# 2022 ACTIVITY REPORT







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### GREETINGS FROM CŞMD,

Hello Again,

2022 was a difficult year for anyone who wanted to live their life freely and without fear; in an equal, just, free, peaceful, and safe world. We witnessed the devastating effects of war on societies, especially women and children. While the racist, sexist violence and exploitation of Syrian women was ongoing in Turkey, we had to react as all Turkish societies to rape being used as joke material by men who invited Russian and Ukrainian women fleeing from war in order to exploit them sexually, physically, economically, and emotionally!

The protests that began with **Jina Mahsa Amini** being murdered in police custody by the morality police became one of the touchstones of feminist history. As women and LGBTI+s yearning for equality and freedom, we supported Iranian women from all over the world. We also took to the streets for right to education in Afghanistan, for the right to abortion in the USA and Colombia, and to say "**istanbul Convention** is ours, we are not giving up on our rights and our lives" to those who call us names like slut or pervert.

CŞMD was in solidarity with the **We Will Stop Femicide Platform** that was attempted to be closed on the grounds that "it ignores the concept of the family under the guise of defending women's rights", **Rosa Women's Association** whose members were detained in police raids, and **Tarlabaşı Community Center** which was again attempted to be closed because it supposedly fulfilled its duty. We will continue our solidarity and fight as one against those who want to shut us down. We will continue to resist 361 activists being arrested during **Pride Week** events, at least 216 activists being arrested with brute force on **November 25 the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**, our living spaces being restricted with bans on festivals and concerts, and the government that attempts to put women whom it does not find reasonable like Gülşen and Sezen Aksu with threats and incarceration.

As we predicted last year, oppression and censorship especially of the media and civil society has been increasing in this pre-election period. Prof. Dr. Şebnem Korur Fincancı, president of the Turkish Medical Association and human rights activist, has been arrested; civil society actors, especially architects, engineers, and media workers involved in urban advocacy were sentenced to decades of imprisonment on the grounds of Gezi Solidarity. Like its rights-based allies, our association has also been targeted by black propaganda groups numerous times.

Our association, which has been working to alleviate the damages of sexual violence since 2014, has continued with all its employees to receive deep democracy training and grow its capacity through self-help and self-care work. Because we will not have the same language and approach as those we are struggling against. We will not reproduce or adopt the language of violence.

This was a year in which we as C\$MD prioritized collaboration. We communicated our rights violations report on behalf of survivors of sexual violence at the **CEDAW** session in Geneva. We attended the **25th Congress for Women's Shelters** hosted by the Rosa Women's Association. We built new collaborations with municipalities and grew our solidarity. We interacted with thousands of youth on dating violence and safe relationships through our collaboration with **Tabukamu**. We wanted to raise and advocate for our voices on social media, mainstream media, and independent media. For more, flip the pages and take a look inside.

Stay with love, solidarity, and organized struggle!

### **BRIEF HISTORY**

2014 ESTABLISHMENT



- → Social Incubation Center
- > Website
- > Awareness Activities started!



2016

- > Workshops and Seminars started!
- > Visual Productions and Social Media
- > Concept Discussions
- > What's Up What's Not?! Project started!



2018

- > Switch It! Project started!
- Where is the Support System? Project started!
- "Child Tells, Do Listen: Prevent Abuse" Campaign



2020

- csdestek.org
- > csgorselarsiv.org
- > Barrier-Free Communication Activities
- Corporate Sustainability and Policy Documents activities



2022

- Post-Sexual Violence Application
   System announced
- What's Up What's Not?! & Tabukamu collaboration started!

2017



- "Change Starts With Me" Workshops
- > Project: Transforming Our Language
- What's Up What's Not?! The Dissemination Program started!
- > Advocacy work started!

2019



- "We are Talking About Safe Relationships" University Seminars
- Children's Bodily Autonomy
   Dissemination Program started
- > Sexual Rights are Human Rights Project

2021

- Organizational Structure changed
- > csdestek.org available in 4 languages
- Change Starts With Me Workshops Digitalised



**Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violen**ce (C\$MD) stands against the binary gender polarization that narrows our life and struggles areas, the gender practices we are forced to, and the stereotypical perception of sexual violence in language and social memory. It emerged as a result of our need to open up space for our bodies, words, sexuality, anger as survivors of sexual violence, and our voices that are silenced. Our association, which was officially established in the summer of 2014, took its current form by feeding off the work carried out at the Women's Platform Against Sexual Violence between 2009 and 2013, the experience, research, and writings of trans activist Ali Arıkan, and our knowledge. We are trans and non-trans women, trans men, and gender-neutral individuals questioning the binary gender system, are from various sexual orientations, remain to be actively involved in feminist, LGBTI+, ecology, and animal liberation movements, child and immigrant rights organizations, and platforms in these fields. We are an anti-hierarchical organization that advocates for queer imagination, feminism, solidarity,

### **OUR VALUES**

and collective production.

