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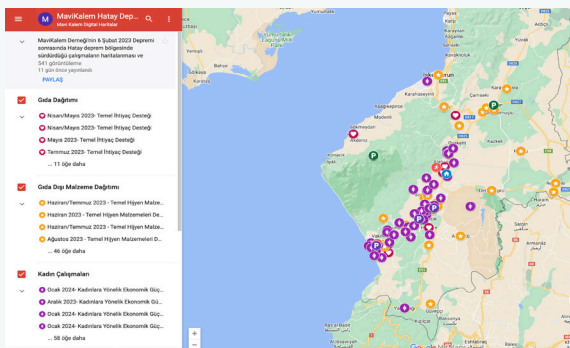
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# 2024 Disaster and Emergency Post-Recovery Efforts

Following the severe earthquakes that struck on February 6, 2023, we quickly acted in Hatay, one of the 11 provinces affected, and launched our basic needs support and empowerment efforts for women and children affected by the disaster. In 2024, we continued our efforts in Hatay, one of the cities hit by the earthquake.

## Basic Needs Support

Throughout 2024, the second year since the February 6 earthquakes, approximately 20,000 people were provided with basic needs by MaviKalem. MaviKalem continued its disaster response efforts with a focus on the needs of women. These efforts included support for food, hygiene, shelter, and access to clean water. The focus was on disaster survivors living in tents or shacks where aid was difficult to reach, as well as those in rural areas.



[Hatay Activities Map:](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?ll=36.44634751835218%2C36.02362395664617&z=10&mid=1X3U5haSOCCryN0sJZSrVhpW943b820I)

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## Hatay Psychosocial Support Activities

Psychosocial support activities were carried out in 2024 to support the well-being of women and children affected by the disaster.

These activities were carried out in the districts of Defne, Antakya, and Reyhanlı in Hatay:

- 395 women participated in psychosocial support activities.
- Fun and active activities were carried out with 359 children.

## Establishment of Children's Playgrounds and Women's Sports Areas

Parks were built in Hatay where women can exercise and play sports outdoors, and in Adiyaman where children can play.



## Organizations Providing Grants for Disaster and Emergency Recovery Efforts

· Civic Ltd. · Fondation de France (FDF) · GlobalGiving · Kreuzberger Initiative  
Gegen Antisemitismus (KIGA) · Operation USA (OPUSA) · Osf Global Services Yazılım  
Danışmanlık Ltd. Şti· Stichting Vluchteling (Sv) · Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF)



# Women Accessing Income

MaviKalem's Women's Access to Income Program began in Hatay in 2023. The program aims to strengthen women's economic independence by supporting them in starting and developing businesses after the earthquake. Within this scope, women were provided with material support and assistance in generating income.

In 2024, material support was provided to 20 more women, bringing the total number of women benefiting from the program to 82. Information meetings were held to help women expand their businesses and increase their income.

During this process, a strong communication network was established among the women.





Groups of women volunteers came together and actively participated in the fieldwork. The solidarity among the women contributed to the growth of their businesses and their ability to work together.

As a continuation of this process, a new initiative was launched to help women producers increase their sales and reach more people. Instagram, YouTube, and the Kadinisi.



org website were created to strengthen women's access to sales channels and support them in reaching more people with their products. These platforms increased women's visibility and supported their sales.

**Website:** [kadinisi.org](http://kadinisi.org)

**Instagram:** @kadinisiorg

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/kadinisiorg](https://www.facebook.com/kadinisiorg)

**YouTube:** @kadinlarisinikuruyor



# Women Counselling Center

**Istanbul Esenyurt Women Counselling Center**, continued to serve refugee and Turkish women in 2024. Approximately 6,000 women benefited from the center's services.

The Women's Counseling Center provided general counseling, health counseling, legal information, and psychological counseling services. Follow-ups were conducted for women who were unable to access basic rights and services. Social service specialists assessed the needs of women who applied and provided information and referral support. When necessary, social service specialists and interpreters provided support. Cooperation was established with relevant public institutions and non-governmental organizations in line with the problems and needs experienced by women.

