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# GREETINGS

In 2024 we continued to fight for our lives and our rights. In the March 31 local elections, the ruling party came second for the first time in 22 years. The results sparked hope that a new chapter could begin in local governance and that local organizations might regain their strength. Many women's organizations, both local and national, worked tirelessly to ensure that the services, mechanisms, and policies of local governments promoted gender equality. As women and LGBTI+ people, we remained active and vocal in local decision-making mechanisms. That said, we know that no achievement in this country comes easily. Following the elections, judicial interventions targeting opposition-led municipalities and the appointment of government trustees—actions we view as a violation of the right to vote and be elected—narrowed this window of hope.

The “Vision Document and Action Plan for the Protection and Strengthening of the Family,” announced by the President and the Ministry of Family and Social Services in May 2024, marked a further departure from women's and human rights. Framed as a response to declining birth rates and an effort to “reinforce the family structure,” the document functions as a roadmap for undermining rights. Promoted under the pretext of “combating global erasure of sex” and fighting the policies that allegedly threaten the family, these initiatives reflect the global rise of right-wing movements and signal a wholesale assault on women's and LGBTI+ rights. Backed by a substantial budget, the action plan replaces the language of human rights with so-called “family rights,” and aims to confine women to the domestic sphere and entrench the patriarchal family structure. Key elements of the plan, such as the newly established Family Institute and the

Population Policies Board, came into effect through a presidential decree published in the Official Gazette at the end of December. Meanwhile, LGBTI+ people, another group directly targeted by the plan, continued to face hate speech and stigmatization at both the state and government levels. The politics of hate against LGBTI+ lives grew increasingly institutionalized.

Meanwhile, women have assertively voiced their demand to use only their own surnames after marriage. The Constitutional Court's ruling that the regulation preventing married women from doing so was unconstitutional marked a significant victory, achieved through years of feminist struggle. This milestone reflects women's rejection of control over their identities and their resistance to the patriarchal family structure. It also underscores the effectiveness of the women's movement in advancing rights through legal channels. With this decision, women opened up a space not only to reclaim their individual identities but also to voice their demands for equality and freedom more loudly.

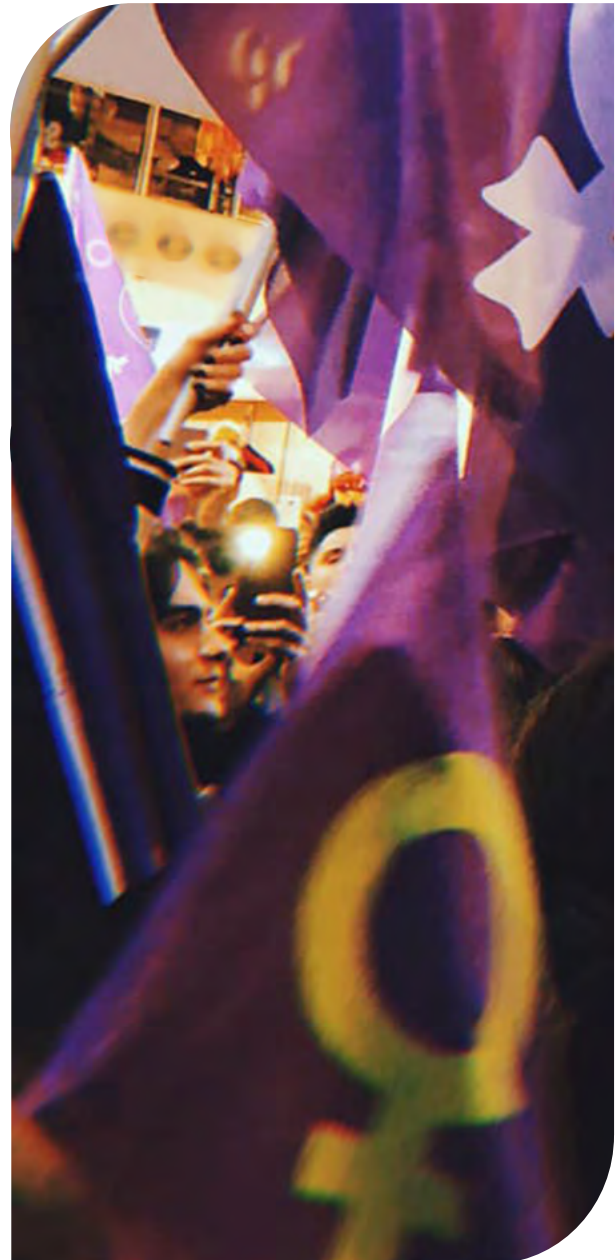
The economic crisis, whose early signs were already evident in 2019 and which exacerbated with the onset of the pandemic, has deepened dramatically since 2023 due to unsustainable and irrational economic policies, affecting every aspect of our lives. The government allocated millions to securitization and conservative social policies, yet by 2024, the society has become unable to meet even its most basic needs. This deepening poverty has placed an even heavier burden on women's unpaid labor within the household. Gender roles continued to hinder women's access to employment and participation in the workforce. The ongoing

struggle for shelter and basic survival has further worsened living conditions for women and LGBTI+ people, making their daily efforts to meet essential needs increasingly difficult.

In November, civil society and journalism came under renewed attack with the insertion of the “agent of influence”, an article attempting to criminalize activism and dissent, into the government’s latest judicial package. As we approach 2025, efforts to silence us have intensified. Globally, the rise of far-right and anti-gender movements, coupled with ongoing wars and security-focused economic policies, has led to widespread targeting of rights-based organizations, particularly those working on women’s and LGBTI+ issues. Throughout the year, many of these organizations faced systematic audits and baseless accusations of obscenity. Some lost their funding, some were forced to shut down, and many of our colleagues lost their jobs.

Turkey, where almost every year there is an election, was not alone this year. In 2024, elections took place in 77 countries, revealing that the far right is gaining ground, especially in Europe and the United States. Donald Trump was re-elected, and far-right parties significantly increased their number of seats in the European Parliament. Across many countries, gender equality, migrants, and trans people have become open targets.

The wars in Palestine and Ukraine have had a global impact—deaths, disappearances, the denial of rights, lack of access to support based on gender equality, and the displacement of millions. In 2024, while international politics sought to suppress the agendas of peace, equality, and justice, many segments of the society, especially women and LGBTI+ people, who feel the consequences of this suppression most acutely in their daily lives, refused to remain silent. Although this year brought intensified rights violations and setbacks, it also witnessed a growing wave of resistance.



We know that the conditions are far from favorable. Yet, despite everything, we witnessed voices of objection, resistance, and solidarity rise throughout the year. What strengthens us is that our feminist solidarity and struggle are not only rooted in past achievements, but also in the bonds we have built against all odds, in our ability to find strength in one another, and in the power of our collective presence.

We will continue our feminist struggle with solidarity, anger, and persistence.



