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FOREWORD



Dear Supporters and Distinguished Partners,

In 2022 humanitarian workers had a lot to do again. As Support to Life, we supported approximately 71 thousand people in 14 provinces. Unfortunately, there was no change in the global problems we mention in our annual reports: economic crisis, deepening poverty, disasters, and conflicts...On the other hand, we have tried to use both our expertise and our resources in the most efficient way possible, and we are proud of our results.

As part of our **emergency response programme**, we supported micro-grants to local communities in areas affected by floods and forest fires to identify and implement their own needs and projects aimed at increasing resilience to disasters. Thus, we supported directly affected communities to develop solutions best suited to their needs. In our **child protection program**, we worked to ensure children under risk access core rights such as education and health; we focused on psychosocial support activities, supported their wellness. With programs we specially designed for adolescent girls and boys, we ensured they access reliable information in their growth and development period. The **OKİ and HiJİ campaign** we initiated this year to support hygiene and school needs of children that have to work due to poverty and cannot access education and healthy development rights also made an impact. We continued with our vocational and on-the-job training programs to facilitate access of persons in need to **access livelihood** and with our training and one-to-one support to strengthen cooperatives.

In addition, we stood by refugees not only in Türkiye but also in 5 countries in Europe after the Ukraine War to ensure that they have access to basic rights and services.

Dreaming of a world where humanitarian assistance would not be needed, we continue our way every year deriving strength from our expertise and our team. Thanks a million to you for contributing to our support to life...

Chair of the Supervisory Board
Emel Şensezgin Mergen



AREAS OF WORK

Emergency Response

Support to Life conducts emergency aid operations that provide in-kind and cash based aid to communities affected by disasters, in addition to disaster preparedness and resilience works, by shaping its projects within the scope of disaster risk management and humanitarian aid processes in disasters. Aim of such humanitarian operations is to meet core food and non-food needs, provide cash assistance, improve shelter conditions, as well as meet water, sanitation and hygiene needs. In addition, community-based activities to increase disaster resilience are supported in disaster areas.

Refugee Support

Support to Life aims to ensure that refugees in Türkiye have access to their basic rights and needs. Community centers where community-based protection efforts for refugees are conducted aim to empower the individual and ensuring contribution to social cohesion, while individual protection activities provide refugees with one-on-one support and information services to ensure their access to core rights and services. In the scope of livelihood support projects implemented to produce long-terms and permanent solutions to the needs of the refugee population, activities such as vocational and on-the-job trainings, contribution to employment and providing support in the process of obtaining work permits are carried out.

Child Protection

Support to Life conducts multi-dimensional protection efforts towards children under risk to cover struggle against child labour and conduct case follow-up. While it focuses on psychosocial support activities in community centers, Support to Life conducts advocacy of children's rights starting from education and healthy development. It provides trainings on child protection and harms of child labor to increase capacities of institutions active in child protection.

Strengthening Capacities in Civil Society

Support to Life perceives a participatory, inclusive, and coordinated civil society structure as building block of a successful and sustainable humanitarian aid and carries out activities to strengthen the civil society for an effective humanitarian and disaster response strategy. In such activities it prioritizes forming effective coordination networks among non-governmental organizations for information flow in a collective ground, expertise and resource sharing, developing communication and coordination capacities.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

While we support life for a life worthy of human dignity and a society resistant to disasters, we accept th **Sustainable Development Goals** as our guide.



- Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable.



- Strengthen the capacity of all countries, in particular developing countries, for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks.
- By 2030, reduce by one-third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being.
- By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination
- Mortality rate attributed to unsafe water, unsafe sanitation and lack of hygiene (exposure to unsafe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All (WASH) services)



- By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and preprimary education so that they are ready for primary education.
- By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university.
- By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.



- End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.
- Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.
- Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation
- Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate.



- Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.
- Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment.



- Develop and implement tools to monitor sustainable development impacts for sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products
- By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources



- Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries
- Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning
- Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning



- End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.
- Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.



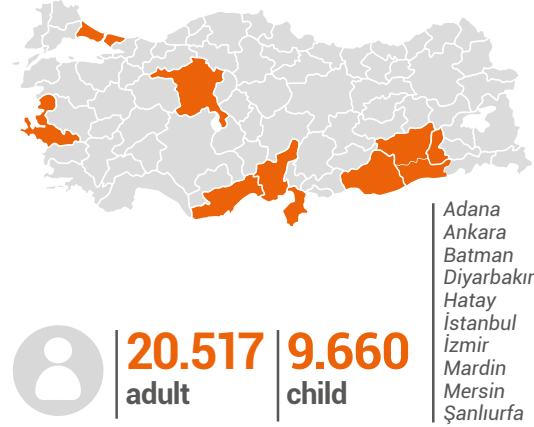
- Enhance international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the sustainable development goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation.

REFUGEE SUPPORT PROGRAM

In 2022, millions of people had to flee their countries and homes due to crises, especially wars and climate change-based disasters. The number of forcibly displaced people exceeded 103 million worldwide.