Social integration activities were organized at the Women's Counseling Center. Activities

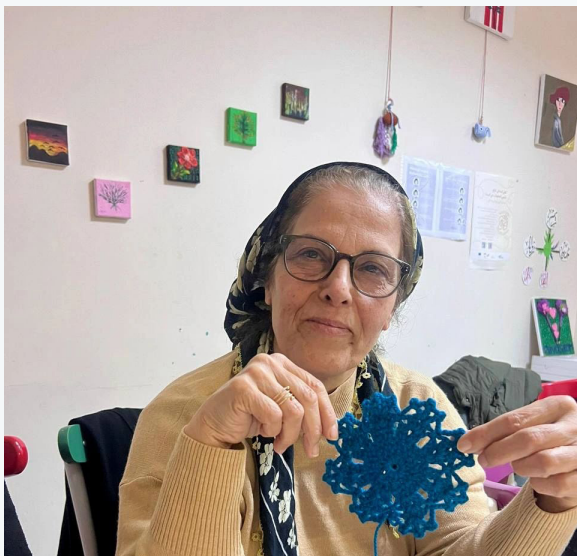
were organized for women to spend time together as part of psychosocial group support efforts.

Refugee women participated in Turkish language courses. The courses were taught by a teacher from the Public Education Center. While the women were learning Turkish, their children played games with a child development teacher in a safe area adjacent to their mothers' classrooms.

The Women's Counseling Center continued to support women's empowerment and access to their rights through its activities in 2024.

*\* These activities were supported by the project "Development of Community-Based Social Services for Refugees and Host Communities (CLIP 2)" carried out by the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).*





# Mentoring Work for Civil Society Organizations



In 2024, MaviKalem participated as a mentor in the Peer Support Network (ADA), which supports experience sharing and mutual empowerment among civil society organizations. Within this scope, we worked together with the Van Association of the Deaf (ViED), the Ankara Vocational Training, Education, Culture, Arts, and Tourism Association (MESEDER), and the Association for Youth Approaches in Health.

We created a Digital Library for sustainable knowledge sharing among civil society organizations and made it available to associations within ADA Turkey.

As part of the Implementer Training, we conducted the first training in Istanbul with the participation of 12 social service specialists, psychologists, and interpreters from seven local associations. We focused on the implementation process of the “Women

Write Beautiful Stories” tool. We launched a post-training supervision mechanism. We organized monthly supervision meetings where case management, psychosocial support, and best practices were shared. Twenty-one people from nine civil society organizations participated in the “Men’s Participation in Women’s Empowerment” workshop. Approaches to involving men in the fight against violence against women were shared. In the Gender-Based Violence Case Training, 29 social service specialists, field workers, and translators from eight local associations were taught case management and basic principles.

*\* These activities were supported by the project “Development of Community-Based Social Services for Refugees and Host Communities (CLIP 2)” carried out by the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ)*



# Workshops with Men Against Violence Against Women

Every Thursday, we held workshops on preventing violence against women at the Women's Counseling Center, bringing together men and women. In these workshops, we discussed the definition and forms of violence, using examples from our own lives. We examined data on violence against women in Turkey and around the world using graphs and evaluated news stories related to the issue.

We also discussed legal regulations aimed at preventing violence against women that are valid both in Turkey and internationally. In this

process, we also discussed the issue of gender inequality and encouraged men to recognize their responsibilities in this regard and be part of the solution.

These activities were an important step in encouraging the active participation of men in the prevention of violence against women.

*\* This activity was supported by the project "Development of Community-Based Social Services for Refugees and Host Communities (CLIP 2)" carried out by the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).*

# Women Write Beautiful Stories: Empowering Women to Prevent Violence Against Women

The Women Write Beautiful Stories tool, developed earlier to help women learn about their legal rights in cases of violence and how to exercise those rights, continued to be used in 2024. This method makes information more memorable and understandable by enabling women to learn from each other.

