

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



supporttolife

CONTENTS

1 FOREWORD

3 AREAS OF WORK

■ SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

7 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

■ WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE & CORE NEEDS SUPPORT

■ MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

■ PROTECTION

■ ACCESS TO LIVELIHOOD

■ LOCAL-LED EMPOWERMENT

14 CHILD PROTECTION

17 REFUGEE SUPPORT

■ PROTECTION

■ ACCESS TO LIVELIHOOD

20 LOCALIZATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

■ TRAININGS

■ COORDINATION NETWORKS AND ADVOCACY

■ GENDER EQUALITY

25 PEOPLE AND CULTURE

26 FINANCE

28 CORPORATE SUPPORTS

29 YOU CAN SUPPORT LIFE TOO!

30 destekar

33 IMPRESSUM



FOREWORD

Dear Supporters and Distinguished Partners,

The year we left behind was tough. The earthquakes on February 6, demonstrated the vital importance of humanitarian professionals being at the right place at the right time. We supported lives of over a million people in 13 provinces we worked in, including Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Adıyaman that are among the most affected provinces. Our agenda inevitably became emergency response and localization.



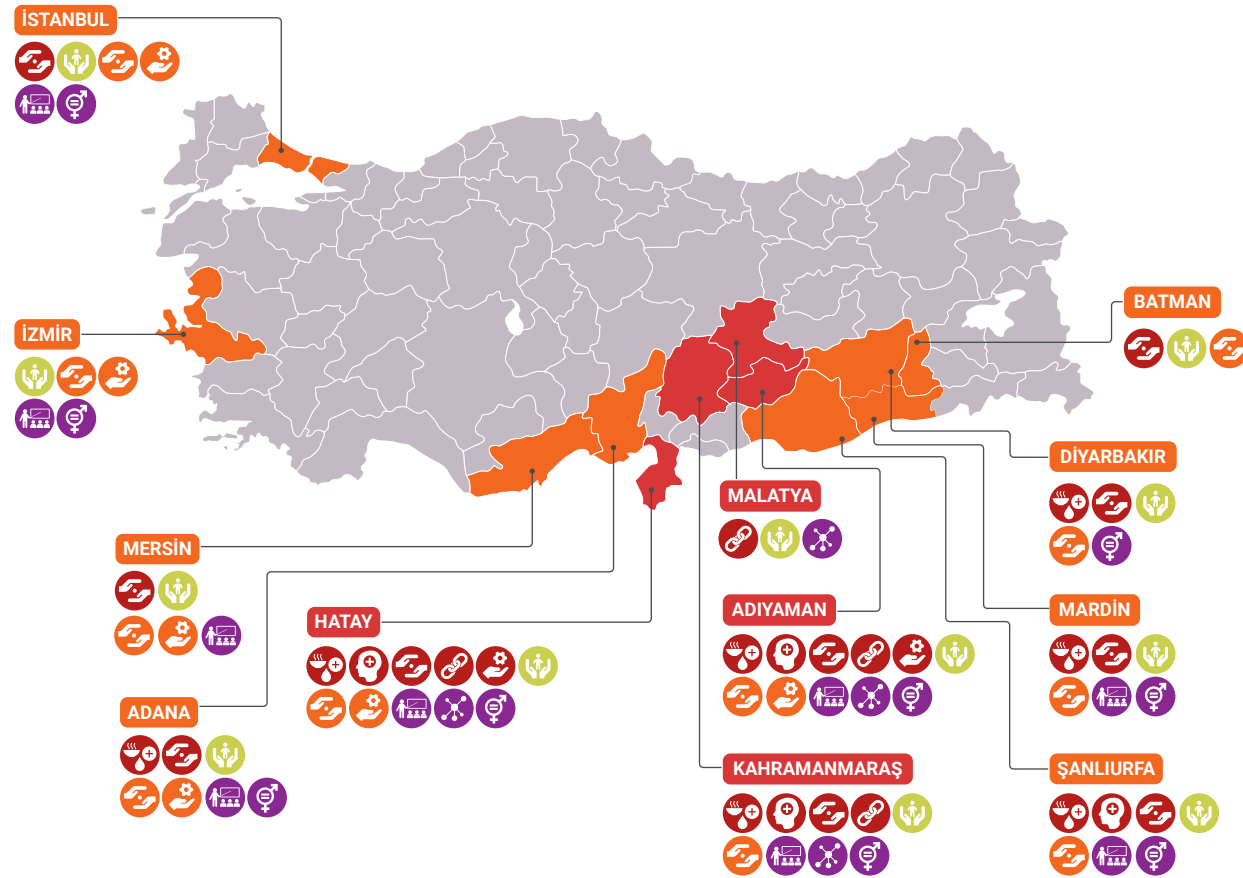
In the scope of our **Emergency Response** activities, meeting water and sanitation needs, improving shelter conditions, providing psychological and psychosocial support to those affected from the disaster, and access to core rights and needs were among our access focus points. In addition, we provided micro grants to support projects designed by the local people to increase their resilience to disasters and contribute to post-disaster recovery.

We experienced the importance of local civil society in coordinated response to disasters once again. In the scope of our **Localization and Capacity Building** program, we were among the founders of Local Humanitarian Forum (LHF) established to include local stakeholders to post-disaster improvement efforts. On the other hand, throughout the year we provided trainings to local governments, public institutions, cooperatives and NGOs on various subjects including child safeguarding, gender equality, standards of humanitarian response, and corporate sustainability.