## ABOUT US



As Women for Women's Human Rights, we collaborate with women's and feminist movements in various campaigns in Turkey and around the world to advocate for legal reforms that safeguard women's rights and promote gender equality, call for the development of gender-sensitive policies and ensure the egalitarian implementation of existing legislation. In addition to our local and national advocacy efforts, our association—having played a key role in numerous legal reforms in the past—also builds networks and engages in international advocacy to advance political transformation on women's rights and gender equality, particularly within the framework of the United Nations (UN).

We launched the Women's Human Rights Education Program (HREP) in 1995 to support women in their efforts to take control of their lives and fully exercise their rights in every sphere. Now in its 30th year, HREP remains one of the most comprehensive and far-reaching human rights education programs

in the world, having been implemented across diverse regions of Turkey. The program aims to foster the establishment of independent women's organizations and drive broader social transformation. In addition to HREP group workshops, we continue to reach wide audiences through our Gender Equality Seminars, which we have been organizing since 2016 in collaboration with municipalities, women's organizations, and private sector institutions.

Since our founding, one of the core pillars of our work has been conducting national and international research to identify the factors that hinder women from exercising their civil, economic, political, sexual, physical, and reproductive rights and to contribute to the development of policies and actions that eliminate these barriers. At WWHR, we support our efforts through publications and communication activities that document and share our experiences, achievements, and effective strategies.



## OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2024

**We organized a launch event to disseminate the report on the psycho-social support work we carried out in the earthquake region and held a panel with women's and LGBTI+ organizations active in the region**

On February 20, during an online event, we officially launched our report, which includes our observations and recommendations based on our psycho-social fieldwork conducted between May and December 2023, addressing problems faced by the women and LGBTI+ people living in Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, and Malatya. Following the online event, we held a panel with Women's Coalition (Kadın Koalisyonu), Women Worker (Kadın İşçi), We Need to Talk Association (Konuşmamız Gerek Derneği), Kaos GL and 17 May Association —organizations that also wrote reports on their work in the earthquake zone— and discussed the issues stemming from the earthquake, the inequalities and discrimination faced by women and LGBTI+ people. During this panel we also offered our suggestions and recommendations for possible solutions. You can access our report on our [website](#).

**Women who have completed HREP are entering politics: In the 2024 local elections, in 7 different provinces there were 74 candidates and prospective candidates who have completed HREP!**

Since 1995, HREP has reached more than 20,000 women in Turkey and Cyprus. The program endeavors not only to empower women by informing them about their rights, but also to contribute to women's efforts in preventing rights violations and forming organizations

### KADININ İNSAN HAKLARI DERNEĞİ DEPREM BÖLGESİ PSİKOSOSYAL DESTEK ÇALIŞMASI RAPORU:

ADİYAMAN, DİYARBAKIR, MALATYA



Kadının İnsan Hakları Eğitim Programı'nı (KİİEP)  
tamamlayan kadınlar siyasete katılıyor:



**2024 YEREL SEÇİMLERİNDE  
7 FARKLI İLDE TOPLAM 74 KİİEP'Lİ  
ADAY VE ADAY ADAYI VAR!**

- 1 KİİEP Danışmanı
- 5 KİİEP Eğitmeni
- 68 KİİEP Katılımcısı



- 2 Belediye (İlçe/Belde) Başkan adayı aday
- 48 Belediye Meclisi aday aday
- 3 İl Genel Meclisi aday aday
- 19 Muhtar adayı
- 2 Muhtar azası adayı

for social, legal, and political change. HREP is a 16-week, group-based program which includes sections such as “Women and Politics,” “Feminism and the Women’s Movement,” and “Women’s Organizing” that particularly aim at preparing the ground for women’s active participation in politics.

## What did we do within the scope of the My Right to Abortion Project?

On February 28th, we launched the “My Right to Abortion” project, which we initiated together with Mor Çatı Women’s Shelter Foundation and Women on Web. Together with feminist and women’s organizations, healthcare professionals, CSOs working in the field of health, professional associations, and journalists, we aim to support women’s access to safe abortion, raise awareness among healthcare providers and medical students about delivering abortion services—including medical abortion—from a rights-based perspective, develop policy recommendations for decision-makers, and share international best practices on the provision and accessibility of abortion services. As part of this process:

- We created our website <https://kurtajhakkim.org/> to offer a comprehensive digital resource that compiles legal and medical information and rights-based approaches on accessible and safe abortion. We prepared petition templates that can be used against hospitals and doctors who refuse to perform abortions.
- We prepared the *Abortion Service Guide for Health Workers*, which will help health workers adopt a rights-based and women-focused approach when providing abortion services. We sent it to professional organizations of health workers and CSOs.
- We compiled basic information about abortion, our legal rights and what we can



do in case our right to abortion is denied in the brochure *I Want to Have an Abortion*.

- We prepared a workshop on the right to abortion for medical faculty students and held the first workshop with students from 13 different cities.
- We delivered presentations on the right to abortion in Turkey, our My right to Abortion project, and our abortion report at both national and international meetings and conferences.



## We participated in the 68th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

We actively participated in the process of the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), themed “Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty, strengthening institutions, and financing with a gender perspective” through the work we carry out in international networks, particularly Fos Feminista and OURs.

The sessions, held in New York from March 10–22, 2024, saw strong participation from Turkey. We exchanged experiences and strategies for struggle with feminists from around the world. During the General Discussion session of the CSW, we delivered an [oral statement](#) on behalf of civil society organizations from Europe and Central Asia.

We also held an online parallel event on March 21 titled “Attacks on Rights, Gender Dimension of Poverty and Feminist Struggle Strategies”. In the event facilitated by Prof. Dr. İpek İlkkaracan, we discussed resilient economic models that prioritize gender equality and poverty reduction with Prof. Dr. Uyan Semerci, Dr. Sohela Nazneen, and Pinar Ensari.

Following CSW 68, we attended the CSW and Beyond: Civil Society Dialogue Meeting organized by ETKİNİZ in Ankara and shared our experiences as well as our observations regarding the sessions.



## We shared our policy document, “There’s a Lot Municipalities Can Do for Equality!”, with numerous municipalities

In the lead-up to the March 2024 local elections, we prepared a policy document titled “*There’s a Lot Municipalities Can Do for Equality!*”, drawing on the questions and feedback we received from the HREP network. Following the elections, we participated in various meetings and workshops with municipalities that were preparing strategic plans. We shared our policy document and emphasized the importance of gender equality-centered approaches in local governments. HREP trainers shared the policy document with municipalities in their provinces and contributed to the inclusion of a gender equality perspective in their strategic planning processes. Many of our trainers directly participated in these planning meetings and supported the process locally.

