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# 2020



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**Sexual Violence**



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# Greetings

## From CŞMD

As the survivors of and the persons combatting against sexual/sexualized violence; we said: "We are not alone, we will never walk alone!" when 2020 started. We have not walked alone. We have resisted with strength by coming together with our differences against the global pandemic that shook our lives and the conditions it created; the oppression and hate speech that directed on us; the authorities trying to take back our gains and rights one by one; the solidarity of men from every sector in social media; against the ideological groups that open up the existence of trans and non binary identities to discuss and objectify us.

Against the regulation on "amnesty for child abuse through marriage" which was brought to the agenda of parliament again in January 2020, we united once again as different diverse persons. Throughout the year, we struggled against the lies and disinformation produced by various male groups and politicians who carried out propaganda for the annulment of the ratification of the Istanbul Convention, we tried to provide "the correct information" and carried out campaigns. Our March 8 night marches are to be precluded permanently, just like the LGBTI+ Pride marches. We did not allow it, we will not. The hate speech and targeting against LGBTI+ persons are directed to women as well. They tried to erase the social legitimacy of our rights-based struggle with the propaganda ("The women whistled the azan; they harm the family unity by immoral banners; they want to kill men") and with the booklets left in the chambers of the deputies in the parliament where no material are allowed. As they attacked, we grew and united. We said: "There is no salvation alone, either all together or none of us!". They arrested women who protested against femicides and students who protested against the trustee rector; shut down the Boğaziçi University LGBTI+ club; and passed a trustee law against NGOs to oppress the voices of civil society. They enacted the law to postpone execution on the grounds of pandemic and released the convicted perpetrators who committed violence against women, children and LGBTI+ persons without providing a protection system for the survivors. They did not amend the law to protect animal rights, they put it on hold. They maintained and produced more hate speech against LGBTI+ persons. They backed up those who did not protect children's rights and produced discourses encouraging abuse through silence and impunity. Sexual violence crisis centers, which the ministries themselves promised in their action plans to combat violence against women, were not yet opened in 2020. There was no pilot implementation, no shared information or data, no cooperation made with NGOs working in the field. Polarizing discourse and implementations and violation of our right to protest continued and justified by the pandemic. The year 2020 has been a year in which our rebellion, resistance and solidarity increased as the harsh conditions and oppressions increased.

The year 2020 was also the year of those "exhausted by Zoom" around the world. As CŞMD, we have also worked and produced a lot in the digital environment. After launching our website: [www.csdestek.org](http://www.csdestek.org) In February, we made the abrupt shift to working from home and canceled our face-to-face workshops and events. We implemented **What's Up What's Not?! Dissemination Program** on the digital platforms for the first time. We standardized the materials and presentations of the **Change Starts With Me** workshops. We realized these contents as various webinars and online workshops. We produced article series on sexual abuse, live Instagram broadcasts, and a podcast series including 5 pods on sexual rights with a focus on children and adolescents. To ensure the use of and to encourage the use of rights-based images we launched the website: [www.csgorselarsiv.org](http://www.csgorselarsiv.org) and created a rights-based visuals pool for all media professionals and citizen journalists. We got capacity-building training on new media tools and tools in the digital platform, content production, communication, and many other subjects. We have initiated studies to support our organizational sustainability and structure, our safe space, and the well-being of our team. We worked to create our various policy documents and strategy plan, such as our sexual violence policy document, anti-corruption policy, risk management and child safety. We continued to implement our projects such as "Where is the support system?"; "Switch It"; "Change Starts with Me"; "Children's Rights of Bodily Integrity and Autonomy"; and "What's Up What's Not?". We tried to produce more inclusive content for the diverse survivors who are persons with disabilities, refugees and ones with different identities and needs. In order to cooperate with our stakeholders and especially with local governments, we continued our communication, referrals of sexual violence applications and our legal counseling efforts continued. By building our capacity in advocacy, we have carried out preliminary studies and preparations on international and evidence-based advocacy, reporting and monitoring the rights violations of survivors of sexual violence. This year, too, we received a lot of feedback from our stakeholders, beneficiaries and followers that made us stronger and excited, and we expanded the scope of our monitoring & evaluation activities. We will continue all these works with the same motivation and enthusiasm in 2021. Whatever the year 2021 brings with it, we know that we will become stronger by solidarity and by struggling together.

We are not alone, we will never walk alone!

See you in 2021 :)

Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence

## WHO ARE WE?

The Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence established officially in 2014 in Istanbul by the activists, who have taken/ still take part in feminist movement, LGBTI+ movement, children's rights movements, animal liberation movement, rights of migrants/asylum seekers/refugees and ecology movements, and who struggle for the issue of sexual violence in Turkey to be addressed as a matter of concern of everyone by an inclusive, intersectional and empowering approach despite the gender binarism and polarized system in Turkey.

As an association that focuses only on combatting sexual violence through a rights-based perspective rather than an aid-based one, we conduct our studies all around Turkey. By keeping in mind that sexual violence is a mean/tool to establish/reinforce a systematic hegemony, which is fueled by patriarchy, public morality, gender binarism, racism, nationalism, speciesism, ageism and similar power mechanisms; we strive for expanding our struggle without establishing a hierarchy in between. We are aware of the fact that everyone can be exposed to sexual violence, so concerning our target audience, we do not limit ourselves and do not identify ourselves as women, LGBTI+, youth organization, etc. We adopt queer and feminist perspectives/methods that allow the intersectionality of both similar and different areas of struggle and we mind this inclusiveness and intersectionality in all the informative studies and materials we produce.

sexual violence  
Thrives in silence

Let's  
talk

### **Vision of the Association For Struggle Against Sexual Violence:**

To contribute to a world where the existing social perception of sexual violence transformed in a way that empowers and liberates the survivors, also with no room for tyranny and discrimination; and to a world where each living being, without exception of any animals and human beings, can enjoy the right to live without exploitation and violence within their integrity and bodily autonomy respected.



# WHAT DO WE DO?

## WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS:

We are aware that sexual violence is an acquired and normalized phenomenon that is therefore preventable. Hence, we develop training content and provide training to increase preventive-protective studies that are highly rare in this field. We provide informative training, workshops, and seminars to persons in need, parents, young people, professionals, and NGO staff by developing different training contents for meeting the various needs on-demand. From these workshops we have been conducting in Turkey, we transform the assessment and reporting studies into data.

## PRODUCTION OF MATERIALS & DIGITAL ACTIVISM:

We conduct campaigns and concept discussions; develop visuals and informative content to create a communication language and approach for a transformative effect in the society about sexual violence that raises consciousness and awareness and empowers those who are survivors of violence and witnesses of the violence. We disseminate this language and approach via efficient social media tools, the interviews we provided, the regular publications we create, the events we participate in, the campaigns we carry out, the visual materials we produce.

## ADVOCACY:

We conduct advocacy studies to make the different forms of sexual violence visible, to ensure people not establish a hierarchy among them, to foster the solidarity between people exposed to different forms of oppression and discrimination in society, and to ensure the enjoyment, implementation and development of the rights, in line with the demands of the survivors of sexual violence and for the prevention of violations.

## SUPPORT:

We conduct studies for developing content that builds the capacities of individuals, institutions, and non-governmental organizations that provide services and support for ensuring the enjoyment of rights of survivors of sexual violence and the needs of them to be met. We contribute to preventive-protective studies by producing training modules for the professionals working in education with children and young persons. We provide institutions and organizations with consultancy on preparing policy documents regarding the prevention of harassment and violence. Following the applications we receive, we provide the necessary referrals/guidance and information on the resources/facilities. We prepare the service unit map, produce materials on self-help, and disseminate them.