Looking after well-being of our staff that make all such support possible was among important agenda items in 2023. We primarily focused on our staff that were directly affected by the earthquake and endeavored to introduce our financial and moral support mechanisms.

The age of multiple disasters indicate that the coming years might be even more difficult. That is, a lot will fall upon us, as humanitarian professionals. We will continue to work on the field for people that need assistance thanks to our supporters, donors, and partners, getting encouraged by solidarity.

Chair of the Supervisory Board
Emel Şensezgin Mergen



Emergency Response*

- Water, Sanitation, Hygiene & Core Needs Support
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
- Protection
- Local-Led Empowerment
- Access to Livelihood

Child Protection

- Support on Child Protection

Refugee Support

- Protection
- Access to Livelihood

Localization and Capacity Building

- Trainings
- Coordination Networks and Advocacy
- Gender Equality

* Within the scope of our emergency relief efforts, support was provided to the people who migrated from the cities affected by the earthquake in Adana, Batman, Diyarbakir, Malatya, Mardin, Mersin, Istanbul and Şanlıurfa provinces along with the provinces most affected by the earthquake.

AREAS OF WORK

Emergency Response

Support to Life shapes its projects disaster risk management and humanitarian aid processes in disasters and conducts emergency response operations by providing in-kind and cash based aid to communities affected by disasters together with preparedness and resilience works. Aim of such operations is to meet core food and non-food items (NFI), provide cash assistance, improve shelter conditions, as well as meet water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) needs. In addition, community-based activities to increase disaster resilience are supported in disaster areas.

Child Protection

Support to Life carries out multidimensional protection activities for children at risk, including combating child labour in Turkey, and conducts individualised child protection interventions and follow-ups. While it focuses on psychosocial support activities in community centers, it conducts advocacy of children's rights, especially education and healthy development. In order to strengthen the capacities of institutions working in the field of child protection, it provides trainings on child protection and the harms of child labour.

Refugee Support

Support to Life aims to ensure that refugees in Türkiye have access to their core rights and needs. Community centers where community-based protection efforts for refugees are conducted aim to empower the individual and ensuring contribution to social inclusion, 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.

Localization and Capacity Building

Support to Life perceives a locally structured, participatory, inclusive, and coordinated civil society as building block of a successful and sustainable humanitarian response and disaster recovery and carries out activities to reinforce the civil society prioritizing the local 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. While doing all this, it pursues an inclusive strategy towards the local civil society stakeholders .

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

New say now is the **#SolidarityHeals** for a healthy, resistant, and prosperous society we contribute to with our humanitarian activities and cooperate on the road to **17 Sustainable Development Goals**.



- Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including core goods and services, and by 2030 achieving substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable



- By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment



- By 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases
- 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 reducing the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination



- By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary 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 increasing the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship



- Ending all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere
- Eliminating all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation
- Eliminating all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation
- Recognizing and valuing 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
- By 2030, achieving universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all

- By 2030, achieving access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations
- By 2030, substantially increasing water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity
- Supporting and strengthening the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management

- Taking immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labor, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labor, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labor in all its forms
- Protecting labor 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 North-South, South-South and triangular regional and international cooperation on and access to science, technology and innovation and enhance knowledge sharing on mutually agreed terms, including through improved coordination among existing mechanisms, in particular at the United Nations level, and through a global technology facilitation mechanism





EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Immediately following the devastating February 6 earthquakes which affected 9.1 million people in 11 provinces, causing 50,783 deaths, our emergency teams were in the disaster area. We supported lives to ensure people affected from the disaster primarily in Hatay, Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş, and Malatya could access core needs and services.

We centered our emergency response on Hatay, Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş, and Malatya provinces that were the most heavily affected from the earthquake. In addition, in Diyarbakır, Şanlıurfa, Batman, Mardin, Adana, Mersin, İzmir, and İstanbul we devised new activities towards people migrated from the earthquake area and continued our humanitarian response.

We have identified shelter and non-food items (NFI), food safety and livelihood, waster, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), mental health-psychosocial support (MHPSS) and protection support as our priority humanitarian areas. Besides, in the scope of our localization activities, we supported with supervision and micro-grants projects devised by local populations affected from the earthquake towards their own needs.

In the scope of our humanitarian operation we shape per needs assessment, we provided services to people living in both informal shelter areas settings in rural areas and formal tent and container settlements.

We prioritized ensuring correct and reliable flow of information from emergency response operation areas and increasing our support capacity. In 2023, we prepared a total of **28 emergency reports** on needs in the earthquake area, the general state in the region, and our humanitarian responses.

We supported **925,591 lives** affected from the disaster with our multidimensional activities in the earthquake area.



WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)
AND CORE NEEDS SUPPORT

Regarding humanitarian response, actions to ensure access to and hygiene of clean water in disaster area described as 'WASH' was our focus point in emergency response operations after the earthquake. In the scope of water, sanitation, and hygiene efforts, we established water tanks, mobile toilets and shower units, water purification systems that turn water for use into drinkable

water, chlorination devices, and served with mobile laundries. We distributed hygiene packages that meet both cleaning needs of households and personal care need. In addition, we established hygiene committees where people living in shelter areas where we install hygiene equipments; organized information sessions on cleaning measures.

