



# 2021 TURKEY WILDFIRE RELIEF FUND IMPACT REPORT

A DISASTER RELIEF FUND AT TURKISH PHILANTHROPY FUNDS

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PHILANTHROPY  
FUNDS



# TOGETHER

**we helped individuals and families affected by wildfires throughout Turkey.**

## The Challenge

People in Turkey battle wildfires on an ongoing basis. Small fires burn across the country throughout the summer season. The start of large fires in the summer of 2021 in highly populated areas at the same time has tightened the resources to respond. Strong winds have caused the fires to spread quickly, prompting mass evacuations in many areas. TPF's partners at Afet Platformu followed the developments closely and not only took part in putting out the fires but also prepared to respond to survivors' immediate needs as soon as the fires had been taken under control.

## The Response

All donations to this fund supported wildfire relief and recovery efforts in Turkey. We monitored the impact on affected communities and worked with partners at Afet Platformu to allocate funds to the most needed areas. Initially, the fund helped first responders put out fires and meet survivors' immediate needs for food, fuel, clean water, medicine, and shelter. As needs emerged, we supported longer-term recovery efforts run by local, vetted partner organizations in the impacted areas.



# THE IMPACT



**TOTAL RAISED AMOUNT**

**\$267,011.83**



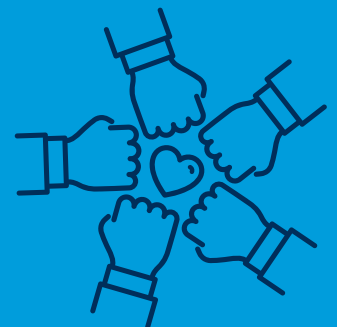
**2,479 DONORS**

**157 corporate matching gifts  
from 11 companies**

**PARTNERED  
WITH**

**AKUT Foundation, Needs Map, NEF Foundation,  
Maya Foundation, Support to Life Association,  
Unvansiz Gonulluler Association,  
World Human Relief**

**7 INSTITUTIONS**



# THE IMPACT

**335**

adults received psychological support and first aid kits



**285**

children underwent trauma focused psycho social support



**272**

children received art therapy



**40**

families received cash assistance and In-kind support such as animal shelter tents, food, etc.



**111**

beekeepers received bee bread, harvesting equipment



**622**

beehives were distributed to 40 families



**18%**

increase in beehives in the region



**19**

barns built for animals



**300**

residential buildings built for families affected



**2000**

sets of protective gear were provided



**1st**

collective disaster response map of the world was created



# THE GRANTS



Irem Kilic from TPF team visiting families in their newly-built homes in Manavgat in November 2022

## NEEDS MAP & NEF FOUNDATION

The grant supported Bir Destek Bir Yuva Project.

With the help of TPF's support, NeedsMap and NEF Foundation built over 300 residential properties and 19 barns for those who lost their homes and livelihoods and, in the end, supported thousands of individuals in Manavgat, Antalya.

NeedsMap and Afet Platformu determined the affected areas through a mapping portal and conducted a field study to identify the families who lost their homes and sources of income during the wildfires in Manavgat, Antalya. Homes and income-generating properties such as greenhouses, barns, etc. were built for the people impacted. Additionally, farmer families who lost their income received cattle and miniature cattle.

# THE GRANTS



## SUPPORT TO LIFE

Support to Life (STL) received two grants from TPF's Wildfire Relief Fund.

The first grant provided cash assistance for the early recovery of 40 families who partially or entirely lost their livelihoods. These families also received in-kind support such as animal sheltering tents, hay, and cattle. The grant also in part covered the logistics and administrative costs of the project.

With the second grant, STL provided 99 beekeepers with new materials for bee harvesting in Muğla. The distribution of regular harvest circles of regional bees occurred due to the loss of pine needles during the wildfires. The grant covered the expenses of 25 kg of bee bread, harvesting equipment, transportation, and distribution.