## BRIEF HISTORY

2014

ESTABLISHMENT OF CŞMD

2015

- Organizational Strategy
- Bilgi Uni. Social Incubation Center
- Website
- Public Meetings
- Awareness Raising Activities

2016

- Workshops and Trainings
- Production of Visuals and Social Media
- Kadıköy Office
- #BunuYapabiliriz (We can do it!) Campaign
- Concept Discussions
- Project: "Sexual Violence Thrives in Silence, Let's Talk and Take Action!"
- Project: "What's Up What's Not?"
- Trials on Sexual Violence in Football

2017

- "Change Starts With Me" Trainings
- Project: (We are) "Transforming Our Language"
- Dissemination of the Project: "What's Up What's Not?"
- Cooperation with Public Institutions
- Symposium: Sexual Violence and Gender Discrimination in Football
- Campaign: #FutboldaCinsiyetçiliğeSon (#StopSexismInFootball #FootballForEveryone)
- Advocacy Studies

2018

- Project: "Öyle Değil Böyle!" (Switch It)
- Project: "Where is The Support System?"
- Dissemination of the Project: "What's Up What's Not?"
- "Change Starts With Me" Workshops
- Building the Capacity of Civil Society Workshops
- Cooperation with Local Administrations
- Campaign: "Listen Children Carefully; Prevent Abuse Completely!"
- Koşuyolu Office
- Combatting Sexual Violence in Football

2019

- "Change Starts With Me" Workshops
- Project: "Öyle Değil Böyle!" (Switch It)
- "What's Up What's Not?" Youth Studies
- "We Talk About Safe Relationships" University Seminars
- Children's Rights of Bodily Integrity and Autonomy Dissemination Program
- Project: Sexual Rights Are Human Rights
- Sexual Violence Concept Discussions
- Cooperation with Public Institutions
- Dreaming An Inclusive Football Event
- Advocacy Studies

2020

- "Change Starts With Me" Workshops
- Support System Studies
- "What's Up What's Not?" Youth Studies
- Children's Rights of Bodily Integrity and Autonomy Dissemination Program
- Project: Sexual Rights Are Human Rights
- Sexual Rights Podcast Series Focusing on Children and Adolescents
- Visual Archive Studies
- Advocacy Activities
- Studies with Public Institutions
- Organizational Sustainability and Policy Documents Studies
- Capacity Building Studies
- Media and Digital Activism Studies
- Barrier-free Communication Studies

IN 2020

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE

7

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED

11

PUBLICATIONS PUBLISHED

16

VIDEOS PRODUCED

28

ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING MEETINGS WERE PARTICIPATED IN

2

ADVOCACY REPORTS PRODUCED

3

PRESS STATEMENTS ISSUED

1

PRESS CONFERENCE HELD

9

CITIES VISITED TO CONDUCT CŞMD'S ACTIVITIES

7

CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAINING SESSIONS WERE PARTICIPATED IN

1603

BENEFICIARIES REACHED THROUGH THE WORKSHOPS, CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES, DISSEMINATION PROGRAM, AND SEMINAR/WEBINARS

187

YOUNG PERSONS REACHED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

74

PERSONS GOT BENEFITED FROM THE LEGAL-SOCIAL COUNSELLING AND REFERRALS/GUIDANCE THAT CŞMD PROVIDED

21

PERSONS GOT BENEFITED FROM THE TRAINING CONSULTANCY AND RESOURCE SUPPORT CŞMD PROVIDED

27500

FOLLOWERS REACHED ON FACEBOOK

32200

FOLLOWERS REACHED ON INSTAGRAM

16000

FOLLOWERS REACHED ON TWITTER

1840

FOLLOWERS REACHED ON YOUTUBE

# CHANGE STARTS WITH ME!

"Change Starts With Me" project continued in 2020 to change the misconceptions, mis- and disinformation in society for ensuring a decrease in cases of abuse, to extend the scope of preventive-protective studies, to remind everyone of their responsibilities as individuals in combatting sexual violence, and to raise awareness in that regard. We took steps towards digitalizing the contents by implementing the small number of workshops within the scope of 5 workshop modules we prepared for different need groups due to the limitation of face-to-face training because of pandemic conditions. We continued to hold the Workshop on Combating Sexual Violence Against Animals with the Animal Rights Monitoring Committee.

In 2020, we conducted **two full-day face-to-face workshops in 2 cities** and **reached 35 persons**. With the studies in which we digitalized our workshop contents, we **reached 322 people in 9 webinars**.



Non-Violence Center, Istanbul 12.1.2020



Devrek Sevimli Patiler and Devrek City Council, Zonguldak 7.2.2020





# WE CAN DO STRUGGLE AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE!

5 different workshop contents we implemented within the scope of the project are as follows:

## MODULE 1)

### Dating Violence and Safe Relationships:

The definition and forms of dating violence, concepts and common myths/false-facts in society in that regard, gender-based violence, characteristics of safe relationships

## MODULE 2)

### Preventive Protective Approach to Sexual Abuse:

Sexual abuse; definition and forms of it, preventive-protective approach against sexual abuse, methods of combatting and intervention, rights-based approach when working with children, concepts of consent and of setting clear boundaries for children

## MODULE 3)

### Sexual Violence, Concepts and Methods of Combatting Against:

Concepts of Gender and LGBTI+, sexual violence; definition, forms of it, concepts and common myths in society in that regard, empowering language and approach

## MODULE 4)

### Combatting Sexual Violence Against Animals:

Forms of discrimination, speciesism, definition of sexual violence against animals and its forms, social perception and concepts, animal liberation, rights-based approach, combatting and responsibilities

## MODULE 5)

### Rights-Based Journalism About Sexual Violence:

Gender-based violence, rights-based approach to survivors of sexual violence, social perception, and myths/false facts, empowering language and approach in the news on sexual violence cases





# WHAT'S UP WHAT'S NOT? YOUTH STUDIES

Through **What's Up What's Not?! Youth Studies**, we continued to organize workshops and seminars on dating violence, safe relationships, personal boundaries and the culture of consent and we continued our efforts to spread the preventive- protective approach in 2020.

With the support of the **EMpower Foundation** since 2019, in response to the seminar requests of student initiatives and academic staff of the universities, we reached 187 young persons between the ages of 18-24 by the **"We Are Talking on Safe Relationships"** webinars we conducted for 7 different universities in İstanbul, İzmir, Eskişehir and Ankara.

For the first time within the scope of youth studies by including municipalities among our stakeholders, we conducted **four half-day online "Working on Safe Relations with Young Persons: Capacity-Building Workshop"** with 21 municipality staff.

The practice manual titled **"Working with Young Persons on Safe Relationships"** continued to be delivered to the professionals upon their requests throughout the year. A total of 1000 persons in the education field and professionals reached the manual.

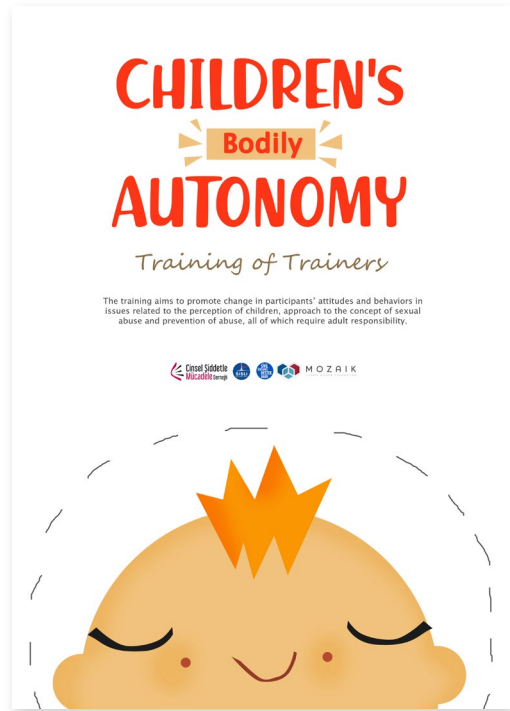
To measure and report the impact area of the manual, we published **"Working with Young Persons on Safe Relationships Impact Assessment Report"**. Via our social media contents, we continued to raise awareness on the concept of consent, personal boundaries, dating rights, and the characteristics of safe relationships and to disseminate the preventive-protective approach.