In Türkiye, that hosts approximately 4 million refugees according to official figures, we continued to carry out our **Refugee Support Program** through our field offices in provinces with dense refugee population and our digital outreach tools. We supported the refugee population in need with our population protection and livelihood support activities.

In our Support to Life Hubs in 10 provinces and out remote outreach activities, we supported **30.177** lives.



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I left my country thinking I was healthy and strong; I would work hard for a better life and earn my life. Working and earning a living in a place where people can walk the streets without fear should not require such a heavy price.

John left Nigeria for hope of a better life and lost his fingers and toes due to frost while crossing the border to Türkiye. Because he had no identity, he could access only very limited health services. We ensured John's access to health services by granting him international protection status, and we mediated his settlement in a disabled care home for people with disabilities in Diyarbakır, as well as the application process to the Directorate General of Migration Management for his admission to a third country.

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I fell and hit my head the other day. We went to the state hospital but faced with a high expense. Because we had no identity, we had to pay in this poverty. People that live here are Yazidis, they have many problems because they cannot register for identity.

The 22-year-old Ferhat and his family are among the Yazidis our protection teams supported in the process of identity registry in Mardin. In protection monitoring report we publish on Yazidis that had to immigrate to Türkiye from Iraq since 2020, access to international protection registration was determined as the main problem.





PROTECTION

We work to facilitate access of refugees under temporary protection or international protection in Türkiye to core rights and services, ensure they become aware of their rights and responsibilities.

In 2022 we continued our community-based protection, onsite outreach and advocacy efforts in addition to providing legal, psychological, and psychosocial support. While we support

participation of children to education, we reached refugees both in our field offices in 10 provinces and with our remote outreach tools to ensure they access core rights and services.

Legal Support

We continued to provide legal support with our lawyers to refugees who are under temporary protection or international protection status or whose application process is in progress. We tried to prevent beneficiaries from having loss of rights in areas such as civil law, labor law, criminal law, administrative law, and consumer law. We referred our beneficiaries

to the bar associations in the provinces where we were active; we worked closely with public institutions, bar associations and associations. Our lawyers reached **1.402 people** in 2022.



Legal
Support

1.109 adult
293 child



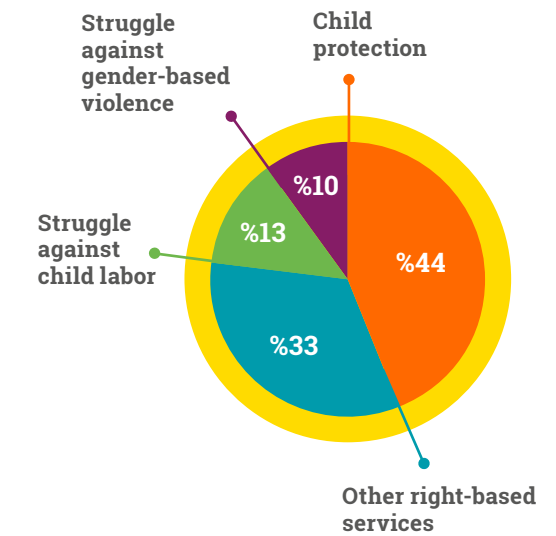
Case Management

In case management efforts carried out by our social workers, we informed refugees at risk of protection through one-to-one interviews on issues such as health, education and legal support; monitored the problems they have while accessing services and referred them to relevant institutions when necessary. We supported **3.682 people** under risk with our case management works conducted in 10 provinces.



Case based
intervention

1.863 child
1.819 adult



Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

We supported children's healthy development process with the **Psychosocial Support (PSS) Program** we prepare considering multi-dimensional needs of children. **23.328 children** participated in our psychosocial support activities. In the scope of our **Adolescent Girls Empowerment Program (AGEP)**, our PSS teams and psychologists provided correct, reliable, and scientific information on their developmental characteristics to **308 girls**

in adolescence, supporting them in their growth journey. With **Adolescent Boys Empowerment Program (ABEP)** prepared in a similar direction to AGEP and whose pilot studies are completed, we reached **146 boys**.

With psychological support service we provided through individual and group counseling, we contributed to the well-being and protection of **678 children** and adults.



Psychosocial Support

23.328
child



Psychological Support
(group and individual)

417
child

261
adult

Educational Support Activities

As a part of our protection activities, we continued to support refugee children on access to education, school attendance, and adaptation to school through 2022. We referred **294 children** who could not continue their education to school. On the other hand, in the scope of our guidance and academic support activities we conduct to

support school attendance of children in the provinces we work, we created study classes in different levels and helped determining education needs of children, supporting their academic development and access to qualified education opportunities. We contributed to academic success of **975 children** in our Adana, Diyarbakır, Hatay, Mardin, and Şanlıurfa fields.