# THE GRANTS

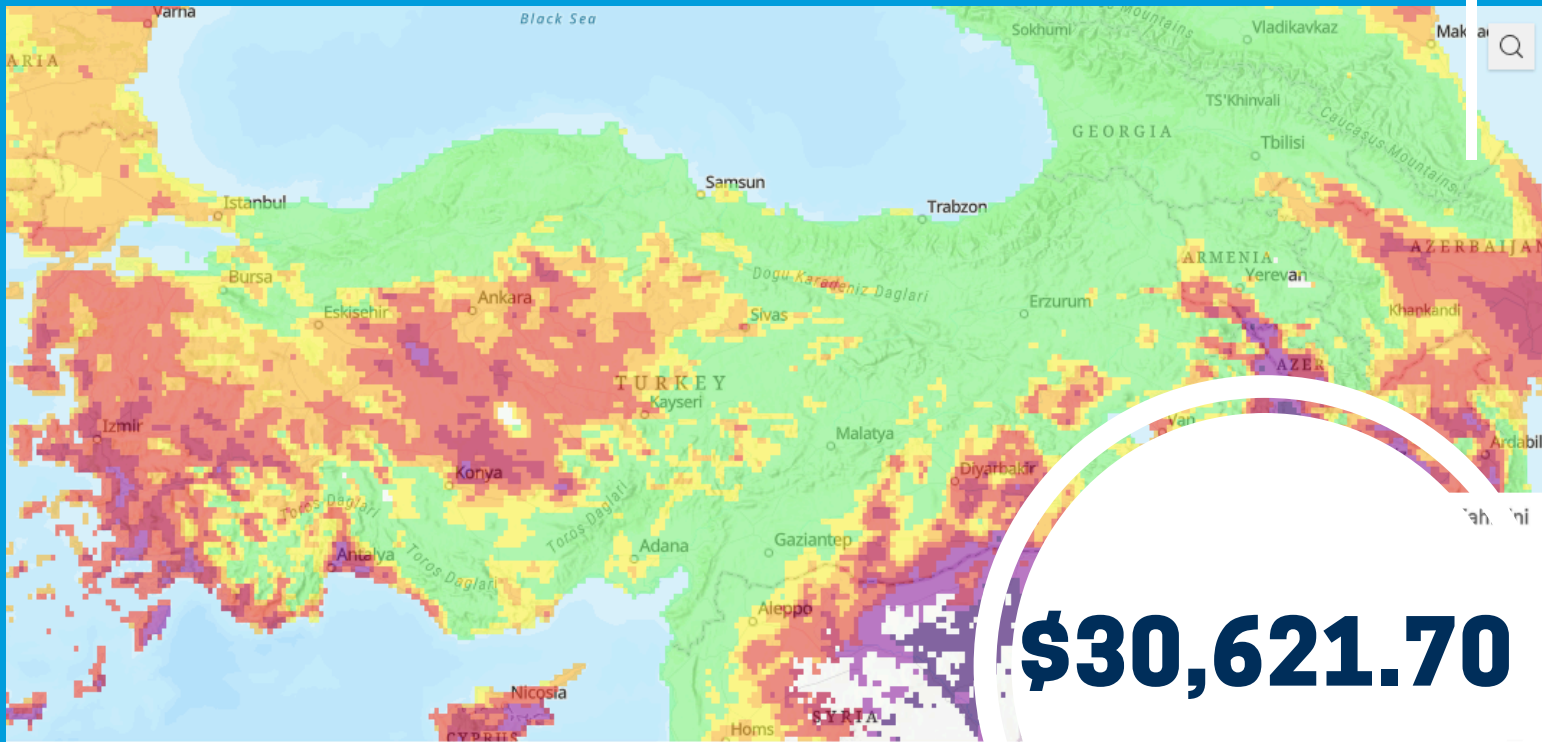


## UNVANSIZ GÖNÜLLÜLER FOUNDATION

The "Keep the Bees Alive" project identified local beekeepers impacted by the wildfires in coordination with Afet Platformu and the local public authorities in Manavgat. Accordingly 622 beehives to more than 40 beekeeper families' were distributed to restore disrupted incomes. The grant secured the reproduction of regional honey and helped maintain the necessary ecosystem for bees in Manavgat, Antalya.