	Number of Distributions	Number of Accessed People
Water Tanks	212	179,600
Toilet and Shower Units	461	16,420
Water Purification Systems	16	9251
Chlorination Units	21	46,774
Mobile Laundries	42	86,234
Personal Hygiene Packages	44,738	214,859
Family Cleaning Hygiene Packages	19,245	96,225
Dignity Packages	14,511	14,511
Drinking Water (Liters)	76,729	25,576
Hygiene Committees	7 committees	48

In order to improve the shelter conditions in the disaster area, we distributed tents, blankets, beds, sleeping bags, kitchen utensils, stoves and pallets, suitable for different needs and seasonal conditions. In addition, while distributing food packages

to respond to the food needs of people affected by disasters, we produced special solutions especially for the needs in rural areas. We distributed animal feed to support livelihoods of farmers.

	Number of Distributions	Number of Accessed People
Tents	1,137	5,685
Blankets	3,177	3177
Beds	1,571	1,571
Sleeping Bags	571	571
Kitchen Packages	7,297	36,485
Food Packages	4,985	24,925
Animal Feed (bag)	93	56

“We were previously providing our water from artesian sources. Support to Life team came and met our needs. Our work became much easier. We were relieved to use water that we knew was clean and safe. We use this water to wash hands and face, dishes, fruits and vegetables, but we do not drink it. We appreciate everyone who contributed.”

Nuray, Hatay

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Our mobile mental health and psychological support (MHPSS) teams composed of psychologist, psychosocial support worker, and social workers supported lives of children and adults in both mobile activity units such as caravans and containers and fixed tents, from rural areas to container towns.

In the first months of the earthquake, in addition to the psychosocial support sessions we conducted to contribute to the well-being of children, we reached adolescent girls within the scope of the 'Adolescent Girls Empowerment Program' (AGEP) adapted to disaster conditions, providing

accurate, reliable and scientific information about adolescence and developmental processes. We also implemented 'Adolescent Boys Empowerment Program' in the disaster area. Within the scope of our programmes supporting academic and psychosocial life skills, we distributed support materials to children and supported their lessons.


We organized psychoeducation sessions for adults. We explained ways to reduce the effects of trauma and maintain well-being. We provided psychological counseling services for adults.

 **Psychosocial Support Activities** | **33,246** children

 **Individual Psychological Support** | **1,060** adults

 **Psychosocial Support Packages** | **7,732** children

 **Psycho Trainings** | **3,097** adults

 **Mentorship Support** | **2,593** children




“ I never got used to the container city. I had problems of belongingness. Sometimes I am very strong and at other times I feel very weak. I like being by myself very much but there is no such space here. I needed to talk. Talking to psychologist of Support to Life felt very well. ”


Zekiye, Kahramanmaraş

PROTECTION

In the disaster area, where access to information and services is much more difficult than under normal conditions, we supported children and adults who were identified to be at risk in the protection activities we carried out in order to remove the obstacles in front of access to basic rights and services. We implemented individualized protection interventions to prevent risks such as child labor and ear-

ly/forced marriages, gender-based violence, and lack of access to education and health services. In addition, we adapted the information sessions we conducted on different topics regarding access to fundamental rights to disaster conditions and organized information sessions on topics such as post-earthquake entitlement and access to social assistance.

 **Information Sessions** | **36,622** adults

 **Access to Education** | **1,408** çocuk

 **Individualized Protection Interventions** | **2,495** adults | **2,254** children


 **Access to Education** | **506** adults | **250** children


ACCESS TO LIVELIHOOD

In the earthquake-affected provinces, we worked for the economic recovery of the community and access to livelihoods. In addition to our grant and in-kind support programs

towards cooperatives and small enterprises, we organized vocational training programs such as tailoring.

 **Cooperative Support** | **13** cooperatives | **225** people

 **Vocational Trainings** | **64** people



“ We received training at Support to Life for 2 months. And we have been producing at our tailor workshop for 1 month. For 29 October Republic Day, we produced Gazi Mustafa Kemal's special handkerchief. We produce 3,500 items and it is going very well. Even those that did not know how to sew earlier can now produce. I would like to thank Support to Life team for giving us this opportunity. ”

Çiğdem, Adıyaman



'Local-Led Empowerment' in Disaster Zone

As an association that has been conducting humanitarian efforts in crisis situations in various areas of the world since 2005, we are aware of the important impact local communities have in terms of analysis of needs and cooperation in the disaster area. With this awareness, we have extended our 'Local-Led Empowerment' programme, which we launched in 2022, to the disaster area.

In the scope of the program, we provided micro-grant support to projects of local people that come together as a community following the disaster and create their interventions and solutions. In the program

we run in Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman and Malatya which were the most severely affected from the earthquake, we contributed to emergence of programs that local people determined based on their own needs, that target early recovery, repair, and increasing earthquake resilience.

In our support program we started to increase capacities of non-governmental organizations active in the disaster region as another pillar of localization, we pursued a micro-grant program specific to organizations that conduct monitoring and reporting specific to humanitarian needs in the disaster region.



Local-Led
Empowerment
Micro Grant

96

projects

210

people that
implement
projects



Micro Grant
Support for
NGOs

4

NGOs



“

We observed that children were left in a void after the earthquake. When we were thinking about how we could prevent this, we met with Support to Life. The retaining wall of our existing soccer field was destroyed. We repaired the wall and we maintained the field. After providing materials such as balls, we started training with the children. The happy faces of children proved our effect. We created benefits for both children and the community as a neighborhood initiative. We gained the experience of working under both our leadership and that of the community.