# “CHILDREN’S RIGHTS OF BODILY INTEGRITY AND AUTONOMY” DISSEMINATION PROGRAM

“Children’s Rights of Bodily Integrity and Autonomy” program, which we transformed into a program in 2019, with the support of **Support Foundation for Civil Society (STDV) Children’s Fund**, continued in 2020.

Mental health experts working under the roof of Kadıköy, Beşiktaş, Şişli, Ataşehir, Kartal, Sarıyer, Beylikdüzü and Küçükçekmece Municipalities Social Equality Units, Women’s Solidarity and Counseling Centers, Social Service and Science Art Centers continued to conduct seminars in their municipalities. We held two supervision meetings in February by sharing experiences and we had the opportunity to talk and empower by evaluating the current legal processes regarding sexual abuse.



In March, we came together with psychologists, child development specialists and social service experts working within the Istanbul Family Counseling and Education Center (ISADEM) of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality. Completing the 4-day practitioner workshop, the experts continued to disseminate the studies for raising awareness on neglect and abuse of children in the field and the children’s rights of bodily integrity.

Within the scope of the digitalization process that we started to adapt to pandemic conditions, the efforts to transfer the contents to the online environment and to carry out the distance seminars will continue in 2021.





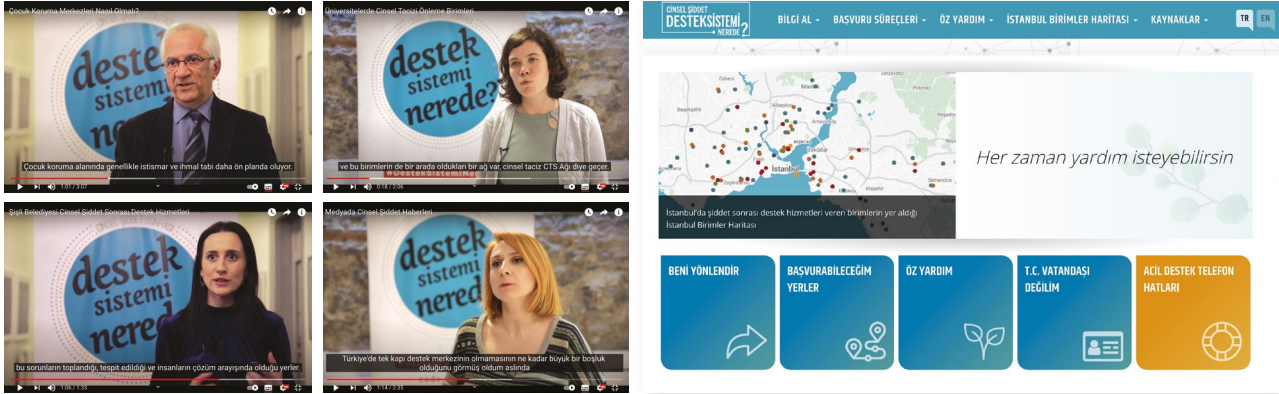
## WHERE IS THE SUPPORT SYSTEM?

The support system studies we conducted to empower survivors of sexual violence and ensure their access to support/service units and their enjoyment of their rights better continued.

Within the scope of the Support System studies, we conducted guidance/referrals and counseling activities upon the requests of survivors of sexual violence and their relatives, and provided legal and social counseling to 74 people in 2020. This year, we have realized MEAL study for measuring the impact of our support activities for survivors and monitored our counseling services.

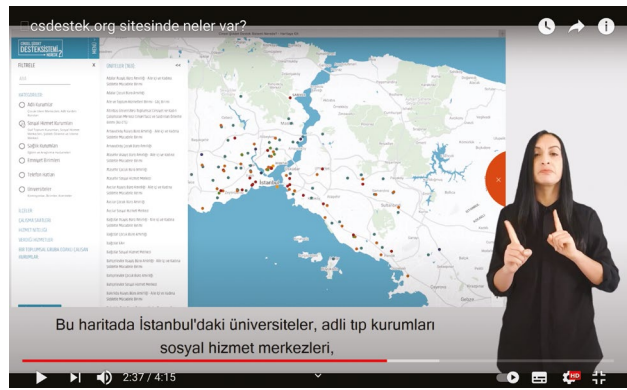
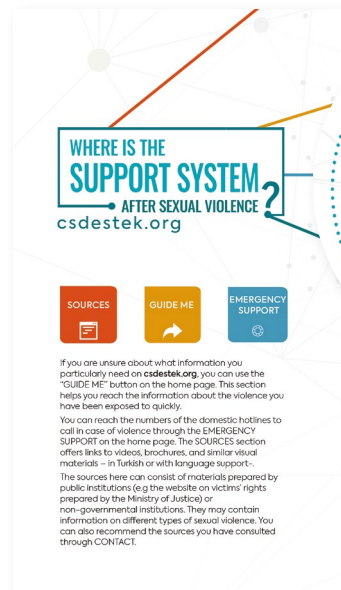
We launched the [www.csdestek.org](http://www.csdestek.org) website that we prepared in 2018 as the first resource appealing to those exposed to sexual violence and focusing on supporting survivors of sexual violence in Turkey. Many professional experts, journalists, representatives from relevant public institutions, and local governments attended the launching event of this website on 27 February 2020 at the Consulate General





of Sweden in İstanbul. In that event, we called for the public and the authorities to fulfill their responsibilities by giving information emphasizing the rights and needs of those who experience sexual violence. Via [video interviews](#) we made with different experts working in the field of sexual violence, we also discussed post-sexual violence support/service units and their functions.

By evaluating the suggestions and feedback we received from experts and activists working in the field of sexual violence, we started the production of support studies and the work to expand the access network of the website. We made the English option available for persons living in Turkey who are not citizens of Turkey to help them get information regarding the application process following sexual violence via the "I'm not a citizen of the Turkey" tab newly opened in 2020. We updated the contact information of the units covered by the [Istanbul Units Map](#) prepared by the consultation with institutions that provide post-violence services. In 2021, we will continue developing content for the [www.csdestek.org](http://www.csdestek.org) website and making the website available in Arabic and Kurdish.



In addition, we updated the materials we produced within the scope of the support system studies by adding the information that migrants/refugees may need; we provided [Arabic, Kurdish, and English](#) language options.

We shared the soft copies of materials digitally and sent their hard copy versions to the relevant institutions. We distributed the Turkish versions of these materials in family health centers, neighborhood units, and social solidarity foundations in three districts of Istanbul. We visited 25 public institutions within the scope of this study. We will continue to distribute these materials in 2021.

We provided sign language options to the videos we produced within the scope of the efforts to expand the access network of the support system studies. By expanding csdestek.org's access network, we will continue our access integration efforts for persons with disabilities in 2021.

You can access the videos with sign language options by [clicking here](#).





# “SEXUAL RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS”

The project “**Sexual Rights are Human Rights**” we initiated in November 2019 with the partnership of **Y-Peer Association** continued to appeal to young persons through digital productions until April 2020.

In January 2020, known as **Cervical Cancer Awareness Month**, we highlighted the fact that every individual including trans men, nonbinary, and gender-fluid persons is at risk of this cancer type and should be involved in raising awareness campaigns. We emphasized again that not every woman has a uterus, that not everyone who has a uterus is a woman, and that the phenomenon of gender cannot be identified via the genitals.

