



OPEN SPACE  
ASSOCIATION  
DEEP POVERTY NETWORK

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Activity Report

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# WHO ARE WE?

## The Open Space Association and the Deep Poverty Network

- To raise awareness about social, economic, and urban problems;
- To build solidarity with groups that have difficulty accessing their rights and needs and are subjected to social exclusion;
- To empower these groups through various activities, supporting their access to public rights and services;
- To reduce the barriers to their entry to fundamental human rights, including education, health, employment, and social security.



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# VISION AND MISSION

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## Vision

Eliminating human rights violations and social exclusion caused by poverty.

### Mission 1:

To empower people who cannot access their fundamental rights and needs.

### Mission 2:

To contribute to the adoption of rights-based and holistic policies.

### Mission 3:

To contribute to the elimination of prejudices against poverty and people living in poverty.

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# DEEP POVERTY

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As Deep Poverty Network, we consider poverty a multidimensional phenomenon in which people are prevented from accessing their economic, social, political, and cultural rights and restricting access to their fundamental rights and needs.

We believe that the fight against poverty should be a participatory, open, transparent, and accountable struggle based on rights, belief in solidarity, urgent intervention, and protecting human dignity.

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# ACTIVITIES

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## SOLIDARITY

### Why solidarity?

In conditions of unequal distribution of resources and the current economic crisis, we believe that people living in deep poverty should be supported by establishing a solidarity-based relationship of equals.

## RESEARCH

### Why research?

We believe in the impact of the research and advocacy activities we carry out to make it visible that poverty is a violation of rights caused by policies and to contribute to realizing sustainable and preventive policies.

## SOCIAL SERVICE AND EMPOWERMENT

### Why social service and empowerment?

While showing solidarity with people living in poverty and unable to access their fundamental rights, we believe in supporting people to be empowered to access information, resources, and self-advocacy as rights holders.

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# ACTIVITIES

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## CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

### Why corporate development?

As a newly established non-governmental organization, we believe that sustainable activity can only be possible by installing the essential administrative and practical execution/protection mechanisms of the organization.

## RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

### Why resource development?

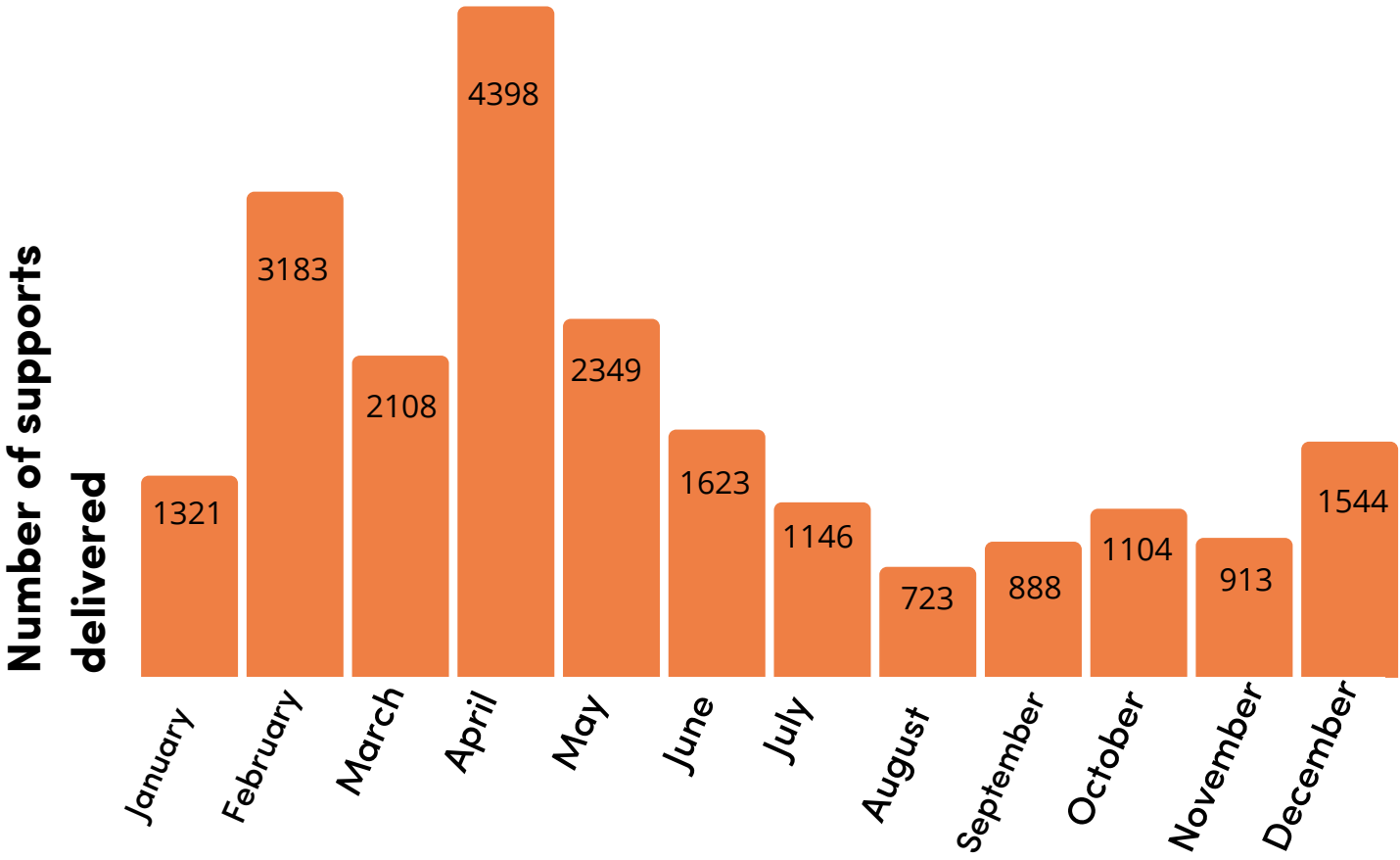
We care about resource development activities to ensure the sustainability of the organization's support, human resources, and activities, to ensure transparency in the use of donations, and to protect donor rights.

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# SOLIDARITY

Throughout 2022, we provide support to supported households with a market card with a monthly balance of 520 or 624 liras that can be used in specific markets and can be refilled; as well as stationery, menstrual care products, baby food, hot food, clothing (store card), rent, invoice, medicine, diapers, etc. according to the unique needs of the person.

As of December 2022, 732 households regularly receive grocery card/code support.



**Deep Poverty Network, 2022: Distribution of monthly support delivered.**





# SOLIDARITY



In cooperation with [TOKTUT'mak Elimizde](#) Association, a total of 16,800 hot meals were distributed in various neighborhoods where we worked.

On 23 April 2022, TOKTUT supported the advocacy work we launched to draw attention to the importance of free school feeding programs by opening a hanging lunchbox campaign. This campaign delivered more than 23,000 daily nutritional support to students.

We know that the nutritional status of preschool, primary and secondary school children affects their physical development, health, learning, and cognitive capacity, school attendance, and academic success levels. We continue our advocacy efforts with the call for [#FreeSchoolNutrition](#).