During this process, we met with the Union of Municipalities of Turkey Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Women and Family, Avcılar Municipality, Küçükçekmece Municipality, Esenyurt Municipality, Avcılar Municipality Directorate of Women and Family Services, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Department of Social Services and Maltepe Municipality, as well as DEM Party Co-Chair Tülay Hatimoğulları and Women’s Spokesperson Halide Türkoğlu, and CHP Women’s Branch Secretary General Mehtap Yücel at their party headquarters. In these meetings, we shared our demands and expectations of opposition parties in response to the ongoing attacks on gender equality and women’s rights, and we also explored opportunities for potential collaboration.



## As Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Platform Turkey (CISU) Women+ Health Working Group, we were in the Parliament

As a member of the CISU Women+ Health Working Group, we visited Members of Parliament and representatives from the women's branches of four political parties to present our policy document aimed at strengthening health service mechanisms for women subjected to violence. As a result of these visits, two MPs submitted two separate parliamentary questions to the Ministry of Health concerning safe and accessible abortion. In addition to political parties, we met with UNFPA Turkey and the Turkish Medical Association to discuss upcoming efforts aimed at health service providers.

## We directed our questions to the ministers through opposition MPs in the TBMM Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men (KEFEK)

In 2024, we engaged in intensive advocacy work with the TBMM KEFEK. For the four KEFEK meetings held between May 8 and July 5, we collaborated with Mor Çatı to prepare comprehensive information notes and questions addressed to the Minister of Family and Social Services, Minister of the Interior, and Minister of Justice. Our findings, proposals, and questions were raised by MPs from three different political parties during KEFEK sessions and conveyed directly to the ministers. Through these advocacy efforts, we successfully brought our feminist perspective—along with our analysis, findings, and solutions—to the ministerial agenda and achieved wider visibility in the media.

## We Are Not Giving Up Our Right to Equality in Surnames!

When the 9th Judicial Package included an unconstitutional provision affecting women's right to equality in surnames, we issued a statement titled "Withdraw the Unconstitutional Bill on Women's Surnames!" and launched a petition on Change.org. Within a week, more than 10,000 people, including journalists, artists and constitutional lawyers, supported our campaign. Following the intense reaction of women, it was announced that the proposal was removed from the 9th Judicial Package.



**"9. Yargı Paketi'nin Cinsiyetçi Soyadı Düzenlemesini Kabul Etmiyoruz!" imza kampanyamız 10.000 imzayı geçti!**

Ancak, henüz soyadında eşitlik hakkına yönelik yasa teklifi geri çekilmiş değil ve bu yönde bir resmi bir açıklama da yok!

Bu yasa teklifini durdurabiliriz.

**Sen de hemen imzala!**

9. Yargı Paketi'nin Cinsiyetçi Soyadı Düzenlemesini Kabul Etmiyoruz

Başlangıç tarihi: 11 Temmuz 2024

Muhatap: TBMM

Bu kampanyayı imzala

KİH KADIN İÇİŞLERİ HİZMETLERİ

## We held our large team camp

We held our 4th traditional large team camp in Şile Ağva on May 29-31. At this camp, where we planned our activities and strategies while enjoying quality time together, we reflected on developments in Turkey and around the world and their impact on our work. It was a gathering where we shared and laughed a lot, and talked about new strategies.

## We are strengthening women's solidarity across Turkey through HREP groups



In 2024, a total of 530 women who participated in 48 HREP groups in 11 provinces completed 16 weeks of group work. HREP continues to foster women's individual and collective empowerment. The stories of our trainers and participants span a wide spectrum from entering politics to launching their own businesses, from returning to education to breaking cycles of violence.

- In 2024, 17% of HREP trainers reported that the program had led to tangible, positive changes in their careers. One trainer was elected to the Executive Board of the Women's Assembly of the Marmaris City Council, while another became the Chairperson of the Hakkari Branch of the Human Rights Association. Additionally, two trainers assumed managerial roles within their municipalities.





- Karabağlar Municipality committed to implementing 58 Gender Equality Seminars across its 58 neighborhoods in collaboration with HREP trainers. Trainers also played an active role in shaping local equality action plans, and significant progress was made toward establishing equality units in Konyaaltı and Çanakkale Municipalities.
- 53% of HREP trainers reported that HREP had a transformative impact on their personal lives this year. These changes included a greater openness to learning, becoming a trusted source of information within their communities, and increased awareness.

Following HREP, the solidarity between trainers and participants continued. Some collaborated to organize workshops, others published magazines together, and several initiatives led to the formation of new women's organizations. The establishment of Giresun Women's Solidarity Association and a women's club in Avcılar stand out as examples of these collective efforts.

The 14th HREP Training of Trainers (ToT) was held in Büyükada, Istanbul with the participation of 25 trainers from Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Izmir Metropolitan Municipality, Adana Metropolitan Municipality, Konyaaltı Municipality, Beşiktaş Municipality, Büyükçekmece Municipality, Maltepe Municipality, Kadıköy Municipality, Ataşehir Municipality, Akhisar Municipality, Alaşehir Municipality, Collective Impact Program Association (Kolektif Etki Programı Derneği), Support to Life Association (Hayata Destek Derneği), Katre Women's Counseling and Solidarity Association (Katre Kadın Danışma ve Dayanışma Derneği), We Are All Different, We Are All Equal (Farklıyız Eşitiz Derneği), Rosa Women's Association (Rosa Kadın Derneği), and Purple Solidarity Women's Association (Mor Dayanışma Kadın Derneği). With this training, our trainers are now equipped to implement HREP activities in Afyonkarahisar and Erzincan.

We signed cooperation protocols for the first time with Ayvalık and Konyaaltı Municipalities and renewed our agreements with Çankaya and Çanakkale Municipalities. Following cooperation visits to municipalities after this year's local elections, nearly 70 HREP groups that began in 2024 are set to conclude in 2025 with the support of our trainers.



## Gender Equality Seminars continued

As part of our efforts to strengthen gender equality, we continued to organize seminars in both municipalities and the private sector. Throughout 2024, we organized gender equality seminars for the Avcılar Municipality, Çankaya Municipality and Narlidere Municipality, as well as for the employees of the Take-A-Friend-Come Platform (Arkadaşını Al-Gel Platformu), KOÇTUR Logistics and Sheraton Istanbul Hotel. More than 500 people attended the seminars.



We also organized the third Gender Equality Seminar Orientation for HREP trainers, bringing together 12 HREP trainers from Ankara, Bursa, Eskişehir, and Yozgat. This meeting, designed to expand the reach of our gender equality seminars through our trainers, also offered an opportunity for them to share their knowledge and exchange experiences.