”

Defne, Hatay



CHILD PROTECTION

7 million 378 thousand children in Türkiye, that is almost one third of child population cannot access core needs for their healthy development including nutrition, heating, cleaning. We support life for children at risk, including child labour, to continue their education and access their needs.

In our child protection activities that we carried out in 2023, we provided psychosocial consultancy to children under risk and their families, individualized child protection interventions, referrals to services and legal consultancy support. We provided material support to children with special needs.

We provided mentorship support in our study

classes to support academic success while we conducted school enrollment procedures to ensure children continue education.

We organized awareness raising sessions towards informing families and institutions on child protection risks to remove economic, cultural, and social norms that cause child protection risks.



Individualized Protection Interventions

2.857
children



Legal Support

255
children



Information and Awareness Sessions

393 children | **8.131** adults



Psychological Support

1.005
children



Psychosocial Support

33.246
children



Specials Needs Support (SNF)

711
children



“

Freedom, happiness,
my days at school and
Support to Life staff
make me feel strong.

”

Mira, 7 years old, Hatay



REFUGEE SUPPORT

In 2023, more than 110 million people were forcibly displaced due to crises such as wars, conflicts, climate change-based disasters. In Türkiye which hosts approximately 4 million refugees according to official figures, we supported life to ensure refugees that became even more vulnerable due to disasters and deepening poverty could access core rights and services.

In our activity fields including the earthquake region we focused on protection and livelihood support in our refugee support programs.

PROTECTION

In our **individualized protection interventions** our social workers informed refugees on subjects such as health, education, registration, and legal support in one-to-one discussions. We monitored problems refugees are faced with while accessing services and referred them to relevant institutions when necessary and provided legal support to prevent loss of rights.

Within the scope of **mental health and psychosocial support**, we supported adults and children to resolve difficulties arising from negative life experiences; we aimed to improve their well-being. In Support Groups Program where beneficiaries take role, we pursued

community based psychosocial support activities. We continued organizing **information sessions** on subjects such as education, health, accommodation, protection, registration, social assistance, access to core services such as using e-state services, children’s rights, negative effects of child labor, prevention of early/child marriages, women’s rights, and gender equality.

In the aftermath of the earthquake **the Information and Support Line** we established to ensure our beneficiaries can easily access information worked hard to provide support not just to refugees but to every-one affected by the earthquake.



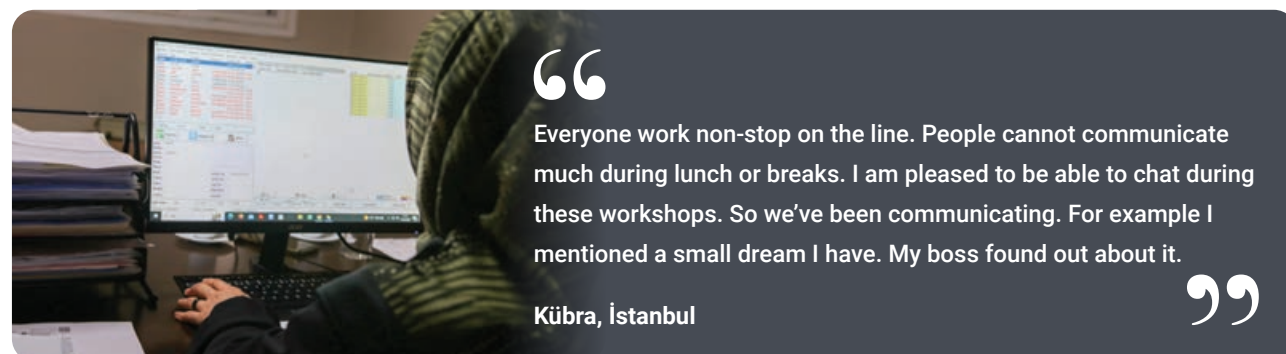
“ In the geography where I grew up, people fear women that speak up. I was thinking the same thing. After discussing the issue of gender equality in support group sessions, I learned how to have a different perspective. And I understood that equality is more comfortable for both genders. ”

Hayriye, İstanbul Sulukule Neighborhood House



In the scope of our **social cohesion and social inclusion** efforts we conducted a project to improve social inclusion between refugees and members of the local community working together at textile workshops. We organised multiculturalism workshops for senior and mid-level managers, and sessions on topics such as non-violent communication, strengthening social relations and gender equality in groups including employees.

In 2023 we added session subjects on coexistence and social include, supporting individuals with disabilities to access rights and services and strengthening parents/caregivers in our awareness and psycho-training sessions.

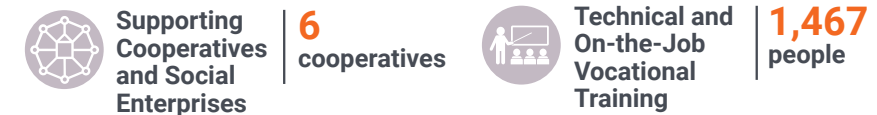


ACCESS TO LIVELIHOOD

In 2023, we provided 6 **cooperatives and social enterprises** with 40 customized supports such as consultancy, in-kind and cash support, and capacity building activities for corporate sustainability. In addition, we supported cooperatives and social enterprises with networking activities at corporate sustainability themed events.

Within the scope of our **Technical and On-the-Job**

Vocational Training program, we supported young people in need to develop vocational skills. **1,467** young people between the ages of 18-35 from different cities of Türkiye benefited from digital marketing, graphic design, and pre-accounting vocational training and on-the-job training programs. Participants had the opportunity to apply what they learned from these trainings through a 3-month on-the-job training program and access permanent employment.





LOCALIZATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The February 6 Earthquakes demonstrated the significance of a locally coordinated civil society including in disaster response. We supported life for development of local humanitarian response capacity.

Strengthening local capacity and increasing the ability of communities to produce solutions for their own needs lie at the center of our **localization efforts**. We cooperated with various local stakeholders, including civil society, local government and the private sector, in addition to affected communities.

Developments at the global level paved the way to

take important steps in localization this year. Publication of guides on local NGO representation and localization by the IASC (Inter-Agency Standing Committee) the preparation of localization strategies by key stakeholders and the increased effectiveness of the NEAR (Network For Empowered Aid Response) were important developments that supported the localization process.

Support to Life in Ukraine



The continuing crisis in Ukraine lead to the risk that the vulnerabilities of people affected by the war would become permanent. We continued to provide technical support to local organizations carrying out humanitarian response in Ukraine and surrounding countries in 2023 in order to ensure they can carry out more effective, accountable and efficient activities. Since the beginning of the crisis, we have supported 11 partners in 5 countries neighbouring Ukraine with our strategic partner Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe while we supported lives of more than 60 thousand people. In addition, in the middle of the year, we launched a new project implemented at the regional level with 7 different partners in 4 countries, including Ukraine which aimed at reaching 65 thousand people.

TRAININGS

In 2023 we organized 142 sessions with groups including non-governmental institutions, bar associations, social service directorates general, and municipalities. With our **one-to-one and online trainings** towards professionals and aspiring workers in humanitarian response, we reached 736 people.

In the scope of our activities directed at **capacity building of non-governmental organizations**, this year we gave trainings to **19 non-governmental organizations** from 16 provinces on key institutional capacity headings such as human resources, procurement and financial management as well as on different topics including protection mainstreaming, child safeguarding, and psychological first aid while we provide mentorship support on humanitarian response expertise.

Within the framework of our **child safeguarding** capacity de-

velopment activities, we provided child safeguarding training to **10 non-governmental organizations and 3 public institutions** in 2023. We reached **170 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.

Our digital learning platform **hayatadestek.360** that we established to build both our corporate capacity and capacities of people and institutions in humanitarian response, became an important resource in Turkish for humanitarian workers that served at the disaster region following the February 6 Earthquakes. **5,424 people** benefited from our 13 different trainings including Community Feedback and Complaint Mechanism (CFCM), core humanitarian standards, introduction to cash assistance, psychological first aid in disasters and crisis; **5,571 trainings** were completed.



Child
Safeguarding
Training

13
institutions

170
people



NGO Capacity
Building Activities

19
NGOs



Institutional
Capacity
Building
Trainings

736
people



hayatadestek.360
Trainings

5.424
people

Child Safeguarding
Implementation Guide

We published our Child Safeguarding Practice Guide that aims to present a roadmap to institutions working with children and give practical information on child safeguarding mechanisms. The Guide contains information and sample applications that will lay the groundwork for understanding the issue of child safeguarding.



COORDINATION NETWORKS AND ADVOCACY

Members of the Localization Advocacy Group (LAG) that include Support to Life established **Local Humanitarian Forum (LHF)** with the aim to integrate local non-governmental organizations and civilian networks to the structure of the international humanitarian coordination established in the aftermath of February 6 Earthquakes. We started working with our LHF representatives in Adiyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, and Malatya. Hosted and secretariat teamed by Support to Life, LHF has 73 members at the national level and a wide stakeholder network at the local level, including NGOs and networks working in the four provinces most affected by the earthquake.

We were one of the national NGOs that were co-executors with in the OCHA coordination mechanism. We assumed **co-executive role at child protection sub-working group**, which aimed to coordinate emergency needs in the disaster area at the sectoral level. With this task, we contributed to coordination

with relevant actors to produce social policies regarding child protection risks.

Under the umbrella of the **Disaster Platform**, that we are a founding member of, we took part in the coordination of the crisis desk established within the platform after the February 6 Earthquakes. This year we continued organizing periodic meetings within the scope of the National Reference Group established by the **Localization Advocacy Group (LAG)** with 28 NGO members whose seeds were sown with the initiative of the Support to Life.

We worked to strengthen the governance structure of the **The Refugee Council of Turkey (TMK)**, of which we are the founder and a member of the Board of Directors. We took steps to support refugee organisations and contribute to their visibility.

GENDER EQUALITY ACTIVITIES

In the scope of our **mainstreaming gender activities**, we organized 'Strengthening Women's Access to Justice (Rights and Services); I am a Woman I Have Rights' program facilitator training in İzmir with participation of 21 female facilitators from 14 institutions. We updated our program guide and **opened to access** on our website. In addition, we gave Gender Based Violence (GBV) case management training, Providing Basic Support to Prevent GBV and Gender Sensitive Communication Training to 65 representatives of different institutions including NGOs, municipalities, and public institutions active in the Aegean region.

With **Adolescent Girls Empowerment Program (AGEP)** and **Adolescent Boys Support Program (ABSP)** we provided safe spaces for adolescent children and young people to access correct and reliable information in their growth and development periods. We gave Young Empowerment Program training to service providers at neighborhood houses under municipalities.

In our **Parent Empowerment Programmes**, we organised information sessions for parents/caregivers on topics such as positive parenting, communication between parents, supporting the healthy development of children, and raising privacy awareness in children.