**Rahim ağzı kanseri**  
rahmi olan herkesi ilgilendirir  
Rahim ağzı kanseri farkındalık ayı

In February, we reconsidered the concept of consent with more questions, more trust, more pleasurable communication and relationships.

**Hiç on(lar)la sordun mu?**

**Karantina günlerinde sexting**

With the emergence of the pandemic and the increasing use of digital tools in our relations, in **March**, we have made suggestions for safer sexting based on the consent in which we keep in mind the boundaries in quarantine conditions.



In April, we decided that it should be our priority, also in digital environments, to get information about non-violent dating, recognize violence, intervene in violence, and stop it. We produced a discourse on the definition and forms of digital violence.

**Dijital olması fark eder mi?**

In March, due to the pandemic, we had to cancel the “**Current and Online Models for Young Persons' Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Information**” panel whose preparations were completed and that was ready to realize. We will continue to monitor the impact of new models and tools in 2021, when digitalization will continue to take place rapidly in our lives, in access to information and communication.



# VISUAL ARCHIVE [[csgorselarsiv.org](http://csgorselarsiv.org)]



## Kategoriler

KATEGORİLERE GÖRE MEVCUT FOTOĞRAFLARA GÖZ ATIN



We produced in 2020 the [www.csgorselarsiv.org](http://www.csgorselarsiv.org) website that works with the logic of stock photography to use the transformative power of the media for social transformation, to encourage the media and press members to use rights-based visuals in the news on sexual violence, and to facilitate their access to images.

This website aims to overcome the gap in media regarding the lack of rights-based images that users and photographers can benefit from. The criticisms in that regard highlight that representational images in the stock image sources and the image pools of newspapers reproduce false beliefs about sexual violence, the images used in the news do not respect the rights of those subjected to violence, and the same mistakes are reproduced by repeating the previous news in the same way.

In the workshops and collaborations that we have been establishing since 2017, media and press workers share the problems of reporting sexual violence. The main problem identified was the lack of images they could use in the news. We held two visual production workshops with photographers, graphic designers, visual-communication workers, activists, cartoonists; we prepared an action plan after the last workshop. In line with this plan, we made a call and asked for photographs from women and LGBTI+ photographers. We had the opportunity to bring this archive to life with the contribution of 16 photographers. Sexual violence is a form of violence that is learned, normalized, socially constructed, and transmitted. Media is also the most significant part of this cultural production. We believe that sexual violence transmit-

ted through culture can be stopped and prevented, again through culture and a change of perception. In the age of communication in which fast-moving consumption arises, we invited media institutions and journalists to be a positive part of this change with language and visual productions spread by taking responsibility. We launched the Visual Archive in November 2020.



Within the scope of the launch, we held a press conference with journalists, writers and photographers from 5 different press organizations, and a live Instagram broadcast with journalist Çiçek Tahaoğlu and photographer Serra Akcan.

## PODCAST

## SEXUAL RIGHTS FOCUSING ON CHILDREN &amp; ADOLESCENTS



You can listen to the podcasts by clicking [here](#).

We published a podcast series on the physical and sexual rights of children and adolescents and about the draft bill that will remit the perpetrators of sexual abuse that raised public reaction. In this series, we discussed the sexual abuse of children through marriage, the social background fostering those marriages, the rights violations that these marriages bring, the rights of children made invisible and ignored, and the children's rights with a holistic approach with 5 experts working in the field of children's rights.

On the amendment planned to be made in Article 103 of the Turkish Penal Code regarding the marriage of the child subjected to sexual abuse to the perpetrator, we produced the hashtag campaign **#İstismarınAffıOlmaz** and rights-based contents against the perception that sets the ground for legitimizing the abuse of children through marriage. In that regard, we prepared content consisting of article series, podcasts, and live Instagram broadcasts on sexual abuse, children's bodily integrity, and children's rights between May and October 2020.

## HEADLINES/GUESTS

- **Early Marriage or Child Abuse?** / Lawyer Aslı Karataş (Sebuka)
- **Sexuality in Adolescents and Right of Dating** / Lawyer Seda Akço (Hümanist Büro)
- **Does comprehensive sex education provide protection?** / Sexologist Rayka Kumru
- **Gender Identity Diversity: Inequality and Violence** / Psychiatrist Koray Başar
- **Approach in Advocacy on Children Rights and Media** / Children Rights Activist Ezgi Koman



## SEXUAL ABUSE ARTICLE SERIES

We prepared article series with the hashtag: **#İstismarınAffıOlmaz** after the legitimization of the sexual abuse of children came to the agenda of the parliament again.

Article Series include the following:

- 1- Sexual Abuse Against Children: Definition and Different Forms
- 2- What Kind of Approach Should Be Embraced In Combating Sexual Violence?
- 3- False Facts/Myths About Sexual Abuse
- 4- Sexual Abuse and Rights-Based Journalism

The article series can be read by clicking [here](#).

## SUPPORT SYSTEM PUBLICATIONS

Within the scope of support system studies, last year, we have updated the materials

Not My Fault - Information for Survivors of Sexual Violence/Sexual Assault Booklet and What is the Support System?, Self-Help Information for Survivors of the Sexual Violence/Sexual Assault and csdestek.org brochures. This year, we added information for migrants/refugees living in Turkey about the application process in that booklet. Also, we translated all these materials into English, Arabic and Kurdish and printed these.

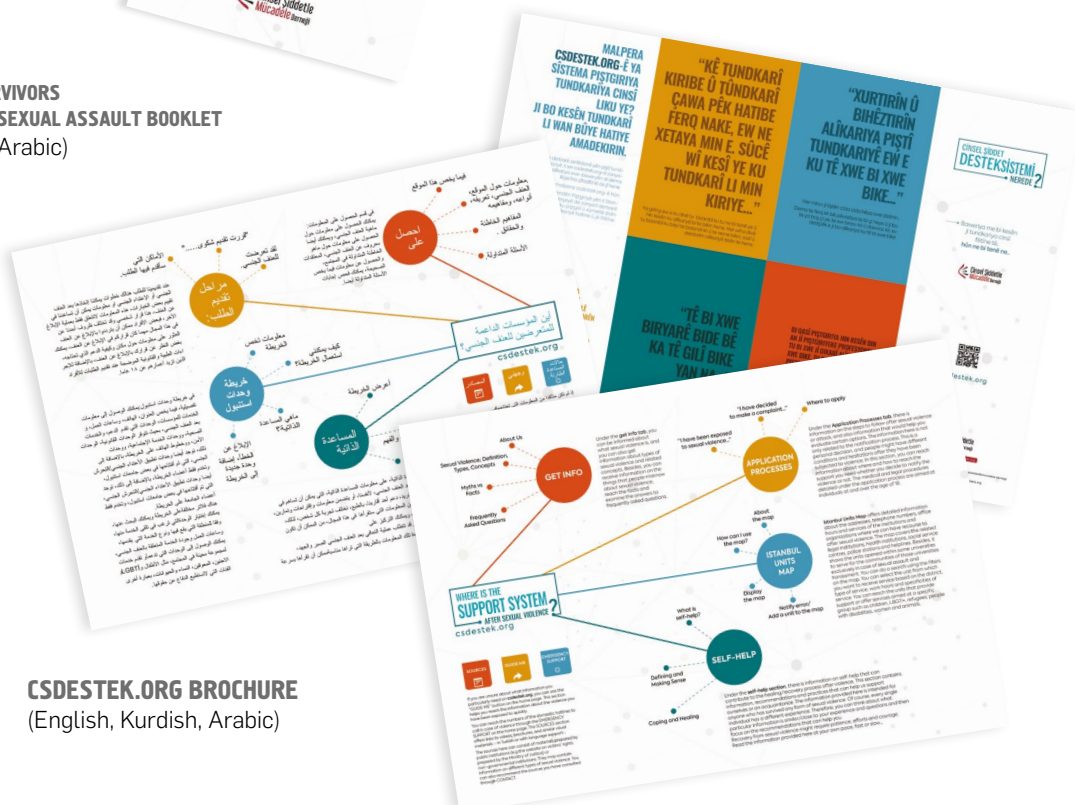


**NOT MY FAULT**  
INFORMATION FOR SURVIVORS  
OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT BOOKLET  
(English, Kurdish, Arabic)