### cşmd is a queer feminist association:

While C\$MD is combatting sexual violence perpetrated against all forms of physical beings in different forms and manifestations, it notes that these different forms are fed by different or multiple power systems / mechanisms such as patriarchy, general and public morality, polarized gender binary system, racism, nationalism, and speciesism; and it devotes itself to act without establishing any kind of hierarchy between them. Therefore, it adopts queer and feminist perspectives / methods that can allow the intersection of both similar and different fields of struggle.

### it is inclusive and intersectional:

It does not define its field of activity as an association limited to serve a certain area such as women, LGBTI+, youth or children. Sexual violence is a form of violence which can be perpetrated against children, young people, elderly people, persons who identify themselves as a woman or man, persons who do not fit into any gender in gender binary system, refugees, persons with disabilities, LGBTI+, animals; and it is a form of violence that the can be perpetrated against any person from any profession, gender, social class, country, ideology, belief and lifestyle. C\$MD embraces this inclusion and intersection in all the information it provides and in all the materials it produces.

### it is creative and flexible:

It always cares about experience sharing and sustainability. At the same time, it is open to change and development, new ideas and methods while being flexible.

### it has a critical point of view:

It acts with the assumption that sexual violence is a matter directly related to power and authority. It questions and criticizes the power dynamics and the norms arising from these dynamics. In the same way, it gives importance to the mechanisms of criticism and self-criticism in building communication within the Association.

### it is anti-hierarchical:

CŞMD is an anti-hierarchical association that believes the power of teamwork and solidarity. In case of building internal and external communication, it embraces the open communication and transparency approach. It does not establish any hierarchy among the forms of violence; it is in a constant struggle against all forms of sexual violence, while giving priority to the invisible forms of sexual violence.

### it is sex-positive:

C\$MD has a point of view that sexuality is a common phenomenon and that everyone can enjoy their sexuality in different forms and in various ways. It respects personal values. It does not associate sexuality with public morality, nor limit it to gender norms. It does not establish any hierarchy between the attitudes and practices of persons regarding their sexuality and it defends the consent and communication. It considers the sexuality, as something shall be spoken-out loud and it encourages the persons to talk about their sexuality. The right to comprehensive and inclusive sexuality education, which is implemented from a sex-positive perspective, is among the areas that CSMD built as a part of its struggle.

# it embraces anti-discrimination and equality:

C\$MD is against all kinds of discrimination based on the factors such as gender, age, race, religion, language, political or other opinion, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, health status, disability status, marital status, asylum seeker or refugee status. It has a zero tolerate policy against hate speech and discrimination, speciesism, sexism, homophobia / transphobia / bifobia, and any form of discrimination. Working principles of C\$MD include providing and ensuring a working environment where everyone can feel safe and free from prejudices.

### it embraces anti-speciesism:

C\$MD argues that all animals are sentient beings having the right to live without being exploited, tortured or ill treated. As the sign of its struggle against speciesism and against the exploitation of animals; C\$MD embraces the abstention from all animal products and by-products within its office environment and during its activities. It does not use its financial resources for the products obtained as a result of animal exploitation.

### it adopts participatory approach:

CŞMD focuses on and encourages the participation of children, young people and survivors in its field of studies. It participates in rights-based networks and platforms that can enhance the combat against sexual violence. It uses consensus as a method of decision-making; it cares about participation and collective production.

# testimony carries an evidentiary weight:

C\$MD believes the testimonies of the survivors. Survivors do not bear the burden of proof in their testimonies, they are not obliged to prove and document the violence they are exposed to. C\$MD does not look for evidence to initiate the necessary processes. It acts to operate mechanisms that strengthen those exposed to violence and support their well-being.

### it is accountable and transparent:

CŞMD considers the principle of transparency and accountability in its activities, actions and financial resources. It constructs the methods and structures that will ensure that resources are used wise and responsibly.

### it promotes the global ecosystem:

C\$MD imagines a world where there is no exploitation against all living things in the ecosystem. It is aware of the fact that the climate crisis targets the entire ecosystem and all the lives within it. It treats climate justice as a political problem and it adopts a responsible approach. It uses its resources in this direction. arını bu yönde kullanır.

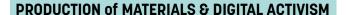
### it is an anti-militarist association:

C\$MD is an anti-militarist association, it is against every organized or unorganized policy and practice of violence; it has a structure that uses nonviolent communication methods believing in the right of self-defense.

## 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.



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 provide, 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 produce content that strengthen the capacities of individuals, institutions and non-governmental organizations that provide services and support for the rights and needs of survivors of sexual violence. Within the scope of the support system, we provide referral and resource support via our Social Worker to people who apply to us. We prepare support units-map, produce and disseminate self-help materials.













