

OPEN SPACE ASSOCIATION DEEP POVERTY NETWORK

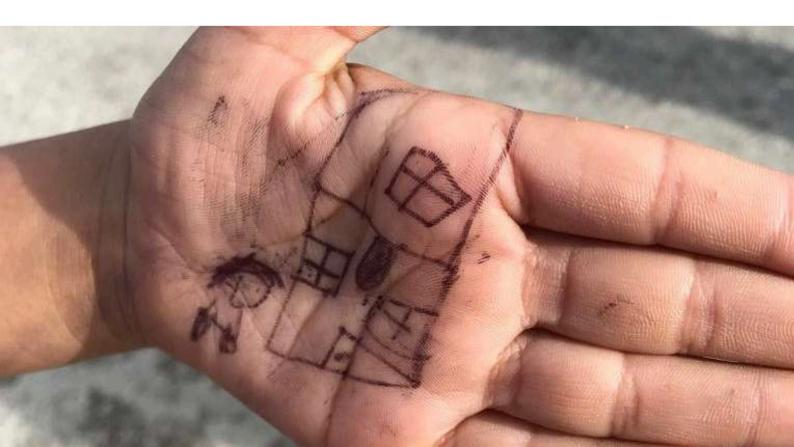
ACTIVITY REPORT

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ABOUT US

Since 2016, we are working to solve deep poverty problem and continue field observations and support work to achieve this goal. We are a whole solidarity network with supporters, donors, volunteers, and households living in poverty conditions.

MISSION

- Mission 1: To contribute to the empowerment of individuals who cannot access to their basic rights and needs
- Mission 2: To contribute to the adoption of rightsbased and holistic policies
- Mission 3: To contribute to the elimination of prejudices against poverty and those living in poverty





WHAT ARE WE AIMING FOR?

We aim to support access to nutrition, shelter, education, and healthcare rights of individuals,



To support the well-being of women and children living in poverty conditions,

To make visible that poverty is a violation of rights stemming from policies,

To contribute to the implementation of empowering and preventive social support practices with sustainable and long-term policies,

To contribute to the increase of rights-based contents targeting to eliminate prejudices in society towards those living in poverty conditions.





WHAT IS DEEP POVERTY?

Deep poverty is not a temporary problem for today, but a cycle that widens and affects the whole society being passed from generation to generation

Deep poverty, from the moment being born into it;
not being able
to access sufficient food
to find shelter in a safe home
to receive education
to receive medical treatment
to dream
and
being stigmatized and excluded
losing one's voice,
not having the chance

to choose or having opportunities

and losing self-confidence.





DEEP POWERTY NETWORK PRINCIPLES

As Deep Poverty Network;

We consider poverty as a phenomenon in which access to individuals' basic rights and needs is restricted, as well as access to economic, social, political, and cultural rights is hindered in a multidimensional framework.

We believe that the fight against poverty should be:

- Rights-based
- Believing in solidarity
- With sustainable policies
- By intervening urgently
- Protecting human dignity
- Participatory
- Open
- Transparent
- Accountable





While fighting deep poverty;

In line with our principle of rights-based approach, we approach poverty as a matter of inequality and human rights.

We carry out social support activities for people living in poverty on a rights-based basis.

Both central and local governments should:

- Emphasize the multidimensional nature of rights violations that are the cause or result of poverty
- Acknowledge that the needs of each household and individual are unique
- Emphasize the necessity of systematically monitoring needs and conducting preventive work to prevent rights violations

Believing in solidarity; we advocate for the basic concepts of "solidarity" and "access to human rights" instead of hierarchy-based concepts such as "goodness" and "mutual assistance".

We support the spread of the solidarity model within solidarity circles in their own communities by donors, volunteers and supporters.





We advocate that sustainable policies are the most important tool in the fight against poverty. We emphasize that the fight against poverty is a non-partisan issue, and we stand at an equal distance to all political parties and officials. We continue to advocate for the reevaluation of the concept of poverty and related policies and engage in lobbying activities. We plan our activities and model applications according to the desires and needs of individuals who directly experience poverty. We advocate for the right of individuals directly experiencing poverty to participate and emphasize the necessity for policymakers to consider their participation rights

We value collaboration with NGOs working on rights-based approaches and data sharing.

In line with our principle of actively intervening in deep poverty conditions that lead to the violation of basic human rights such as the right to life and development by preventing access to adequate food, drinking water, basic hygiene and safety, education, and psychosocial needs, we intervene actively. We deliver the support we receive through donations to households.