## We opened the exhibition “Looking at Women’s Movements in the City: Seeing the Invisible” (Kentte Kadın Hareketlerine Bir Bakış: Görünmeyi Görme) exhibition

Together with We Are All Different, We Are All Equal Association, Çanakkale Association for the Support of Women’s Handicraft and Women’s Counseling Center (ELDER), and Kepez Free Women Solidarity (Kepez Özgür Kadın Dayanışma) and with the support of Çanakkale Municipality, we opened the exhibition “Looking at Women’s Movements in the City: Seeing the Invisible” exhibition at the Çanakkale City Museum. The exhibition highlights the social struggle of women and the rights they have won, focusing on the women’s movement in Çanakkale and the development of women’s organizations in the city since the launch of HREP in 1998. The 16 panels showcase the history of HREP, the foundations and activities of local women’s organizations, the work of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University Women’s Research Center, and women-centered projects by the municipality and City Council. Opened on November 25, the exhibition was on display at the Çanakkale City Museum until March 8, 2025.



## **We continued to monitor the state's obligations through international human rights mechanisms:**

### **We submitted to the Committee the interim report we prepared with the CEDAW Civil Society Executive Committee (CSEC) as part of Turkey's 8th CEDAW Review.**

The CEDAW Committee regularly examines whether Turkey fulfills its obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). At the end of its sessions in Geneva in 2022, the Committee called on Turkey to provide information and take urgent action on three critical issues: so-called "honor" killings and the practice of sentence reductions based on unjust provocation, women's equal participation in political and public life, and the protection of freedom of association and expression for women's rights defenders. Following Turkey's submission of its interim report to the CEDAW Committee in July 2024, we, as the CEDAW CSEC Platform, collaborated with human rights organizations and professional associations to compile up-to-date data and case studies, which we submitted to the Committee as a report.

### **We submitted the joint report we prepared with Mor Çatı and the Women's Coalition to the UN Human Rights Council as part of Turkey's Fourth Universal Periodic Review (UPR) cycle**

As part of Turkey's Fourth Universal Periodic Review (UPR), review sessions will be held in Geneva between April and May 2025. During these sessions, the Human Rights Council and member states will assess the extent to which Turkey has fulfilled its human rights obligations. Before these sessions, we prepared a joint report with the Women's Coalition International Working Group, Mor Çatı, and the Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence (CŞMD) in order to inform the Human Rights Council about Turkey's obligations in the field of gender equality and women's rights and submitted it to the Council. The report outlines the challenges we face and offers solution-oriented recommendations on a range of issues, including the legal and administrative measures needed to combat violence against women, barriers to women's equal participation in political and public life, freedom of association and expression, access to abortion, and comprehensive sexuality education. The report is the first of its kind in Turkey in terms of focusing solely on women's rights and gender equality within the scope of the UPR.

### **We submitted our written contributions to the new thematic report prepared by the UN Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity**

We submitted our written contribution on developments in the field of LGBTI+ rights in Turkey to the thematic report on "Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in relation to freedom of expression, association and assembly" which is prepared by the UN Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and will be presented at the 56th Session of the UN Human Rights Council.

## We submitted a third-party opinion to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) for the Kaos GL v. Turkey Case

Together with Turkey Human Rights Litigation Support Project, Association for Monitoring Equal Rights, Truth Justice Memory Center, Human Rights Foundation of Turkey and UniKuir, we submitted a joint third-party opinion to the ECHR on the Kaos GL v. Turkey case (application nos. 27507/23 and 5797/22). We highlighted the recent systematic violations of the right to peaceful assembly and demonstration faced by women's and LGBTI+ rights defenders in Turkey. We emphasized the discriminatory nature of administrative bans and law enforcement practices. The third-party opinion is available on our [website](#).

## We released the third part of our *Remember This Crowd* documentary series, titled **Civil Code and Turkish Penal Code Campaigns**



In December, we released the third part of our documentary series *Remember This Crowd*, titled Civil Code and Turkish Penal Code Campaigns. *Remember This Crowd* is an oral history project we launched in 2022 to revisit key campaigns in the history of the feminist movement and draw strength from this collective memory.

We held an event in Istanbul on November 23 where we screened “Remember This Crowd: Civil Code and Turkish Penal Code Campaigns” with the participation of Pınar İlkaraçan, Şenal Sarıhan, Zozan Özgökçe, Öner Ceylan and the directors Vuslat Karan and Burcu Melekoğlu. Afterwards, we conversed with our guests, sharing personal anecdotes and reflections from the campaign processes for the Turkish Penal Code and the Civil Code.



Screenings of the first and second parts of our documentary series continued across various cities throughout the year. Following the screening in Ankara during Queerfest, we held a discussion on Law No. 6284. In Kadıköy, we watched the documentaries with young people at the Culture House. In Ayvalık, we came together with the Ayvalık Women's Solidarity House and Ayvalık Independent Women's Initiative—hosted by the Ayvalık Municipality—for conversations on rights, resistance, and solidarity. In collaboration with the Istanbul City Council Women's Assembly, where we serve on the Executive Board, the second part of the documentary was screened at an event dedicated to highlighting the significance of Law No. 6284.

### ***From Local to Global/Global to Local: What a Difference 30 Years Make!* is now available**



We published our book *From Local to Global / Global to Local: What a Difference 30 Years Make!*, which traces WWHR's 30-year feminist journey through the key milestones of local and global women's movements, in [Turkish](#) and [English](#). As we prepared this book, we were once again inspired by our past achievements and our hope for the future has been renewed.

We [launched](#) the book on November 28 at the Swedish Consulate with the participation of women's organizations, civil society representatives, and members of the press. On December 15, we hosted a breakfast gathering with members, colleagues, and long-time friends of our association to share the book, revisit our collective memory, and deepen our solidarity. To make the book more accessible, we distributed it to libraries of municipalities and universities, as well as to women's and civil society organizations. We're proud to share the story of this 30-year journey shaped by our shared dreams and solidarity, and we hope it will be a source of inspiration and hope for you all.

## Hundreds of women came together at the HREP festival!



Hundreds of women from Çanakkale, İzmir, Ayvalık, and Manisa came together at the HREP Festival. The festival, which we organized together with the We Are All Different, We Are All Equal Association and ELDER, was hosted by the Municipality of Çanakkale on December 21-22. Following the opening speeches on the first day, İpek İlkkaracan addressed economic rights and the care economy in her presentation on “The Purple Economy” and the HREP Cooperation Protocol between WWHR and the Municipality of Çanakkale was renewed.



During the festival, a series of art workshops were held around the theme of women's rights, including ceramics, jewelry-making, handbag design, and dance. The second day began with the launch event of our book *From Local to Global / Global to Local: What a Difference 30 Years Make*. Trainers and participants came together to share their reflections and experiences. The day concluded with the opening of the exhibition *Looking at the Women's Movement in the City: Seeing the Invisible* at Çanakkale City Museum. The event was organized by ELDER.



## As part of the One Day One Struggle (ODOS) Campaign, we organized a talk with Kaos GL on “Constitutional Amendments and Family Discourse: An Analysis of Texts Targeting Equality”

As part of the ODOS Campaign organized annually on November 9 by the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR), of which we are also a member, we held an online talk in collaboration with Kaos GL titled “*Constitutional Amendments and Family Discourse: An Analysis of Texts Targeting Equality.*” During the event, speakers Işıl Kurnaz and Berfu Şeker joined us to discuss the proposed constitutional amendments as well as official documents and action plans centered on the protection of the family.



