



TURKEY BIG FAMILY





NGO TURKEY FAMILY PLATFORM / TURAP

As a result of the social changes, the institution of family is deeply affected both in our country and around the world. The individuals raised in a dissolved family environment or in a social institution tend to have psychosocial problems, which exceed beyond the individual and cause negative outcomes in all parts of the society.

Scientific researches indicate that such places as kindergartens, nursery homes, shelters or etc. can never be an alternative to a functioning family environment. Taking into consideration the role and the contribution of the voluntary organizations in the solution of such problems, NGO Turkey Family Platform / TURAP was established on April 21st, 2012.

TURAP is the only Family Platform in Turkey composed of NGOs from across the country, which serves to achieve a natural family ideal where healthy, functioning individuals can be raised; and which refuses the perspectives that divide and ruin the society. TURAP has members representing all seven regions of Turkey.

TURAP provides a platform for communication, advisory services and cooperation for the NGOs that focus on family and family members. The issues concerning families are discussed, partnerships are established and new projects are developed through the online meetings, Advisory Group City Meetings which are held once a year and General Assembly Meetings.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to play an active role in developing projects and policies regarding families; to think global and produce local and original solutions; and to internationalize our successful projects to achieve a better world where healthy, functioning families exist.

OUR MISSION

In line with our vision and principles, our mission is to establish a network of communication between the NGOs that focus on the institution of family and family members (women, men, children, the young, the elderly and the disabled); share knowledge and experience; provide a platform for common projects through advisory services and cooperation; develop new projects; and improve the status of families by carrying out activities that will have an impact on the existing projects and policies.



OUR PRINCIPLES

TURAP members come together and operate in line with the following principles:

1. Carrying out activities within the framework of “Memorandum of Understanding and internal regulations”,
2. Not forcing the members to carry out an activity against their wills, not pressuring the members, and maintaining the environment of love, respect and tolerance,
3. Considering the members’ independent, authentic personalities and identities as a source of richness
4. Avoiding any type of individual or institutional impositions and authoritarian attitude; acting in line with the principle of equality among the members; working according to the democratic rules,
5. Being tolerant and understanding towards the institutions which no longer want to remain as members; not forcing them to stay or not condemning them,
6. Being impartial to all political institutions and treating all political structures as equals; supporting the activities organized in favor of families; objecting to all wrong political decisions and implementations with regards to families or the institution of family,
7. Maintaining our family values and carrying out advocacy activities in this matter,
8. Opposing and fighting roles defined by modernism in the name of equality and by distorted morals and traditions in the name of religion for family members (women, men, children/youth, the elderly and handicapped) as well as all kinds of ideas, actions, discrimination, superstitions and false traditions that can have negative impact on family members and family institution.
9. Carrying out domestic and international activities in order to sustain our cultural identity and rooted values that encompass universal values as well as maintaining the family structure.



OUR ACTIVITIES

In line with our vision and mission:

1. Taking inventory on NGOs that carry out studies on family and family members in our country, informing other members about their contact information, activity areas, reports and projects as well as facilitating works, cooperation and common study areas
2. Cooperating with official and private institutions, NGOs, specialists and academicians who carry out similar work domestically and internationally
3. Joining domestic and international umbrella organizations that have completed their organizations (platforms, federations, confederations, unions etc.) and seeking cooperation
4. Organizing meetings for members in the city and the region
5. Conducting research and studies on projects, sociocultural events and surveys, organizing events such as training programs, conferences, panels, exhibitions, trips and symposiums, participating in events as observers and representatives
6. Supporting projects of members as approved by TURAP Advisory Group and supporting joint projects to be implemented in the country
7. Monitoring all activities (by official/private institutions, law and code regulations, television, internet, advertisements, published texts and visuals) that have impact on family institution and members through commission and subcommittees; project designing, supporting and awarding works that have positive impact on family institution and demonstrating advocacy against activities and publications that cause damage to family institutions by publishing announcements, organizing press conferences and events
8. Providing support to individuals (those in almshouses, kindergartens, orphanages, asylum houses etc.) who are left out from their families due to various reasons and promoting activities that will help them feel like home again
9. Providing family support services to more people
10. Presenting TURAP's opinion and projects through representatives or communication channels domestically and internationally
11. Creating data and document archive, disseminating information through newsletter, catalogues and internet (web sites, social media networks)
12. Organizing main events through commissions and departments.

TURAP ADVISORY GROUP CITY MEETINGS

TURAP Advisory Group City Meetings are held every year in different cities of Turkey hosted by a TURAP member. Besides agenda items determined related to TURAP field of operation in the meetings, evaluating works by departments and commissions as well as the Secretariat General.



TURAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

TURAP General Assembly Meetings are held once a year in different cities of Turkey hosted by a TURAP Member. At the meetings, elections are held for TURAP Bodies as well as the agenda items related to TURAP's work area. General Secretariat works and activities carried out by the Unit and Committees are evaluated.