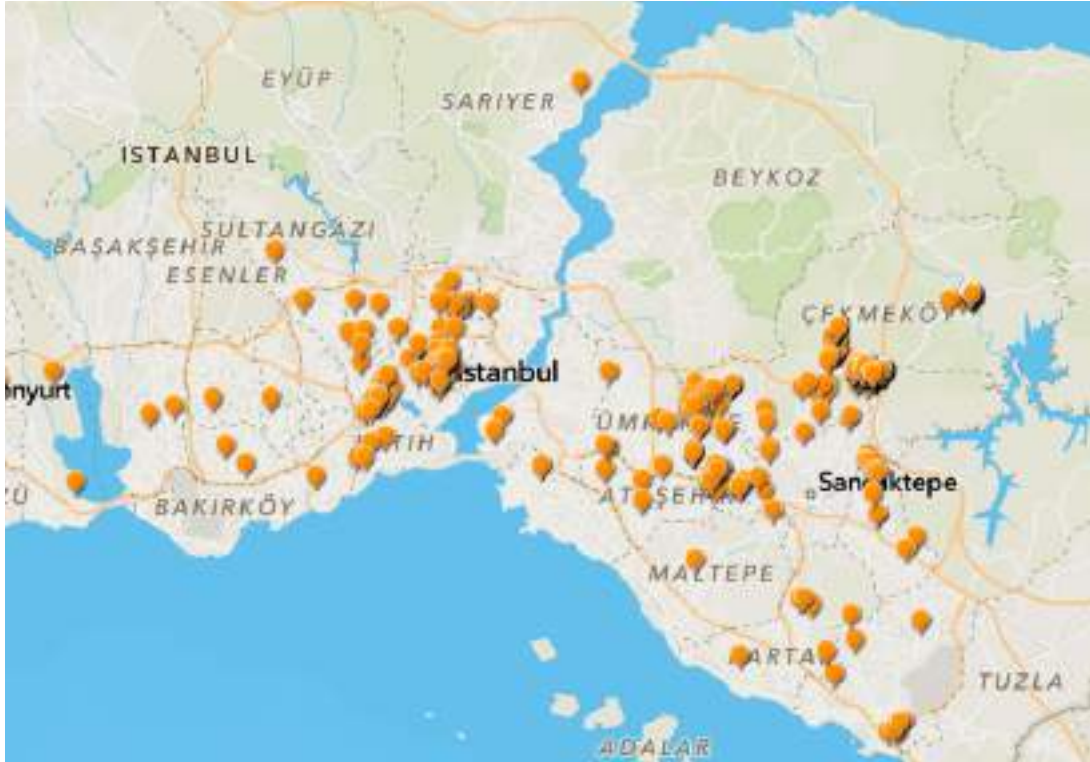


# SOLIDARITY

The details of the in-kind support delivered each month are shared through the "Support" > "[Change from home](#)" page on the [derinyoksullukukagi.org](http://derinyoksullukukagi.org) website or through monthly newsletters.



# SOLIDARITY



A total of 761 households,



3226 people, including 1599 children,

receive support with [#ChangeFromHome](#) solidarity.

# SOLIDARITY

In addition to our work on the access of individuals to basic nutrients in the neighborhood where we carry out focus work with the Mobile Food Bank Project, which we have implemented in cooperation with the Basic Needs Association within the scope of Cemre Fund within the scope of the Support Foundation for Civil Society, we have determined the situation regarding the special needs and basic needs of adults and children in households; We have assumed the role of informing, directing and monitoring in the process of ensuring individuals' access to fundamental rights and public services.

Through **TIDER** and other collaborations, we tried to meet the demands for basic food, bills, rent, diapers, formula, clothes, shoes, books, stationery, medicines, and furniture. After the regular work in the region, we worked with the nearby [Ozyegin University Sustainability Platform](#) and neighborhood public schools, especially regarding school attendance.

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# RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY



## What was done?

Throughout 2022, we produced 1 Monitoring Report and 6 Informative Notes, translated 3 Policy Papers into Turkish, and conducted weekly Poverty in Media Agenda Monitoring to expose the unsustainable conditions of poverty, discuss it as a violation of human rights, and mobilize the media and public institutions.

# RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY



## Reports:

- Monitoring Report: Poverty Agenda in the Media (January-August 2022)



## Information Notes:

- Malnutrition Fact Sheet in Children
- Fact Sheet and Demands on Women's Poverty
- In the Garbage, Scrap, At the School, Not in the Workshop! Fact Sheet
- Factsheet on Extreme Child Poverty
- Rental Increase Rates Information Note (Özyeğin University Faculty of Law Law Clinics)
- Comments and Suggestions of the Deep Poverty Network on the Circular of the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change on "Waste Collectors" Information Note



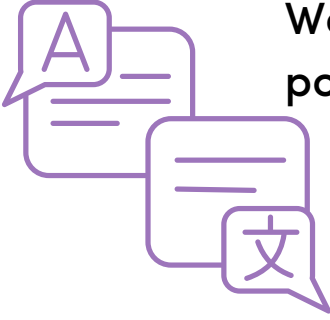
## Monitoring the Poverty Agenda in the Media:

We have prepared a series of weekly media scans updated every Monday. News about poverty and poverty and human rights violations published on online media channels can be seen together.

# RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

## Translation:

We translated three reports on human rights and poverty into Turkish.



- Ending Extreme Child Poverty in Europe: An International Duty and Moral Duty
- Guidelines for Ensuring the Right to Adequate Housing
- How Can NGOs Communicate with the European Committee of Social Rights According to the Social Charter Procedures in Europe?





# RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY



We have prepared the Monitoring Report: The Poverty Agenda in the Media to analyze what kind of prejudices are fed, how the "poor" is portrayed, what type of discourse strategies are preferred in the news in the media and associated with poverty, and to show good examples.

This report is followed by the two guides we prepared to guide the visuals and narratives used in content that directly or indirectly affects impoverished people.

## Guidelines: How to Report Poverty Guidelines: Use of Poverty Visuals

We prepared the guides as the product of a discussion by bringing together the group works with people living in conditions of deep poverty to focus on visibility in the media, a working meeting with members of the press focusing on how to report poverty and the experiences of people working in the Deep Poverty Network.



# RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

## *International Human Rights Mechanisms*

- In October, we participated in the Turkey session of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva with other NGOs that reported to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child and presented on child poverty in Turkey.
- We prepared an information note aimed at the call of the Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls of the United Nations High Commissioner of the Human Rights.



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# SOCIAL WORK AND EMPOWERMENT

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Sixty women from three different neighborhoods were selected to work closely within the scope of the Project for the Holistic Support of Women Living in Deep Poverty and Single Parenting. In addition to the monthly in-kind support, we carried out the referral and follow-up processes by developing a social service plan for the needs of social workers and individuals.

## Needs Detection:

The priority agendas that emerged within the scope of the talks: Uneasy relationship, divorce process, temporary protection, violence, debt/execution/foreclosure, risk of dropping out of school, relatives of convicts, health problems, malnutrition, housing, substance use history, disability, old age, and lack of identity.

## Redirects:

According to the needs and priorities of women and children in each household, referrals were made to the following institutions: District Women, Family, and Psychological Counseling Center; Regional Employment Offices; İŞKUR; IMM Directorate for the Disabled; Census Bureau; District Center for the Disabled; SYDV; SHM; SEDEP; NGO; School; Hospital and psychiatric service of the nearest hospital.

Follow-up processes were carried out to learn how the referrals made to the institutions mentioned above progressed, whether new needs emerged, and to accompany them where needed.

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# SOCIAL WORK AND EMPOWERMENT

We organized various workshops by organizing meetings with experts on the issues that women need. Simultaneous children's workshops accompanied these workshops.



Conducted by Hatice Kapusuz  
Meeting workshops: information was given about group dynamics and cohesion, our strengths, and our work methods.



Conducted by Selmin Cansu Demir  
Information such as legal information workshops, obtaining an e-government password, logging into e-government, which documents can be obtained through e-government, and which applications can be made were shared.



Information was given on issues such as debt, enforcement and foreclosure, follow-up of notifications, objection process, hiring a free lawyer, credit card debts, protection from fraud, rent increase, and eviction.



Conducted by Irmak Saraç  
Information was given on sexual and reproductive health.

# WOMEN'S LABOR

Istanbul Volunteers supported the handmade products of the Women's Labor Solidarity by opening a place in the Women's Labor Markets. Our supporters, on the other hand, shared in solidarity on their special days. You can follow the works at [@kadinemegidayanismasi](https://www.instagram.com/kadinemegidayanismasi).



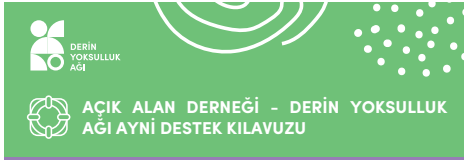
# INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## What was done?