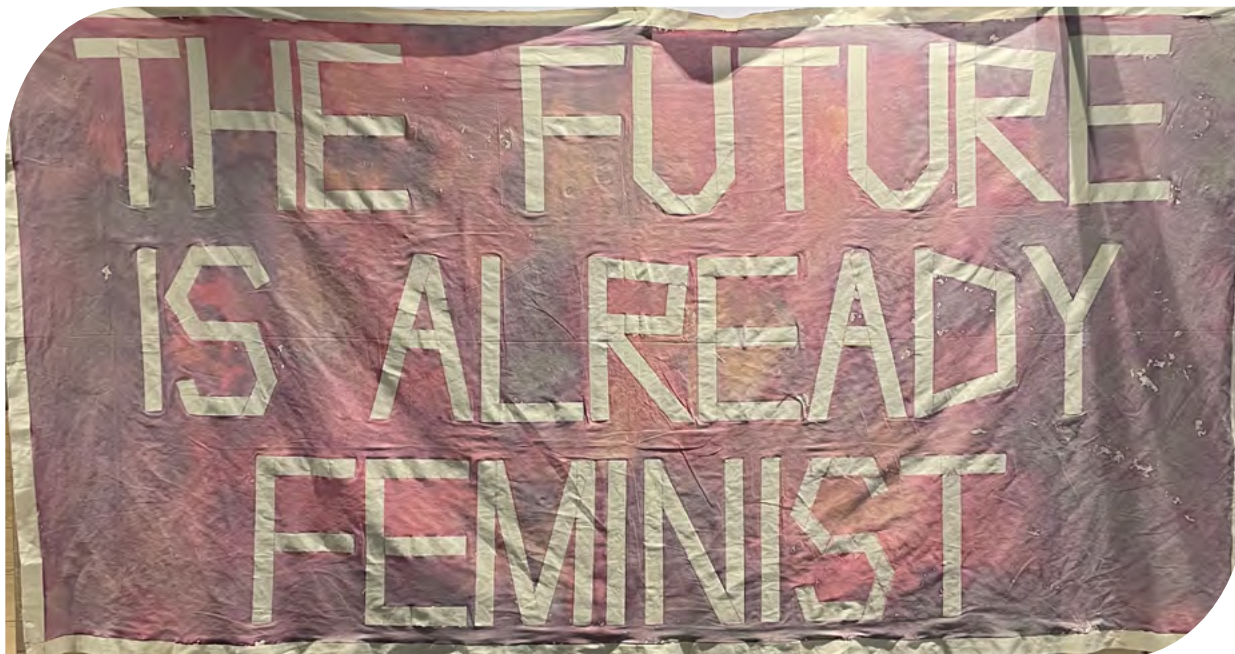
## At the Feminist Meetings, we came together for discussions under the themes “Reflecting on the Recent Past of Our Struggle with Organizations Celebrating Their 30th Anniversary” and “Family Policies of the State in the Republican Era”

After a long hiatus, we continued our Feminist Meetings in person. On November 17 we came together with Mor Çatı, the Foundation for Women’s Solidarity, KADER Ankara, the Turkish Women’s Union, Kaos GL, and Lambdaistanbul in Istanbul for a discussion with the theme “Reflecting on the Recent Past of Our Struggle with Organizations Celebrating Their 30th Anniversary.” Together, we talked about the achievements of the feminist and LGBTI+ movements over the past 30 years, how our strategies and tools of resistance have evolved, and how we ourselves have changed in the process.



At the final Feminist Meeting of the year, we engaged in a discussion on “Family Policies of the State in the Republican Era.” The session featured insights from academician Nükhet Sirman, Pınar Melis Yelsalı Parmaksız, and Hatice Kübra Şamiloğlu from Havle Women’s Association. Together, we explored the family policies of the Republican period from its establishment to this day, examining them from multiple perspectives.

## We attended the 15th AWID Forum



From December 2–5, we participated in the 15th AWID Forum (Association for Women’s Rights in Development) in Bangkok. Bringing together feminists from around the world, the forum served as a vital space for strengthening the global feminist movement and building collective strategies for advancing gender equality.

The Forum is organized every four years by AWID, which has been working to strengthen global feminist solidarity for over 40 years. The event, held in person for the first time since 2016 due to the pandemic, generated immense excitement and enthusiasm as thousands of feminists reunited after eight years. This year’s theme, “*Rising Together: Connect, Heal, Thrive in Solidarity*”, focused on remembering and reinforcing the healing and transformative power of solidarity as we struggle against rising authoritarian right-wing regimes, wars, genocides, colonialism and patriarchal oppression.

More than 4,000 feminists from around the world came together at the forum to expand our collective imagination, strengthen our bonds of solidarity, and renew our hope for building a more just, equal, and free world. We have compiled a detailed report of our experiences and insights from the forum, which is available on our [website](#). We leave you with the powerful message echoed by thousands of feminists in Bangkok: “***You are not alone, we are strong together! Long live feminist solidarity!***”



## We brought our Istanbul Convention case to the Constitutional Court

After the 10th Chamber of the Council of State dismissed our lawsuit challenging the unlawful withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention, we appealed the decision to the Council of State's Administrative Appeals Board (İDDK). When our appeal was also rejected by the İDDK, we submitted an individual application to the Constitutional Court. We are not giving up our belief that we will ultimately reclaim the Istanbul Convention.

## We published the final issue of the Purple Bulletin with Women and the 2023 Almanac

The Purple Bulletin with Women, which we began publishing in February 2006 to maintain communication and sustain solidarity among HREP trainers, participants, and the HREP team within the HREP solidarity network, has continued to this day. Over time, we have worked to enrich it with diverse and meaningful content. However, in light of changing circumstances, and based on our evaluations and the evolving needs, we have decided to discontinue *The Purple Bulletin with Women*. As we share the final issue of The Purple Bulletin with Women with bittersweet joy, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the bulletin over the years. You can read the 44th issue, along with the Purple Bulletin Almanac, a compilation of all the issues published in 2023, on our website.

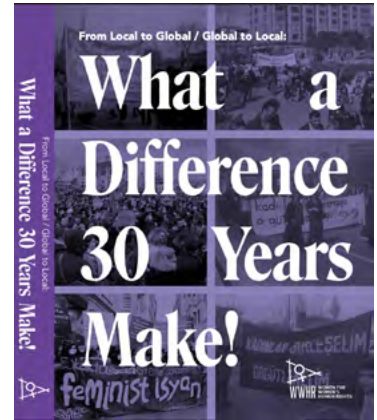


# PUBLICATIONS



## Information Notes, Press Releases, Public Statements

- Withdraw the unconstitutional bill targeting women's surnames!
- The Istanbul Convention is 10 years old!
- We are monitoring the state's obligations to protect children from gender-based violence.
- We will continue the struggle for our right to live free, equal, and safe from violence!
- Our right to decide and have a say over our bodies belongs to us; we will not give up.
- KİH's 30-year bridge between "local" and "global" has become a book: "What mattered was making our rights a part of life."