Mentoring
(support to school classes)

975
child



School Enrolling Support

294
child



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I was trying to tell my children what is right by fighting with them. Thanks to these trainings I learned that this is not the correct way to do it. Now I try to find solutions by listening to them and asking questions on issues where we cannot agree. We mutually share our ideas. I get along much better with my children; we can solve our problems much faster.

Positive Parenting Workshop Participant, Şanlıurfa



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I was cleaning stairs before meeting with Support to Life. I could barely pay my water or power bill. I could not pay my rent for 3 months. My landlord wanted to evict me. One of my neighbors who was familiar with my problems recommended me Support to Life. Now me moved to a new house. I have both Syrian and Turkish neighbors; they are like my sisters. My children can easily go out to play. They have friends in the neighborhood. My elder son was working on the street but with your support we enrolled him to school. Now all three are successful in their classes. My life would be very difficult if I did not meet you.

Farise (36), Şanlıurfa

Social Cohesion Activities

3.617 children and **25.246 adults** participated in our activities towards increasing interaction between host community and refugees, strengthening social cohesion.

In addition, thanks to women's committees and children's committees we activated in our fields, we organized awareness activities,

culture and arts activities, workshops, and meetings with local community and members of refugee community. In digital newspaper Komitos prepared by children's committees in Hatay, Şanlıurfa, and Diyarbakır the children produced together, transferred their feeling and thoughts with what they write.



**Social Cohesion
Activities**

25.746
child

3.617
adult

Information and Awareness Raising Activities

We continued with information sessions we organize to increase information and raise awareness of refugee communities on core rights and services. In these sessions we reached a total of **18.108 adults** and **9 children**. Information sessions were organized on subjects such as accessing core services like education, health, shelter, registration, social aids, using e-Government in addition to children's rights, negative effects of child labor, preventing child and forced marriages, women's rights, gender equality.

We used the Information and Support Line we launched in 2020 to ensure that our beneficiaries have easy access to the right

information broadly by providing service in Farsi and English in addition to Turkish, Arabic, and Kurdish. We responded to **5.687 calls** through the year. We shared **141.779 SMS with information content** through the SMS panel we established. Through our information line we responded to requests in areas such as law, health, social services, work life, psychological and socio-economical support.

We supported our clients to access up-to-date information through our website hayatadestek. online with the information we prepared in Turkish-Arabic and Persian in special contents. Our information contents reached **34.468 visitors** through this website in 2022.