**WHAT IS SUPPORT SYSTEM?**  
SELF-HELP INFORMATION FOR SURVIVORS  
OF THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT  
(English, Kurdish, Arabic)

Support System publications  
can be reached via  
[csdestek.org/brosurler](https://csdestek.org/brosurler)



**CSDESTEK.ORG BROCHURE**  
(English, Kurdish, Arabic)



## WHAT'S UP WHAT'S NOT?! WORKING WITH YOUTH ON SAFE RELATIONSHIPS PRACTICE MANUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT



We have an informative practice manual entitled “Working with Youth on Safe Relationships” prepared within the scope of the What's Up What's Not?! project whose first phase was held in the 2016-2017 academic year to build the capacity of psychological counselors of the schools and branch teachers in combating dating violence, peer bullying, and digital violence. The second edition of this Manual updated and extended was sent to approximately 1000 educators and experts by post and made available for on-line access. Following the research done to understand and maximize the effect created through the practice manual, we published the [Practice Manual Impact Assessment Report](#) at the end of 2020. The report was prepared by Tuba Emiroğlu via content analysis, questionnaire, one-on-one and focus group interviews with 37 of the educators and experts who have used the practice manual and 39 of the young persons reached by these educators. It provides significant data on the positive increase in the knowledge level of both educators and young persons regarding the concepts of dating violence, digital violence, and safe relationships, transformations of attitudes and behaviors and skills, and the decrease in the tendency to violence in relations between young persons.

## VIDEO SERIES: WE HAVE THINGS TO DO TO COMBAT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

We have published 5 animated videos consisting of the contents we prepared for “Change Starts with Me” workshops. In the videos, we have listed what we can do to struggle against sexual violence by starting with ourselves in 10 steps in each video.

### Video Series:

- 1- We Can Do Prevent Dating Violence!
- 2- We Can Do Struggle Against Child Sexual Abuse!
- 3- We Can Do Struggle Against Sexual Violence!
- 4- We Can Do Struggle Against Sexual Violence Against Animals!
- 5- Media Can Do Struggle Against Sexual Violence!

You can access the videos on our [YouTube channel](#).



## CŞMD BARRIER-FREE COMMUNICATION STUDIES

As CŞMD, in order to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to accurate information on sexual violence, we initiated our barrier-free communication studies as of 2020.

We made video interviews with different experts working in the field of sexual violence, who we came together with within the launch event of the [csdestek.org](http://csdestek.org) website in 2020. We provided a sign language option to these 9 videos where we talked about post-sexual violence support/service units and their functions.



In the video footage, while Feminist Lawyer Hülya Gülbahar is speaking, sign language translator can be seen on the right side of the screen providing the translation. The statements can also simultaneously be followed from the cc at the bottom of the screen.

### #erişilebiliriletişim (barrier-free communication)

In addition, the sign language option provided in the three most-watched videos of CŞMD ([Consent for Children, Campaign: Switch It, What is the Support System?](#)).

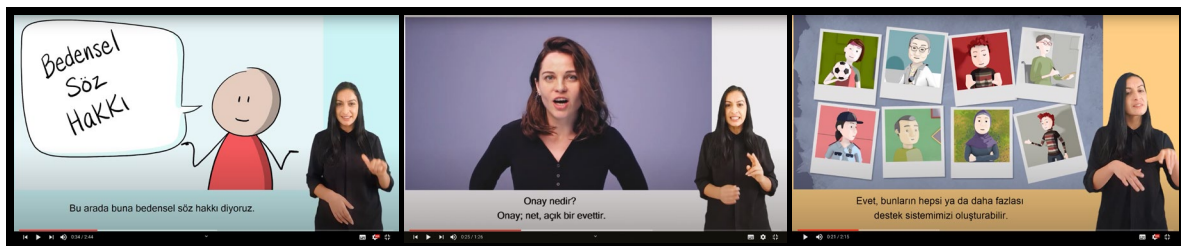
All videos with having sign language option are uploaded on [CŞMD's YouTube Channel](#) with the [#erişilebiliriletişim](#) hashtag so that the videos can be accessed altogether quickly as well.



In the podcast series "[Sexual Rights Focusing on Children and Adolescents](#)" we aimed to discuss the abuse of children through marriage, which is a form of sexual violence, with a holistic perspective by centering on children's human rights. These podcasts were first transcribed and then these transcripts were reviewed by a sign language translator and a person with hearing impairment; the sentence lengths and structures were revised so that the persons with hearing impairment can understand these most effectively.

In order to increase the accessibility of reading texts for persons with dyslexia, the italic characters in the "Support System" materials were removed and the texts were reorganized by selecting easy-to-read fonts and characters.

We will continue to make our production and activities accessible to everyone by mainstreaming this barrier-free perspective in the future.





## CŞMD'S 2020 SUPPORT STUDIES FOLLOWING SEXUAL VIOLENCE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

As the Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence, since our establishment, we have been conducting studies aiming to increase the visibility of gender inequality and forms of gender-based violence and to prevent gender-based violence before it occurs via preventive activities. Within the scope of Support System studies, we are trying to contribute to minimizing the damage caused by this violence, ensuring the survivors know and enjoy their rights. For this reason, we conduct guidance and counseling activities for meeting the demands of survivors and their relatives following the sexual violence. In addition to these, with the [csdestek.org](http://csdestek.org) website, we aim to provide support to survivors regarding legal, psychological, medical, and other issues they may be in need. To understand the impact of these studies we conducted in 2020, we made an impact assessment research. As a result, "[Support Studies Following Sexual Violence Impact Assessment Report](#)" was produced in December by Tuba Emiroğlu, who conducted the research. In this research, the impact was investigated from two dimensions. The first of these is to assess the process regarding the applications made to the Association by phone and email; the second one is to investigate the level of recognition and impact potential of [csdestek.org](http://csdestek.org).

As a result of the research, we obtained data that can shed light on the demands and needs of survivors and their relatives who applied to the Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence throughout 2020. In addition, we tried to measure the impact of the [www.csdestek.org](http://www.csdestek.org) website launched in 2020 on its users/visitors. As survivors of sexual violence, the observation that we are open to solidarity, communication, and feedback for each other has also empowered us throughout the entire study. We aimed to measure the impact of the Association's support studies, guidance/referral efforts on the applicants with this report to learn how to improve our studies.



The impact assessment report can be read by clicking [here](#).

## PANELS, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS WE ATTENDED

- On 26 April, as a guest on the live broadcast of Pavones Conversations organized by Pavones Psychology; we talked about “Sexual Violence and Support System Following Sexual Violence”.



- On 17 June, within the scope of Çocuğa Karşı Şiddeti Önleme Ortaklık Ağı (Partnership Network to Prevent Violence Against Children) activities, in the context of the Law on the Execution of Penalties discussions organized by the Yöret Foundation, we provided an interview on “Social Perception and Transformation in Struggle Against Sexual Abuse”.