Working on our three-year strategy throughout 2022, we created internal policy documents. In this direction, we prepared a Volunteer Rights Policy and Child Safety Policy, In-kind Support Guide, Instruction Guides for Collaborating Institutions, and Cooperation Principles Commitment and received NGO Management Consultancy.



# INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



#### Açık Alan Derneği (AAD) & Derin Yoksulluk Ağı (DYA):

- sosyal, ekonomik ve kentsel sorunlar hakkında farkındalık yaratmayı;
- hak ve ihtiyaçlarına erişiminde zorlanan, sosyal dışlanmaya maruz kalan gruplarla dayanışmayı;
- bu grupları çeşitli faaliyetler aracılığıyla güçlendirmeyi; bu grupların kamusal hak ve hizmetlere erişimini desteklemeyi;
- eğitim, sağlık, istihdam, sosyal güvencilik dahil olmak üzere temel insan haklarına erişimleri yolundaki engelleri azaltmayı amaçlayan bir sivil toplum kuruluşudur.

#### Derin Yoksulluk Tanımı

Açık Alan Derneği & Derin Yoksulluk Ağı; yoksulluğu, çok boyutlu bir çerçevede kişilerin temel hak ve ihtiyaçlarına erişimlerinin kullanılmasının yanında ekonomik, sosyal, politik ve kültürel haklarına ulaşmalarının da engellendiği bir olgu olarak ele alır.

#### Kılavuzun Amacı

Bu kılavuzun amacı; DY'A'nın benimsediği Şe'aflik ve Hesap Verilebilirlik ilkesi doğrultusunda faaliyetlerimizi ve bütçe kullanımımızı etik değerler göz önünde tutularak aynı destek sürecini başlatıp yapmayı ve kurumlara aktarmaktır. Kılavuzun aynı destek süreçleri yürütmek isteyen yerel yönetmelere ve diğer sivil toplum örgütlerine ilkel ve yöntemsel olarak referans olması da hedeflenmektedir.

Aynı destek süreçleri yürütülürken kişileri sosyal desteğe ulaşmada kapsam dışı bırakabilecek ikamet adresi, ikamet koşulları, üzerine kayıtlı mülk bulunması ve sigortalılık gibi kriterler ele alınmamakta, yoksulluk geçirip geçmediğine bakılmadan kişilerin temel haklarına erişimleri ve risk faktörleri kriter olarak belirlenmektedir.

#### AA&DYA Şe'aflik ve Hesap Verilebilirlik ilkesi: DY'A faaliyetlerinde ve bütçe kullanımında hesap verilebilir ve şe'af olmayı hedefler.

#### Aynı Desteklerin Amacı

Aynı desteklerin amacı; derin yoksulluk koşullarında yaşayan, sosyal desteklerin ulaşamadığı veya yeterli olmadığı hallerdeki kişilerin yaşam koşullarını göz önünde bulundurularak dayanışma yürütmektir. Bu süreçte DY'A dayanışma ve acil müdahale faaliyetlerini gerçekleştirir.

In line with the Transparency and Accountability Principle we have adopted, we have published the In-kind Support Guidelines to convey the in-kind support process, which is carried out by considering ethical values, to the donors and institutions.



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-Bu grupları çeşitli faaliyetler aracılığıyla güçlendirmeyi; bu grupların kamusal hak ve hizmetlere erişimini desteklemeyi;

-Eğitim, sağlık, istihdam, sosyal güvencilik dahil olmak üzere temel insan haklarına erişimleri yolundaki engelleri azaltmayı amaçlayan bir sivil toplum kuruluşudur.

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Taahhütmenin Amacı: Bu taahhütname, dernek faaliyetlerinin parçası olan, yoksulluk koşullarında yaşayan kişileri (faydalanıcıları) doğrudan ya da dolaylı bir şekilde etkileyen çalışmaların insan hakları standartlarına uygun yürütülmesini sağlamaya amaçlar.