Gender
Mainstreaming
Trainings

79
institutions



Adolescent
Girls
Empowerment
Program and
Adolescent
Boys Support
Program
sessions

3,753
children



Parent
Empowerment
Programs

2,573
adults



“

We discussed physical, psychological, and digital violence. We learned we could complain without fearing anyone. It is especially important for women to talk without getting shamed. Here there is a lot of discrimination between girls and boys. They say “He is a boy, he can do it” but I will be able to explain to the next generation that this is not right.

”

Semra, 14 years old,
Kahramanmaraş

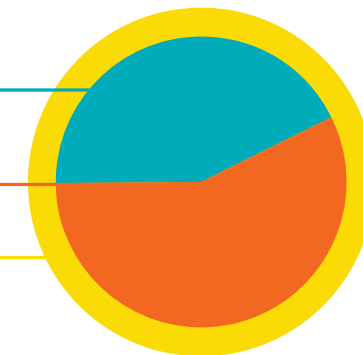
PEOPLE AND CULTURE

In 2023, which was a difficult year for us, we have also taken employee well-being into consideration in our approach to people and culture with the motto ‘Life to Support’. We activated our financial and moral support mechanisms, especially for our employees who were directly affected by the earthquake. The emergency teams we established after the earthquake reached 399 people.

Number of
Male Employees: 170

Number of
Female Employees: 229

TOTAL: 399



Şanlıurfa Haliliye: 49

Kahramanmaraş: 29

Mersin: 14

Mardin: 20

İstanbul: 34

İstanbul Head Office: 71

Adana: 29

Adıyaman: 36

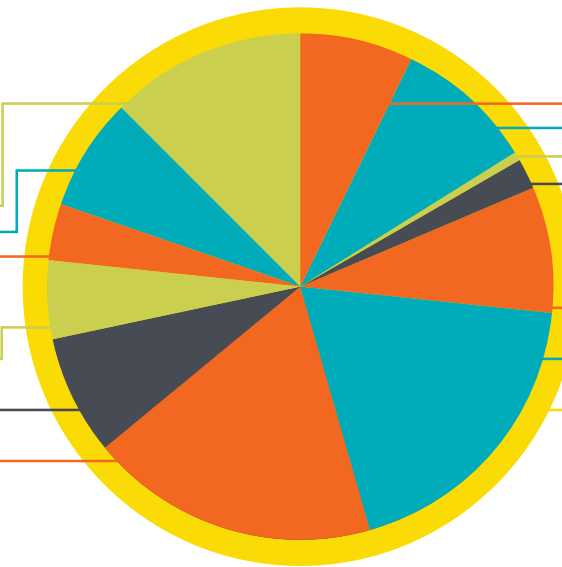
Ankara: 2

Batman: 8

Diyarbakır: 32

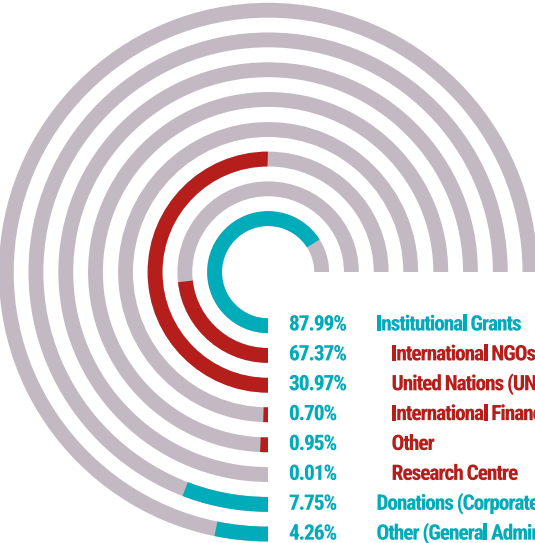
Hatay: 75

TOTAL: 399



FINANCE

As Support to Life we continued our activities based on accountability principle. We made corporate audits encompassing all our expenses and shared our audit reports on our website.