# WHAT HAVE WE DONE IN 2022?

publications released

ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING MEETINGS ATTENDED

2.482 BENEFICIARIES REACHED THROUGH WORKSHOPS, CAPACITY-BUILDING, DISSEMINATION PROGRAMS AND SEMINAR/WEBINARS

970 YOUNG PEOPLE MET AS PART OF WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS/WEBINARS

8.000 YOUNG PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH CONTENT CREATED IN COLLABORATON WITH TABUKAMU

PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH JUDICIAL/SOCIAL CONSULTANCY AND REFERRAL SERVICES

60.608.709 ONLINE AND PRINT NEWS ARTICLES REACHED

20.966.568 RIGTS-BASED VISUAL CONTENT REACHED

**32.000** FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS REACHED

**38.500** INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS REACHED

17.400 TWITTER FOLLOWERS REACHED

2.200 YOUTUBE SUBSCRIBERS REACHED

**6.935** PODCAST LISTENERS REACHED

42.448 WEBSITE VISITORS REACHED

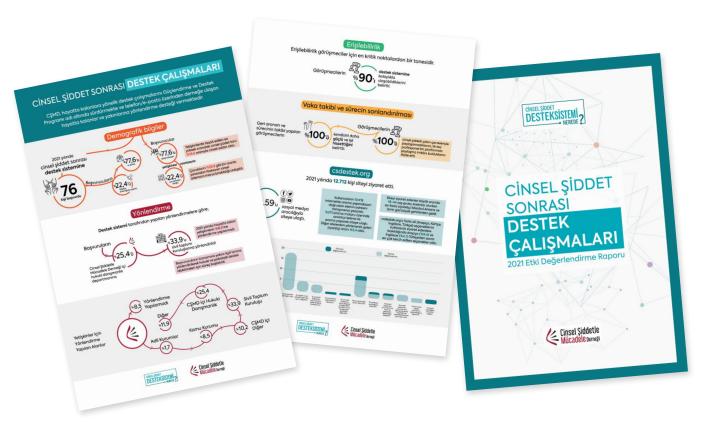
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As the Empowerment and Support Program, we continued the activities we do to empower and support women who survived sexual violence and their relatives in 2022. We worked with an independent researcher to measure the impact of the support we provided in 2021 on survivors and published the "Post-Sexual Violence Support Works, 2021 Impact Assessment Report". In the report, we touched on subjects such as the impact of the support system, demographic information of survivors, first contact, case follow-ups, social-emotional empowerment, feeling less lonely, and the effort to continue the process, and tried to include feedback from survivors. We reached even more people by creating the infographic of the report.

We officially announced our <u>post-sexual violence application system</u> and application channels, for which we have been carrying out feasibility studies for the past two years. We provided legal and social counseling to 54 people who applied to our association through phone or e-mail in 2022. Through this support, we aimed to ensure survivors could better enjoy their rights and had more access to services.





### **EMPOWERMENT** AND **SUPPORT** PROGRAM



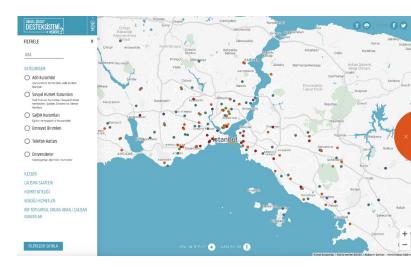
This year, we took our first steps in creating a volunteer psychologist network, did a feasibility study, and set our criteria by getting expert consultancy. We put the legal consultancy we have been providing for the past three years, its scope and criteria in writing.

This year, we accelerated our work to strengthen cooperation with support and service provider organizations. We held faceto-face meetings with five service providers (Women's Counselling Centers) in Istanbul and received a promise to continue our cooperation with efforts to reduce the damages of sexual violence. We attended the 25th Congress for Women's Shelters held in Diyarbakır and shared our experiences in the field with feminists from Turkev. We continued to emphasize that receiving supervision support is a right for occupational experts who provide guidance and consultancy support in municipalities, civil society organizations, and other public corporations to protect them from secondary trauma at every opportunity.

We continued to develop <u>csdestek.org</u> this year as well. With support from an expert editor, we did feedback studies on the website and translated supporting articles on post-sexual violence processes to Turkish, which we selected based on need and demand. We accelerated our accessibility work and added

an "Accessible Menu" extension to csdestek. org, began preparing the reader-friendly version of the website, made the "Sexual violence definitions" and "To where can I file a report?" sections reader-friendly, and supported the website with image descriptions. We updated our **İstanbul Units Map**, like we do every year.

We contributed to a news article prepared by Hürriyet Newspaper on post-sexual violence support systems with remarks from our social workers along with supporting materials and the csdestek.org website.



# CHILDREN'S BODILY AUTONOMY DISSEMINATION PROGRAM

Thanks to our pool of implementors which has been growing since 2019, the Children's Bodily Autonomy seminars were carried out 97 times and reached 2188 adults in 2022.

This year, we did our annual dissemination workshop in May in İzmir, with the invitation of the İzmir Metropolitan Municipality's (IMM) PERGEL Project. Following the 5-day workshop that we carried out as part of our dissemination program, we met again in October for a follow-up meeting. The İzmir team who attended the dissemination workshop has reached 667 adults by carrying out 25 seminars since May.