**Information
and Awareness
Sessions**

18.108
adult

9
child



**Information
SMS**

141.779
SMS



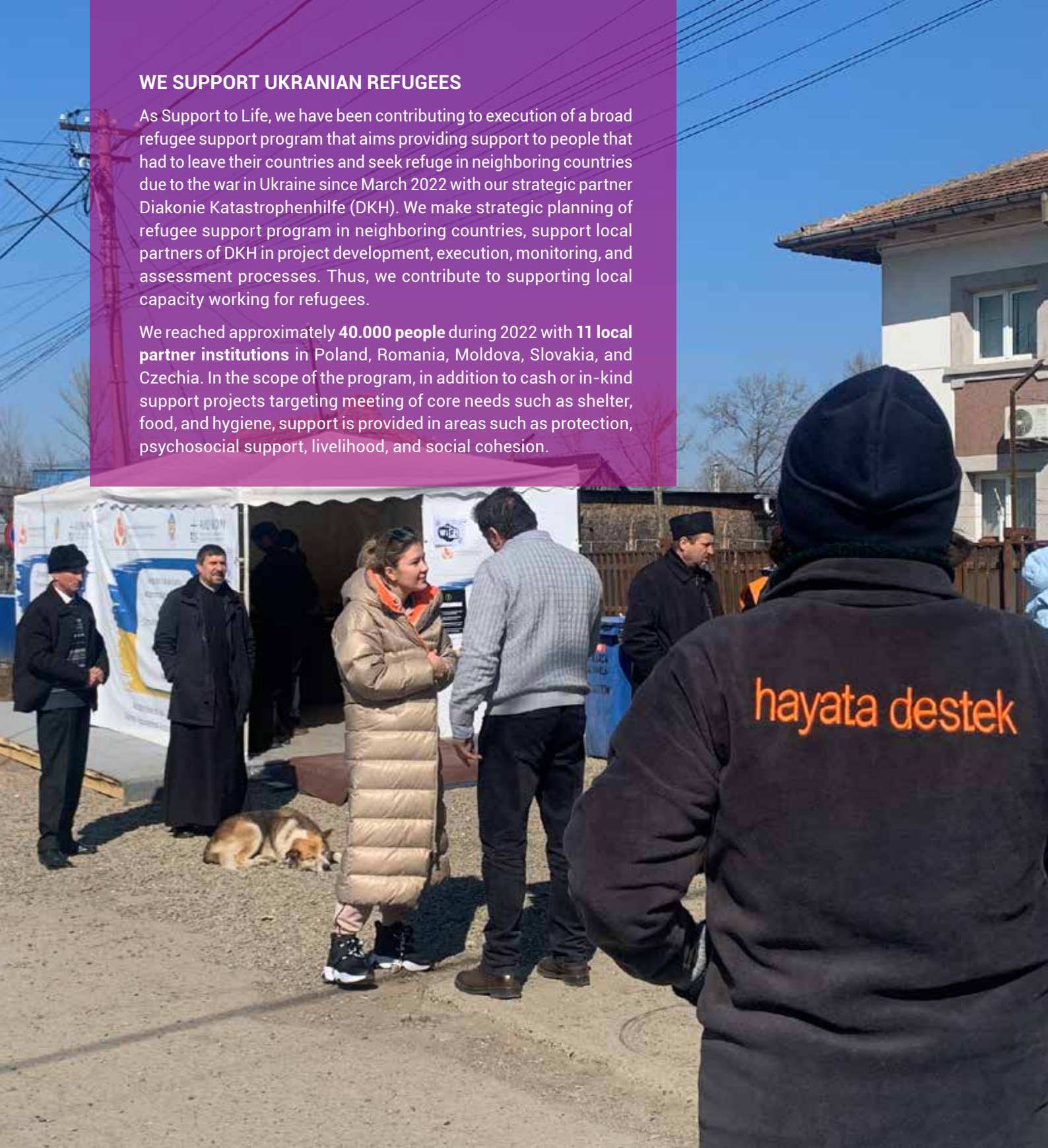
**Information and
Support Line**

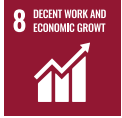
5.687
call

WE SUPPORT UKRANIAN REFUGEES

As Support to Life, we have been contributing to execution of a broad refugee support program that aims providing support to people that had to leave their countries and seek refuge in neighboring countries due to the war in Ukraine since March 2022 with our strategic partner Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH). We make strategic planning of refugee support program in neighboring countries, support local partners of DKH in project development, execution, monitoring, and assessment processes. Thus, we contribute to supporting local capacity working for refugees.

We reached approximately **40.000 people** during 2022 with **11 local partner institutions** in Poland, Romania, Moldova, Slovakia, and Czechia. In the scope of the program, in addition to cash or in-kind support projects targeting meeting of core needs such as shelter, food, and hygiene, support is provided in areas such as protection, psychosocial support, livelihood, and social cohesion.





LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

Economic problems and high cost of living continued to be the most important problem affecting vulnerable communities of the society in 2022. In 2022, Support to Life Multi Sectoral Needs Assessment, 'insufficiency of income' was determined to be the most prominent problem of the refugee population. Deep poverty and problems with accessing employment opportunities was among main problems. We developed our projects to support existing livelihood in this scope targeting achieving sustainable results.

Supporting Cooperatives and Social Initiatives

Within the scope of our program, we provided **57 customized supports to 8 cooperatives and social initiatives**. These customized supports included capacity building activities, consultancy activities, and in-kind and cash supports to reinforce the income generating activities of organizations. Our capacity building activities focused on a series of trainings and workshops. Within the scope of our consultancy activities, we provided trainings and technical consultancy support on business

model and market access, sectoral information, local supply networks and alternative livelihood models for businesses to build institutional and financial capacity. We provided support such as machinery, equipment and raw material purchases, packaging and design, logistics, advertising and visibility, certification, travel and food expenses to increase income-generating activities. In addition, we supported cooperatives and social initiatives with networking activities.

Technical and On-the-Job Vocational Training

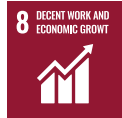
We continued our project, which we initiated to support the vocational skills of the young population in need. Project participants between the ages of 18-35 who reside in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Mersin and Hatay, whom we reached through an open call, benefited from **vocational training and on-the-job training programs** in the fields of e-commerce, social media management and software. A total of **512 people** from 5 provinces successfully completed the technical training in the field of information and technology.



SOCIAL SHOPPING DAYS

In Social Shopping Days activities that we organized to support network activities of cooperatives and social initiatives, representatives of civil society came together with the cooperatives and social initiatives that we support. Existing social shopping applications, methods of popularizing social shopping and cooperation opportunities were discussed. We shared with all participants the Social Shopping Day Guide we prepared following the meetings.





CHILD PROTECTION

In Türkiye, 33.7 percent of child population, that is almost one in every 3 children have difficulty accessing core needs such as food, heating, cleaning required for their healthy development and have to live in deep poverty. Child poverty brings with itself the risk of deepening child labor problem. We are on the field with our child protection activities to support lives of children in need.

In 2022, we conducted multi-dimensional protection activities for children at risk, including the fight against child labor, and made case follow-up to ensure that children access their core rights and benefit from social services. We focused on psychosocial support activities in our community centers and advocated for children's rights, especially education

and healthy development. We shared our expertise through face-to-face and digital trainings and workshops to strengthen the capacities of institutions working in the field of child protection.

We supported the lives of **9.660 children** in Adana, Batman, Diyarbakır, Hatay, İstanbul, Mardin, Mersin and Şanlıurfa.



