



Activity Report 2017



Association for **Struggle** Against Sexual Violence

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Greetings!

from Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence (CSMD)

For CSMD, 2017 was such a productive year; in which we, as association, were able to share knowledge and experiences through various significant activities as well as were able to achieve meaningful partnerships and cooperations while we kept producing and sharing.

In 2017, we implemented four significant projects. We diversified our trainings and activities with a project called **"Transforming Our Language"**, into which we integrated students of faculties of journalism and communications and media workers of various newspapers. Within the scope of this project, we published our periodical journal called *"Şifalı Bilgiler/Relief Info"* and our publication *"Doğru Kelimeleri Kullanmak /Using Right Words"* and we launched and circulated them amongst our followers.

Within the scope of our project we started to implement in 2016 titled as **"Sexual Violence Thrives in Silence, Let's Talk and Take Action!"**, we continued our raise awareness trainings on sexual violence and sexual abuse for professional groups in Antalya, Manavgat, Cyprus and Mardin in 2017. We also continued our Sexual Violence Concept Discussions and added new concepts to our blog: <https://bunuyapabiliriz.tumblr.com/>

CSMD has launched its project: **"What's Up What's Not?!"** within the scope of its activities for youth. As a part of the project, our team got together with young people and Psychological Counseling and Guidance teachers at workshops on safe relationships, dating violence and peer bullying with the participation of 3500 high school students during the year. As a result of these workshops, which were organized with young people as a part of our first youth project, we published a research report: *"Şiddet Bir Sınırı Aşmaktır: /Violence is; Exceeding a Boundary"* and a practical handbook: *"Working with young people on safe relationships"* for professionals working with young people. As a result of the high request from all over Turkey, we sent those publications to the educators from 41 different cities.

In 2017, we launched the project: **"Change Starts With Me"** with individual donations. Thanks to our volunteers who ran in the Istanbul Marathon in order to raise funds for our association, we held full-day trainings under 3 basic sections to the groups applied us. We have been making efforts for "Change Starts With Me" project to become a sustainable program with its own resources implemented by the association every year as a program aiming a social transformation.

Our association, which struggles to pursue legal actions against the language and acts of sexual violence reproduced in the sports fields and tribunes while filing complaints legally, has also contacted with the football clubs and submitted a list of requests it developed towards the clubs for ensuring a violence and sexism-free and equal zones. In May 2017, CSMD held the symposium on **Sexual Violence and Gender Discrimination in Football** with the support of Association of Sports and Physical Activities for Women (KASFAD) and Kadir Has University Sports Studies Research Center and brought academics working in that field, students, referees, prosecutors, journalists, sports attorneys and sport psychologists together. At the symposium, different perspectives from different disciplines were shared on both sexual violence and sexism, homophobia and similar discrimination in sports fields as well as on protective-preventive studies for young athletes in infrastructures.

This year, Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence had cooperation with local administrations and held **Capacity Building Trainings** for Kadikoy Municipality staff working with children on providing a protective and preventive approach in cases of sexual abuse.

The hundreds of people who interacted with the association and reached us with necessary guidance in various matters; we provided them with information, resources and materials. We received feedbacks that reinforce our work and us. This year we will also be working on **Digital Activism** with Global Fund for Women's support.

There is always more to do together. We will continue our struggle and fight with sexual violence without any fear, silence, hierarchy, obedience, compromise, exclusion, shame, isolation and alienation!

For a social transformation, hoping a violence free communication and solidarity in 2018...

Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence (CSMD) - December 2017



WHO WE ARE

Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence (CSMD) was established in 2014 as an association whose goals identified with its institutional name, aiming at pursuing a multifaceted combat and struggle against the damages caused by sexual violence, stereotypical gender practices and the perceived legitimacy of sexual violence in the society that justifies it.

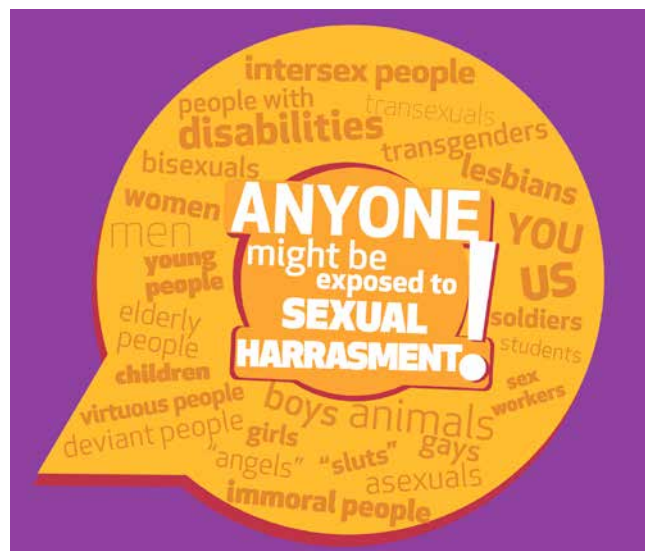
Before its official establishment; the association improved itself by its activities conducted within Women's Platform Against Sexual Violence, the outcomes of the works conducted by trans-activist Ali Arikan on sexual abuse, the experience gained on the fields of sexual health and various rights-based activism (i.e. on rights of children, women, animals, LGBTI+ persons, persons with disabilities and refugees) developed their work. CSMD team is consist of regular volunteers who at the same time are experienced activists of struggle against sexual violence from various right-based movements and professionals such as sexual health educator, psychologist, sociologist, lawyer, graphic designer, social worker, photographer, academic researcher etc. CSMD team is building its capacity in the field since 2008 to 2011 and experiencing solidarity and team-work since then. The reason of CSMD's achievements and qualified activities are the volunteers' high-motivation of producing politics and advocacy in this field, as well as seeing themselves as the subjects of this issue.