Guidance counselors, İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality, and İstanbul District Municipality teams who were a part of the implementing team prior to 2022 continued to carry out seminars this year as well. İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality implementers **reached 901 adults** 





by carrying out a total of **51 seminars** in the Avcılar, Bahçelievler, Bakırköy, Esenler, Eyüpsultan, Gaziosmanpaşa, Güngören, Arnavutköy, Pendik, Sultanbeyli, Sultangazi, Ümraniye, Üsküdar-Çengelköy, Fatih and Zeytinburnu districts.

The guidance counselor and Istanbul district municipality teams reached a total of 610 adults through 20 seminars. Our Sariyer municipality team conducted seminars for kindergarten parents and municipality personnel. Seminars were conducted in Kadıköy Municipality's Women's Guesthouse, Atasehir Municipality's Women's Guesthouse, as well as Youth and Culture Centers. Moreover, our guidance counselors have found opportunities to work with many primary and middle school parents, along with Maltepe CRC (Counseling Research Center) employees, Psychological Guidance and Counseling, and Pre-School Teaching Education students. One of our guidance counsellors continued to spread our seminars in Bodrum in cooperation with Bodrum City Council Women's Assembly.

The children's book "Ask Me" which focuses on the topic of consent was published by Özge Öztürk Birdal, an expert who attended the dissemination workshop in 2019, after two years of work inspired by the workshop.

We translated and published the "Responsibilities of Adults in the Struggle Against Sexual Abuse" manual in Arabic and Kurdish.







In line with our protective-preventive work on sexual abuse, we published the ""Receiving A Child's Sexual Abuse Statement" video prepared by the NSPCC after translating it into Turkish within the program.



### WHAT'S UP WHAT'S NOT?! YOUTH PROGRAM

What's Up What's Not (NVNY) and Tabukamu joined forces with the motto "Everyone who wishes to have a relationship deserves to experience exciting, beautiful, happy, and more importantly, safe relationships free of oppression and violence". We made our knowledge and professional practice on dating violence, safe relationships, consent in sexual behaviors, and personal boundaries more accessible through informative texts and interactive tests. We will continue to provide more resources in 2023 at tabukamu.com/nvny.

Municipality personnel who attended the dissemination program in 2020 and 2022 reached 550 high-school youth through practices focusing on dating violence and safe relationships throughout the year.



We carried out a 5-day face-to-face "Working with Young People on Safe Relationships" NVNY Dissemination Workshop.

We continued to come together with high school and university students to talk about dating violence, safe relationships, personal boundaries, and consent. We carried out face-to-face and online "We are Talking About Safe Relationships" seminars at the Boğaziçi University Sociology Department, Simurg Association, Lefke European University Psychology Department, Beylikdüzü Municipality, Sabancı University Civic Involvement Projects, and Hacettepe University Queer Studies Society. We introduced

our association and NVNY program at the "Awareness Week" organized by Koç University Counseling Service.



The "Working with Youth on Safe Relationships: An Implementation Handbook for Educators and Counsellors" continued to be in demand with educators and occupational experts working with youth. The handbook was delivered to guidance counselors, branch teachers, municipality employees, and clinical psychologists from cities such as istanbul, izmir, Ankara, Bartın, Konya, and Eskişehir.

We continued to produce and share informative and empowering visual content towards young people on dating violence, safe relationships, personal boundaries, and the concept of consent via the What's Up What's Not?! Instagram account.

We collaborated on a content entitled "First Sexual Experience: How Can I Notice Sexual Violence?" for bizimaramizda.org, Youth Approaches to Health Association's website aiming to provide youth with timely and accurate information on teen development, teen health, sexual health, and sexual rights.

We took part in the "The Role and Importance of Digital Platforms in Access to Comprehensive Sexual Education" webinar organized by the Youth Approaches to Health Association.

veter ki güvensiz olmasın aşk NE YOR?! 2022'de neler yaptım? iletişim kurdum Rahatça İhtiyaçlarımı hayır diyebildim gözettim Hayatta Siddete karşı Güvensiz kalanlarla ilişkileri dayanıştım cıkardım sonlandırdır Cinsel Şiddetle Mijcadele Derneği NE YOU?!

We took part in the "Sexual Health is Your Right" campaign of <u>Sexual and Reproductive</u> <u>Health and Rights Platform Turkey</u> (CİSÜ Platform), of which we are a member, with a video on "consent and safe relationships" as well as a podcast episode on "safe sexuality and safe relationships".

As part of the 16-day Activism Campaign, two tests we co-prepared with Tabukamu on societal norms that feed dating violence and safe relationships had full-page features in Milliyet newspaper.



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### "CHANGE STARTS WITH ME" AWARENESS WORKSHOPS



The "Change Starts with Me" Awareness Workshops we conduct to reduce sexual violence and abuse by changing societal misconceptions, making protective-preventive studies more widespread, reminding the responsibilities that fall on us in, and increasing awareness around the struggle against sexual violence



have continued in 2022. We disseminated 5 modules to different target groups with both face-to-face and online workshops. We continued to run the workshop "Struggling Against Sexual Abuse of Animals" together with the Animal Rights Watch Committee.