The storytelling method was used to make it easier for women to learn about their legal rights. Cardboard figures and visual narratives placed on a cloth board made the information more concrete and understandable. The storytelling technique increased the retention

of information in memory and supported women's empathy. Writing their own stories helped women internalize the information and apply it in their lives. This method was designed to be accessible to women of all ages and educational levels. The application was developed in simple language and provided practical information.

In 2024, volunteer women at the Women's Counseling Center were given training on how to use the tool. This ensured that the method was widely disseminated. This method was used in activities in Istanbul,



and many women were informed about their legal rights. Civil society organizations were provided with Women Write Beautiful Stories Implementer Training. The training was conducted in person and lasted a full day.

Women Write Beautiful Stories is an effective method that supports women in learning about their legal rights and using this information in their daily lives. It continued to be implemented in 2024, enabling more women to access their rights.

*\* The development of this tool was supported by the Embassy of Ireland.*



# Children's Access to Education

In 2024, efforts were made to support children's access to education in the Esenyurt region. Educational programs, psychosocial support activities, and stationery supplies were provided to support children who had difficulty attending school due to socio-economic difficulties.

Accelerated remedial classes were organized for students who had been absent from school for a long time or who had gaps in their education.

To enable students whose native language is not Turkish to participate more effectively in the education process, Turkish courses were started in collaboration with the Esenyurt Public Education Center.

Children who had difficulty accessing basic school supplies due to financial constraints were provided with educational materials such as bags, notebooks, and pens.

Psychosocial support was provided to children and families experiencing difficulties in their education due to forced migration, economic hardship, and other adverse conditions.

The project activities were carried out in cooperation with the Esenyurt Municipality, Esenyurt Public Education Center, Referral and Research Center (RAM), and the Migration Administration.

\* These activities were supported by Save the Children International Turkey.

# Research and Reports

## Information Note on the Views of Syrians Living in Turkey Regarding Return to Syria 2024

<https://www.mavikalem.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/cMK-Bilgi-Notu-17.12.2024.pdf>

## MaviKalem Hatay File 2023-2024

<https://www.mavikalem.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/MK-Hatay-Dosyasi-TR-6022024.pdf>



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### Türkiye'de Yaşayan Suriyelilerin Suriye'ye Geri Dönüş Konusundaki Görüşleri Hakkında Bilgi Notu

Suriye'de muhaliflerin yönetimi ele geçirmesi ve Beşar Esad'ın yönetiminin çökmesi ile, Türkiye'de yaşayan Suriyeli mültecilerin Suriye'ye geri dönüş ile ilgili düşüncelerine fark yaratma amaçlı olarak hazırlanmıştır.

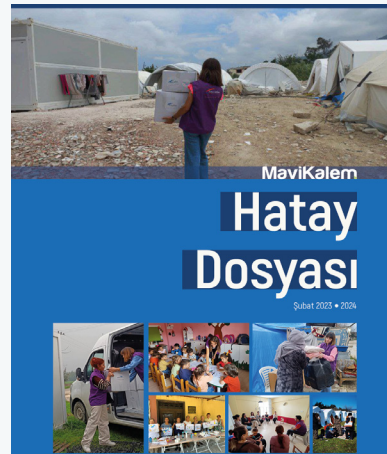
İstanbul Esenyurt'ta bulunan Kadın Derneği MaviKalem'in desteğiyle hazırlanmıştır. 42 kadının katılımıyla gerçekleştirilen toplantıda, kadınların Suriye'ye geri dönüş konusundaki görüşleri, Türkiye'de yaşadıkları zorluklar ve Suriye'deki ekonomik koşulların Suriye'ye geri dönüşü etkileyeceği değerlendirilmiştir. Ayrıca, 10 aile, hançerim-de kişisiyle birlikte Suriye'ye geri dönüşü planlayan çocuklara sahip, 42 kadının 6 aile üyesi arasında MaviKalem gönüllüleri yer almıştır.

