

*We work towards the elimination of all kinds of violence against women.*

#### WOMEN'S COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Our centre is an address to which women subjected to violence can apply either by coming personally or making a phone call, and a place where other women, accepting the principle of listening to victims without being prejudiced and holding them responsible for the violence, are present.

We provide the applicants with free of charge support for the necessary legal and psychological counselling, and with guidance on issues such as sheltering, health and work.

Our working hours are from 10.00 to 18.00 every weekday.

#### ACTIVITIES CONCERNING THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Our foundation opened a shelter in order to support Trafficked Women in 2005. We maintain the shelter in cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Health, the International Organization for Migration, and the Greater Ankara Municipality.

We provide residents of the shelter with medical, legal and psychological support. We also inform these victims about the reintegration programmes of the NGOs in their home countries in order to prevent them from re-victimisation.

In addition to shelter-related activities, we fight against human trafficking by being engaged in advocacy, giving training courses, and organising various activities, such as panels and conferences, on the subject.

*Let's change together!*

#### HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?

You can contribute through your labour by becoming a volunteer.

You can take part in our awareness-raising studies on Gender, Women's Movement and Feminism in the World and Turkey, Domestic Violence against Women, Women's Counselling Centres and Women's Shelters, and Voluntarism.

#### YOU CAN DONATE

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**THE FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY**

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*Who are we?*

The first step of the establishment of our foundation was Women's Debate Group, formed by a group of activist women in 1987. The second step taken before its formal establishment was the opening of Women's Counselling Centre in cooperating with the Altındağ Municipality in 1991. The Foundation, having its stamp on "many firsts" in the women's struggle was formally established and opened "the first" independent women's shelter of Turkey in 1993, and launched the Shelter for Trafficked Women in 2005. The Foundation fights against all kinds of violence, even though the priority is on domestic violence and human trafficking.

# What are we doing?

- We contribute to social change directed towards ending the legitimacy of violence against woman by creating pressure on the public and media about woman's human rights through our activities.
- We carry out awareness-raising programs about combating domestic violence against woman for women coming to our Counselling Centre, volunteers of the Foundation and professionals of the field.
- We partake in platforms aiming to make and practice legal regulations that can help to improve women's human rights.
- We are a participant of the Women's Shelter and the Women's Counselling Centre councils.
- We take part in the national executive committee of the European Woman Lobby.
- We are an active participant of the CEDAW (The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) in that we contribute to the preparation of country reports as part and the parcel of our membership in the National Executive Committee for the CEDAW, made up of NGOs.
- We both prepare training programmes and give training courses for prospective trainers in the context of the project on "Domestic Violence against Women and Approaching the Victim" aiming at an increase in the efficacy of the fight against violence against women by training of 40 thousand police officers in the context of the protocol signed by Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Directorate General on the Status of Women.
- We are a member of Women Watch Committee of the Directorate General on the Status of Women.
- We are a member of the technical advisory committee of the Shelters for Women Subjected to Violence Project, carried out by the Ministry of Internal Affairs General Directorate for Local Authorities, due to our position as a relevant NGO and our experience in shelter management.

# Our principles

- We design all our activities and methods used in these activities from a feminist perspective.
- We make our decisions by using the "consensus method", which ensures the inclusion of all of us in the decision-making process.
- We work by using violence-less methods, and keep searching for new methods, enabling each of us to better express our opinions.
- Although we have formal positions and councils, we maintain our internal and external relations within flat/horizontal organisational structures.
- We prioritise supporting women's personal development, while using our resources.
- We believe in the importance of maintaining face-to-face and intimate relationships on the development of awareness about the common women-ness situation

# Our publications

- 1995 A Concrete Step against Domestic Violence: A Collective Study with Women of Squatter Settlements of Ankara (in Turkish)
- 1996 An Evaluation of Domestic Violence against Women Living in the Squatter Settlements of Ankara (in Turkish)
- 1997 Domestic Violence against Women in the Middle and Upper Socio-economic Status Families
- 2003 Cooperation among Municipalities and Women's Organisations in the Field of the Struggle against Violence: Experiences, Problems and Solutions (in Turkish)
- 2005 Handbook of Domestic Violence against Women (in Turkish)
- 2007 Workshop on Experiences, Priorities and Cooperation in Combating Domestic Violence against Women (in Turkish)

# Work we have done

- 1991- Women's Counselling Centre
- 1993-1999 Independent Women's Shelter, (The first independent women's shelter opened in Turkey) (Opened in cooperation with the Altındağ Municipality of Ankara)
- 1994-1995 Women's Human Rights I: Training Program on Domestic Violence for Women (Supported by the European Commission)
- 1995-1996 Women's Human Rights II: Training Program on Domestic Violence for Women (Supported by the European Commission)
- 1998 Our Friend in Police Station: Training Program for Police Officers (Supported by UNDP via KASAUM)
- 1997-1999 Emek Mutfağı, (a restaurant opened in order to create a source of income for the Foundation) (Supported by the UNDP)
- 2001-2003 Rehabilitating the Women Counselling Centers and Training Programme for Women Subjected to Domestic Violence to Increase Awareness of Their Rights, Support and Service (Supported by the UNIFEM)
- 2003-2004 Independent Women's Shelter, (Re-opened in cooperation with the Yenimahalle Municipality of Ankara)
- 2003 Municipality-Women Organisations Cooperative Undertaking In References to Combating Violence against Women: Experiences, Problems, Solutions (Supported by the Embassy of Finland)
- 2004-2005 Informing the Public about Domestic Violence and the Development of Local Cooperation (Supported by the European Commission)
- 2005- Shelter for Victims of Trafficked Women (Being maintained in cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Health, the International Organization for Migration, and the Greater Ankara Municipality) (Expenses for the initial 10 months were covered by SIDA.)
- 2007 Workshop for Domestic Violence against Women (Carried out in cooperation with KADAV, VAKAD and MOVISIE) (Supported by the Royal Netherlands Embassy)
- 2007 Project of Constituting Network for Women's Counselling Centers and Database on Violence against Women (Supported by the European Commission)
- 2007- Project for Creating Sensitivity and Establishment of Local Mechanisms for Combating Violence against Women in the Central Anatolia Region (Being currently conducted in Eskişehir, Kırıkkale, Nevşehir and Çankırı) (Supported by the European Commission)