As a rights-based association, on the contrary of being an aid organization, CSMD continues to work throughout Turkey with a respectful approach without favourism and victimization that does not violate the will and privacy of the survivors. While struggling with the sexual violence to which all living beings exposed with its different manifestations, the association becomes non- hierarchical and keeps in the mind that these different type of experiences occurred due to the same authority; fed by patriarchy, public moral, polarised gender binary, racism, nationalism, and similar power mechanisms.

"ANYONE CAN BE EXPOSED TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE"

CSMD highlights that sexual violence; is a type of violence in which children, young people, women, men, refugees, persons with disabilities, LGBTIs, sex workers, animals, persons of any profession, social class, color, ideology, belief and lifestyle can be exposed to; therefore it does not identify itself limitedly as a woman organization, LGBTI+ organization, youth organization or organization of any kind.

We envision a world in which sexual violence, its justification and its damaging effects are removed for every living-being without exception.



Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence (CSMD) is the first and only rights-based organisation in Turkey whose work is mainly focused on sexual violence. With a multi-faceted approach, our aim is to struggle against the damages inflicted by sexual violence and also the social perceptions that justify sexual violence.

TRAINING EFFORTS: We conduct discussions, which could create a transformative social change about sexual violence and generate an empowering language and approach for survivors. We use and disseminate this language and approach; via the trainings and activities we held for the various communities, youth, professionals; also through all our visual and developed/ published materials; as well as in the comments and statements we provided.

In 2017 CSMD conducted these trainings and activities;

- Sexual Violence: Definition, Types, Concepts & Myths
- Sexual Abuse: Protective-Preventive Approach
- Date Violence: Boundaries of a Healthy Relationship
- Transforming Our Language; Media Trainings
- Sexual Violence Against Animals

ADVOCACY EFFORTS: We point out that different forms of sexual violence should not be hierarchized and we direct our advocacy efforts towards putting the less visible or invisible forms of sexual violence towards refugees, LGBTI+ persons, sex workers, animals and persons with disabilities; the importance and necessity of Rape Crisis Centers on the public agenda. We advocate for rendering sexual violence a more visible subject of public discussion; we defend the solidarity between women and trans individuals who were/are subjected to sexual violence, who are generally silenced and isolated in society.

GUIDANCE EFFORTS: We collaborate and create empowering practises with people, institutions and NGOs that work for the rights and needs of the survivors in order to ensure that the existing rights of survivors of sexual violence (including the rights of adults, children and all living beings) are fairly exercised; to advocate for the rights to be improved and that the violations to be prevented. We provide personal guidance for the people in need who contact us.



BACKGROUND

2014 Foundation

2015

- Institutional Strategy
- Bilgi Social Incubation Center**
- Website
- Open Discussions**
- Awareness-raising Activities

2016

- Visual Productions
- Workshops & Trainings**
- Kadikoy Office
- Social Media**
- #BunuYapabiliriz/#WeCanDoThis Campaign
- Concept Discussions**
- Project: Sexual Violence Thrives in Silence; Let's Talk and Take Action!

2017

- Projects:
 - What's Up What's Not?!
 - Transforming Our Language
 - Change Starts With Me
- What's Up What's Not?! Trainings for Trainers
- Cooperation with Institutions
- Symposium: **Sexual Violence and Gender Discrimination in Football**
- Campaign: **#EndSexismInFootball**

Visual Productions
Workshops & Trainings
Concept Discussions

WHAT WE DO IN 2017

4 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED

750 PERSONS HAD TRAININGS

1058 PERSONS BENEFITED FROM THE ACTIVITIES

3480 YOUNG PEOPLE WERE REACHED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE CLASSES

177 PEOPLE RECEIVED GUIDANCE

6 ADVOCACY MEETINGS THAT WERE ATTENDED AT

6 PUBLICATIONS WERE PUBLISHED

3 VIDEOS WERE PRODUCED

12 CITIES WERE VISITED

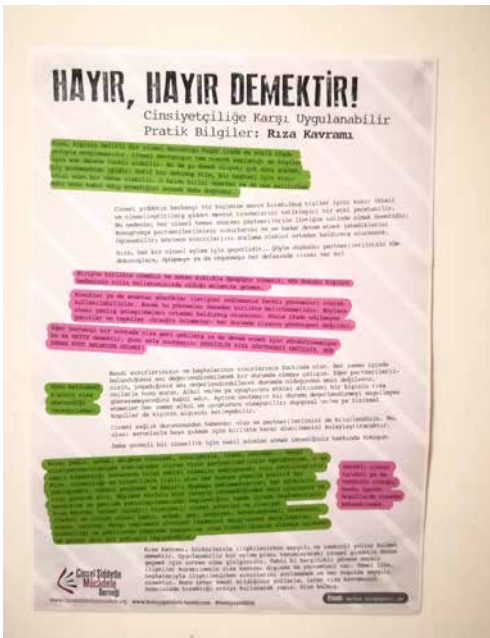
4679 NEW FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS WERE REACHED

2306 NEW TWITTER FOLLOWERS WERE REACHED

1980 NEW INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS WERE REACHED

VISUAL PRODUCTIONS

Against reproducing the male dominant perception, patriarchal language and myths in media; we continued to develop up to date, informative, colorful and advocative visual materials, brochures, stickers, posters and videos that are putting a spotlight on the concepts that strengthen survivors and we have published/ circulated those materials through media / social media.



PROJECTS

1) CHANGE STARTS WITH ME



**DEĞİŞİM
BENİMLE
BAŞLAR!**

Cinsel Şiddetle Mücadele Derneği

We started to implement “Change Starts With Me” (CSwM) training project with the support and contribution of our volunteers who are running for charity in İstanbul Marathon-2016. We have prepared full-day training contents and materials for different groups in order to emphasize that there are always the things that any of us can do to combat against sexual violence and that we can do it by start to fight at our own spaces. With the trainings we held upon the application, we got together with 21 different groups across Turkey in 2017 and we reached 371 persons in total.