FIELD WORKS

With our remote and face-to-face protection efforts we carried out in 2022, we provided case management and legal consultancy support to children in risk and their families. We provided material support to **597 children** with special needs. We ensured **294 children** were enrolled to school and supported academic successes of **975 children** by

attending our study classes. We provided psychological and psychosocial support to children and parents in order to reduce the psychological effects of working on children and to increase their well-being. **23.328 children** participated in our PSS activities and **417 children** received psychological support from our teams.



Case Based
Intervention

1.863
children

158
adults



Legal
Support

293
children

84
adults



Special Needs
Support

597
children

44
adults



Psychosocial
Support

23.328
children

246
adults



Psychological
Support

417
children

63
adults

ADVOCACY WORKS

We organized awareness raising sessions towards providing information to families and institutions about child protection risks for eliminating economic, cultural and social norms that cause child protection risks.

We reached **2.819 people** in our information sessions. In addition, we sent our informative content to our beneficiaries with **5.342 SMS**. We prepared data-based protection monitoring reports to ensure child protection risks we

identified in field observations and needs assessments were visible and shared these reports with relevant stakeholders.

We organized roundtable meetings with relevant public institutions, non-governmental organizations and universities to produce preventive, protective, interventionist and reformative social policies against child protection risks.



Information
And Awareness
Raising Sessions

2.810
adults

9
children



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Increasing the disaster resilience of local people, the first subject of preventive response in disaster areas, was the main focus of our work in 2022.

In our 'Locally-Led Crisis Response Implementation' program we started in 2022, we supported the projects of local people living in areas affected by disasters or at risk of disasters with micro-grants to increase disaster resilience based on their own needs assessment and practices. Our areas of work were Bozkurt district of Kastamonu affected from flood and Marmaris district of Muğla and Manavgat district of Antalya that were affected from wildfires. **15 projects** in Bozkurt district of Kastamonu, **16 projects** in Marmaris district of Muğla, **15 projects** in Manavgat district of Antalya were implemented by the local people with micro grant support between May 2022 and January 2022. With these projects, we supported a total of **74 groups** whose numbers ranged from 3 to 9 people. The program was instructive for everyone and Support to Life had the opportunity to learn about experiences of local

people with disaster risk management while the projects raised awareness of local people of their ability to take initiative for change. Throughout the program, the project owners took an active role in the development of disaster response, conducted coordination works among themselves and with public institutions, increased their knowledge about disasters, created original solutions and prevention methods.

As an association that has been carrying out emergency response and humanitarian efforts at various parts of the world since 2005, we are aware that the local communities have an important impact on needs assessment and cooperation in disaster area. With our micro grant program that we conducted in 2022 we contributed to development of disaster intervention means of local communities and said '**Local Grows Life**'.



During wildfires we noticed that intervention from air was extremely insufficient. During the fire we had a young group of 16-17 people, they did an amazing job. However, we did not have sufficient materials to effectively intervene in the fire and prevent its progress. We knew what we needed very well. Thus, we developed a project to meet these needs in the scope of the program carried out by Support to Life, we brought in a fire container to our village. This project was very good in terms of giving the villagers a sense of feasibility. We saw that things are possible when we work, plan straight, determine targets, and receive the required support. Project brought in self-confidence to those that live here.

Erol Aksakal, Turgut Neighborhood, Marmaris/Muğla



We had a major disaster on August 11, 2021. Both our village and Bozkurt district were gravely damaged. We had a power cut for a week. Our roads were blocked. We could not find bread. Thanks to the project of Support to Life, we provided our Kestanesökü village with stone oven, assembly area, kitchen, and power generator. This support was very important for us. God willing such a disaster will never happen again and we use our oven and assembly area only on good days.

Reyhan Bilge, Kestanesökü Village,
Bozkurt/Kastamonu





STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES IN CIVIL SOCIETY

We support intra- and inter-institutional information flow and sharing of knowledge, experience and equipment through coordination activities. We prepare training programs and online trainings to contribute to the development of humanitarian aid capacity and we care about resource sharing.

TRAININGS

In 2022, we developed needs based content for non-governmental organizations and stakeholder institutions in the public sector. In addition to open call trainings for professionals in the field, we provided special training, mentoring and consultancy to institutions. These capacity building activities were prepared on areas including *Basic Humanitarian Standard, Project Cycle Management, Financial and Administrative Affairs, Procurement and Logistics, Temporary and International Protection, Social Cohesion, Child Protection, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Protection Mainstreaming, Psychological First Aid, Monitoring and Evaluation*.

50 institutions including non-governmental organizations, bar associations, social service directorates and municipalities benefited from our capacity building program throughout the year. We reached **4.799 people** with our face-to-face and online trainings for professionals working in the field of humanitarian aid or people that want to work in this field.

