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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. Arsuz Weaving Workshop was established as a part of the **Weaving Lives** project.

The training on traditional wooden looms, carried out in cooperation with Arsuz Public Education Center, started with linen weaving and will continue with silk weaving and different techniques. 26 women are currently receiving training.

• In addition to the Weaving Workshop, we also started sewing and embroidery training at the Women's Workshop in Arsuz Culture & Community Center. 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.

• To celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Republic and October 29th Republic Day, we distributed books on Nutuk, Atatürk and the Republic to the students of Uluçınar Primary School, Arpaçiftlik İsmet Okan Primary School and Çetillik Primary School in Arsuz.

#### 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.

#### Children's Activities

• We continue to organize free workshops for children aged 5-16 with our volunteers and child development experts.

• Music and Art Therapy Workshop was held on May 16, 2024 with pianist, composer, soprano and music & art therapist Renan Koen. The workshop was based on the healing power of music and art. The workshop was carried out in two parts: a therapeutic work involving art therapy and "Making Your Own Musical Instrument" with everyday materials.

• A Body Awareness Workshop led by Serap Kart Tümkaya took place on April 28, 2024 at Arsuz Culture and Community Center.



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- On 23 January - 3 February 2024, we organized a **Semester Festival** at Arsuz Culture and Community Center. The program included Art Workshops, Birds of Hatay Workshop, Nostalgic Play Day, Fairy Tale Workshop with Songs, Story of Our Emotions and Nature Awareness themed Creative Drama Workshops and the first meeting of Arsuz Children's Choir.
- Şeker Theater's play **Snow White and the Adventures of Little Red Riding Hood** was staged at Arsuz Culture and Community Center on November 11, 2023.
- On April 23, 2023, the **Arsuz Children's Festival**, organized in cooperation with Arsuz Municipality and Şişli Municipality, included a film screening; a concert by the music group Aylaklar; and various workshops such as painting, kite painting, and stone painting.

**Women's Workshops**

- **Practical Sewing Workshop with Singer** was held on April 17, 2024 at Arsuz Life Center. Approximately 30 women attended our free workshop and learned sewing techniques on household machines.
- Our first creative drama workshop in our Women's Workshops series took place on February 7, 2024. The workshop with the theme "**Mothers and Daughters**" was conducted by Psychological Counselor Melek Öztürk Turan and Creative Drama Leader Güllüzar Oktay.

**Cultural Events**

- On the first anniversary of the February 2023 earthquakes, baritone Faik Mansuroğlu and pianist Kenan Tatlıcı took the stage at the Nazım Hikmet Cultural Center at the Memorial Concert we organized on February 10, 2024 to commemorate those we lost, to share our grief and to heal together.

**Arsuz Book Club**

- Our book club, which meets every month at Arsuz Culture and Community Center, has become a platform where book lovers explore different perspectives and share their thoughts since its establishment.

**Healthcare Sessions**

- On March 2, 2024, a seminar on Earthquake and Child Psychology was held at Arsuz Culture and Community Center with Psychological Counselor Melek Öztürk Turan.
- Aiming to raise awareness about breastfeeding, the screening of Canadian director Noemi Weis' documentary "Milk" about birth and breastfeeding was held on February 2, 2024 at Nazım Hikmet Cultural Center in Arsuz in cooperation with Arsuz Municipality and Temas Breastfeeding and Breast Milk Volunteers Association. Along with the film screening, there was a presentation and conversation on "Infant Nutrition in Disaster Situations" with the participation of International Breastfeeding Consultant and La Leche League Leader Charlotte Codron and Dr. Yasemen Canöz Karaca from TEMAS Association.

**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.
- Arsuz Culture and Community Center hosted "Our Angels" exhibition during the Disability Week. The painting exhibition, where each of the students of the Private Gökmeşan Special Education and Rehabilitation Center painted angels, took place on May 15, 2024.

**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.



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**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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