



World Food Programme

# WFP Turkey

## Livelihoods Situational Report September 2021



### Highlights

- Under the **Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES)** Programme, **298 participants** continued Store Attendant and Chef Assistant vocational training (VT), **26 participants** graduated from Store Attendant VT and **181 participants** started Housekeeping, Advanced Level and Entry Level IT VT.
- **208 out of 597 Kitchen of Hope (Mutfakta Umud Var/MUV)** Project VT graduates are working as chef assistants, yielding **35 percent employment rate**.
- **920 hot meals** have been provided via **Network Fresh**.

PROJECT	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS*	AVERAGE HH SIZE	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES*
MUV	597 (total certified)	4.8	≈ 2861 (total assisted)
EMPACT	112 (total certified)	3.8	≈ 426 (total assisted)
SES	505	4.8	≈ 2424
NETWORK FRESH	12	2.9	35
SOUP KITCHEN	600	1	600
URBAN AGRICULTURE	20	4.8	≈ 96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1845</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6442</b>

\*Cumulative



**754 participants certified** through Vocational Trainings



**450 participants graduated from** On-the-Job Trainings (OJT)



**257 participants reached long-term employment**

## Socioeconomic Empowerment and Sustainability (SES) Programme

"SES is the continuation of MUV and EMPACT with extended training programmes on Chef Assistant, Store Attendant, Housekeeping, Food Packaging and Information Technologies in 13 provinces across Turkey. SES will be implemented between 2021 and 2024."

### Store Attendant

- **161 participants** continued Store Attendant VT in six provinces (Adana, Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Mersin and Sanliurfa).
- **26 participants** completed Store Attendant training in Hatay.
- WFP reached out to over **100 private sector companies** to increase OJT training opportunities.

### Chef Assistant

- **137 participants** continued Chef Assistant VT in five provinces (Bursa, Kahramanmaraş, Kayseri, Kocaeli and Konya).

### Housekeeping

- VT started in September with **16 participants** and continued with **13 participants** in Mardin.

## Food Packaging

- **3,539 applications** were received for Food Packaging training in eight provinces (Adana, Gaziantep, Hatay, Mersin, Istanbul, Izmir, Sanliurfa and Ankara).

## Information Technologies (IT)

- **Advanced Level IT trainings** started with **122 participants** in Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir and Mersin.
- **Entry Level IT Trainings** started with **46 participants** in Istanbul.

## EMPACT: Empowerment in Action

"EMPACT aims to equip Syrians under Temporary Protection and Turkish citizens aged between 18 and 35 with digital skills through vocational and technical trainings. The project's pilot was implemented in Istanbul in 2020-2021."

- Impact Global Survey for EMPACT has been completed with the participation of **73 beneficiaries**.
- **EMPACT graduates** will be monitored for **six months** to track their employment status.

## Network Fresh (As Ortagim)

*"The project aims to reduce foodwaste by collecting daily unsold food items and distributing them to vulnerable people."*

- The official launch event of the Network Fresh Project took place on 8 September in Istanbul's Sisli district with the participation of the mayor, consul generals, prominent food business representatives, representatives of the public and private sectors, UN agencies, chefs, etc.



- In September, **920 meals** were distributed to **12 families (35 beneficiaries)**, increasing from **362** in July 2021.
- **Four businesses** are currently providing surplus meals under Network Fresh. However, 64 new businesses agreed on becoming active donation points following the launch event and the intensive outreach activities conducted throughout September.
- WFP partnered with **Fazla Gida app** to develop a mobile application and track food donations.

## Urban Agriculture

*"The project aims to enhance the resilience of Syrians under Temporary Protection and Turkish citizens by creating long-term employment in agriculture sector".*

- **20 female participants (10 Syrians, 10 Turkish)** completed OJT in September.
- BUTKOOP cooperative continued to sell the okra grown and harvested under this project. The income generated from okra sales covers the salaries of the participants, packaging, transportation, license and other logistical costs.

## Kitchen of Hope (MUV) now under SES

*"MUV provided Syrians under Temporary Protection and Turkish citizens with six-month vocational and on-the-job trainings on culinary arts. MUV was implemented in nine provinces across Turkey between 2019 and 2021. "*

- **392 participants from three cohorts** successfully completed both VT and OJT.
- **208** out of **597 VT certified participants** in nine provinces (Adana, Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Kilis, Mardin, Mersin, Hatay and Sanliurfa) attained long-term employment, yielding an **employment rate of 35 percent**.
- **MUV graduates** will be monitored for **six months** to track their employment status.
- Chef assistant trainings will be delivered under SES going forward.

## Soup Kitchen

*"A COVID-19 response project implemented by WFP to support the Municipal Soup Kitchens with equipment and food supply to provide daily meals to people who are unable to access food."*

- WFP Soup Kitchen assistance has started in July 2020 with eight local municipalities. The assistance continues with Istanbul Sultangazi Municipality, reaching **600 vulnerable refugees** and **Turkish nationals**.

## October Outlook

- **Store Attendant VT** will be completed in Adana, Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Mersin and Sanliurfa.
- Food packaging applicants' shortlisting, interview and registration processes will be finalized.
- **Advanced Level IT trainings** will start in Hatay and **Entry Level IT Trainings** will start in Ankara, Hatay, Izmir and Mersin.
- WFP field teams continue to meet with **Chambers of Commerce and/or Industry** to increase collaborations with the private sector.

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