By emphasizing that deep poverty harms individuals' physical and emotional well-being, especially causing irreversible damage in the development of children, we advocate for local governments and central government bodies to urgently ensure access to the basic rights and needs of individuals living in poverty

We advocate for the protection of individuals' rights, freedoms, and dignity in the delivery and dissemination of social support and believe that individuals' agency must be preserved.

The Deep Poverty Network of Solidarity consists of volunteers, supporters, employees, and individuals fighting against poverty. We aim to ensure that the harmony and solidarity among these different components is reflected in our membership.

We aim to be accountable and transparent in monthly and annual activity reports, platform memberships, meetings, newsletters, all activities, and budget utilization.





Daily Life Support

Since 2020, we have been working with households in the districts of Ataşehir, Avcılar, Beyoğlu, Çekmeköy, Fatih, Esenyurt, Şişli, Ümraniye, Üsküdar, Sancaktepe, Sultangazi, and Sultanbeyli. We provide support such as market card/market code, stationery, menstrual care products, baby food, diapers, newborn care products, clothing, uniforms, shoes, and, according to individuals' specific needs, rent, bills, medication, incontinence products, medical supplies, and second-hand items. We deliver these supports in these districts until 2023.

96.790,00 TL RENT HYGIENE
PED and
HEALTH
PRODUCTS

4.218,50TL MEDICINE & MEDICAL

159.000,00 TL SUPPORT FOR SINGLE MOTHERS

160.000,00 EARTHQUAKE SUPPORT 2.403.544,00 TL BASIC FOOD AND CLOTHING

MONTHLY
FOOD AND
DIAPER FOR 24
BABIES

USED WHITE GOODS, PC, PHONE, BED, CUPBOOARD

32.880,00 TL SCHOLARSHIF

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STATIONERY
&SPORTS
EQUIPMENT





Daily Life Support

- In 2023, the amount of basic food support increased to 1,000 TL.
- A change was made in the registration system to update the information of households and create new records for individuals evacuated from earthquake zones: A risk ranking was established prioritizing households with single mothers, female students continuing their education, and those evacuated to Istanbul due to a disaster.
- The majority of basic food supports were covered by the #evdendeğiştir campaign.
- Dalyan Foundation covered 12-months basic food support for 12 households.

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Research and Advocacy





What did we do?

During 2023,

Published 1 monitoring report, 6 information notes, 4 field observation notes and 2 research notes.

We organized a workshop titled Poverty Intersectionality and Solidarity and published the summary report.

As part of our lobbying activities, we conducted advocacy campaigns before the elections and visited the Turkish Parliament

We translated 5 resources on Disasters and Human Rights into Turkish.





Research and Advocacy







Information Notes:

- How Should Rights-Based Solidarity Be During and After Disasters?
- Poverty of Women and Children in Turkey: Some Urgent Matters
- Fight Against Deep Poverty Weakening with Increased Hate Speech
- Schools for Whom?
- Education for Whom?
- Information Note on World Children's Rights Day on November 20th: School Meals Coalition





Research and Advocacy

Field Observation Notes:



Field Observation Study: March-April 2023

Field Observation Study: July-August 2023

Field Observation Study: October 2023



Field Observation Study: December 2023



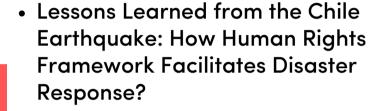






Research and Advocacy

Translations:





- FIRE A Framework for Integrating Human Rights and Gender Equality in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation
- Human Rights and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Protection of Human Rights in Disaster Response: Guiding Principles for State and Non-State Actors







Research and Advocacy

Monitoring Report:

Recommendations for Disaster and Poverty Alleviation Policies in the Period of Economic Crisis and After the February 6 Earthquake





 In this monitoring report, conducted with the support of Heinrich Böll Foundation
 Turkey Representation:

- trends in rights-based legislative proposals for disaster and poverty relief in the Turkish Parliament after the February 6th Earthquake were visualized
- Recommendations were presented to Members of Parliament on which rights holders and areas of rights they could focus on
- Our lobbying efforts were summarized
- Some model suggestions that could be considered in disaster relief were presented





Research and Advocacy





Çalışanların adil ücret, eşit değerde işe eşit ücret, güvenli ve sağlıklı çalışma koşullarına erişmesi için #mücadeleedeceğim.