Source Provided
According to Type of Revenue

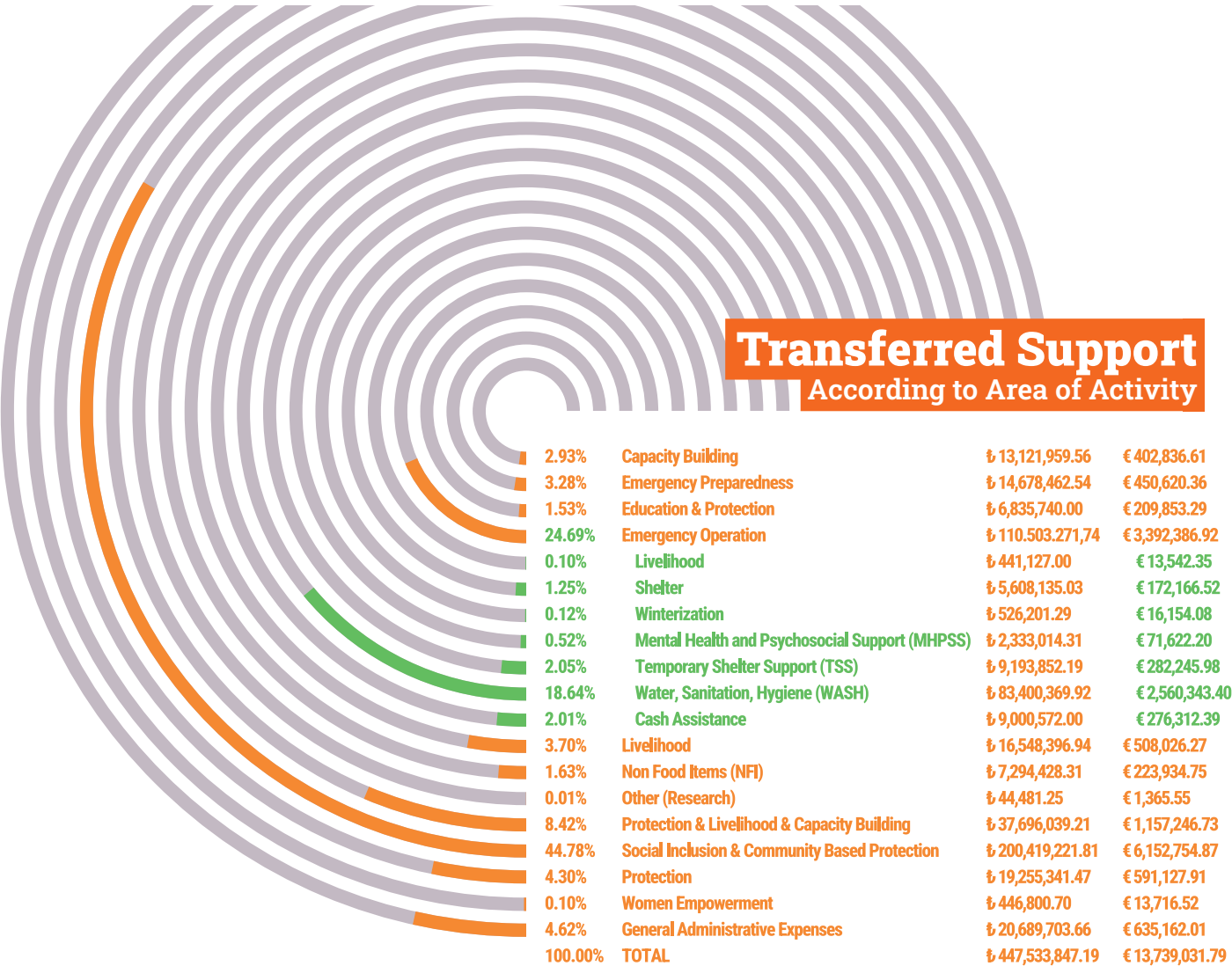
87.99%	Institutional Grants	₺ 426,844,144.74	€ 13,103,869.80
67.37%	International NGOs	₺ 287,560,029.70	€ 8,827,927.56
30.97%	United Nations (UN) Agencies	₺ 132,201,089.04	€ 4,058,497.42
0.70%	International Financial Institutions	₺ 2,969,263.85	€ 91,154.69
0.95%	Other	₺ 4,069,280.90	€ 124,924.58
0.01%	Research Centre	₺ 44,481.25	€ 1,365.55
7.75%	Donations (Corporate, Individual Donations, Events, etc.)	₺ 37,593,353.93	€ 1,154,094.35
4.26%	Other (General Administrative Expenses)	₺ 20,689,703.66	€ 635,162.01
100.00%	TOTAL	₺ 485,127,202.33	€ 14,893,126.16

DONORS

In 2023 we continued to cooperate with donors to support lives of people in need and conduct our activities in line with humanitarian response principles.

Institutions we have partnered with, including our work in the disaster area: Action Against Hunger , European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Caritas, Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation, Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP), Concern, Choose Love , Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH), Disasters Emergency Committee

(DEC), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Give2Asia, Inditex, International Organization for Migration, King Baudouin Foundation (KBF), Mozaik Foundation, NPT United Kingdom, Samenwerkende Hulporganisaties, Save the Children, Support Foundation for Civil Society, Stichting Vluchteling, Stiftung Mercator, Terre Des Hommes (TDH), The Ashmore Foundation, The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, UNICEF, USAID, Vitol Foundation, World Vision.



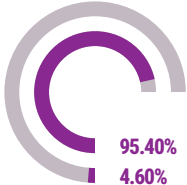
2.93%	Capacity Building	₺ 13,121,959.56	€ 402,836.61
3.28%	Emergency Preparedness	₺ 14,678,462.54	€ 450,620.36
1.53%	Education & Protection	₺ 6,835,740.00	€ 209,853.29
24.69%	Emergency Operation	₺ 110,503,271.74	€ 3,392,386.92
0.10%	Livelihood	₺ 441,127.00	€ 13,542.35
1.25%	Shelter	₺ 5,608,135.03	€ 172,166.52
0.12%	Winterization	₺ 526,201.29	€ 16,154.08
0.52%	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)	₺ 2,333,014.31	€ 71,622.20
2.05%	Temporary Shelter Support (TSS)	₺ 9,193,852.19	€ 282,245.98
18.64%	Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH)	₺ 83,400,369.92	€ 2,560,343.40
2.01%	Cash Assistance	₺ 9,000,572.00	€ 276,312.39
3.70%	Livelihood	₺ 16,548,396.94	€ 508,026.27
1.63%	Non Food Items (NFI)	₺ 7,294,428.31	€ 223,934.75
0.01%	Other (Research)	₺ 44,481.25	€ 1,365.55
8.42%	Protection & Livelihood & Capacity Building	₺ 37,696,039.21	€ 1,157,246.73
44.78%	Social Inclusion & Community Based Protection	₺ 200,419,221.81	€ 6,152,754.87
4.30%	Protection	₺ 19,255,341.47	€ 591,127.91
0.10%	Women Empowerment	₺ 446,800.70	€ 13,716.52
4.62%	General Administrative Expenses	₺ 20,689,703.66	€ 635,162.01
100.00%	TOTAL	₺ 447,533,847.19	€ 13,739,031.79