We conducted **Dating Violence and Safe Relationships Workshop** with Eskişehir Women's Studies Unit, Nesin Villages Foundation, İstanbul Beşiktaş Municipality Directorate of Women and Family Services;

Protective-Preventive Approach to Sexual Abuse Workshop with Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Neighborhood Houses, Siirt University Children's Rights Society, and Support to Life Association Adana;





Struggle Against Sexual Violence against Animals Workshop with Bilkent University Animal Friends Society, ÜNİHAK Inter-Universities Animal Rights Society, Diyarbakır Bar Association Animal Rights Center, Search and Rescue Dogs Association, Bahçeşehir University Law Faculty Nature and Animal Rights Laboratories;

**Rights-Based Journalism in Sexual Violence Workshop** with Ataşehir and Şişli Municipalities' Media Unit.

In 2022, we reached 271 people by conducting 16 full-day-workshops in 8 cities.





### "CHANGE STARTS WITH ME" WORKSHOP MODULES

### MOD 1) Dating Violence and Safe Relationships

The definition and forms of dating violence, concepts and common myths in society, characteristics of safe relationships, protective-preventive approach, methods of struggle and intervention **Target group:** Professionals working with young people such as psychological counselors, psychologists, social workers, lawyers, field workers (NGO, RAM, Municipality employees)

### MOD 2) Preventive Protective Approach to Sexual Abuse

The definition and forms of sexual abuse, rights-based approach when working with children, concepts of consent and boundaries for children, protective-preventive approach, methods of struggle and intervention

**Target group:** Professionals working with children such as psychological counselors, psychologists, social workers, field workers (NGO, RAM, Municipality employees)

### MOD 3) Sexual Violence, Concepts and Methods for Prevention

Concepts of Gender and LGBTI+, the definition and forms of sexual violence; concepts and common myths in society, support after experiencing sexual violence, empowering language and approach

**Target group:** Professionals working with survivors such as psychological counselors, psychologists, social workers, lawyers, field workers (NGO, Municipality employees)

### MOD 4) Struggle Against Sexual Abuse of Animals

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

Target group: General audience

### MOD 5) Rights Based Journalism About Sexual Violence

Gender and LGBTI+ concepts, myths about sexual violence, rights-based journalism, empowering language and approach, reporting on sexual violence, correct language use and media responsibility

Target group: Press members

### ADVOCACY AND NETWORK ACTIVITIES

In 2022, we continued to do a lot of advocacy work within networks we are a member of, did in-house work to improve our team's advocacy capacity, and presented reports to international mechanisms.

### PARTICIPATION IN THE 82nd SESSION OF CEDAW

# (COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN)

The committee that investigates the implementation of the "Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women Convention" by state parties and makes recommendations held its 82nd session in June in Geneva.

As part of the CEDAW Civil Society Executive Committee, we observed the process, contributed to the joint report, and submitted our own shadow report to the committee as an institution.



# COUNCIL OF STATE CASES: WE ARE NOT GIVING UP ON THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION!

As bar associations, trade associations, civil society organizations, and non-governmental organizations, we went to the Council of State for our most basic human rights, our existence, and our lives, for the annulment of the decision to withdraw from



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the Istanbul Convention. We monitored the cases to show that we are not giving up on the Istanbul Convention, which focuses on the human rights of survivors of violence and was unlawfully withdrawn from one night with the decision of one man.

On the anniversary of the unlawful withdrawal from the istanbul Convention, we acted in unison with networks we are a part of to tell once again that "We are not giving up on the Istanbul Convention!".

# OPUZ V. TURKEY GROUP OF CASES, RULE 9.2 SUBMISSION

As C\$MD, we began to monitor European Court of Human Rights decisions this year. We continued to present our independent reports to international mechanisms as a civil society organization on the decisions of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe regarding the Opuz v. Turkey Group of Cases.In this report we prepared with the support of ETKİNİZ EU, we stated our opinion on these cases that will be heard with the contributions of the European Implementation Network (EIN).

# SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN FROM IRAN

We came together with Iranian women who were rebelling and making noise against the male-dominated system and hetero-patriarchal order. We held meetings with Iranian women we were already in contact with, to discuss organizing to grow the solidarity. We touched upon the increase in sexual violence against women and LGBTI+s during times of crisis, war, and in societal movements. We declared that "We are fighting for our rights and freedom, and we know that we are here thanks to the struggle of women and LGBTI+s who engaged in self-defense, and those who lost their lives".

### WE CELEBRATED THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN'S COALITION



# THE 25TH CONGRESS FOR WOMEN'S SHELTERS AND COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT CENTERS



We attended the 25th Congress for Women's Shelters and Counselling and Support Centers as the Empowerment and Support Program team. We introduced the support system work of C\$MD and participated innetwork and policy-making activities by getting together with other organizations that are actively working on their support systems.