Yoksulluk koşullarında yaşayanları damgalama, acıma ve eşitsizlik gibi duyguları ön plana çıkartan görsellere karşı #mücadeleedeceğim.

Herkes için güvenli barınma imkanlarına, sağlık hizmetlerine, temiz suya ve güvenilir gıdaya erişimlerinin garanti altına alınmasına dair #mücadeleedeceğim.



Lobby Activities:

Following the February 6th
Earthquake, observing that the
majority of the rights-based
legislative proposals were based
on individual levels, a social
media campaign titled "Looking
for Representatives to Fight Deep
Poverty: We call on all
parliamentary candidates to
fight deep poverty" was
launched with the hashtag
#mücadeleedeceğim. Through
the calls in the campaign,
support was gathered from
parliamentary candidates on





various rights issues.

Research and Advocacy

Lobby Activities – Visit to the Turkish Grand National Assembly (TBMM):

On October 2–3, 2023, a visit to the parliament was made. Six members of parliament, including YSP Şırnak MP and member of the Constitution Committee Ms. Ayşegül Doğan Dağlı, CHP Denizli MP and Deputy Speaker of the TBMM Ms. Gülizar Biçer Karaca, YSP Kars MP Ms. Gülüstan Kılıç Koçyiğit, Gelecek Partisi Antalya MP Ms. Serap Yazıcı Özbudun, DEVA Party Deputy Chairman responsible for Nature Rights and Environmental Policies and Istanbul MP Ms. Evrim Rızvanoğlu, and CHP Ankara MP Dr. Aylin Yaman, along with their parliamentary advisors, visited our offices to seek support for our poverty alleviation efforts and to identify potential collaborations.

The members of parliament, who sincerely emphasized their readiness to collaborate with the Deep Poverty Network, expressed their satisfaction with the contributions we will make in their questions, research proposals, press conferences, and speeches in the parliamentary general assembly. They requested our organization to prepare more information notes in the relevant areas and to organize our database according to their specific interests for them to benefit from in their parliamentary activities.

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Research and Advocacy

Poverty, Intersectionality, and Solidarity Workshop





As a first step towards increasing accessible, easily understandable, scalable, rightsbased content; strengthening channels where theory and data meet; contributing to the international poverty literature; and building connections among actors focusing on all themes of deprivation touched by poverty, on October 17th, World Poverty Eradication Day, we organized a workshop titled "Poverty, Intersectionality, and Solidarity" at the Istanbul Planning Agency Florya Campus. Expert academics, representatives of civil society organizations, and representatives of public institutions participated in the workshop and provided valuable recommendations that will guide us all in the fight against poverty in the coming period.





Empowering Studies

Empowerment Project for Poor and Vulnerable Individuals Experiencing Discrimination

In order to defend the rights of individuals living in deep poverty and facing discrimination, increase social awareness, and strengthen local cooperation; and to ensure that poor individuals facing discrimination effectively defend their rights by increasing their awareness, as well as the number of applications for legal support and counseling services, the Equal Rights Monitoring Association, Equality Monitoring Center, Netherlands Helsinki Committee, and Istanbul Bar Association **Human Rights Center Deep Poverty** Subgroup started the "Empowerment Project for Poor and Vulnerable Individuals Experiencing Discrimination" in partnership in October 2023.







Ayrımcılığa Karşı Hibe kapsamında desteklenen **Derin Yoksulluk Ağı** ile ilk toplantımızı gerçekleştirdik.

Çok yakında Ayrımcılığa Karşı Birlikte harekete geçiyoruz!















Corporate Development







- We held Impact Monitoring mentor support meetings within the scope of the Corporate Support Fund of the Civil Society Support Foundation with Duygu Güner.
- Within the scope of the Civil Society Support Foundation Cemre Fund, we conducted Defense Working Strategies meetings with the mentor support provided for corporate development with dear Selen Lermioğlu.
- Next year, within the scope of the Civil Society Support
 Foundation Digital Transformation Fund, we will complete our
 project "Disaster Poverty Alleviation and Data Sharing" in
 Istanbul.

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TRAININGS





- Research for NGOs organized by the Memory Center: We attended the Advocacy Training from Data to Evidence.
- Under the leadership of the Nonviolence Education and Research Association, we attended the Nonviolent Campaign Planning Training for Human Rights Defenders.
- We participated in a training organized by the Equality
 Monitoring Association and the Discrimination Office of the
 Netherlands (Vizier) for Civil Society Organizations on
 effectively addressing complaints and cases of
 discrimination.