We have prepared the "Instruction Guides and Cooperation Principles Commitment for Collaborating Institutions," intending to put into practice the works we carry out with the institutions we cooperate with that directly or indirectly affect people living in poverty, following human rights standards.

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## RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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### What was done?

To contribute to the sustainability of our activities, various independent artists opened exhibitions, musicians organized concerts, schools organized bazaars, and multiple writers and speakers donated their seminar income and royalties.

We covered human resources, administrative expenses, and project expenses with grants from Heinrichböll Stiftung Turkey Representative, Support Foundation for Civil Society & Turkey Mozaik Foundation, and Suna and İnan Kırac Foundation.

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## CORPORATE COLLABORATIONS

### NEEDS MAP

The database, scheduled with the voluntary technical support of İhtiyaç Haritası, enables us to analyze the extent of poverty experienced by the people included in the Deep Poverty Network and to follow the support and guidance provided easily.

In addition to demographic information, the database includes questions on access to fundamental rights. An inclusive data gathering and needs assessment phase is carried out with criteria such as people's access to clean drinking water, whether people have chronic diseases, whether there is an adult in the household who can read and write, whether there is a child in the household who is disconnected or likely to be disconnected from education, the reasons why the child in the household cannot continue education, and the presence of a woman at risk of early marriage, and whether there is a woman who is in divorce process and in need for support.

**Derin Yoksulluk Ağı Yönetim Paneli**

Tarih Veri | 1 selected / 113 records

Hane Kodu	Hane İçindeki Kişiler	Özel Durum Risk Seviyesi	Veri Giriş Tarihi	Risk Değeri
HANE20221121133252	[Bar Chart]	Çok Yüksek Öncelikli	11/21/2022	10
HANE20221118162318	[Bar Chart]	Çok Yüksek Öncelikli	11/18/2022	8
HANE20221118161411	[Bar Chart]	Yüksek Öncelikli	11/18/2022	5
HANE20221118154457	[Bar Chart]	Öncelikli	11/18/2022	2
HANE20221118145357	[Bar Chart]	Yüksek	11/18/2022	3

**Hane Genel Bilgiler** | Kişiler GD

Adres: [Gizli]  
 Telefon: [Gizli]  
 Ev Durumu: Gecekondu  
 Kira Durumu: Kira Ödüyse  
 Kira Miktarı: 400  
 Ev Şartları: Elektrik, Erji, Şehir, Su, Kanalizasyon, Çiğdem, Mutfak, Telenet  
 Isınma Şekli: Soba  
 Hane Geliri: 500-1000  
 Arayış: [Gizli]

**İhtiyaç Haritası**

Map showing the location of the households in Istanbul, Turkey. The map includes a legend for 'ih' (İhtiyaç Haritası) and a scale bar. The map is titled 'İhtiyaç Haritası' and shows the location of the households in Istanbul, Turkey. The map includes a legend for 'ih' (İhtiyaç Haritası) and a scale bar. The map is titled 'İhtiyaç Haritası' and shows the location of the households in Istanbul, Turkey.

## CORPORATE COLLABORATIONS

### ÖZYEĞİN UNIVERSITY

With the program designed by Özyeğin University Law Clinics Coordinator Lawyer Selmin Cansu Demir, law students will form groups on distinguishing topics with the support of mentor lawyers and the supervision of Selmin Cansu Demir and provide information to households in need of legal advice.

Within the scope of the joint work, we made orientations to the students where we talked about deep poverty, the relationship between poverty and human rights, and case examples of the needs we frequently encounter.

An Information Note on Rent Increase Rates, one of the most prioritized issues in 2022, was prepared, and households experiencing unfair rent increases were informed.

This protocol we signed with Özyeğin University Law Clinics will continue for three years.



## CORPORATE COLLABORATIONS

### SUNA'S DAUGHTERS

The Suna's Daughters Programme, under the umbrella of the Suna and İnan Kırac Foundation, develops resolutions and supports communities intending to create an ecosystem that will enable girls to access education and complete it with the highest gains and provides financial support to institutions for the implementation of the models created by these communities.