Our works towards **strengthening capacities of non-governmental organizations**, which we have been continuing since 2020, also continued this year. We applied the umbrella model to provide training and mentoring support to 15 non-governmental organizations from 12 provinces with limited access to financial and technical resources. Our capacity building headings included institutional capacity headings such as human resources, procurement, financial management in addition to our humanitarian

expertise such as introduction to core humanitarian aid standards, child safeguarding, mainstreaming of protection, psychological first aid, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, prevention of gender-based violence, codes of conduct, feedback and complaint mechanism, project cycle, social cohesion, case referral, basic volunteer management, translation methods, monitoring and evaluation and accountability.

After these trainings, some of which were provided through Support to Life 360, that is the online learning platform of Support to Life, we also provided complementary trainings to participants. With the trainings we provided, we contributed to the establishment or strengthening of the relevant policies and mechanisms of institutions.

Within the framework of our capacity building efforts on **Child Safeguarding**, we organized Child Safeguarding Training for **17 non-governmental organizations** and **8 public institutions** in 2022. We reached **492 people** with these trainings. In addition, we shared our knowledge and experiences with **62 representatives** from the public and civil society at the Child Safeguarding Academy meetings.



Child Safeguarding Training

492
persons



Institutional Capacity Building Trainings

4.799
persons

GENDER EQUALITY WORKS

In the scope of our **mainstreaming gender in programs** works, we implemented the facilitator training of the '**Reinforcing Women's Access to Justice; I Am a Woman I Have Rights**' program in İzmir to support the prevention of gender-based violence and raising awareness. In two sessions, we gave training certificates to **31 women and 1 LGBTQ+ facilitator from 20 institutions**, following which we organized 19 rights-focused workshops with 320 women as facilitators. We updated our program guide and made it accessible on our website. In addition, we provided emergency and remote GBV case management training to **52 experts** from social workers, psychologists and lawyers from 28 institutions operating in the Aegean region.

With the **Adolescent Girls Empowerment Program (AGEP) and Adolescent Boys Empowerment Program (ABEP) Program**, we created safe areas with workshops that adolescents and young people can access correct and reliable information during their growth and development

periods, including discussing their gender equality, children's rights, sexual and reproductive health rights, and gender-specific needs. We provided facilitator training to the 19-person PSS teams and psychologists of the Turkish Development Foundation.

We organized sessions for the parents/ caregivers of the children and young people we reach with **Youth Empowerment Programs**. We discussed gender equality, rights and support mechanisms in protection from violence, sexual and reproductive health rights, and economic empowerment.

In the scope of our **institutional gender mainstreaming** works, the Gender Equality (GE) working group formed of Support to Life employees created bulletins to support gender equality works of employees and **#SupporttoEquality** in life. In 2022 "**right to flexible working during menstrual periods**" was defined for female workers.

COORDINATION NETWORKS AND ADVOCACY

We carried out our coordination works in the framework of our national and international networks, dialogue established with civil society and the public sector.

Throughout 2022, we carried out active coordination works with the national coordination networks we established, that are Türkiye Local NGO Humanitarian Forum (LHF), Localization Advocacy Group (YSG), Disaster Platform, and Refugee Council of Türkiye.

As the **Localization Advocacy Group (YSG)**, which was established with the initiative of Support to Life and grew with the support of the Human Resource Development Foundation (IKGV) and the Civil Society Development Center (STGM), in 2022 we worked with 28 institutions and 70 representatives from these institutions. We created the 'Financial Problems in International Partnerships and Solution

Proposals Document' which includes our financial risks in partnerships we established with funding stakeholders, international NGOs and United Nations agencies, and our recommendations against these risks. On May 24, 2022 which is the 6th anniversary of the World Humanitarian Summit, we organized the 'Localization 2022 Workshop from the World Humanitarian Summit to the Present', monitored global commitments in Türkiye. Together with the Refugee Council of Türkiye and the 3RP coordination team (UNHCR and UNDP), we took action to establish the National Reference Group, which is one of the commitments of the Grand Bargain 2.0 and which will provide a basis for real progress in the localization agenda.



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Under the roof of the **Disaster Platform** that we are a founding member of, we conducted works to increase coordination of non-governmental organizations for disaster preparedness, intervention, and post-disaster works. We conducted meetings with public institutions such as AFAD, Ministry of Family and Social Services, and Provincial Governorates on application of Türkiye Disaster Intervention Plan (TAMP) and emergency action plans on pre-disaster preparation processes for various types of disasters.

We worked with the **Refugee Council of Türkiye (TMK)** to strengthen the governance structure of the members of the Board of Directors. We contributed to the implementation of the micro-grant program to support TMK-member local NGOs within the scope of refugee programs. In the scope of this program, we also contributed to the report on the problems faced by Afghan

refugees in accessing services.

We participated in the workshops of organizations which we are a member of such as such **The Checks and Balances Network**, the **Seasonal Worker Migration Communication Network** and the **Partnership Network to Prevent Violence against Children** and produced joint advocacy reports.