S O L I D A R I T Y C A M P A I N G S



- Dayanışma.
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- With the New Year Solidarity; campaigns were created by digital media content creators to provide winter clothing support for children living in poverty conditions. Donations were collected with digital greeting cards. With the organization of Ali Demirel and İpek Kural; Oben Alkan, Soft Analog, Bade Karakoç, Nova Norda, Nazlı Bulum, and Naz Çağla Irmak supported by creating personal campaigns.
- We also participated in the Sharing Day campaign celebrated by TÜSEV for donations, volunteering, and sharing. On November 28, we celebrated #SharingDay with our supporters and volunteers.
- Join the Fight Against Deep Poverty Together: A
 new solidarity project and "together" campaign in
 collaboration with Bilgi University Communication
 Faculty, Social Equality Association, and Nouo
 Studio to meet the one-year uniform, stationery,
 and basic food needs of students who cannot go to
 school due to financial difficulties in primary
 education.





MEETINGS & PANELS

- Attendance as a listener was provided at the "Child's Well-being: Istanbul Research Findings Sharing Meeting" organized by Bilgi University on June 21.
- Participation as a speaker was provided at the 16th Istanbul Meetings organized by the Chamber of City Planners of TMMOB on December 8, with the theme "Living in Istanbul in the 100th Year of the Republic."
- Attendance was provided at the Civil Society Roadmap Meeting after the 93rd Session of the Children's Rights Committee organized by Etkiniz in Ankara on July 17.
- Participation as a speaker was provided at the panel "Being a Child with Inherited Poverty" organized by the Izmir Bar Association.
- Attendance was provided at the presentation of the ACAR project on Stronger Civil Society for Stronger Accountability on Children's Rights in Turkey by the EU – UNICEF in Ankara.
- Participation as a speaker was secured for the talk on "Ending Poverty and Reducing Inequalities" at Ayazağa Işık Primary School within the scope of the 2022–2023 International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.





MEETINGS & PANELS

- Guests participated in the workshop titled "Narrowing Civic Space; Challenges; Coping Strategies" organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation on June 19.
- Guests also participated in the workshop organized within the scope of the project "City Policies that Respect the Right to the City and the Common Good for More Just Local Governments" carried out by the Justice Association.
- We organized a Solidarity Workshop against Poverty with the Sensitive Essence Volunteers at Özyeğin University.
- Guests participated in Sharing Day organized by TÜSEV on October 21.







MEETINGS & PANELS

- Participation as a speaker was provided at the EU Civil Society Forum for the Western Balkans and Turkey held in Montenegro on May 31 – June 1 by TACSO.
- We were part of the jury evaluation committee in the Kokopelli Schools Returning to the City Project.
- Participation as a speaker was provided at the monthly "FROM THE NGO WINDOW" meeting organized by Rotary NGO Coordinators.
- Participation was provided in the International Civil Society Network Association's Rights Webinars series.
- Participation was provided in the December meeting of Suna's Daughters-Community Focused Solution Community.









VISITS

- In July, participation was ensured in the invitation for the NGO meeting planned by IPS Communication Foundation/bianet with the aim of strengthening civil society, establishing regular communication channels, and increasing opportunities for collaboration.
- In October, a visit was made to the Ankara headquarters office of the European Union Turkey Delegation.
- In November, the Google Turkey office hosted our association team, where we held a meeting to share our work against poverty and discrimination. Google employees supported solidarity with end-ofyear donations.
- In Vienna, a meeting was held with institution manager Robert Rybaczek-Schwarz on behalf of the Open Space Association Deep Poverty Network and the Austrian Anti Poverty Network ("Die Armutskonferenz"), where mutual exchange of information and ideas took place.
- In Vienna, a meeting was held with project coordinator Emine Özkan on behalf of the BAWO – WOHNEN FÜR ALLE (Housing for All) association, a member of the European Anti–Poverty Network.









VISITS

- Firat Genç, a lecturer at the Sociology Department of Bilgi University, conducted the Social Inequality course with his students at our association office.
- Ljuan Marko Gashi, European Union Integration Management Consultant, visited our association office to learn about our work.
- Dr. Dawid Danilo Bartelt, Representative of Heinrich Böll Stiftung Turkey, made a courtesy visit to our association office.