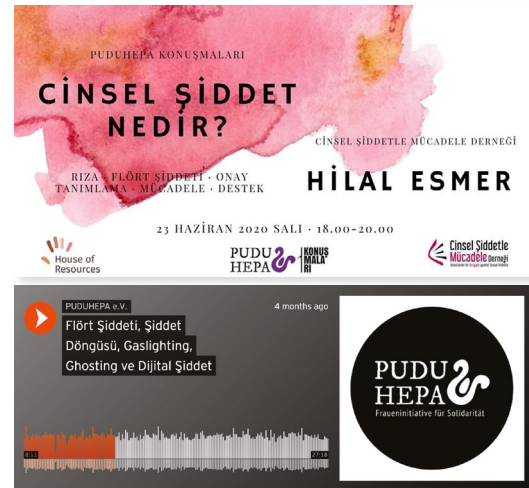
- On 20 June, at Our Queer Vegan Imaginations panel organized online within the scope of International Istanbul Vegfest, we talked about the intersectionality between queer movement and veganism and the integrated struggle for rights and freedoms.



You can watch it on [Vegan Association of Turkey's YouTube account](#).

- On 24 June, we conducted “Sexual Violence: An Introduction to Its Definition and Scope” workshop online for Şişli Municipality's Komşu Masa staff. We have provided detailed information on forms of violence, gender-based concepts, gender inequality, approaches on violence, statement of the victim, consent and myths and facts about sexual violence.

- We became guests 3 times to “Puduhepa Talks” organized by “Puduhepa e.V Women's Initiative for Solidarity” located in Berlin. We organized workshops, on 23 June on “Sexual Violence”; on 16 September on “Dating Violence”; on 27 October on “Support System and Self-Help”.



You can listen the workshop recordings at [PUDUHEPA e.V.'s soundcloud account](#).

- On “How Should Rights-Based Journalism Be in the field of Sexual Violence on Media?” for Data Science for Social Good Program; we provide support by the meeting we held on 14 September 2020 to build their contents.

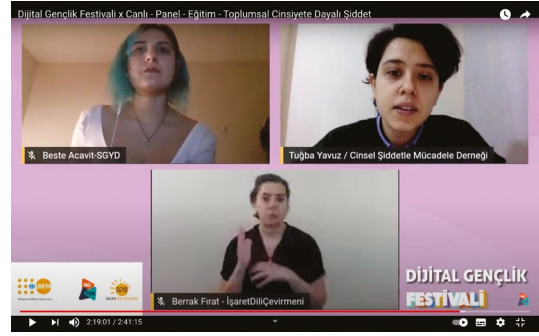
- With “Self Defense Group” consisting of independent women who come together to learn self-defense techniques; we held webinars on 26 October and 26 November respectively on “Dating Violence” and “Istanbul Convention&Law No.6284”.

- On 17 October, we provided [Vegan Feminism](#) presentation within the scope of [#BanaBirakacaginizGelecek](#)- Girls and Climate Crisis Exhibition held by Istanbul Women's Museum.



- With the scope of 25 November International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, at webinars held by Marmara and Başkent Universities Medical Students Associations, we talked about "Support System" and the obstacles to applications.

- On 6 December, within the scope of "Digital Youth Festival for Youth Rights" held by Y-Peer and Go-For, which brought together the youth organizations working in different fields within the scope of 16 days of activism, at [Gender-Based Violence panel](#), we talked about our What's Up What's Not?! Youth studies and the importance of preventive-protective approach.



## LIVE BROADCASTS/ INTERVIEWS WE ORGANIZED

**SÖYLEŞİ**

**ÇOCUK HAKLARI & CİNSEL İSTİSMAR**

Ceren Suntekin  
Çocuk Çalışmaları Uzmanı

26 Mayıs Salı, Saat: 15.00

**CANLI YAYIN**  
/cinselsiddetlemucadelederneği

**SÖYLEŞİ**

**CİNSEL İSTİSMAR YASA TASARISI**

Burcu Uçuran  
Avukat

28 Mayıs Perşembe, Saat: 20.00

**CANLI YAYIN**  
/cinselsiddetlemucadelederneği

### SEXUAL ABUSE INTERVIEWS

We talked about sexual abuse in the context of children's rights with Child Studies Specialist Ceren Suntekin on the live broadcast we organized on 26 May, and on the sexual abuse draft law with Lawyer Burcu Uçuran on the live broadcast on 28 May.

**SÖYLEŞİ**

19 Kasım Perşembe  
Saat: 20.00

**CANLI YAYIN**  
/cinselsiddetlemucadelederneği

**CİNSEL ARŞİV**

**Çiçek Tahaoğlu** Gazeteci

**Serra Akcan** Fotoğrafçı

### VISUAL ARCHIVE FOR NEWS ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE INTERVIEW

In the live broadcast we organized on 19 November, Çiçek Tahaoğlu provided a general assessment of the difficulties faced by journalists and the use of language and images used by newspapers to report violence/sexual violence. Serra Akcan, on the other hand, provided a speech about photography archives, what should be taken into consideration when building an archive as a photographer, about the rights-based photo shooting, especially about her experience on monitoring cases regarding femicides and the representation of the survivor or the limits of the use of the person's image.

You can watch live broadcast interviews on [Instagram IGTV](#).



Some of the visual productions we produced during 2020 for raising awareness and providing information are as follows...



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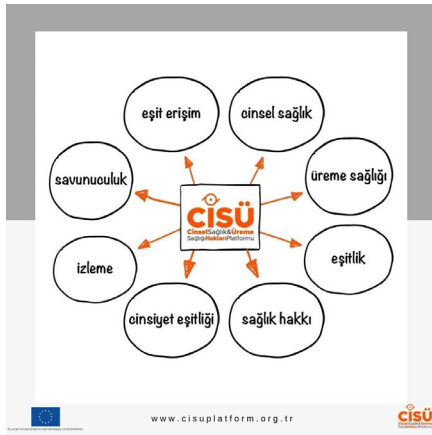
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## The Women's Platform for Equality of Turkey (EŞİK)

We became a part of the [Eşik Platform](#) formed in 2020 with more than 310 women and LGBTI+ NGOs. The platform aims to protect the obtained rights in various fields despite the attacks against alimony rights, despite Article 103 in the Turkish Penal Code that tries to bring amnesty to the convicted ones who are perpetrator of child abuse through marriage, and despite the annulment of Turkey's ratification in Istanbul Convention. In that regard, we participated in the meetings where international networks and organizations came together with women and LGBTI+ NGOs; such as; "International Feminist Meeting Against the Attacks Against the Istanbul Convention" and "Women's Platform for Equality Meeting with the members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe".



## Platform for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CISU)



With the call of the **Turkish Family Health and Planning Foundation (TAPV)**, we became a member of the [CISU Platform](#) to support advocacy efforts with an inclusive and intersectional perspective to address sexual violence as a public health problem that negatively affects sexual health and as the most fundamental violation of human rights.

## CEDAW 8. Shadow Report Meetings

With the call of the **CEDAW Civil Society Executive Committee** in Turkey, we came together to contribute to the eighth period of the shadow report as the components of the Executive Committee for the NGO Forum on CEDAW-Turkey and independent and rights-based women and LGBTI+ organizations.



## The Coalition for Sexual & Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR)

We followed the work of the Coalition for [Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies](#), which includes organizations defending sexual and bodily rights in Muslim countries and working on this issue, and became a part of solidarity under pandemic conditions as well.

## Women's Coalition-Turkey Meeting

We, as the [Women's Coalition](#) component, attended the meeting held on 19 December 2020 to determine a coalition roadmap and to get information about the coalition's monitoring work for local governments across Turkey.



