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Our Recent Activities

Disaster Scholarship / Füsun Sayek Scholarship Fund

• We are providing scholarships to higher education students whose families or themselves reside in the disaster area and who are affected by the earthquake. The scholarship fund was established to support students with limited financial means, preferably studying in medical faculties. The total number of scholarship recipients now stands at **100 students**.

Weaving Lives - Heritage Textiles Workshops and Craft Workshops for Women

• We have established a weaving workshop in the Uluçınar neighbourhood of Arsuz, where a total of **40 women will be trained in weaving the heritage textiles of Hatay** and sericulture, starting March 2024. The project is co-funded by Support Foundation for Civil Society (Sivil Toplum için Destek Vakfı) and Turkey Mozaik Foundation. In addition to the Weaving Workshop, we are in the process of establishing a Craft Workshop where women will be taught various handicrafts.

Arsuz Culture & Community Center

• We are working on projects that will provide **long-term support to our earthquake-affected community, especially women and children**. We have established a community center for children, women and families in Arsuz with a program of cultural and educational activities such as workshops, classes, events, counseling, expert seminars. The center in the Uluçınar Neighborhood includes a Children's Container, a Women's Workshop, a Classroom, an open space where cultural activities take place and a Library. The project is realized with the support of Turkish Philanthropy Funds and designed in consultation with Bilkent University Department of Architecture.

Water Treatment Plants

• We have built two Water Treatment Plants in the garden of Uluçınar Primary School and Çetillik Primary / Secondary School in the Arsuz district of Hatay, each of which will meet **the daily water needs of at least 200 families**. The project is realized with the support of Turkish Philanthropy Funds.

Arsuz School Donations

• In coordination with Uluçınar Primary School Directorate, bags, education sets and one-year stationery lists of Kindergarten students, one-year stationery lists of 1st grade students and English Story Book Sets of 2nd grade students were provided.
• We provided 4 desktop computers and 4 air conditioner units to Uluçınar Primary School.
• A photocopier machine was donated to Arpaçiftlik Primary School in line with their needs.
• School uniforms were provided to students in need at Çetillik Primary School. We have also constructed the garden shading system of the school.

Arsuz Gözcüler and Expo Container City Sports Fields

• We sponsored two volleyball courts to be built in the Container Cities in the Gözcüler Neighborhood of Arsuz and in the Expo Area Container City.

Winter Coat Donations

• With the donation campaign we organized for New Year, 40 winter coats were presented to children in need, supplied by local vendors in Arsuz.

Earthquake Student Support Fund

• There were over 1650 applications for the Student Earthquake Support, which was granted to higher education students in the disaster zone and who are affected by the earthquake. With the contributions of many of our donors, we increased the Earthquake Support from 250 students to 616 students.

Arsuz Without Barriers

• 120 adult wheelchairs, 10 children's wheelchairs, 30 pairs of canadian crutches, 30 walkers were delivered to the World Federation without Barriers (Engelsiz Dünya Federasyonu, Arsuz). We continue to work in line with the needs of people with disabilities.



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Trauma Education & Emergency Pedagogy

- We organized a Teacher Empowerment Training Program for teachers working in schools in 38 neighborhoods of Arsuz, Hatay. The program took place online in 4 modules including Trauma Education, Communication with Students after the Earthquake, Self-Care on March 9-10-11, 2023.
- We collaborated to organize an Emergency Pedagogy activity week for the children in the Arsuz Gözcüler Container City between 3 - 7 July 2023, with Friends of Education Art Association - Waldorf Initiative Istanbul; the umbrella organization in Turkey carrying out Waldorf Pedagogy studies with its international education partners since 2009.

Children's Activities

- We continue to organize workshops for children aged 5-16 with volunteer trainers and child development experts.
- We organized the Arsuz Children's Festival in cooperation with Arsuz Municipality and Şişli Municipality on April 23, 2023 National Sovereignty and Children's Day.
- Semester Festival in February 2024: we organized painting workshops, creative drama activities, fairy tale workshops and "Birds of Hatay" themed workshops for children.

Shelter & Food & Hygiene & Supplies

- We continue to work in cooperation with Arsuz Municipality and Şişli Municipality Social Support Services Directorate to deliver various products purchased through donations made to our association and sent as in-kind aid to those in need.
- We distributed **2250 food parcels, 190 tents, 360 heaters, 200 wood stoves**; purchased through donations made to our association. We have coordinated, sorted and distributed different needs such as tents, sleeping bags, hygiene materials, clothes, food, water, heaters, portable toilets, generators donated by individuals and institutions.
- Women's Market Project: We distributed 3000 hygiene kits to women in Arsuz rural areas and tent cities, Serinyol, Defne and Samandağ.
- Village Laundry Project: We are building 6 laundries at tent cities and rural areas of Arsuz, with the support of Arçelik and in collaboration with Arsuz Municipality.
- We distributed 500 food parcels that we purchased with the grant support of Kahramanmaraş Earthquake Small Support Fund, which was implemented by the Support Foundation for Civil Society (Sivil Toplum için Destek Vakfı) and Mozaik Foundation as part of the 3rd and final cohort of the Small Grants Program, given to 11 NGO's active in the field.

Field Kitchens

- We have provided a total of 2000 hot meals a day at the Arsuz Field Kitchen from February 2023 to June 2023, which we established in cooperation with Şişli Municipality.
- With the support of Iskenderun Chamber of Shipping and Antalya Chamber of Shipping, 1000 hot meals were sent to the Madenli region every day from the kitchen ship established in Hado Madenli Port during the week following the earthquake.
- We have provided Field Kitchens in Samandağ and Defne with dry goods and food staples.

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