3 different training contents we prepared to implement within the scope of the project are:

- * **For Young People;** on Gender-based violence, discrimination, different forms of violence, definition of dating violence, myths about dating violence, characteristics of safe relationship, concept of consent
- * **For Parents and Education Staff;** on Rights-based approach while working with children, concepts of consent and boundaries for children, definition and forms of sexual abuse, protective-preventive approach against sexual exploitation and intervention methods
- * **For Social Workers;** on Definition and forms of sexual violence, myths about sexual violence, strengthening language and approach, methods of interviewing survivors

Within the scope of CSwM trainings, some of the groups we got together with were Spastic Children’s Foundation of Turkey, Egitim Sen no 4 Branch, Lawyers Network for Children, Turkish Psychological Counseling and Guidance Association Manisa Branch, Çanakkale 18 Mart University PDR, Kadıköy City Council, İzmir TEGV, Adana Trauma Oriented Psycho-social Support Team, JCI Association, SPoD, Kaos GL and Pink Life Association, Kadının Fenni Team, Adana City Council, BoMoVu- Network of Sport and Body Movement for Vulnerable Groups, Self Psychology Academy.



PROJECTS

2) SEXUAL VIOLENCE THRIVES IN SILENCE, LET'S TALK AND TAKE ACTION!

The trainings and concept discussions that we conducted in Istanbul and in various other cities, within the scope of the project "Sexual Violence Thrives in Silence, Let's Talk and Take Action!" we have started to implement in 2016 with the support of Consulate General of Sweden while including joint works of BUKAK (Women Studies Club of Boğaziçi University) and GWSC KHAS (Kadir Has University Gender and Women's Studies Research Center), continued until April 2017. 64 participants benefited from the trainings in 2017. About 60 people attended the discussions. You can find the details of the project on our website.



Istanbul



Mardin



Antalya

RAISING AWARENESS ACTIVITIES ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- With the invitation of the Mardin Youth Center, we held a 2-day training program in January 2017 for young volunteers working in the Mesopotamia Circus and Street Arts project. Within the scope of the training, we talked with 17 volunteers on gender roles, children's rights over their bodies and protective-preventive approach against sexual abuse.



Girne

- In January, we got together with child social workers in Girne with invitation of the Cyprus Feminist Atelier (FEMA). We conducted a full-day training on the rights-based approach while working with children, the responsibilities of trainers to prevent abuse and boundary violations and the concept of consent in children. 24 women benefited from the training.



Mardin

- With the invitation of the Committee on Gender Equality, in February, we reached 17 women at the raising awareness activity on sexual violence we held with the help of a group of lawyers in Manavgat. We discussed on the basic concepts about sexual violence and on social myths as well as we talked about the professional responsibilities that lawyers have when providing service to the people who exposed to sexual violence.



Kıbrıs



Manavgat

CONCEPT DISCUSSIONS AND GLOSSARY OF CONCEPTS

The last two meetings of the concept discussions that we conducted within the scope of the project were held in January and February. The detailed notes of concept discussions can be found here. Following the concept discussions; in order to encourage the sexual violence to be discussed with a strengthening language and with right concepts, we have developed (and continue to develop) a "Glossary" in which all concepts are combined together.

CONCEPTS OF SPECIESISM AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ANIMALS

Hayvanın cinsel istismarı

Bir hayvanın insan/lar tarafından cinsellik içeren eylem yoluyla veya cinselliğine müdahale edilerek suistimal edilmesi ve sömürülmesi.

Hayvanın cinsel olarak istismarı; vajinal, anal, oral penetrasyon; bir obje kullanarak penetrasyon; üremesini kontrol altına alma, sürekli hamile bırakma ve sütünü ele geçirme amaçlı uygulanan "suni tohumlama"; ve cinsel tatmin uğruna hayvanı yaralama ya da öldürme gibi bir çok farklı biçimde uygulanıyor. İstismar veya tecavüz genellikle gizli olarak meydana geliyor, hayvanlar hiç bir zaman yaşadıkları şiddeti anlatamıyor, kaç hayvanın istismar edildiğine dair bir istatistik tutulmuyor.

"Evcil" hayvanlara yönelik cinsel şiddet toplumdaki "kabul edilemez"; inek, koyun, tavuk gibi insanın mal ve kaynak olarak kullandığı hayvanlara yönelik cinsel şiddet ve her türlü sömürü, insan faydası çıkarılması nedeniyle olağan ve normal karşılanıyor. Hayvanı cinsel olarak istismar eden faillerin, çoğunlukla atanmış cinsiyeti erkek. İnsanın hayvandan üstün olduğunu savunan tüccar zihniyetin yanı sıra, ataerkil kültürde kadının da hayvanın da erkek tarafından zapt edilmesi gereken bedenler oluşu, neden hayvanların da cinsel şiddete maruz bırakılan bireyler olduğunu açıklıyor.

5199 sayılı Hayvanları Koruma Kanunu'nun 14. Maddesine göre; "hayvanlarla cinsel ilişkide bulunmak, işkence yapmak yasak". Fakat, hayvana yönelik cinsel şiddet davalarında, sanığın yargılandığı suçlar; "mala zarar vermek", "hırsızlık" veya "hayasızca hareketlerde bulunmak" benzeri suçlar; kesilen ceza ise en fazla 546 lira.

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tecavüz rafi

Süt endüstrisinde, ineklere tecavüz edebilmek için hareket imkanlarını kısıtlayan, dar, oluk benzeri bir aygıt.