TURAP UNITS

TURAP Units; are organizations that work in the country with the model of Platform organization in accordance with TURAP's Consensus Report and Internal Regulations, who have chosen one of the individuals who constitute the family institution (woman, man, child/teen, elderly, disabled). TURAP Units work as Platforms.

Units / Platforms established under TURAP:

Turkey NGO Child / Youth and Family Unit / T-STK COGEP



It was established on 7 September 2012 with the decision of TURAP Consultative Group. T-STK COGEP's goals are: creating a communication network among NGOs with activities for children and young people, sharing information, experience and know-how, preparing joint working ground with cooperation, producing projects, working on projects and policies that are produced, carrying out studies to raise the status of children/young people and families.

T-STK COGEP, within the scope of joint work, brings together the NGOs, public institutions, local administrations, academicians, institutions and people etc. that work for children and young people. Partnerships are being developed and projects are being produced in Platform Assembly Meetings held second Tuesday of every month.

Founders: Yearned Child and Youth Association / OZLENDER, Ladies Wisdom and Culture Association / HIKDE, Turkey NGO Child and Youth Platform / T-STK COGEP



Turkey NGO Handicapped and Family Platform (T-STK ENAP)



It was established on 16 May 2015 with the decision of the TURAP Consultative Group. T-STK ENAP carries out activities in order to increase the quality of life of the disabled, to provide rehabilitation to the disabled and to reintroduce the disabled and their families into the society. The platform provides economic assistance and counseling in the areas of education, employment, health, sports, culture and arts to ensure integration of the disabled into social life.

Founders: Umut Çatısı Association, Science and Human Foundation, Umut Çatısı Sports Club Association and Cultural and Merger Association for Visually Impaired / GORBİR

Turkey NGO Women and Family Platform /T-STK KAP



It was established on 7 November 2015 with the decision of the TURAP Consultative Group. The T-NGO KAP conducts activities to ensure that women have a common understanding of family and social roles, a common awareness of women's rights and equal opportunities in the society, and productive individuals in the family, economic, social and cultural life, and to benefit from equal opportunities and resources.

Founders: Gokkusagi Istanbul Women's Organizations Platform / GIKAP, Haseki Women's Foundation, Housewives Culture and Solidarity Association / EVKAD and Yek Adım Education Solidarity Association / YEKAD

Unit / Platform names during the TURAP structuring phase:

Turkey NGO Men and Family Platform (T-STK ERAP)

Turkey NGO Elderly and Family Platform (T-STK YAP)





Turkey NGO Family Platform (TURAP) Committee

It is the body in where at least 3 NGOs come together and work in the framework of the subject or project specified by the TURAP Consultative Group. At least one of these NGOs is must be a TURAP Member. The committees can proceed to the Platform structure when they ensure the participation of NGOs across the country on the subject they are working on.

TURAP Committee for Fighting against Addiction/TUBAM-P



It was established on 1 March 2014 with the decision of TURAP Consultative Group. TUBAM-P carries out activities to facilitate communication, flow of information, consultation and cooperation between NGOs and related institutions as well as the protection of healthy family structure for an effective struggle about addiction.

TUBAM-P continues to work under the name “TURAP Platform for Fighting against Addiction” in its platform structure. TUBAM-P members regularly follow the monthly meetings of the Provincial Narcotic Coordination Board of the Governorship of Istanbul, contribute to the projects at the national level, and produce services in the field of education and rehabilitation.

Founding NGOs: Independent Life Association / BAYDER, Istanbul Women and Women's Organizations Association / IKADDER, Turkey NGO Children and Youth Platform / T-STK COGER, Yearned Children and Youth Association / OZLENDER, Contemporary Family Association.



TURAP Committee for Children's Houses/TUCEV-P



The commission was established on 18 March 2015 under the T-NGO COGER, one of TURAP Units. The NGOs working in the field of children's houses, experiencing similar problems on the field and serving the same purpose are carrying out activities in order to express their problems to the authorities with a stronger voice, to better prepare children for social life and to bring them up as better individuals for society.

Founders: Happy Home Happy Life Association, Ankara Happy Home Happy Life Association, Bursa Happy Home Happy Life Association, Yozgat Happy Home Happy Life Association, One Human is Worth the World Health and Education Village Volunteers Association / BISEG, Oz Kevser Foundation, Sureyya Education Culture and Solidarity Association / SUREYYA-DER.

TURAP Committee for Gender and Family

It was established on 1 November 2013 with the decision of the Consultative Group. The Committee is engaged in activities aimed at raising critical awareness of the effects of gender equality on family and family members (women, men and children).

Asst. Assoc. Dr. Mucahit Gultekin, Chairman of the Committee, completed the study titled “Female-Male Differences in Scientific Research”.

Founders: Family Academy Association, Turkish Women's Culture and Solidarity Association / T-KAD BIR, Izmir Imam Hatip High Schools Youth and Sports Clubs Association / IMHAD, Izmir Aid Association / IZYAD, Istanbul Women and Women's Organizations Association / IKADDER, Yearned Children and Youth Association / OZLENDER, Pre-school Educational Institutions Association / OKED.

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