Income

₺ 485.127.202,33
€ 14.893.126,16

Outcome

₺ 447.533.848,40
€ 13.739.031,81



95.40%	Project Expenses	₺ 426,844,144.74	€ 13,103,869.81
4.60%	Support to Life General Administrative Expense	₺ 20,689,703.66	€ 635,162.01
100%	TOTAL	₺ 447,533,848.40	€ 13,739,031.81

Efficiency

• All numbers are for information purposes. For official records, Support to Life accounting records should be taken as basis.
• 31.12.2023 Central Bank Of The Republic Of Türkiye exchange rate was used when converting from TL to EUR.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

From the first day of the earthquake until the end of 2023, we collected 37 million 593 thousand TL of cash donations and 6 million 296 thousand TL of in-kind donations with the support of our individual and corporate donors. We found the chance to touch lives on tens of thousands of people with our supporters.

Donations of our supporters enabled us to act quickly, especially during this difficult time when needs were constantly changing. We began planning and implementing our humanitarian response within the first 24 hours.

Corporate support played an important role in water, sanitation and hygiene installations such as showers, toilets and water tanks in the first days and in our improvement works in the following months. Thanks to these supports, we delivered to the field our installations such as solar panels that supply hot water to mobile showers, purification devices that convert domestic water into drinking water, disinfection of tents, mobile laundry, and disabled-friendly toilets.

The toys we deliver to children participating in our psychosocial support activities were created in toy workshops we organized with institutions. Thanks to our supporters, we added children's books to the library we opened in our mobile container. Thanks to the support, we delivered our OKİ and HİJİ bags, which meet the hygiene and school needs of children, to hundreds of children in the earthquake zone.

In order to ensure access to livelihoods, we transferred the income obtained from the Hatay food workshop we organized with our supporters to farmers and women's cooperatives in the earthquake region. Within the framework of our corporate cooperation in Adıyaman, we established a tailor workshop for women at the Women's Solidarity Center.

With corporate support we combined our awareness sessions on 'gender equality and rights' with self-care workshops, supported wellbeing of women.

We were supported by theater crews that donated revenue of the plays, small enterprises that donated revenue of their production, supporters that transferred the donations they collected by running or through birthdays or marriages to activities of Support to Life.

Your corporate and individual supports made us faster and more effective in this difficult year. We would like to thank all our donors. You made us stronger. It is very nice to support life together.

Within the scope of our post-earthquake corporate collaborations, we organised 6 toy workshops for employees of different institutions in 2023. 311 sleeping buddy toys produced by hand in these workshops were distributed to children aged 0-6 living in temporary shelters in Hatay, Adıyaman and Kahramanmaraş.





YOU CAN SUPPORT LIFE TOO

We need you to ensure people affected from disasters continue their lives with dignity. Support 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.



You can make a one time or regular support supporttolife.org/donate 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

IBAN No (USD) : TR80 0006 7010 0000 0097 1969 26 SWIFT/BIC: YAPITRIS



destekar



destekar

noun and adjective

1. One that supports, performs and provides support
2. Social design brand of Support to Life

We found the most creative way to Support Life and introduced design with benevolence. Products that where the handicrafts of those in need and the ideas of talented designers meet are here at destekar shop since the day it opened... The social design shop destekar, which transfers all of its income to Support to Life, invites you to support a fairer and more equal world with your shopping.

At destekar shop, we create spaces for women to produce, strengthen the market access of women who produce, and support local tradespeople

with the supply of our production materials. We serve some of the Global Sustainable Development Goals with all our designs and contribute all our revenues to the sustainability of our efforts to improve the lives of people affected by the earthquake. We advocate for equality, cooperation, social inclusion, women's empowerment, and children's rights with our well thought of collections.

Join us. Support a fair and equal world with your individual or corporate shopping. Visit destekar shop that supports life with all its profit. destekar shop is at the nearest browser: www.destekar.org

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. 'supporttolife.org/donate/'



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.

You can reach us at destekol@hayatadestek.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Emel Şensezgin Mergen

Chair of the Supervisory Board

Aylin Gezgüç

Vice Chairperson of the Board

Ali Sinan Kurmuş

Executive Board Treasurer

Meryem Aslan

Member of The Board of Directors

Sema Genel Karaosmanoğlu

Member of The Board of Directors

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Aylin Şahin

Burcu Kuğu Bolak

Gülistan Yılmaz Karapeçe

Photographs

COVER PHOTO

Özgür Doğan

Sayfa 2-3, 6, 10, 14, 24

Kerem Uzel

Sayfa 9, 11, 20-21

Çiğdem Güner

Sayfa 13, 15, 16, 18, 30

Özgür Doğan

Sayfa 12, 17, 19, 21, 29

From the field



supporttolife

Koşuyolu Mah. Cenap Şahabettin Sok.
No: 42/1 34718 Kadıköy / İSTANBUL

t : +90 (216) 336 22 62

f : +90 (216) 336 29 25



/HayataDestek



/hayatadestek



/Support2life



/Support2life



Hayata Destek / Support to Life

supporttolife.org | hayatadestek.online | 360.hayatadestek.org | destekar.org