We continued our works in the **NEAR (Network for Empowered Aid Response)** network that bring together local non-governmental organizations on humanitarian response and specialists on a global scale. We conducted research in Türkiye for **State of the Humanitarian System Report** published triennially by **Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)** to assess general success and progress level of global humanitarian works.

COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS

Within the scope of our **Locally-Led Crisis Response Implementation** program, we listened to the local people who received micro-grant support for disaster preparedness in Bozkurt district of Kastamonu, Marmaris and Manavgat districts of Antalya, shared our [Life Grows Local](#) video.

We took a look at the year 2022 in our fields where we carry out **protection works**, [narrated](#) own stories of our beneficiaries.

We shared our '**Peer Bullying**' and '**Positive Parenting**' informative [videos](#) which we prepared to support the healthy mental and physical development of children.

As one of the partners of the **MATILDE project**, which investigates the effects of migration on rural development in 10 countries in Europe, within the scope of the European Union Horizon 2020 program, we carried out the communication processes of the project. We shared the outputs of the 3-year project with all partners and the public on the dedicated [website](#).

On **March 8, International Women's Day**, we made our efforts that contribute to gender equality visible, we reiterated our [call](#) to **#SupportToLifeForEquality**.

On **April 23, Children's Day**, we emphasized that every child has the right to a future, without discrimination, and we [said](#), 'A Childish Life is the Right of Every Child'.

On **June 2, World Environment Day**, we called for action on climate change and [said](#) **#ThereIsOnlyOneWorld**.

On **June 12, World Day Against Child Labor**, we reminded our responsibilities as individuals and institutions and [brought forward](#) our call to **#NoChildWorkers**.

On **June 20, World Refugee Day**, we discussed the legal aspects of the right to asylum, which is a fundamental right, and [disseminated](#) our message of a safe and dignified life for all.

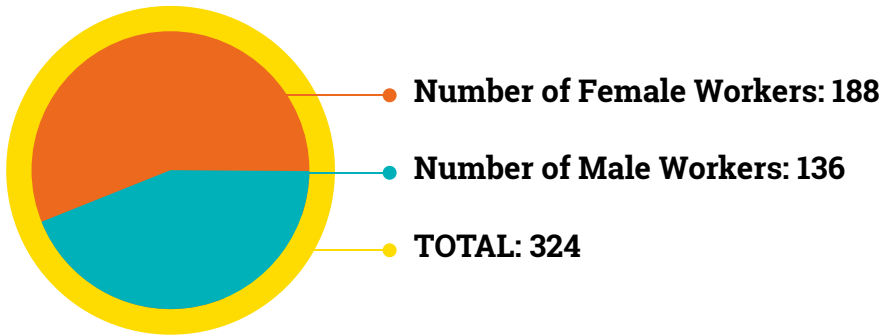
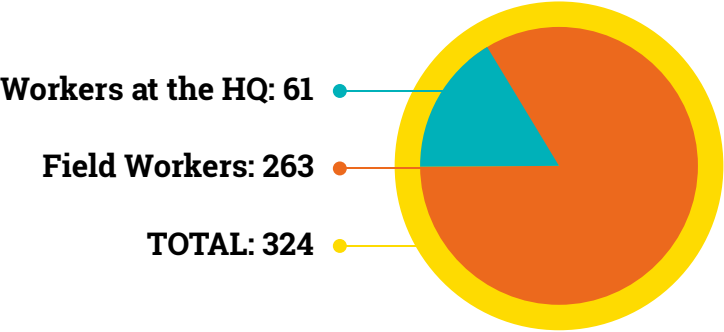
On **October 11, International Day of the Girl Child**, we [asked](#) the girls we work together on the field what they could achieve and their messages for this special day.

On **November 20, World Children's Rights Day**, we [called for support](#) to the 'OKİ and HİJİ' campaign, which we conduct to draw attention to the educational inequality brought about by poverty and to break the circle of poverty among children.



PEOPLE AND CULTURE

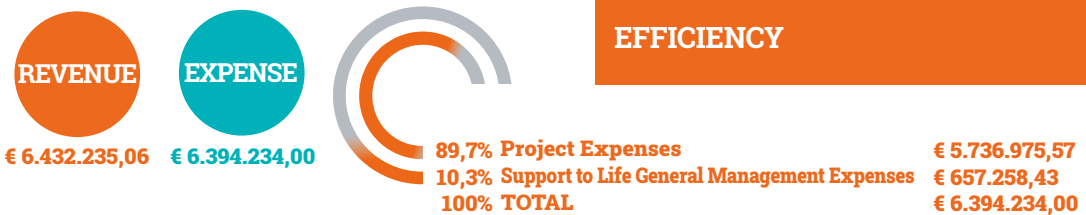
We continued to develop our people and culture works we follow with 'Life to Support' motto focusing on employee wellbeing. In 2022 while we address our 324-person team on the basis of feedback and appreciation, sharing and belonging, development, and skills management, we conducted new recruitment on the basis of equality of opportunity.