DONOR MEETINGS

We would like to thank all our friends who supported our call to fight against deep poverty and who increased solidarity by attending the Donor Meeting we organized for the first time in June, and ODTÜ MIST for making our meeting possible at Ulus ODTÜ Park.









COOPERATIONS

- The Open Space Association has started working with the Istanbul Bar Association Human Rights Center Deep Poverty Sub-Working Group, founded and coordinated by our board member, Lawyer M. Güliz Baykal.
- Meetings were organized with the Bodrum Municipality to establish collaborations with provincial and district municipality officials in our fight against poverty, to share experiences, and to provide model suggestions.
- Koray Loker, who established the Deep Poverty Network website, provided support to our team as we transitioned to Google Workspace applications.









COOPERATIONS

We would like to thank Derya Göçer for guiding us in collecting clean data and supporting us in preparing poverty survey questions used in the household registration system.







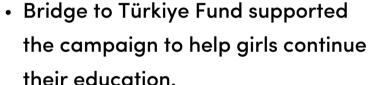
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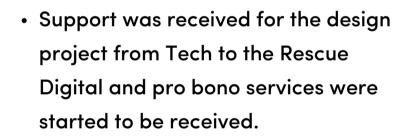


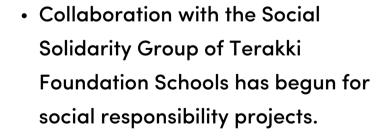


Join BTF's fundraiser for Derin Yoksulluk Ağı

by Bridge To Türkiye













VOLUNTEERS

We thank all our supporters who attended the Volunteer Meeting and contributed to growing solidarity.







PRESS

Bianet, reporter Ali Dinç participated in various projects with us throughout the year. He made visible the access problems to basic rights in poor neighborhoods;

He created a news series consisting of reports on Hygiene Poverty, Problems in Access to Education, Housing Issues, and Solidarity.













PRESS

- The Beautiful Works Radio program broadcast on Gedik Radio,
- The Special Agenda program with Sorel Dağıstanlı broadcast on Halktv,
- The Other Side program broadcast on Açık Radyo,
- The Word of Goodness program with Elif Tümen broadcast on SZC TV,
- The Special Agenda program with Buket Güler and Barış Terkoğlu broadcast on Halktv,
- The Media Neighborhood program with Ayşenur Arslan broadcast on Halktv,
- The Agenda Desk program with Irem Sansak broadcast on SZC TV, and many other programs were attended as guests.
- The interview "Deep Poverty is Increasing" with İşhan Erdinç was published in AGOS newspaper.
- Our article titled "New Conditions in the Fight Against Deep Poverty" was published in the November issue of Yeni Arayış.





WOMEN'S LABOR SOLIDARITY



We thank our supporters who participate in solidarity by ordering handmade products from Kadın Emeği Dayanışması for special occasions.

We thank the hardworking women who turn their products into household income by setting up stalls at the Women's Labor Market and second-hand market.









OUR SUPPORTERS

- Nezaket Erden's play "Dear Shameless Death Dirmit" performed its 400th scene at the Ses Theater. They donated the income from the play to households living in deep poverty conditions.
- Author Arlin Çiçekçi, who received the Duygu Asena Novel Award for her novels "Servi Nine" and "Three Beauties," donated the Arlin Çiçekçi Award to our association for the strengthening of work on women's poverty.









OUR SUPPORTERS

Support Circle



 Our supporter Selda Susal provided stationery support to students with the campaign she created when schools opened.



 Our supporter Sedef Işıksel - Yoga ile Destek Ol donated the proceeds from the event.



 Eyüboğlu educational institutions students delivered the stationery materials they obtained in their social responsibility activities to the schools we work with.





OUR SUPPORTERS

Support Circle



- Our donor Murat Ürüm supports solidarity regularly every month with the Support Circle he created.
- Our supporter Oben Alkan provides regular support to solidarity with newborn support.



 410 packages of pads were donated through the Beije hanging pad application.





NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- We shared experiences on networks and partnerships with the member of the European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN) in Austria.
- We joined the Network Against Discrimination established under the leadership of the Equality Monitoring Center.
- We became a member of the Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights Platform (CİSÜ).
- An application for membership was made to the International School Meals Coalition, which includes 101 supporting organizations from 90 countries representing more than 60% of the world's population, governments, United Nations representations, civil society organizations, and academic institutions. (Membership in February 2024)









FINANCIAL SITUATION

The main source of income for the Open Space Association is individual and corporate donations, as well as grants from funding institutions.

