

# Support for Working Children

HRDF designed and provided an orientation and information program for primary school inspectors and administrators, teachers and families in areas where high levels of child labor are persistent in Istanbul. The program aimed at increasing awareness on the problem of working children and generating greater support for them within the formal education system. A research was conducted and several seminars and school activities were organized under this project to promote “International Program on the Elimination of Child Labour” of which HRDF was a participant since 1994. The research results were published and discussed at a 5-day meeting in 2005 with the participation of 205 primary education inspectors. The results of the discussion were published as a book titled “Working Children / Information Seminar for Primary School Inspectors” and distributed.

## Objective

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Under the framework of International Program on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), to inform primary education inspectors and teachers in schools located in regions where there is child labor, about the problems of working children.

## Date of Implementation

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1994-1995

## Funding Organization

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International Labor Organization (ILO)





# Post Earthquake Programs in Gölcük

Right after 1999 Marmara Earthquake, HRDF experts arrived at the region and launched several support programs that continued for years.

Initial activities of HRDF right after the earthquake included:

**Health Services:** Clinical and outpatient treatment services were supported.

**Psychological counseling and rehabilitation services:** A full time psychologist was recruited to provide counseling to the victims of earthquake.

**Wreck Removal Activities:** Support was provided to the rescue teams in Gölcük and Kaynaşlı during wreck removal.

**Education Support:** Students who were in need of financial support to continue their education were identified and personal donors were found for each student. HRDF mediated this financial support program for years.

**Support Activities:** Food and clothing were distributed; laundry services and bathing opportunities were provided.

Following the emergency activities, HRDF implemented a number of programs in the area to support the rehabilitation of the population in the earthquake area.

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## I-İhsaniye Social Center

Right after the Earthquake, HRDF implemented several activities in temporary settings, such as tents, school halls etc. These activities were gathered under a social center umbrella in 2001. The Center, which was constructed by a Greek NGO called Kessa Dimitra, operated under İhsaniye Municipality infrastructure. It provided services including a day care center for children, woman unit where women were provided with handcraft skills, elderly unit, youth unit where children were provided with computer classes, English language classes, as well as music and painting classes and lastly a psychological rehabilitation unit where two full time psychologists provided one on one counseling.

Aside from scheduled trainings at the Center, sightseeing tours, mobile health screenings, literacy courses were organized for village residents frequently. The Center was handed over to İhsaniye Municipality in 2006.

## II-Sexual Health Trainings for the Families and Children in Gölcük

Sexual health trainings were provided to mothers and fathers of the teenagers who participated at rehabilitation and education programs in Gölcük during 2000 – 2001.

## III- Reproductive Health and Support for Elder People

Contraceptive materials and iron pills for pregnant women were distributed and counseling services were given to women at fertile ages as well as their husbands through the mobile units of district health directorates. A health screening was conducted for the first time in the region for the elderly people; their needs were identified and 10.000 boxes of multi-vitamin and calcium pills for elderly were distributed. Also, 23.000 boxes of calcium were stored at the health centers to be distributed in due course. This support project was finalized in 2001.





#### IV- Parent School Partnership Program

HRDF, in collaboration with Caritas/Turkey and International Blue Crescent (IBC) and with the support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), implemented this project to support people in order to enhance their participation in the improvement of the schools, their children's education and development of their communities through parents' associations and students councils in some selected schools in the earthquake region.

The project was implemented in 4 schools in Golcuk, Adapazari and Duzce. Through regularly organized meetings in schools, parent teacher councils were supported to solve the problems in their schools and to develop new projects. Parent seminars were conducted for the target community during the project period to enhance their parental skills and to make them more conscious in raising their children. In collaboration with various universities, trainings were organized for teachers to refresh their knowledge and also for parents to incorporate them in their children's education process.

#### V- PRODECOM (Production, Development and Communication) Project

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The objectives of the project which was supported by the European Union under Euromed Heritage Program were to preserve and to promote the arts and crafts of Mediterranean culture, to support craftsmen working in this field and to strengthen new inter-regional relations to exchange experience. The project was implemented in collaboration with NGOs in various Mediterranean countries. In the earthquake region, activities were organized to revitalize the neglected handcrafts and to render them the quality of being marketable. HRDF in collaboration with İzmit City Assembly sent Iznik tiles and Kandira fabric samples to international exhibitions. The project was finalized in 2005.



## VI- Agricultural Development and Employment in Ihsaniye

With the aim to include the farmers excluded from recruitment, especially the women, into agricultural employment through various activities in Ihsaniye Municipality, the project was conducted in collaboration with Ihsaniye Municipality. A total of 400 people participated at the fruit planting, product processing, and nutrition and hygiene seminars in 2005; an agricultural cooperative was established; a product processing workshop was opened; a sample garden of dwarf apple and kiwi-fruit trees was cultivated. The project ended in March 2006.

### **Objective** \_\_\_\_\_

To meet the urgent and long-term health and social needs of earthquake survivors after the catastrophic 1999 Earthquake in Western Marmara region.