# ATTENDING THE "PARTNERING TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE" CONFERENCE

The conference organized by UN Women to prevent and intervene in sexual violence in the West Balkans and Turkey was attended by the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, artists, activists, government officials, and local government officials. Critical policy recommendations as well as a summary of foundational steps to accelerate their implementation were given by many rights-based institutions during the conference.

# VISIT OF UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR REEM ALSALEM AND THE ROUNDTABLE MEETING

During the visit of the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, Its Causes and Consequences, Reem Alsalem, in Turkey between July 18-27, we as C\$MD attended the roundtable meeting she held with civil society organizations and relayed the current situation on sexual violence in Turkey. You can find her preliminary findings and recommendations after the visit here.

# CONSULTATIVE STATUS APPLICATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC)

We applied for consultative status within The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of the principal organs of the United Nations, with support from ETKİNİZ EU. We then published a brochure entitled "What is the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and what does it do?". The guide contained information on the organizational structure and operations of ECOSOC and acted as a guide for the council's consultative status applications, due July 1st.



### PARTNERSHIP NETWORK TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN



On June 18th, 2022, the **Partnership Network to Prevent Violence Against Children** held its 5th Ordinary General Assembly. The executive board and the partnership network secretariat were selected during the general assembly for the 2022-2024 term. We attended this assembly and were one of the organizations to be re-elected to the executive board. You can find the final declaration of the general assembly at <a href="http://www.cocugasiddetionluy-oruz.net/duyurular/5-genel-kurul-sonuc-bildirimi">http://www.cocugasiddetionluy-oruz.net/duyurular/5-genel-kurul-sonuc-bildirimi</a>

We attended the "Preventing Child Sexual Abuse and Children's Rights" panel organized by the Network for the Rights of Children with Disabilities to talk about protective-preventive approaches to sexual abuse.

### CİSÜ PLATFORM

We continued to attend the meetings of the **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Platform Turkey (CiSU Platform)**, of which we are a member. As a member, we contributed to its campaign that calls attention to false/missing information on sexual and reproductive health and educates on topics such as sexually transmitted infections, measures to prevent unwanted pregnancy, safe pregnancy, and the right to abortion.

In the scope of **CİSÜ Meetings in Parliament**, a presentation was made to a group including members of the Turkish parliament from TİP, HDP, and CHP political parties. In the presentation, the demands for access to effective and quality hormones, gender-affirming operations to be funded by the state and have a standardization that is monitored, and the prevention of rights violations during gender-affirming processes.

We attended the Evaluating Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Services and Solution Recommendations Workshop. We moderated a session during this conference in which many needs around SHR services, the inadequacies of family practice centers, and problems faced by immigrants, people with disabilities, and LGBTI+s were discussed.

### **OUR OTHER ADVOCACY WORKS**

- We became a part of the advisory committee of the Association for Gender Equality Policies, which was founded to support the development of institutional policies ensuring gender equality.
- On March 10, we conducted a seminar entitled "There is No Excuse for Sexual Violence: Support Systems and Empowering Information" to three Family Consultancy and Education Centers of the İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality.
- By getting together with the Human Rights Unit of the **German Consulate General in Istanbul**, we exchanged ideas on the current situation, introduced our association, and discussed potential collaborations.
- We attended a roundtable meeting on mainstreaming gender equality in the scope of the
  "Supporting the Effective Implementation of the Turkish Constitutional Court Judgments in
  the Field of Fundamental Rights" EU-CoE Joint Project. The current situation in Turkey was
  discussed around decisions on individual applications relating to gender equality by the
  Constitutional Court and the implementation of those decisions, for European standards
  on gender equality to be effectively implemented in Turkey.
- We continued to participate in the preparatory meetings for the Sexual Violence
   Consultancy Services that will serve under the İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality Women
   and Family Services Directorate and to express our opinions on the sexual violence hotline.
   We attended the Gender-Based Violence and Preventing Discrimination session that was
   held within the scope of IMM Purple Workshops. Monitoring the IMM's Local Equality Action
   Plan (LEAP), finding new avenues of cooperation, and ensuring that the plan can be

implemented more effectively in the future were discussed. Receiving feedback on the reflection of our LEAP monitoring for the previous year and identifying primary implementation and cooperation areas of the following year was included in agenda.