Görüşmeler MaviKalem gönüllüleri kadınlarla grup sohbeti şeklinde, diğer kadınlarla birebir sohbet şeklinde yapıldı. Kadınlara Suriye'deki siyasi-sosyal değişikliklerden sonra Suriye'ye geri dönüşü konusundaki düşüncelerine sorular. Herkesin hep farklı açılardan bakarak kendi yaşam koşulları

ve sorunlarından doğultusunda endişelerini dile getirdi.

Tek başına yaşayan kadınlar, geri dönüşün yalnızca ekonomik düşüncelerle sınırlı olmadığını, sosyal destek eksikliğinin önemli bir sorun olduğunu vurguladı. Geldikleri şehirlere atılmaları ve kompakt alanlarda yaşamalarının çok zor olduğunu, sandıkları, halen belirlenmiş sınırların kısımlarını oluşturmaması gerektiğini belirttiler. Bu görüşlerde duyulan ve Suriye'de ekonomik koşulların belirsizliği nedeniyle göçü geri dönüşü düşünmüyorlar.

Çocuklarına tek başına bakamayan anneler, Suriye'ye dönmeleri halinde çocuklarının temel eğitim ve sağlık hizmetlerinden mahrum kalmasından endişe ediyor. "Nana bakım veren kadınlar, Suriye'ye geri dönüşte yarınca sosyal ve ekonomik zorluklardan korktuğumuz. Kadınlar Suriye'de güvenlik riskinin devam ettiği, ekonomik olarak zorlanacakları ve sosyal destekleri yetersiz olduğunu söylüyor. Türkiye'de çocukların eğitim bütçesinin, konular ve çocukları için yeni bir görüşümüzü ortaya çıkartabileceğini belirttiler."



# Communication and Visibility

## kadinisi.org and Social Media Accounts

Following the Kahramanmaraş earthquake on February 6, the kadinisi.org website and social media accounts were created as part of the Women Access Income program to support women's economic empowerment.

These platforms promote the women and their work in the program, increasing their visibility.

- Website: kadinisi.org
- Instagram: @kadinisiorg
- Facebook: Kadınlar İşini Kuruyor
- YouTube: Kadınlar İşini Kuruyor

The YouTube page features informative videos prepared by experts to support women in developing their businesses.



# FINANCIAL SITUATION

| <b>EXPENSES (2024)</b>               | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES (TL)</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| GENERAL EXPENSES                     | 2,342,752.85               |
| PERSONNEL EXPENSES                   | 2,634,469.26               |
| TOTAL OBJECTIVE AND SERVICE EXPENSES | 29,730.590.69              |
| OTHER EXPENSES                       | 413,765.05                 |
| SURPLUS INCOME                       | -                          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>35,121,577.85</b>       |

| <b>INCOME (2024)</b>           | <b>TOTAL INCOME (TL)</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MEMBERSHIP FEES                | 7,500.00                 |
| FOREIGN AID                    | 27,134.580.55            |
| OTHER DONATIONS AND ASSISTANCE | 333,427.74               |
| FINANCIAL INCOME               | 662,754.73               |
| OTHER INCOME                   | 72,978.05                |
| EXPENSE SURPLUS                | 6,910,336.7              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>35,121,577.85</b>     |

# Work and Management Team

MaviKalem continued its work with a focus on women, adopting a gender equality approach. With its structure supporting female employment, its work teams in 2024 were also predominantly female. Encouraging women's participation in economic life and active roles in society, MaviKalem continued its employment policies in this direction.

As of 2024, a total of 35 people worked

at MaviKalem. Of these, 28 were women and 7 were men. The percentage of female employees was 80%.

As in previous years, the management team consisted entirely of women. There are two structures responsible for management at MaviKalem: the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Board.

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