In 2023, the total donation amount was 4,876,881.30 TL.

Donations cover in-kind support expenses.

Grant revenues cover project costs and staff expenses.

Grant-providing institutions include:

- Civil Society Support Foundation
- Heinrich Böll Foundation
- Dalyan Foundation
- Netherlands Helsinki Committee

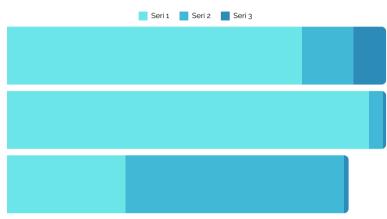
Main expense items:

- Expenses for Purpose
- Personnel Expenses
- General Administrative Expenses





FINANCIAL SITUATION



Income Distribution in 2023;

1-Donation Revenues 77,8% / 2-Grant Revenues 13.6% / 3-Other Revenues 8.6%

Distribution of Donations in 2023;

1-Individual Donations 95,5 % / 2- Corporate Donations 0,7% / 3-Fundraising Revenues 3,8%

Distrubution of Other Revenues in 2023;

1- Interest Reveneu 31,3% / 2-Exchange Rate Revenues 57,7% / 3- Social Security Institution Incentive Revenue 11%

Distribution of Purpose-Oriented Expenses in 2023;

1- Shopping Vouchers 79.9%

2- Earthquake Support %5.3

3- Bill-Rent-Medicine-Scholarship Support 4.8%



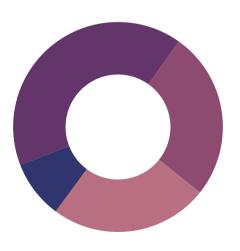
Distribution of General Management Expenses in 2023:

1- Office Rent Expense 26.8%

2- Financial Management Consultancy 51.2%

3- Financial Advisory Expenses 22.1%

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74.8%: Donations

3%: Fundraising Revenues

13.6%: Grant Revenues

8.6%: Other Revenues



61.5%: Expenses Related to Purpose

29.7%: Personnel Expenses

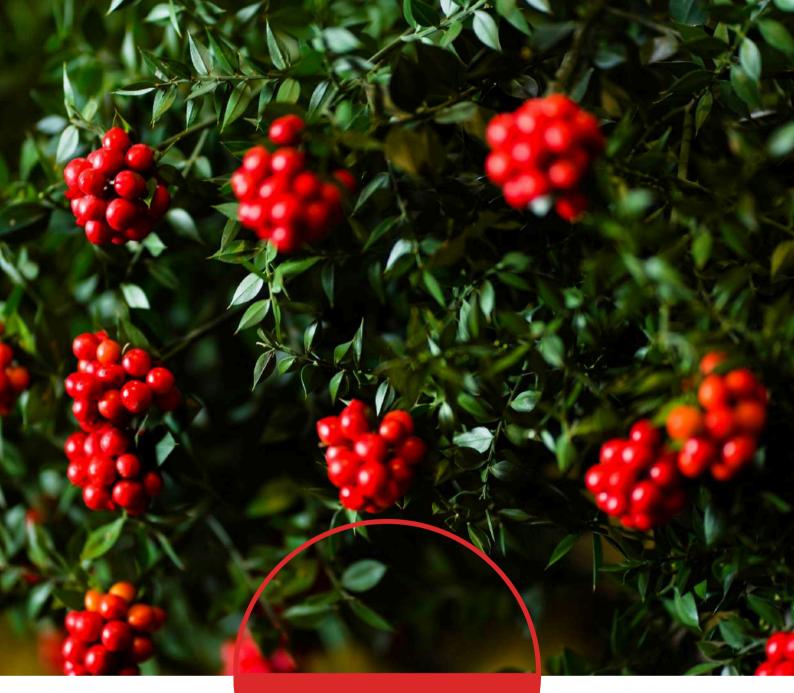
8.8%: General Administration

Expenses

2024 CALENDAR

Dear Gürcan Öztürk's photos, the 2024 Solidarity Calendar has been prepared. This calendar was prepared during the period when the hopes of the new year were embroidered on green branches with red buds, as the preparation of the kokina flowers began. Many of the women in the families reached by the Deep Poverty Network were working hard to prepare their homes with the kokina preparation, which required a lot of effort and time. The flower sellers in the photos supported solidarity in the fight against deep poverty, ensuring the existence of this calendar. Our endless thanks for their strength and smiles.





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