- As the constituent of The Women's Platform for Equality (EŞİK), we continued to support
  its agendas of the "Do not touch the laws" campaign, İstanbul Convention Council of
  State cases, gender-based violence, discrimination, changes to the Penal Code of Turkey
  and the İstanbul Convention.
- We attended and introduced our association's activities in the "Digitalization in Women's Studies Workshop" organized by the Blue Pen Association.
- We attended the "Comprehensive Sexual Education in Formal Education: Limits and Results" Panel where standards and possible actions for comprehensive sexual education from preschool to secondary education were discussed.
- At the invitation of **istanbul Gelişim University**, we introduced our association and informed students from Psychology and other departments about the legal dimension of sexual violence.
- By contacting the Geneva Feminist Collective in Switzerland, we became a part of the **FeministasTransfronterizas Network**, mainly comprised of Latin American feminists.
- We attended the Civil Voices Festival organized every year by the Association of Civil Society Development Center to unite civil society, and promoted CŞMD and its activities.
- We attended the international seminar on **Monitoring and Evaluation of Women's Access to Justice** that was organized in the scope of the "Fostering Women's Access to Justice in Turkey" project on June 24th, 2022.
- We attended the solidarity meetings held in the scope of the international ODOS (One Day One Struggle) campaign of The Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR) that were co-organized by Kaos GL and KiH-YÇ.
- In the scope of **TED University**'s project aiming to increase awareness on sexuality, we made a presentation on sexual rights and legal regulations on sexual violence.
- We attended the "Deep Poverty, LGBTI+s and Equality" event that hosted Hacer Foggo from the Deep Poverty Network. Information and field experience were shared on the current situation in Turkey, LGBTI+ poverty, and LGBTI+s access to support systems.
- In the scope of the **Equalab** media mentorship program InnovationLab, we attended the **Civil Society, Advocacy and Media Cooperation Panel** where we introduced our association and its experiences around media cooperation.
- As C\$MD, we attended and contributed to the **Positive Space Advocacy Workshop** held to investigate the current situation of LGBTI+ and HIV civil society, focusing on the needs of LGBTI+s living with HIV and improving coordination.

### LEGAL ADVOCACY

### **Bartin Case**

In the scope of our association's work for the struggle against sexual abuse of animals, we attended the Bartın Case about a man who raped a dog. Alongside other associations, we requested to be an intervening party on the case which was being heard at the Criminal Court of First Instance in Bartın, but the court only accepted the involvement of NGOs working in the Bartın province. As C\$MD, we continued to follow the case.

### Tarlabaşı Community Center is Not Alone

Tarlabaşı Community Center (TTM), which functions to improve the education levels of women and children in the Tarlabaşı district was faced with closure and cessation of activities through a total of 3 cases, during which we showed solidarity to TMM. We attended the case hearings and continued to monitor the cases as a large crowd to demonstrate that civil society organizations are not alone and to emphasize solidarity.

### **Pride March**

Taksim Pride March which was held during Pride Month was met with police brutality and later reached the highest number of arrests made during a Pride march. Our lawyer provided support through the night at Vatan Police Headquarters to those arrested, to prevent potential acts of violence in the police station, and accompany the statements.

### 9.2 Notice

We prepared and presented a 9.2 notice that describes our association's 2021 institution monitoring outputs and the current situation to the Opuz Group which was formed to monitor EcHR decisions and whether the rights violations were rectified by government authorities in cases where the courts held that there was a violation. We also became a part of a network that was formed to monitor rule 9.2.

### **Our Other Legal Advocacy Works**

- We attended the closure case opened against **We Will Stop Femicide Platform Turkey** and requested to be an intervening party.
- We attended the solidarity and introductory meeting and training of the **European Implementation Network (EIN)**.
- At the invitation of the **Freja Forum**, we made a presentation on how access to human rights and advocacy has been changing in a digitalizing world.
- We supported an op-ed on **Gazete Duvar** by providing our legal opinion, due to child sexual abuse being on the agenda.

### **MEDIA ACTIVITIES**

We continued our work in transforming the language of the media and others who create content on sexual violence in 2022. We carried out seminars and workshops on using the right words.

# Switch It! oyledegilboyle.org Renewal Activities

In 2019, we prepared the Switch It! campaign to intervene on societal misconceptions and false approaches by scanning mainstream media news article titles, starting from the foundation of the existing media language full of myths, and then teaching the correct approach and words. In 2022, we added content and renew the oyledegilboyle.org, which is a resource for media outlets and civil society organizations informing on sexual/sexualized violence, so they can use the right words. In 2023, media workers will be able to utilize oyledegilboyle.org as a reference site.





### Visual Archive <u>csgorselarsiv.org</u>

Our visual archive website was created in the hopes of promoting the use of visuals that are in line with rights-based journalism, have the right message, and are empowering by the press, media workers, and civil society organizations in their news articles on sexual violence. As part of our efforts to improve the site, we held a roundtable meeting to get suggestions from media workers and journalists and meet their needs around site use.

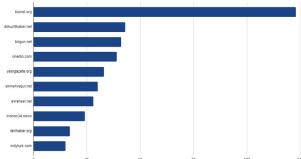
A monitoring study was done by the MINT research team on the usage and prevalence of the visual archive. The MINT team has examined its prevalence by looking at where and how the images are used online as well as the image download data provided by the content management system to share their observations and suggestions.

In 2022, 172 new images were uploaded to the Visual Archive. The number of members reached 499, the number of photographers



51, and the number of images 682. 588 of those images are approved and already ready for use on the website. The rate of photographers uploading images has risen by 80% since 2021, and the usage rate increased 23% from the previous year. Support and consultancy categories were developed.