Adana	28	İstanbul	92
Ankara	3	Mardin	25
Batman	12	Mersin	18
Diyarbakır	29	Şanlıurfa	64
Hatay	46	Antalya / Kastamonu / Muğla	7
TOTAL			324

FINANCE

As Support to Life, we continued our works with accountability principle. We made institutional audits covering all our expenses and shared our audit reports on our website.



* All numbers are for informational purposes only. Support to Life accounting records should be based on official records.
* The CBRT exchange rate of 31.12.2022 was used when converting from TL to EUR.

YOU CAN SUPPORT LIFE TOO!

We need you to ensure people affected from disasters continue their lives with dignity. Touch a life today with one-time or regular support. With your contribution we will work to improve lives of people that had to abandon their homes or children working in agriculture instead of going to school.



With your credit card, you can send your support from <https://www.supporttolife.org/donate/>, once or regularly, in any amount you wish.



You can support us via bank transfer / EFT from our account numbers below.

Yapı Kredi Bank

Recipient: Hayata Destek Derneği | 688 - Maslak Commercial Branch

IBAN No (TL) : TR09 0006 7010 0000 0097 1858 85

IBAN No (EUR) : TR35 0006 7010 0000 0097 1568 99 SWIFT/BIC: YAPITRIS

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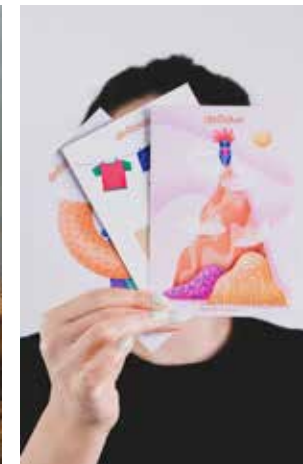


HAVE YOU MET OKİ AND HİJİ?

We designed two bags to meet core education and hygiene needs of children that had to work due to poverty and could not access education and healthy development rights. With OKİ bag containing school needs and HİJİ bag containing hygiene needs, we disseminated our donation campaign to support access of all children to rights to shelter, food, education, and living their childhood. In 2022 we introduced OKİ and HİJİ to 200 children with donations of our supporters.

www.okivehiji.org

deſtekar



Products where the handiwork of the needy and the ideas of talented designers come together here. The deſtekar shop, which transfers all of its income to Support to Life, invites you to support a fairer and more equal world with your shopping.

deſtekar, is the shopping point of those who want to support life. All «profits» of **deſtekar** is to support life. With the social design market it has created, it invites both the consumer and the producer to be 'supporters'; turns your shopping into an opportunity to support a more just and equal world for all.

All **deſtekar** designs serve to reach one or more of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. **deſtekar**, is a brand of Support to Life.

product - All **deſtekar** products are born out of the meeting of talented designers from different disciplines with disaster-affected people or their agendas.

art - In addition to offering original products, **deſtekar** functions as an art gallery, making art accessible to everyone. It brings together a limited number of illustrations, signed books, paintings or other works by artists who think about a more just and equal world with those interested.

workshop & training & consultancy - **deſtekar**, disseminates skills and knowledge by organizing artistic workshops and specialist training for individuals and institutions. It cares to inspire the production of micro projects for a fairer and more equal world through its consultancy service.



Ways of Supporting Life



become a monthly donor

Our monthly donors are sources of not only financial security ensuring our independence and sustainability, but also of motivation, reassuring us that we do what we do well. With your support, we are able to turn small contributions into substantial impact. 'www.hayatadestek.org/bagis'



invite your friends to become monthly donors

You can show your confidence in what we do, how we do it and what we wish to do with your friends and family by inviting them to become monthly donors. We think that in fact, everyone has a desire to contribute to the solution of social matters; help them hear that voice!



make special days more special and spread the idea

In return for donations, Support to Life prepares tailor-made celebration cards for occasions like new year's, mother's day, father's day, weddings and delivers them to whomever they are addressed. You can make your special day more special by supporting life.



run, perform or play: make your own campaign

You can join a charity run for a cause of your choice, deliver a music performance on your instrument at a party, deliver a yoga session for your friends, or play games. By delivering a Support to Life Thank You certificate after an activity, you can invite them to donate. You can write to us at destekol@hayatadestek.org to design your own campaign. We are open to all sorts of creative ideas.



donate with your voluntary support

If all the NGOs of the world have one problem in common, that must be the shortage of human resources and time. You may wish to offer your expertise for support, or you may introduce us to those who do. Your knowledge and experience is the best contribution we can hope for.



introduce us to other organizations

Problems are many, resources are limited. You can introduce us to organizations you are affiliated with or you got to work with. You can be the prime mover of future collaborations, help us develop novel projects and form creative partnerships.



support us on social media

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. Support to Life, its beneficiaries, staff and supporters do not turn a blind eye to these modern mediums of 'speech' and care to be visible and vibrant in these platforms. You too can share our accounts, help disseminate our posts and help us carry societal issues and rehabilitation projects to daily public agenda.

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