Endüstrinin "suni tohumlama" olarak adlandırıldığı yapay yolla gebe bırakma işlemi tecavüz rafi aracılığıyla gerçekleştirilir. Suni tohumlama sırasında, işçi, bir kolunu hareket etmesi engellenmiş inekğin rektumuna sokar, diğer koluyla ucunda boğadan zorla çıkarılmış sperm* bulunan metal bir çubuğu inekğin vajinasından rahim girişine ulaşana kadar iter. Rektumdaki koluyla bastırarak döllenmenin gerçekleşmesini sağlar. Bu eylem, özgürlüğün kısıtlanması, beden bütünlüğünün ihlali, bedenine ve cinselliğine müdahale edilerek hamileliğe zorlanan inekğin cinsel istismardır, adı üzerinde tecavüzdür.

İnsanlar daha çok süt tüketebilsin diye, sürekli hamile bırakılan ve süt sağma makinelerine bağlı yaşatılan ineklerin istismardan kaynaklı yaşam süreleri –insan müdahalesi olmayanlara oranla- yarı yarıya kısalıyor. Artık sömürülemeyecek hale geldiklerinde ise, "insanlar et yesin" diye başka bir sömürü merkezine, mezbahaya yollanıyorlar. Dünyada ve Türkiye'de sadece endüstride değil, köylerde de suni tohumlama yöntemi uygulanıyor.

*Özel olarak seçilmiş boğaların "elektro-ejekülasyon" yöntemiyle, rektumlarına elektrik akımı verilerek boşalmaları sağlanır.

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TRANSLATED CONCEPTS: GASLIGHTING, VICTIM BLAMING, RAPE CULTURE, CONSENT CULTURE

GASLIGHTING

Birini manipülasyonla kendi algısından ve hafızasından şüphe duyacak hale getirmek.


Gaslighting bir psikolojik şiddet türüdür. Failin bilinçli hareket etmesi ve bir duygusal/maddi çıkar elde etmeyi amaçlaması ölçütüdür. Maruz bırakılanın sürekli kendi gerçeklik algısı ve hafızasından şüpheye düşmesi, suçlu hissetmesi ve kendini özür dilerken bulması da gaslighting olarak nitelendirilebilir.

 Cinsel Şiddetle Mücadele Derneği

MAĞDUR SUÇLAYICILIK

Yaşanılan bir mağduriyette, çeşitli gerekçelerle kabahati mağdur olan kişiye yapılaştırarak faili aklayan yaklaşım.


"O saatte orda ne işi varmış, kılık kıyafeti davet çıkarmış, davranışına bakılırsa o da istemiş, zaten seks işçisiymiş" gibi yargılar kullanılabilir. Mağdur suçlayıcılığı kişilerin kendinde sorgulaması ve farkındalık geliştirilmesi, en az rızanın varlığının sorgulanması kadar önemlidir.

 Cinsel Şiddetle Mücadele Derneği

TECAVÜZ KÜLTÜRÜ

Tecavüzün ve cinsel şiddetin ataerkil normlar ve anaakım medya kanalları aracılığıyla toplumda normalleştirilmesi, önemsenmemesi ve şaka malzemesi yapılarak doğallaştırılması.


Tecavüzün normal olduğu (erkektir yapar) kadının güvenilmez olduğu (kadının sözüne güvenilmez, aldatır) erkeğin doğal suçsuzluğu (erkeklerin hormonlarının, beyinlerinin, cinselliklerinin kontrol edilemez olduğu) gibi mitlerin toplumda yaygınlaşması tecavüz kültürüne yol açar.

 Cinsel Şiddetle Mücadele Derneği

ONAY KÜLTÜRÜ

Duygulara ve cinselliğe dayalı tüm ilişkilerde rızanın varlığının sorgulandığı ve konuşulduğu bir iletişim biçiminin toplumda normalleşmesi, doğallaşması.

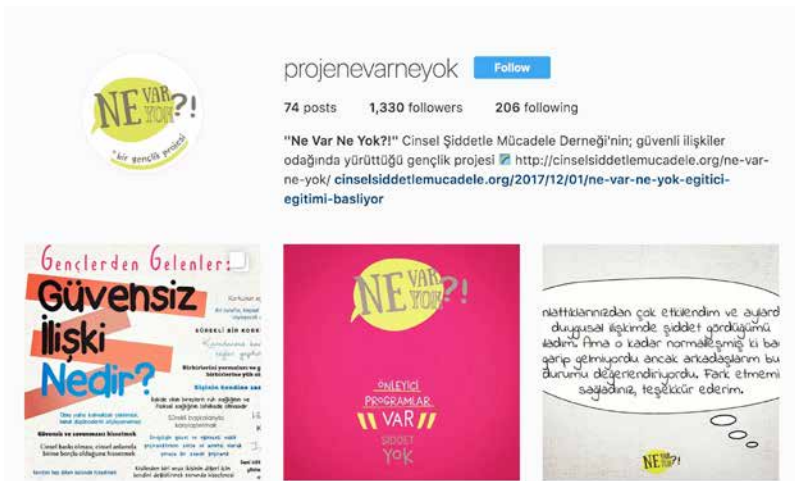
Onay kültürü, her zaman ve koşulda cinsel davranışlara onay verilmesi demek değildir. Aksine; her zaman ve koşulda, bir cinsel davranışa yönelik olumlanan onayın olup olmadığının sorgulanması ve sınırlara saygı duymaya dayalı bir iletişimin o toplumun kültürüne yerleşmesi demektir.

