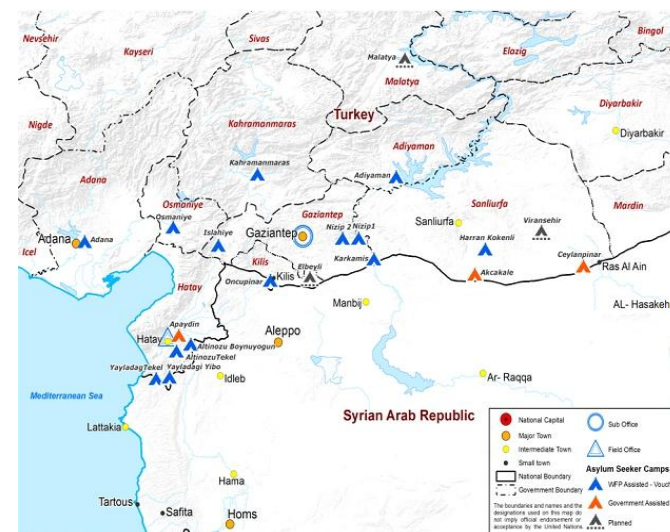
113,292 beneficiaries assisted through e-food cards



US\$20.2 million (US\$4.7 million in August) food assistance distributed 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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