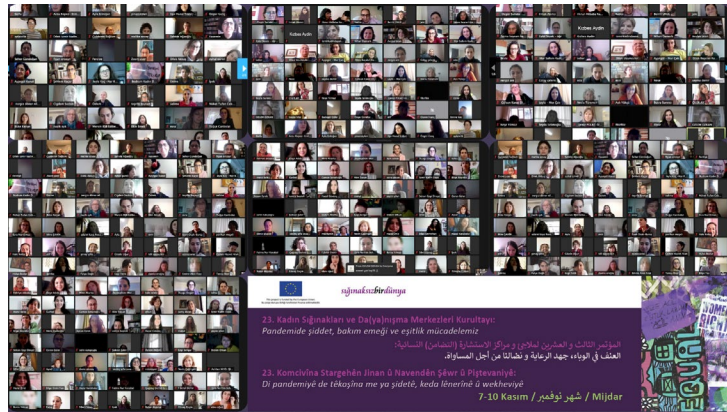


## Partnership Network for Prevention of Violence against Children

Against the legal regulation on the agenda “**Law Package on Execution of Penalties**” also known as “**Sexual abuse amnesty law**”, we came together with other organizations working on children's rights as a part of the Partnership Network. We reminded the obligations of the contracting countries including Turkey to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention), and Council of Europe Convention on Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Convention). In addition, we continued to participate in the meetings as a member of the Partnership Network's Executive Board.

## Assembly of Women's Shelters and (Counseling) Solidarity Centers

We participated in the 23rd of [Assembly of Women's Shelters and \(Counseling\) Solidarity Centers](#) in 2020. We attended the sessions held on “Pandemic, domestic labor, and sexist social policies” and “(Counseling) Solidarity Centers and Struggle Strategies in the Context of the Istanbul Convention” and contributed to the experience sharing in the workshops.



## Project Development Study for International Human Rights Violation Mechanisms

For “**Experiences of Survivors and Support/Service Units Monitoring Study**” which we will hold in 2021 with the support of [ETKİNİZ EU Program](#), we organized project development workshops for evidence-based advocacy with the facilitation of a mentor.



## Identifying Strategy in the Legislative Process Workshop

In January, we attended **Identifying Strategy in the Legislative Process Workshop** held by the [Animal Rights Monitoring Committee \(HAKİM\)](#). In this workshop, where opinions and recommendations on Legislation on Animal Rights and Current Practices Concerning Animals were shared, we contributed to the studies regarding where to draw the line; identification of main messages; lobbying activities and identification of strategy for communication.

Besides these, in 2020, we participated in advocacy meetings such as **UN Universal Periodic Review**, **AÇEV Father Support Program workshop**, **EŞİTİZ women's organizations' meeting**, **UN She Talks | Future of Equality**, **Empowerment of the Monitoring Capacity of NGOs for LGBTI+ and sex workers**, **Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM) Practices and Policies During the Pandemic Period**, **UN WOMEN-CEID Online Roundtable**, **Şugar Mekanlar LGBTI+ inclusive and safe places**, **UNFPA**, **Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality “444 80 86” Support Hotline for Women**. Also, we completed the training sessions of the **Civil Society School (STOK)**, provided by **STGM Resource Center Unit**, which is a long-term training program supported by the European Union.



## INTERVENTION/LITIGATION AND MONITORING

### The Trial: Qualified sexual exploitation of the child

We have requested intervention by participating in a case of qualified sexual abuse of the child, upon the call of the lawyer and the psychologist of the child. Our request for intervention was accepted. The decision was issued by the court of the first instance; the defendant was sentenced to 27 years. The case was brought to the higher court. We will continue to monitor the case in 2021.

### The Trial: Sexual Assault Case in Metrobus

Although our request for intervention in the case known as the "harassment case in the Metrobus" was not accepted, we continued to monitor this case in 2020. In this case, the prosecutor expressed his opinion and described the defendant's actions as sexual assault, and asked for punishment in line with the relevant article of the law. We will continue to monitor the case in 2021.

## International Advocacy Report

### ❖ CŞMD's Report Within the Scope of UN SRVAW Thematic Report on Rape as a Grave and Systematic Human Rights Violation and Gender-Based Violence Against Women

As the Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence, we submitted our report on 20, May 2020 upon the invitation to fill out a questionnaire by the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women (SRVAW) for Thematic Report on "Rape as a grave and systematic human rights violation and gender- based violence against women".

## Press Releases

- ❖ The State Should Take Emergency Measures To Combat Violence Against Women and Children!
- ❖ It is not acceptable: The Penalty Shall not Be Abated in Crimes of Sexual Violence!

We have published press releases against the increased cycle of violence created by the staying-at-home measures of coronavirus on women, children, complemented by the release of the perpetrators of sexual abuse and violence against women by the Law on the Execution of Penalties. We reminded the state of its duty and responsibility to prevent violence against women and children and to inform the public, especially women, about the measures taken.

You can read our press releases at our [website](#).



## THE PLATFORMS WE ARE MEMBER OF



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Şiddeti Önlemek İçin  
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## ÇŞMD'S SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE POLICY DOCUMENT

Sexual violence is not related to sexuality but power and authority. Knowing that no environment is immune from these power dynamics and that the Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence (ÇŞMD) is not immune from sexual violence, we produced the [Sexual Harassment and Violence Policy Document](#) in September. While we are working on the document by interrupting our activities, we received structured moderation support and consultancy from different experts from [Nonviolent Education and Research Association](#).

## CHILD SAFETY RAISING AWARENESS TRAINING

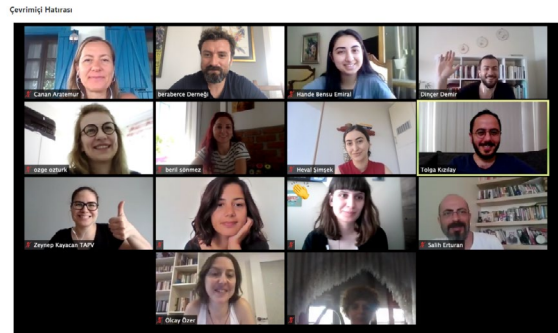
By benefiting from the **Child Safety Training Program** held by [Hayata Destek Derneği \(Support to Life\)](#), we conducted a 7-hour awareness-raising study. Following this training, which included important topics such as basic information on child protection, the relation between child protection and child safety, general principles and standards of child safety, risk analysis and risk mitigation related to child safety, and studies on the implementation of child safety, etc. we started to work on our organizational child safety policy document and directive. With ÇŞMD Child



Safety Policy Document to be published in 2021, we aim to strengthen our organizational structure and minimize the risks that our studies may pose for children.

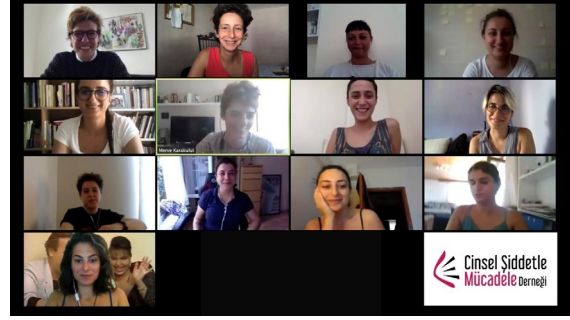
## DISTANCE EDUCATION PLANNING WORKSHOP

We attended **Distance Education for NGOs workshops** held by [Beraberce Derneği](#) from June 29 to July 10, 2020. Through this comprehensive program, we have obtained some competencies in our relations with digital tools to design workshop activities within the framework of distance education principles, to sustain and diversify these activities on online platforms.



## EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION TRAINING

In September, we received a 2-day comprehensive training program which **Ebru Nihan Celkan** provided us with competencies about effective communication, dealing with performance anxiety, communication errors, SWOT analysis, communication types, body language, and maintaining these online platforms by digital tools.