With the support, the number of hives in the region increased by nearly 18%.

# THE GRANTS



## NEEDSMAP

The grant supported the establishment of a Disaster Response Map, [www.afetharitasi.org](http://www.afetharitasi.org), empowered by software and a strong collaborative stakeholders community. The online map will be available to the public and all stakeholders during natural disasters to increase the speed of the relief and recovery efforts. The whole process will be supported by a network built around the "imece-collective work" model bringing all parties from local public authorities to civil society organizations, the private sector, and volunteers together to respond to identified needs in a concerted way. The Response Map enables real-time tracking of needs which increases the impact of the concerted response efforts.

This platform will change how we respond to disasters in Turkey. It is the first of its kind in the world.

# THE GRANTS



**\$14,821.47**

## AKUT FOUNDATION

AKUT Foundation provided much-needed personal protective equipment to wildfire fighters, volunteers, and civilians who were present in the affected areas during the wildfires within the first 24 hours.

With the support, around 2,000 sets of heat-resistant suits and shoes, gloves, professional smoke and gas masks, anti-fog goggles, headlamps, helmets, and backpacks were provided in order to protect the firefighting teams and other volunteers from being exposed to high temperature, gas, and harmful substances from the fire areas.

Additionally, humanitarian and medical aid were given to elderlies, babies, and other locals who were affected by the wildfires around the Aegean and Mediterranean regions.

# THE GRANTS



**\$10,809.52**

## MAYA FOUNDATION

The "Coping with Disasters" Project provided trauma-focused psychosocial support to over 200 children (5-18 yrs), 50 elderly in rural Muğla, and 35 individuals who worked during the wildfires.

Additionally, 272 kids received art therapy by drawing, painting, reading, and coloring to help them express themselves artistically and to examine their art's psychological and emotional undertones.

The grant also partially covered the cost of supplies, including thermo-boxes, refreshments, PSS kits, and tents used in Ula, Muğla.

# THE GRANTS



**\$8,313.60**

## WORLD HUMAN RELIEF

"WeWillHealTogether" Project analyzed the needs for psycho-social support in rural Manavgat, Antalya. It established the Urgent Trauma Support Desks for trauma-focused psycho-social support services for children and adults affected by the wildfires.

During the project, 18 psychologists and psychiatrists worked actively with about 250 adults and 85 children for a month to teach ways to regulate their post-traumatic stress. Meetings were held in groups in public areas in addition to 1:1 meetings.

The grant also covered the travel, food, and accommodation expenses of 18 WHR team members for a month.

# NOTES FROM SITE VISITS!



Belenovasi, Manavgat,

In the Manavgat region we met with Needs Map, NEF Foundation, and Unvansiz Gonulluler Association and went to Belenovasi Village, one of the district's most severely affected regions by the wildfires.

There, we were hosted in the newly-built homes of the "BirDestekBirYuva" Project and talked to their new owners.

With their happiness and appreciation, we once again witnessed the tremendous and timely impact of the TPF Community on people's lives!



Watch the video from our visit in Manavgat, Antalya on our YouTube channel.

# TOGETHER WE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

TPF Wildfire Relief Fund showed us that our community is way beyond the US and Turkey. We received thousands of donations from all over the world, with notes of hope and good wishes.

Your generous and immediate support to TPF's Wildfire Relief Fund enabled us to provide food, water, shelter, livelihoods, and psychosocial support to people and animals in need.

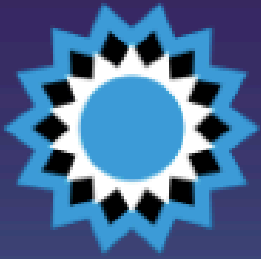


Once again, we witnessed that the power of community could heal the wounds of all affected lives.

Thank you all!

# WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & TRUST IN TPF!





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