 Cinsel Şiddetle Mücadele Derneği

PROJECTS

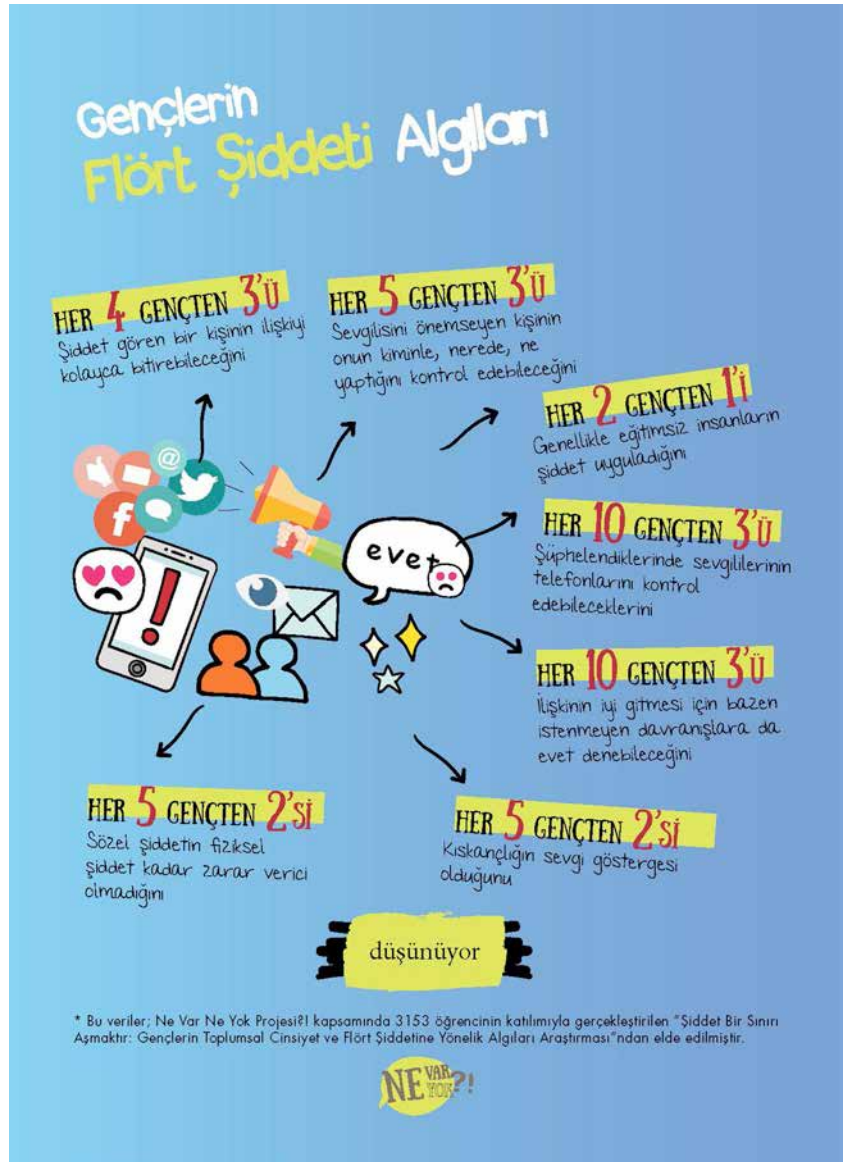
3) WHAT'S UP WHAT'S NOT?!

What's Up What's Not?! Project, is the first youth project of CSMD and is supported by Consulate General of the Netherlands. It aimed to raise and strengthen both educators and students awareness on issues like gender based violence, discrimination, bullying, cyber violence, dating violence, safe relationships. It was a protective-preventive model for minimizing the cases of violence. Within the scope of the project, 2 hours of workshops were held under the supervision of Psychological Counseling and Guidance staff of schools with the participation of approximately 3500 high school students. In addition to those workshops held in 7 different high schools, informative seminars were held for training staff at schools. In order to be used in the field; some strengthening visual materials, which can meet the needs of the digital / visual world we live in, which have a language and approach appropriate for young people, were developed and circulated through instagram account of the project.



PROJECTS

We also made a research to identify young people's perception of gender and dating violence within the scope of the project. We prepared a report on the results of this research that 3153 young people participated in. "Şiddet Bir Sınırı Aşmaktır: Gençlerin Toplumsal Cinsiyet ve Flört Şiddeti Algılarına Yönelik Araştırma Raporu/Violence is; Exceeding a Boundary: The Research Report on the Perceptions of Young People on Gender and Dating Violence" is available here. As the other outcomes of the project; we developed an informative brochure for trainers about Dating Violence in Relations of Young People. In addition, we published a practical handbook for psychological counselors / guidance teachers about dating violence: "Supporting Teens on Safer Relationships". We met high demand for the book from counselors, educators, schools, NGO's, specialists and we send the book to 41 different city in Turkey. Support To life Association which work on refugees-rights will translate it to Arabic.



PROJECTS

We developed two videos and a broadcast to be used in the trainings. Canadian organization femifesto's book: "Use the Right Words" was translated and published as "Doğru Kelimeleri Kullanmak: Cinsel Şiddet Üzerine Haber Oluşturmak /Using Right Words: Preparing News on Sexual Violence" by our association and a guide was prepared for media professionals.

We also aimed to fulfill a gap in the field by launching a periodical publication in the field of sexual violence with the publication, which we prepared as 2 issues throughout the project. Detailed information about the project can be found on our website.



SYMPOSIUM

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN FOOTBALL

Following our “Stop sexism in football!” campaign we held in 2016, we held a symposium on Sexual Violence and Gender Discrimination in Football between 13 and 14 May 2017 to raise awareness on discourse including sexual violence and sexist cheerings of football. The press release of the symposium which was held with partnership of Association of Sports and Physical Activities for Women (KASFAD) and Kadir Has University Sports Studies Research Center and with the main sponsorship of Heinrich Böll Stiftung Association is available here via website of the symposium. You can watch the trailer of the symposium from our YouTube Channel or web site.



