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LOOKING FOR MPS TO STRUGGLE AGAINST DEEP POVERTY!

Calling All Parliamentary Candidates to Combat Deep Poverty

Deep Poverty Network has launched a campaign calling on all parliamentary candidates to combat poverty and prioritize this struggle with a rights-based perspective. The campaign calls on candidates to embrace the 24-point commitments that outline the framework of the campaign against deep poverty.

While working to make the unsustainable conditions of deep poverty visible and discuss poverty as a human rights violation, the Deep Poverty Network, providing basic needs support to people living in poverty with the #ChangeFromHome model as an emergency intervention, has launched a social media campaign calling on all parliamentary candidates to join this struggle. Immediately after publishing the fact sheet "Women and Child Poverty in Turkey: Some Urgent Problems", the Deep Poverty Network lists the steps that need to be taken to address these urgent problems in a 24-point list of commitments and addresses the parliamentary candidates from all parties participating in the elections with this campaign.

The call for Pledges campaign, inspired by similar examples from around the world, is not legally binding on those participating. However, it is hoped that the widespread use of this campaign and the increase in the number of parliamentary candidates who embrace the commitments will bring the struggle against deep poverty to the parliament's agenda that will be formed in the upcoming elections. The commitments that parliamentary candidates are asked to adopt and disseminate on social media were created in line with international agreements signed by the Republic of Turkey and based on the information gathered by the Network from the field. Önder Uçar, Research and Advocacy Coordinator of the Deep Poverty Network, said about the campaign: "Deep Poverty should be the primary area of struggle for all MPs, no matter who comes to power in the next election. If you say, 'I will put my signature under the commitments we have prepared for the fight against Deep Poverty,' we call on you, preparing for the election race to represent our common future, to pledge to #struggle!"

"Women and Child Poverty in Turkey: Some Urgent Problems" to access the fact sheet:

www.derinyoksullukagi.org/raporlar/

For further information:

<https://derinyoksullukagi.org/en/>

About the Deep Poverty Network

The Deep Poverty Network was founded in 2019 by volunteers and members of the Open Space Association. DPN is a solidarity and research network growing with the participation of volunteers, supporters, local governments, public institutions, and people living in deep poverty. It works to make the unsustainable conditions of deep poverty visible and discuss poverty as a human rights violation. It provides basic needs support to people living in poverty with the #ChangeFromHome model as an emergency intervention.



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DEEP POVERTY NETWORK PLEDGES TO STRUGGLE AGAINST POVERTY

- #iwillstruggle to fight poverty with rights-based policies.
- #iwillstruggle for free and qualified kindergarten education for the 0-6 age group.
- #iwillstruggle for 866 thousand girls who cannot continue their education.
- #iwillstruggle for preschool education to be accessible for every child aged three and above.
- #iwillstruggle against child labor.
- #iwillstruggle for the full participation of those living in poverty conditions in the fight against poverty.
- #iwillstruggle for the well-being of mothers with disabled children.
- #iwillstruggle against visuals that stigmatize those living in poverty conditions and emphasize emotions such as pity and inequality.
- #iwillstruggle against discourses that feed prejudices about poverty and accusatory speeches.
- #iwillstruggle for students not to be disconnected from education.
- #iwillstruggle for free meals in schools.
- #iwillstruggle for the protection of children against all kinds of rights violations.
- #iwillstruggle for everyone to receive quality health care.
- #iwillstruggle for the expansion of literacy and vocational courses.
- #iwillstruggle for women's free access to menstrual hygiene and sexual health products.
- #iwillstruggle for single parents to have access to economic and psychosocial support mechanisms.
- #iwillstruggle for accessible legal counseling services for those living in poverty.
- #iwillstruggle for medical care and emotional empowerment of mothers before and after birth
- #iwillstruggle for diapers, baby food, and meeting newborn care needs.
- #iwillstruggle for the free implementation of the control system and treatment protocols for anemia, vitamin deficiencies, and developmental disorders for 0-18 years.
- #iwillstruggle against chronic hunger.
- #iwillstruggle for sustainable access to good quality, clean and healthy food for every person living in poverty.
- #iwillstruggle to guarantee access to safe housing, health care, clean water, and safe food for all.
- #iwillstruggle for workers to have access to fair wages, equal pay for work of equal value, and safe and healthy working conditions.