## Books, Reports, Brochures

- Report on Psychosocial Support Provided in the Earthquake Region: Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Malatya
- "We Are Together for Our Rights!" Workshop Report
- There is Much That Municipalities Can Do for Equality
- From Local to Global / Global to Local: What a Difference 30 Years Make!



- [Guide on Abortion Services for Healthcare Workers](#)
- [“I Want to Have an Abortion” Brochure](#)
- [The 44th and Final Issue of Mor Bülten](#)
- [Mor Bülten Almanac 2023](#)



## Video

- [Remember This Crowd, Part 3: Campaigns on the Civil Code and the Turkish Penal Code](#)





This year, we were featured in 179 news articles in the press.



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## Narlidere'de kadın hakları için eğitim programı

Toplumsal cinsiyet eşitliğini öncelik olarak kadın hakları konusunda birçok çalışmaya imza atan Narlıdere Belediyesi, Kadının İnsan Hakları Eğitim Programı'nı (KIHEP) başlatıyor. Toplam 16 hafta sürecek eğitim programı; katılımcıların cinsiyet ayrımcılığı ve kadının insan hakları ihlalleri konusunda bilinçlenmelerini sağlamak, bu ayrımcılığa ve ihlallere karşı mücadelede bağımsız kadın örgütlenmesinin ve kadın hareketinin önemini vurgulamayı amaçlıyor. Narlıdere Belediyesi Kadın Danışma Merkezi bünyesinde gerçekleştirilecek olan KIHEP kapsamındaki eğitimler Narlıdere Atatürk Kültür

Merkezi'nde (AKM) yapılacak. Eğitim sonunda katılımcılara sertifika verilecek. KIHEP'e katılmak isteyen vatandaşların, başvurularını 10 Ekim itibarıyla Narlıdere Belediyesi Kadın Danışma Merkezi'ne yapmaları gerekiyor. KIHEP, gerek ulusal gerek uluslararası yazılı ve sözlü yasaların kadınların yaşamlarını nasıl şekillendirdiği konusunda bilinçlenmesine, hakları ve yasaları öğrenmenin yanı sıra onlar karşısında eleştirel bir bilinç kazanmasına, hakları yaşama geçirme becerilerini edinmesine ve toplumsal değişimi harekete geçirme gücüne ulaşmasına yönelik bir eğitim programıdır.

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11 October 2024 - BirGün Ege

## Kürtaj hakkı için yeni proje

Gökçe UYGUN

Kadının İnsan Hakları Derneği, Mor Çatı Kadın Sığınağı Vakfı ve Women on Web, yeni projeleri olan "Kürtaj Hakkım" projesini başlattı. Güvenli Kürtaj Eylem Fonu (SAAF - Safe Abortion Action Fund) desteği ile başlanan proje, 28 Şubat Çarşamba günü Beyoğlu'nda yapılan etkinlikle tanıtıldı.

2 yıl sürmesi planlanan Kürtaj Hakkım Projesi, kadınların kürtaja erişimini desteklemeyi, sağlık çalışanları ve tıp öğrencileri arasında kürtaj hizmetinin hak temelli sunumuna ilişkin farkındalığı artırmayı, karar alıcılara yönelik politika önerileri oluşturmaya ve kürtaj hizmetinin işleyişine ilişkin uluslararası iyi örnekler dair deneyim paylaşmayı hedefliyor. Proje kapsamında hazırlanan internet sitesine [www.kurtajhakkim.org](http://www.kurtajhakkim.org) adresinden ulaşılabılır. Sitede kürtaj olmak isteyen kadınlara haklarının neler olduğuna ve nerelerden destek alabileceklerine ilişkin bilgilerin yanı sıra, sağlık çalışanları için de kürtaj hizmeti sunarken beklentileri beklenen yaklaşım kriterleri ve kürtaja ilişkin yapılan çeşitli araştırma raporları yer alıyor.

### "KÜRTAJ HAPİ YAYGINLAŞMALI"

Feminist ve kadın örgütleri, hekimler, sağlık alanında çalışan sivil toplum örgütleri, meslek odaları ve gazetecilerin davetli olduğu tanıtım gecesinde Kadının İnsan Hakları Derneği'nden (KİH) Berfu Şeker, projenin KİH'in Mor Çatı işbirliğiyle 2021 yılında yaptığı Kadınların Üreme Sağlığı Hizmetleri ve Kürtaj Deneyimleri araştırmasının çıktıları ile şekillendiğini aktardı. Araştırmaya göre sağlık çalışanları arasında özellikle medikal kürtaj alanında derinlikli bir çalışma yapma ihtiyacını gösterdiğini söyleyen Şeker, kadınların bu hakka erişebilmesi için bilgi ve farkındalık artırıcı çalışmalar yapacaklarını, proje kapsamında sağlık çalışanları ve tıp öğrencileri ile atölyeler düzenlenmesinin de amaçlandığını aktardı. Haplarla Kürtaja Feminist Bir Bakış isimli sunumunda Women on Web'den Hazal Atay ise haplarla kürtaj ya da medikal kürtaj olarak ifade edilen yöntemle ilişkin bilgiler paylaşarak, Dünya Sağlık Örgütü tarafından güvenli olduğu için önerilen haplarla kürtajın yaygınlaşması gerektiğine dikkat çekti. Mor Çatı Kadın Sığınağı Vakfı'ndan Selime Büyükgöze ise kürtaja erişimin hem erkekler hem de devlet tarafından engellendiğine ve kadınlara kürtaja erişime dair bilgi vermenin önemine dair vurgu yaptı.

Feminist örgütler, kadınların kürtaja erişimini desteklemek için "Kürtaj Hakkım" projesi başlattı



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## Kadın Mücadelesinin 30 Yılı

Kadının İnsan Hakları Derneği, 30 yıllık feminist mücadelesini ve toplumsal cinsiyet eşitliği için yürüttüğü çalışmalarını "Yerelden Küreselle/Küreselden Yerele: 30 Yılda Neler Olmaz ki?" kitabında bir araya getirdi.

Kadının İnsan Hakları Derneği (KİİH), 30 yıllık feminist mücadele tarihini ve deneyimlerini bir araya getirdiği **Yerelden Küreselle/Küreselden Yerele: 30 Yılda Neler Olmaz ki?** adlı bir kitap yayımladı. Türkiye kadın hareketinin dönüm noktalarına ışık tutan kitap, 28 Kasım'da İstanbul'daki İsvaç Sarayı'nda düzenlenen etkinlikte tanıtıldı. Kitap, çevrimiçi olarak da erişime açık.