CAMPAIGN

#FOOTBALLPEOPLE ACTION WEEK



Within the scope of FARE Network's "Football People Action Week", CSMD conducted its 2nd campaign between 5-19 October in 2017. Aiming to raise the awareness on sexist, gender-based discrimination against women and LGBTIQ+ people; CSMD called all the groups that struggle against discrimination to participate #FootballPeople Action Week. The campaign can be followed by #FutboldaCinsiyetçiliğeSon, (#EndSexismInFootball) #FutbolHerkesiçindir, (#FootballIsForEverybody) and #FootballPeople hastags.



TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

- We held gender based violence trainings for refugee women living in Turkey with partnership of KADAV (Women's Solidarity Foundation). 35 women benefited from the training. There was also another training took place on concepts for interpreters working with refugees.

- We held a workshop on the forms of sexual violence against men by the Pink Life Solidarity Association.

- We held workshops on dating violence for Bolu İzzet Baysal University, Ankara and Balıkesir Kampüs Cadıları/Campus Witches.



- We held training with Egitim-Sen No.2 Branch, with the participation of lawyer Seda Akço.

- By the Boğaziçi University Animal Rights Community's invitation, we held "Speciesism and Sexism" workshop in Boğaziçi University Women's Festival.

- We made a contribution to the preparation of an informative brochure for health care providers as a result of our voluntary work for 2 months with students of Acıbadem University Department of Nursing.

- We conducted trainings for the Municipal Personnel which we planned with Kadıköy Municipality Social equality Unit. The units that we gathered in the scope of the trainings were Youth Art Center, Sports Directorate, Girl's Dormitory Personnel, Children's Art Center, Child Protective Mental Health Center, Study Centers, Center for People with Disabilities, Day Care Center Personnel, Caricature House.

- We held workshops on *Date Violence* and *Vegan Feminism: Speciesist and Sexist Concepts* in the summer camp of the Campus Witches Collective in Balıkesir.

- We contributed to the Gender Certificate Program which Sabancı University SU Gender Purple Certificate Program team and Bilgi University SEÇBİR team implemented for the Faculty of Education students.

- We contributed to the *Media School*'s İstanbul Workshop implemented by Kaos GL and conducted the session on rights-based reporting of sexual violence.



PANELS AND ACTIVITIES

- In February, we held a panel on Sexual Abuse: Definition, Types and Protective-Preventive Approach with the invitation and participation of the students of Çapa Medical School.

- Within the scope of March 8th week, with the invitation of Okan University Gender Club; we gave a speech titled as Dating Violence: Be Aware, Take Action!.

- Within the scope of 15th Film Mor activities, we gave a speech after the film screening and contribution was made to the forum.

- In March; within the scope of March 8th week, with the invitation of Işık University, we held an activity to raise awareness on dating violence titled as Aşk Bu Değil/That's not Love.



PANELS AND ACTIVITIES

- In March we talked about dating violence: "Are we aware of date violence?" in Ankara with Campus Witches.
- We participated as spokespersons in the panel organized by Bilgi University Faculty of Law in the International Women's Day on March 8th.
- We participated as spokespersons in the panel on Violence Against and Sexual Abuse of Women organized by Medical Students' Association of Biruni University in April.
- We conducted a discussion meeting with young people of TMMOB Chamber of Architects İstanbul Branch on Gender and Dating Violence.
- We organized an activity to promote the association with the invitation of the Yogurtcu Women's Forum
- In May, we conducted a discussion meeting on combatting against sexual abuse for students of Acibadem University Faculty of Health Science.
- We made a presentation on Children's Rights Over Their Bodies in Human Rights Organization's 1st Symposium on Children's Rights.
- We participated as spokespersons in Cooperation between Universities and Civil Society in XI. Intercollegiate cooperation and communication group on sexual harassment and assault workshop of Bilgi University.
- In October, we discussed about violence in relationships at the "Non-Violence Action Workshop" organised by Non-violent Education and research Association.
- Within the scope of November 25th activities; we participated to panels and made presentations on sexual violence, sexual abuse and date violence in Arel University, Sabancı University, İstanbul Technical University (KAK), Yeditepe University, Kültür University and Atılım University (KASAUM).
- In 25th of November, we held an activity "Violence Thrives in Silence: Let's Talk" in Sinop, by the invitation of Gerze Women's Platform.
- In December, we participated to "Veganism and Non-Violence" workshop which organised by Non-violent Education and research Association to approach Veganism as a type of non-violence.
- We talked on "Intimate Partner Violence" within the scope of World Sexual Health Day.
- In December, we participated as spokesperson in "Gender Equality and Discrimination in Media" panel organized by ASULIS Language, Dialog, Democracy Laboratory incorporated by the Hrnt Dink Foundation.



ACTIVITIES ON CHILDREN

As a part of **Partnership Network for the Prevention of Violence Against Children**, of which we became a member in 2015 and which is developed in order to facilitate and support rights based monitoring and advocacy efforts of local and national non governmental organizations, universities and professional organizations working for children in combatting violence against children, we continued to work in making the different forms of violence against children visible, in doing advocacy, in monitoring violence, in collecting data and in reporting, together with children and the organizations working for children.



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We produced and dubbed the Turkish version of the video: Consent for Children and with this way we provided a comprehensive material to the field for working with children. We also continued to our 10 articles series that we developed in the context of informative materials for parents and trainers.