### **Date of Implementation** \_\_\_\_\_

1999-2006

### **Funding Organizations** \_\_\_\_\_

Kessa Dimitra; Ihsaniye Municipality; Operation USA; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD); Istanbul Anglican Church; The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR); Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP); European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) / UNFPA; European Union Euromed Heritage Program; Chambre Des Beaux Arts De Mediterranee; Turkish Employment Agency



# Supporting Social and Cultural Development of Young Girls and Women

HRDF expanded its community based service program to incorporate trainings for women to support the improvement of their status. This project was implemented in Kaynarca, Istanbul. Target women population received literacy courses and trainings on reproductive health, family planning, women's health and environment. A total of 267 women attended literacy courses and received certificates; 60 women participated at handcrafts courses; and 775 women were informed on reproductive health and women's health through conferences.

**Objective** \_\_\_\_\_

To support the improvement of the status of women through functional education by conducting literacy courses and vocational trainings.

**Date of Implementation** \_\_\_\_\_

1998-1999

**Funding Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

European Union









## Empowering Women's Status in Gaziantep and Kilis

The community based health service model was implemented in Gaziantep and Kilis provinces. The project reached its aim and information and use of modern and effective family planning methods have increased from 32 % to 71 % in Gaziantep; and from 41 % to 82 % in Kilis in 17 months. With the provision of literacy courses and handcrafts trainings, women were supported to become active in social life. Women who were informed on safe motherhood, prenatal and postnatal care through home-visits; were also referred to nearby health institutions when necessary. Project activities and results were published on a website.

**Objective** \_\_\_\_\_

To improve reproductive health knowledge and social status of women in Gaziantep and Kilis.

**Date of Implementation** \_\_\_\_\_

1998-1999

**Funding Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit – GTZ



# Social and Physical Improvement in Sentepe / Ankara

HRDF gained considerable experience in establishing and running a social center in Golcuk. Building upon this experience, HRDF implemented a project in Ankara where trainings and various activities were conducted for the dwellers of Sentepe district which was a newly emerging neighborhood with inhabitants migrating from different regions of Turkey. The activities included seminars on hygiene, nutrition and reproductive health for women and men; sports activities for children; and cultural activities for both children and adults. Women were supported to establish a cooperative to utilize their home-based labor.

**Objective** \_\_\_\_\_

To support Sentepe dwellers to actively participate in the improvement of physical and social quality of the area

**Date of Implementation** \_\_\_\_\_

2003-2004

**Funding Organizations** \_\_\_\_\_

Yenimahalle Municipality; (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit-GTZ)



# Social Centre Component of the Rehabilitation of Fener and Balat Districts Program

The Social Centre component of the larger program of “Rehabilitation of Fener and Balat Districts” was undertaken by HRDF. HRDF, in partnership with Cultural Awareness Foundation and Association for Community Development and Entrepreneurship established the first social center in this neighborhood with the aim of contributing to the strengthening of social integration and solidarity among the many disparate groups in Fener and Balat Districts.

An old building was refurbished and furnished to serve as the multi-purpose social center. The center team organized activities targeting particularly women, young people and children. A day-care unit was established for the pre-school children where they could attend the activities all day. There were scheduled activities for women, including seminars on women’s and children’s health, coping with problems in the family, courses on handicrafts and entrepreneurship. Students were provided with computer and English language courses as well as school lessons support courses. Also the partner NGO implemented a cultural and historical awareness raising program in the primary schools located in these neighborhoods. The social Center was handed over to Fatih Municipality at the end of the project period.

**Objective** \_\_\_\_\_

To support women and children to get involved in the social life of the big city and contribute to the strengthening of social integration and solidarity among the many disparate groups in Fener and Balat Districts.

**Date of Implementation** \_\_\_\_\_

2003-2006

**Funding Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation of the European Commission to Turkey







# In-service Training for Health Service Providers on Gender Based Violence

HRDF collaborated with the academicians from Forensic Medicine Departments of several Medical Faculties to develop a project for health service providers aiming to raise their awareness on the gender based violence and increase their knowledge on their responsibilities about violence cases. A total of 274 health service providers attended the five-days trainings of trainers in Adana, İzmir, Antalya, Aydın, Samsun, Şanlıurfa, Ankara, İstanbul, Bursa and Elazığ. Following the ToTs, regional trainings were planned and conducted in 10 provinces by the newly-trained trainers with the support of HRDF and 429 health service providers received the two-day trainings.

A total of 10,000 brochures and 500 posters to increase the awareness of women were printed and distributed at the health centers in the project provinces. Additionally, a total of 1,000 participant's books and 500 trainers manual were printed and distributed to the participants with the aim to reach other health personnel.

**Objective** \_\_\_\_\_

To provide in-service training to health personnel to create an awareness that gender-based violence is a public health issue and also to increase accessibility to the quality health services.

**Date of Implementation** \_\_\_\_\_

2004-2006

**Funding Organizations** \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation of the European Commission to Turkey, Reproductive Health Program in Turkey; British Embassy



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