**Kadının İnsan Hakları Derneği'nin (KİİH) 30 yıllık mücadele tarihini ele alan yeni kitap, kadın hareketinin Türkiye'de ve dünyada toplumsal cinsiyet eşitliği için verdiği mücadelenin izlerini sürüyor. Yerelden küreselle uzanan hak savunuculuğu ve reform süreçleri detaylı bir şekilde aktarılıyor.**

Kitapta, **4320 Sayılı Koruma Emri Kanunu'nun** kabul edilmesi, Medeni Kanun ve Türk Ceza Kanunu reformları gibi dönüm noktaları ele alınıyor. Kadınların aile içinde yasal olarak eşit haklara sahip olması, "namus" kavramının hukuktan çıkarılması ve cinsel suçların kişilere karşı suçlar olarak yeniden tanımlanması gibi kritik kazanımlar anlatılıyor. Bunun yanı sıra, kadın hareketinin uzun yıllara yayılan etkili kampanyalarının sonucu olarak **İstanbul Sözleşmesi'nin** imzalanması ve **6284 Sayılı Kanun'un** kabul edilme süreci de detaylandırılıyor. Son yıllarda kadınların kazanılmış haklarına yönelik artan saldırılar da kitapta önemli bir yer buluyor. Çocuk istismarını meşrulaştırabilecek düzenlemelere karşı yürütülen kampanyalar ve İstanbul Sözleşmesi'nden çekilme sürecine yönelik geniş katılımı eylemler, kadın hareketinin mobilizasyon gücünü gözler önüne seriyor.

### Çevrimiçi Erişime Açık

Kadının İnsan Hakları Derneği'nin 30 yıllık mücadele deneyimlerini anlatan **Yerelden Küreselle/Küreselden Yerele: 30 Yılda Neler Olmaz ki?** kitabı Türkiye'de ve dünyada toplumsal cinsiyet eşitliği için verilen çabaların izini sürmek isteyenler için kapsamlı bir rehber niteliğinde. Kitabı [buradan](#) indirebilirsiniz.

4320 SAYILI KORUMA EMRİ KANUNU | FEMİNİZM | İSTANBUL SÖZLEŞMESİ | KADIN HAKLARI | KADINLA YAŞAM İÇİNDEN  
 KADININ İNSAN HAKLARI DERNEĞİ

4 December 2024 - ArtDog Istanbul

# KİİEP ile 17 bin kadına ulaşıldı

Türkiye'de 54 ilde, Antalya'da ise sadece Konyaaltı Belediyesi'nde gerçekleştirilen Kadının İnsan Hakları Eğitim Programı'na (KİİEP) katılan kadınlar sertifikalarını aldı.

Kadın odaklı belediyeçilik anlayışıyla hareket eden Konyaaltı Belediyesi, bu konuda Antalya'da bir ilke imza attı. Türkiye'de 54 ilde, Antalya'da ise sadece Konyaaltı Belediyesi'nde gerçekleştirilen Kadının İnsan Hakları Eğitim Programı'na (KİİEP) katılan kadınlar sertifikalarını aldı. Sertifikaları alan kadınlar, kadına yönelik saldırıların önlenmesi, kadın hakları, yasalar ve kadın örgütlenmesi ile ilgili konularda uzman bir eğitimi tamamlamış oldu.

Bir ilke imza atan Konyaaltı Belediyesi, Türkiye'de 54 ilde gerçekleştirilen Kadının İnsan Hakları Eğitim Programı'na (KİİEP) gerçekleştirdi. Konyaaltı Belediyesi bu eğitimi Antalya'da veren tek belediye oldu. 34 kadını katıldığı 16 hafta süren eğitim Konyaaltı Belediyesi'ne bağlı Konyaaltı Sosyal Hizmetler Merkezi'nde (KOSOM) sosyal hizmetler uzmanı Yavuzhan Kotan tarafından verildi. 4 ay süren eğitimi başarıyla tamamlayan kadınlar, diploma ve sertifikalarını aldı. Sertifikaları alan kadınlar, eğitim programına katılan kadınlara ve eğitimcilerine teşekkür etti. Başkan Kotan, "Bu eğitim Antalya'da ilk defa Konyaaltı Belediyesi'nde yapıldı. Eğitimcilerimiz süzülme ve eğitimcilerimiz de burada veriyoruz. Sizlerin bu eğitimi almaları eğitici olarak sadece bizim değil, toplumun bir parçasıdır."



### Kadın ve Aile Müdürlüğü açılacak

Konyaaltı Belediyesi olarak kadın odaklı belediyeçilik anlayışıyla hareket ettiklerini vurgulayan Başkan Kotan, sözlerini şöyle sürdürdü: "Kadınlarımızla alakalı her yaptığımız işi öncelikli tutuyoruz. Parklarımızı yaparken aydınlatma çalışmalarını yaparken, kütüphane merkezlerinde iş imkânlarına kadınlar her anlamda kadınlara öncelikli tutuyoruz. Kadın ve Aile Müdürlüğü ile Kadın Dayanışma Merkezi açarak işin de çabalarını devam ediyor."

### 17 bin kadına ulaşıldı

KİİEP Programı Sorumlusu Hüsniye YÜKSEL ise, programın önemini şöyle söyledi: "Yüksek, 'Program Türkiye'de 54 ilde gerçekleştirildi. Programımız ile 17 bin kadına ulaşıldı. Bugün burada 34 kadına daha sertifikaları veriyoruz. Çok heyecanlıyız. KİİEP ile daha fazla kadına ulaşarak kadınlara bir takım destekler sağlıyoruz. Sosyete de bu yönde kadınlara ulaşarak hayatını etkiliyor" diye konuştu. Katılımcıların ardından Başkan Cem Kotan kadınlar sertifikalarını takdim etti. Toplu fotoğraf çekimini kadınlar hep bir ağızdan "Kadınlar Varlar, Kadınlara Her Yerde" adlı şarkıyı söylediler. (İHA)

21 June 2024 - İstanbul

# GATHERINGS, EVENTS, MEETINGS IN 2024

All throughout 2024, we met with numerous people, institutions, and platforms in the context of the work we carry out in the fields of women's rights and gender equality. We took part in local and international events to share our experiences, engage in dialogue and discussions, and strengthen our networks of solidarity.

- We held interviews with 17 students for their research projects, theses, and dissertations. We contributed to three academic research.
- We delivered 8 different presentations upon the invitation of universities, international meetings, and consulates. In these meetings, we found the opportunity to talk about our field of work and our activities.
- Throughout 2024, we participated in 95 meetings, panels, and forums on a range of topics, where we shared our policy and implementation recommendations.
- We contributed to 12 seminars and educational workshops focusing on sexual health, sexual violence, gender equality and access to justice.
- We organized events and activities tailored for women's organizations, healthcare professionals, social workers, and lawyers.
- We carried out field visits to women's and LGBTI+ organizations in various cities and held 31 meetings to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and strengthen our solidarity.
- We hosted meetings at our office with women's organizations and student groups from abroad who came to visit us.