## NON-VIOLENT COMMUNICATION TRAINING

In December, from [Nonviolent Communication Association](#), we got 6-day online training based on Marshall Rosenberg's nonviolent communication method for building the capacity of trainers on nonviolent communication method in training and nonviolent communication language in meetings.

## HAKLARA DESTEK - ORGANIZATIONAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

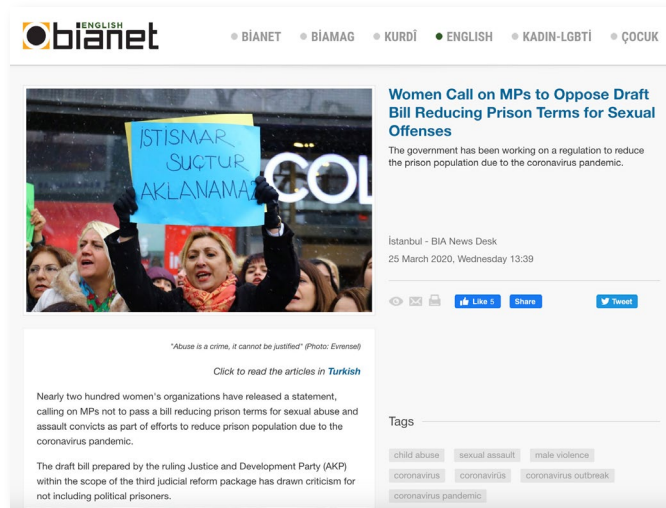
In the period July 2020-July 2021, CŞMD was qualified to participate in [Haklara Destek Programı](#) held with cooperation of [Hakikat Adalet ve Hafıza Çalışmaları Derneği \(Hafıza Merkezi\)](#) (Truth, Justice and Memory Studies Association) and EU Delegation to Turkey. In addition to funding opportunities for non-governmental organizations, **Organizational Mentorship Program** is also within the scope of this support.

During this Program, CŞMD has been implementing the activities it aims to realize within the framework of its Strategy Plan, and receiving the capacity-building training and expert consultancy it needs within the program objectives. Within the scope of this Program, we continue to receive expert support on improving human resources and organizational structure, as well as training on Project Design and Implementation, Financial Sustainability, Organizational Strategy, and Strategic Planning. Together with participating NGOs, we attended workshops where we shared experience on creating policy documents and digital security in line with our needs. Together with our mentor, we plan to create our organizational documents. Just like in the STGM Birlikte Program, our Haklara Destek Program mentor is extremely responsive to our questions and needs and provides us with support and guidance in all matters.

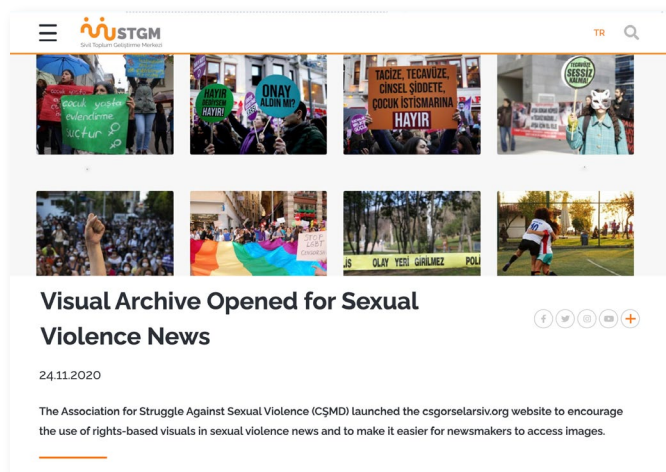
Within the scope of the Program, we covered some of our administrative and translation expenses until the end of 2020, and benefited from the workshops conducted by the moderators of the Nonviolent Education and Research Association to create the CŞMD's Sexual Violence Policy Document. We aim to complete the Gender Policy Document, Human Resources Procedure Document, and CŞMD's Financial Guide by July 2021.

Haklara Destek Program contributes to the Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence to take organizational steps for carrying out more qualified activities. We think that benefiting from expert and consultancy support in areas such as human resources and financial management that we need will provide our Association with important gains in the long term. The services we got benefitted from with the support of organizational grants provide some key contributions to us in eliminating the structural deficiencies of the Association and overcoming some problems. We would like to thank Truth, Justice, and Memory Studies Association and its partners; coordinators, experts, and our mentor who contributed to the Program for providing us all this support.

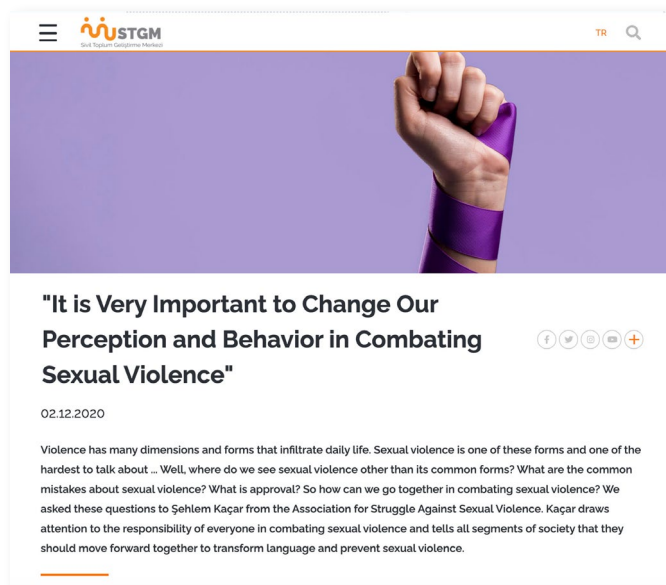
The interviews we provided for various media organizations and some of the English news published about us in 2020...



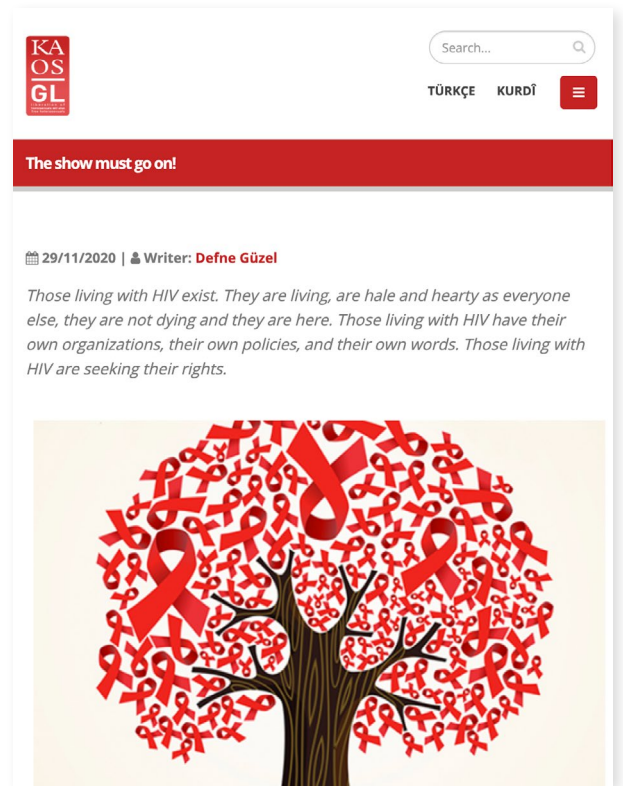
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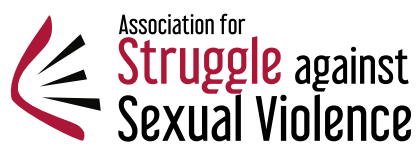
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