ÇOCUĞUN CİNSEL İSTİSMAR BEYANININ ARDINDAN YAPILMASI GEREKEN 10 ŞEY


- 1 Çocuğun beyanını kabul edin, ona inanın. İnanması güç bir ifşa ise kendinize yanlış ifşaların çok nadir yaşandığını hatırlatın. Size anlattığı için teşekkür edin, onu sevdiğinizi söyleyin.
- 2 Kontrolünüzü kaybetmeden, soğukkanlı bir şekilde dinlemeye çalışın. Çocuklar üzüntü, kaygı, öfke gibi duygularını fark ettiklerinde kolayca geri adım atıp beyanlarından vazgeçebilirler. Unutmayın ki beyanı geri çekmeleri istismarın olmadığı anlamına gelmez.
- 3 Çocuk konuşmak istemiyorsa üzerine gitmeyin, onu zorlamayın. Beden ve davranış odaklı, taraf isteyen, detaylı, yargılayıcı, suçlayıcı, utandırıcı soru ve yorumlardan uzak durun.
- 4 Çocuklar yanlış davranışın suçunu sıklıkla kendilerinde ararlar. Ona 'istismar eden yetişkin yanlış yaptı, sen değil' mesajını verin.
- 5 Önemli ve öncelikli olan, çocuğun zedelenen güven duygusunu yeniden inşa etmektir. Ona yanınızda güvende olduğunu hissettirin. Çocuğun istismar eden yetişkinle karşı karşıya gelmemesini sağlayın; mahremiyetine saygı gösterin ve yasadıklarını herkese anlatmayın.
- 6 Çocuk izin vermiş, isteyerek hareket etmiş ya da cinsel temas içeren oyun talebinde bulunmuş olabilir. Bunlar yetişkinin sürdürdüğü bir cinsel eylemin bahanesi olamaz. Sınır koymak ve hayır demek her zaman yetişkinin sorumluluğudur. Yetişkinden çocuğa yönelik bir cinsel eylem söz konusu olduğunda 'rıza'dan bahsedilemeyeceğini unutmayın.
- 7 İstismar eden kişi; çocuğun sevdiği ve önemseydiği ya da sizin tanıdığınız ve güvendiğiniz bir yetişkin olabilir. Her kim olursa olsun; onu koruyan, eylemlerini gerektirendiren tepkiler vermeyin. Cinsel istismar her zaman, her koşulda uygulayanın suçudur.
- 8 Çocuğu bundan sonra ne olacağı ile ilgili bilgilendirin. İstismar eden yetişkinin başkalarını da incitmemesi için durdurulması gerektiğini; bu durumu ilgili kişi ve kurumlarla paylaşacağınıza çocuğa söyleyin.
- 9 Çocuğun beyanını ya da istismar olduğunu düşündüğünüz bir durumu takiben, zaman kaybetmeden mutlaka ilgili kurumlara bildirin ve sürecin takipçisi olun. Olayı kendi yöntemlerinizle çözmeye çalışmayın.
- 10 Çocuklar korunma, destek ve doğru uzman yaklaşımıyla yaşadıkları cinsel istismar sonrasında şifa bulabilir; mutlu ve üretken bir yaşama sahip olabilirler. Sessizliği kırmak ilk adımdır!

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(Toplumsal cinsiyet normlarına uymayan çocukların) HAKLARINI BİLİYOR MUYUZ?

Eğitim ortamlarının sadece cinsiyet ayrımlılığı ve cinsel şiddetin belli biçimleri ile mücadele etmesi yeterli değildir. Çocukların farklı ihtiyaçları ve ortak hakları olduğunu unutmamalıyız. Bulduğumuz eğitim ortamlarında; cinsel şiddet cinsiyet kimliği ayrımlılığı, taciz ve baskıya karşı çocukların haklarını bilmek ve savunmak sorumluluklarımız arasındadır.

- Cinsiyet kimliği ve cinsiyet ifadesi ne olursa olsun; her çocuğun ayrımlılık yaşamadan eğitimden eşit olarak yararlanma HAKKI vardır.
- Normlara uymayan cinsiyet kimliklerinin kabul edilmemesi, aşağılanmasa, görmezden gelinmesi, baskıyla toplumsal cinsiyet normlarına uyumlu hale getirmeye çalışılması şiddetli cinsiyet ayrımlılığıdır. Çocukların, şiddetin olmadığı bir eğitim ortamı talep etme HAKLARI vardır.
- Eğitimciler zorbalıkla mücadele etmek üzere yöntemler geliştirmekle yükümlüdür. İktidari cinsiyet normlarına uymayan çocukların ötekileştirilmediği, korkutulmadıkları, tacize maruz bırakılmadıkları bir eğitim ortamında var olma HAKLARI vardır.
- Çocukların; cinsiyet kimlikleri, bedenleri ile nasıl hissettikleri, duygusal ilişkileri gibi konularda özel hayata saygı ve mahremiyetini korunması HAKLARI vardır. Cevap vermek istemedikleri sorular sormak, onlara ait özel bilgileri başkalarına paylaşmak bu hakları ihlaldir.
- Cinsiyet ifadesi her birey için değişkendir. Eğitim ortamlarındaki genel giyim kurallarına uygun olduğu sürece, çocukların kendilerini yansıtan ve içinde iyi hissettikleri kıyafetleri giyme, alekleri saç stiline sahip olma HAKLARI vardır.
- İktidari cinsiyet normlarına uymayan çocukların; tuvalet soyunma odası, oyun köşeleri, okul bahçesi gibi kaz-odaları sınıflandırmasını belirgin olduğu mekanların kendilerini iyi hissetme ve güvende hissedebilecekleri şekilde düzenlenmesini talep etme HAKLARI vardır.
- Kaz-odaları gruplandırılmasına dayalı oyunlar, etkinlikler ve çalışmalarda kendilerini rahat ve güvende hissetmeyen çocukların; bir başka gruplandırma yöntemi kullanılmasını talep etme HAKLARI vardır. Her çocuğun fiziksel ve ruhsal olarak iyi hissedeceği sınıflandırma yöntemlerini bulmak ve uygulamak; eğitiminin mesleki sorumlulukları arasındadır.