- We participated in 113 events including network meetings, workshops, and documentary screenings.



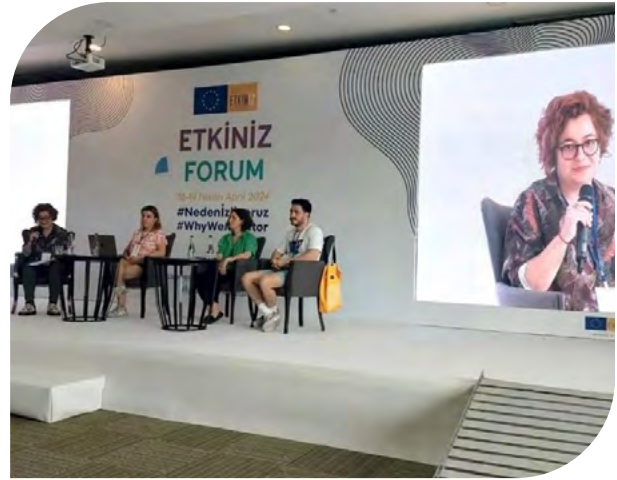
### Some of the events in which we participated are as follows:

- We participated in the Civil Code Struggle Workshop organized by the Women's Platform for Equality (EŞİK) and the We Will Stop Femicide Platform (KCDP), where we delivered a presentation sharing our analysis of the proposed amendments to the Civil Code, presented under the guise of "accelerating divorces."
- We delivered a presentation on the aftermath of Turkey's withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention at the meeting titled "Sharing Tactics in Our Fight Against Fundamentalism," organized by NOOR.
- We participated in the Women's Rights and Gender Equality working group organized by EuroMed Rights in Brussels.
- We contributed to the March 8 Conversation with the Working Women of Çanakkale, organized by Çanakkale Chamber of Commerce and Industry and TOBB Çanakkale Women Entrepreneurs Board, with a speech titled "Work-Life Balance Policies and Economic Rights".
- At the Violence Summit organized by Özyeğin University's International Law Students Association (ILSA), we spoke about the transformative impact of HREP in empowering participants to recognize, prevent, and take action against violence against women.
- We participated in the Intergenerational Equality Workshop, co-organized by the Community Volunteers Foundation (TOG) and UN Women, alongside 38 representatives from 22 civil society organizations across 7 cities.





- In the webinar “Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion for Sustainability” organized by the Sustainable Education Development and Excellence Association (SEGM) on April 17th, we emphasized the importance of gender equality for sustainability.
- At the Etkiniz Forum, we joined over 200 civil society representatives from across Turkey to discuss the vital role of human rights monitoring during humanitarian crises.
- In the event organized by Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE) network we talked about the campaigns run and platforms created to fight against the assaults on our rights by the feminist and women’s movement in Turkey.
- We participated in the global workshop series organized by Paperlab Kazakhstan as part of the Digital Democracy Initiative’s work on digital technology and inclusive democracy.
- During the international network meeting organized by Hafıza Merkezi together with women from Algiers and Morocco we talked about our rights protected by the Civil Code and our common struggles.
- Together with Mor Çatı, Havle, SPoD, and Kaos GL, we met with diplomats from the Consulates of France, Switzerland, USA, Netherlands and Australia to discuss the latest developments in the field of women’s and LGBTI+ rights in Turkey.



- We participated in the Gender, Climate Change, and Disasters: Civil Society Training organized by UN Women within the scope of the Strong Civic Space for Gender Equality Project: Civil Society Training.
- We attended the regional coordination meeting of the Mediterranean Women's Fund.
- We took part in the International Mechanisms Workshop organized within the scope of the FIERCE project run by the Koç University Gender and Women's Studies Center (KOÇKAM).
- We attended the Civil Voices Festival organized by the Civil Society Development Center (STGM).
- We participated in the International Conference on Freedom of Association which was the closing event of the TUSEV-STGM-EU joint project on Monitoring Freedom of Association.
- We took part in a forum organized by the EuroMed Feminist Initiative and the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.
- We participated in the 12th Experience Sharing Meeting organized by Hafıza Merkezi, where we delivered a presentation on the CEDAW monitoring process and shared WWHR's decades-long experience.
- At the meeting held by the National Democratic Institute (NDI) we delivered a presentation titled "Collective Action and Good Practices in Authoritarian Countries".



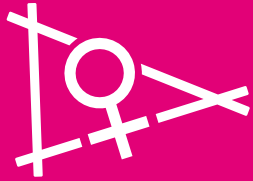


- We participated in Another School of Politics in Amed (Amed'de Bir Başka Siyaset Okulu) organized by the Woman State of Solidarity Association (DAKAHDER) where we discussed women's politics, power, the possibilities of queer politics, and peace building, and gave a presentation titled "The Law and Gender of Power".
- We participated as a speaker in the launch event of the We Will Stop Femicide Platform's new campaign, *We Wrote It, We Will Implement It: Campaign for Mobilization for Law No. 6284*, which advocates for the effective implementation of Law No. 6284.
- Upon the invitation of the European Union and the Council of Europe, we took part in the meeting titled "Joining Forces with Women's Organizations: Awareness-Raising Activities on Violence Against Women."
- We participated in the 27th General Assembly of Women's Shelters and Solidarity/Counseling Centers in Ankara—hosted by the Foundation for Women's Solidarity—titled "*Rethinking the Role of Local Governments in Combating Violence Against Women.*"
- On November 13, 2024, we attended the meeting of women's organizations convened by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Department of Social Services.
- On November 25, as part of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, we took part as a speaker in a talk hosted by Akhisar Municipality and Akhisar City Council Women's Assembly.



- On November 25, we participated in Women's Talks at the invitation of Kiraathane Istanbul and recorded a video titled "Impunity in Gender-Based Violence, Protective and Preventive Policies, and the Istanbul Convention."
- We attended the Rights Symposium organized by Fındıklı Municipality as a speaker.
- As part of Istanbul University Social Responsibility Days, we met with students to talk about our Young HREP initiatives and the campaigns led by the women's movement.
- We delivered a presentation on our "Constitutional Coordination for All of Us" campaign at the *For an Organized and Strong Feminism: International Konca Kuriş Conference* organized by the Havle Women's Association.
- We organized a workshop with DEMOS on the political context of anti-gender movements and policies in Turkey and its impact on civil society as part of the SU Gender Conference at Sabancı University.
- We gave a presentation on our work in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights-based advocacy in the "Importance of Professional Organization" course at Tınaztepe University Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Midwifery.





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