As Deep Poverty Network, We are working as a part of the Suna's Daughters Programme Neighbourhood Focused Solution Community “to create and scale a sustainable community centre model that meets the developmental needs of girls holistically by coming together with relevant actors (public institutions, non-governmental organizations, private sector organizations, children, parents, etc.) in the neighborhood”.



# MEETINGS AND INVITATIONS

UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Turkey Session

Ankara Children's Access to Safe Food Workshop

Istanbul Urban Poverty Workshop

Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Social Service Directorate

Anti-Poverty Day

Özyeğin University Hackathon: Understanding Gender

Inequalities in Poverty

World Congress on Interdisciplinary Urban Studies: Urban

Poverty and Homelessness Workshop

Platform for the Protection of Children and Their Rights -

Child Poverty Panel

Boğaziçi University Women's Studies Club Panel on Women's

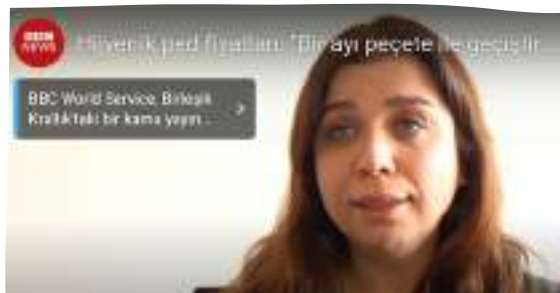
Solidarity in the Grip of Poverty

Poverty and Gender IFSAK



# OUR VISIBILITY IN THE MEDIA

In 2022, we were guests of KRT TV, Artı TV, Medya Haber TV, and Medyascope TV channels; Cumhuriyet, İlkse, Bianet, DuvaR, Evrensel, La Repubblica newspapers; Mektepli Gazete, Sosyal Hizmet magazines and many more.



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# FINANCIAL STATUS

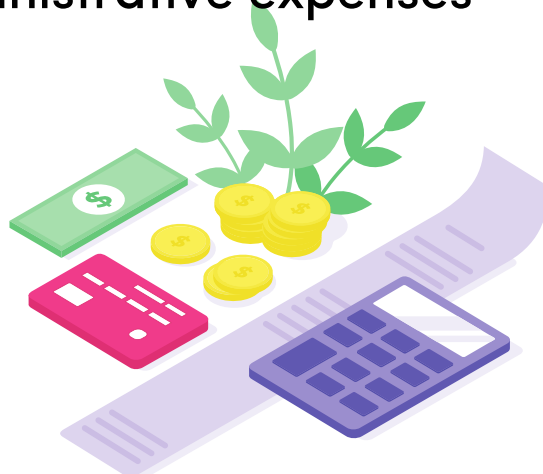
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Open Space Association's primary source of income is individual and corporate donations and grants from funding organizations. Institutions we received grants in 2022:

- Support Foundation for Civil Society & Turkey Mozaik Foundation
- Heinrich Böll Stiftung Turkey Representative
- Your influence
- Suna and İnan Kıraç Foundation

These grants and individual and corporate donations cover the expenses of the Open Space Association. Main expense items:

- Expenses for the purpose
- Personnel expenses
- General administrative expenses



# FINANCIAL STATUS

## 2022\* revenues;

79.77% from donations (87.79% from individuals, 6.35% from corporate, 5.86% from in-kind donations)

13.83% from Grant Revenues (76.74% from domestic, 24.26% from overseas grant revenues), 6.40% consists of Other Income (interest income, tax returns, etc.).

## 2022\* expenses

69.8% from Purpose-Oriented Expenses (in-kind support, rent, invoice, drug support, etc.), 25.7% from Personnel Expenses, 4.5% consists of General Administrative Expenses (office rent, invoices, operator, field expenses).



75.77%: Donations  
13.83%: Grant Revenues  
6.4%: Other Income



69.8%: Expenses for Purpose  
25.7%: Personnel Expenses  
4.5%: General Administrative Expenses

# 2023 CALENDAR

The 2023 Solidarity Calendar was prepared with the works of Artist Bahar Coşkun.







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