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THE COMPLAINTS FILED, REQUESTS FOR INTERVENTION, LITIGATION



- Following the fact that while Antalyaspor Football Club rejoice as the goals scored in a match, “the rape song” was played five times recurrently; we filed a complaint against the Club together with Antalya Women’s Consulting & Solidarity Center; as a result the public prosecutor’s office initiated the public case against it.

- As a part of our litigation effort, we followed the trials of the case of two women of French origin who were sexually harassed in the Şifa Hamam in Karaköy by hamam’s workers. 2 of the 4 defendants are sentenced to 6 years and 8 years-9 months in prison.

ADVOCACY

WOMAN STUDY GROUP ON ARTICLE 103 OF TURKISH PENAL CODE

In 2016, a committee was established in the parliament called as “Committee of Parliamentary Investigation on Identifying the Elements Influencing Family Integrity Negatively and on investigating the Divorce Cases and on identifying the Measures to be taken for the Strengthening of the Family Institution”. This committee published a report in 2016, which was considered by women rights activists and organizations as “a step back in women’s rights”. In the report, there was a part on the assessment of sexual crimes against children under Article 103 and 104 of the Turkish Penal Code. According to this, there were the risks of seeking consent at early ages and risk of impunity of perpetrator in case the perpetrator gets married to the child survivor after abuse. In order to do advocacy in discussing this article, we established a working group on Article 103 of Turkish Penal Code together with Women for Women’s Human Rights – New Ways, Mor Çatı, KADAV. With a Pro-Bono service provided within this group, we have translated the relevant laws of Italy, Spain, Germany and UK. The amendment we expected appeared earlier than we thought as a bill. The bill has been proposed to the parliament, which first granting a suspension of judgment against perpetrators of sexual abuse committed against children until 16 November 2016 and then granting an amnesty by lapse of time, on the condition that the perpetrator gets married to the child survivor. Following the uproar of working group on Article 103 of Turkish Penal Code, the widespread disapproval expressed by more than 130 women’s organizations, child associations and various groups in the society ranging from general practitioners to the lawyers in the national and international level prevailed over and the government had to withdraw its bill late at the night of 17 November.

ADVOCACY

PARTNERSHIP NETWORK FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN STRATEGICAL PLANNING MEETING

By participating in the 2-day meeting where the activities of the network for the next two years were planned; we took responsibility as network members.

ISTANBUL EURO-MED RIGHTS MEETING

Euro-Med Rights Group has requested to hold a meeting with the Human Rights Association and Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence to ensure the coordination with signatory countries to Istanbul Convention. We ensured the Turkey coordination of this meeting. The meeting was held with institutions working locally within the southern countries (France, Morocco, Algeria, Cyprus and Turkey) where Euro-Med Rights would carry out the campaign "Violence Against Women is Not a Destiny". Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence, KADAV, Mor Çatı, Women Without Borders, representatives of Immigration Solidarity Network, Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways and Human Rights Association. The representatives from the institutions that prepare shadow reports from Poland, Germany and Denmark in the grevio process shared their experiences at the meeting.

MOR ÇATI ISTANBUL CONVENTION MEETING

One of the countries where GREVIO as Istanbul Convention supervisory body of independent experts will make an investigation on the Convention prior is Turkey. Turkey was supposed to present the country report in early May, and in April, we started to work together on the shadow report as EŞİTİZ - Equality Monitoring Women's Group, Mor Çatı Women's Shelter Foundation, Foundation for Women's Solidarity, Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways, Women's Solidarity Foundation (KADAV) and Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence. As a result of the Euro-Med Rights meeting, we obtained shadow report samples from institutions that have prepared shadow reports.

GREVIO SHADOW REPORT

Draft reports were prepared together with EŞİTİZ - Equality Monitoring Women's Group, Mor Çatı Women's Shelter Foundation, Foundation for Women's Solidarity, Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways, Women's Solidarity Foundation (KADAV) and Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence. We contributed to the shadow report together with the experts in Ankara working in the field and independent feminists. We took the responsibility of the development of the shadow report regarding the articles on Sexual Violence and worked in cooperation with Mor Çatı.

ENCOUNTERS/CHALLENGES - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND GENDER EQUALITY CIVIL SOCIETY MEETINGS

In "Encounters/Challenges - Sustainable Development Goals and Gender Equality Civil Society Meetings" held by Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways on 1 June 2017 Thursday at The Marmara Taksim Hotel, representatives of non governmental organizations working in different fields got together. The opening remarks were provided by Ayşe Yeşim Erkan Yetiser from Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways, Atila Uras from the United Nations Development Program in Turkey, Chair of the Grevio Committee and CEDAW Committee Member Prof. Dr. Feride Acar. The event continued with the Sustainable Development Goals and Gender Equality Panel and the Gender Equality and Civil Society Studies Panel.

INTERVIEWS

- Current Law Journal - *CSMD's projects and advocacy activities*
- Civil Pages - *Introduction and Activities of the Association*
- Radio France Internationale - *Advocacy Activities on Football and Litigations*
- Radio Flow - *CSMD projects and activities*
- Medyascope Interview - *Sexism, Homophobia and Discrimination in Football*
- Mediascope Interview - *CSMD Symposium*
- Mediascope Interview - *Sexual Harrassment on Public Transportation*
- Journo - *Sexism in Football*
- Gazete Kadıköy - *Association and activities*
- Cumhuriyet Gazetesi - *Sexual violence in Turkey and Concepts of Sexual Violence*
- Gazete Kadıköy - *Relation type of Inequality; Date Violence*
- Kaos GL - *Association and activities*
- Çatlak Zemin - *Sexual Violence Cases and Media's Reporting Language*



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