### Events we participated in within the scope of media studies

- We attended the Women, LGBTI+, and Child-Centered Journalism field meetings held by Bianet. We also held a roundtable with media workers, where the feedback from the journalists was that they benefited from our publications.
- In the scope of the March 8<sup>th</sup> activities, we held a seminar on "Media News, Language, and Sexual Violence" with Be Aware! Association, a social responsibility platform that develops projects on children, elders, women, and animal rights.

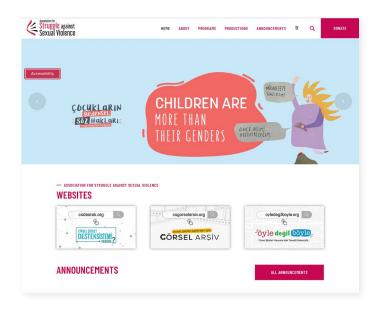
### **CORPORATE COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES**

In 2022, we continued to promote our work and grow our audience through the digital channels of the association and the media. Along with the consistent communication and awareness work we do on our social media channels, we informed our supporters and followers with our quarterly bulletins and annual activity reports that we prepare in Turkish and English.

As a result of the Accessibility Workshops we carried out in 2022, we did our first accessible budget plan after preparing an "Accessible Communication" directive with the support of an expert consultant. With our accessible budget plan, we took our first steps in preparing our communication activities to be accessible from start to finish by adding the elements such as sign language translation and subtitles from the planning.

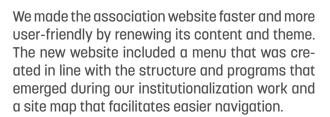


Our visual design that reads "Feminism is for Everybody" was put on Şişli Municipality bill-boards on International Women's Day.



### cinselsiddetlemucadele.org

### was Renewed!



During these activities, we took steps to improve the digital safety and data security of our websites and the sustainability of the association's activities.

### **Association Brochure and Documents**

In 2022, we worked on our institutional identity and determined the framework and rules of elements used in the communication and promotion activities of the association. The institutional identity documents of the association, such as files and business cards, were renewed. The association brochure was prepared in line with our current activities and institutional structure and published in two languages, Turkish and English.



### **⇒** DIGITAL ACTIVISM

# SAVAŞIN VE CİNSEL ŞİDDETİN ŞAKASI OLMAZ

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With the onset of the **Russia-Ukraine war**, we communicated that the rape jokes shared on social media are discourse that help legitimize patriarchal violence, and that the language used is gender-based violence. We said: "War and sexual violence are no joke."

On October 4, World Animal Day, we reminded that sexual/sexualized violence draws strength from discrimination, and emphasized that bodily integrity is a right not only of humans but also of non-human animals.





On April 26, International Lesbian Visibility Day, we emphasized that we are all united to create empowering spaces in which lesbians can be their true selves so that they can be acknowledged, safe, and visible in a world where they are subjected to violence, inequality, and discrimination.

We continued to say "We are not giving up on our rights or lives!" in 2023.





We prepared a communication campaign for **Pride Week** that defines and hopes to increase awareness on sexualized violence.

We started the campaign by defining sexualized violence and continued with a 5-part video series voiced by celebrities and activists that describe the term using examples.





We took part in the **World AIDS Day Campaign** of **CiSÜ Platform** by saying "<u>The rights of people living with HIV are human rights."</u>

On World Disabled Week, we talked about the work we do in cooperation with the Association of Women with Disabilities/ENG-KAD to ensure people with disabilities access accurate information on sexual violence, and that our content is accessible.



On March 31, the International Transgender Day of Visibility, we emphasized that trans people continue to live, work, create, and exist in all areas of society, and will take back every right that has been taken away from them, starting from the right to life. We said: "Trans rights are human rights."



# ANAYASA HERKES İÇİNDİR Kadınların ve LGBTİ+ların haklarını savunmayan Anayasa değişikliğine HAYIR!

We said **NO** to the constitution proposal that was put forward in an environment in which the rights of women, children, and LGBTI+s are not protected, trustees are appointed to universities and municipalities, politicians are imprisoned, silenced, and held captive, lawsuits are filed against journalists for uncovering sexual abuse cases, and unlawfulness has become revealed.

We raised our voices against the violence against women and LGBTI+s in Turkey and around the world. We were in front of the Iranian Consulate General in Istanbul to grow solidarity against the violence perpetrated by the Islamic State of Iran, and for many people who have been subjected to sexualized and physical violence, murdered, and ill-treated, including Jina [Mahsa Amini] and LGBTI+ activist Zahra Sedighi.



### **ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM**

### → ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

As part of our Organizational Sustainability Program activities, we renewed our organizational structure and re-created job descriptions within our institutionalization efforts in 2022. We created a goal-based performance evaluation system by receiving human resources consultancy. We worked on our human resources policy document throughout the year.

We created a digital process program to increase financial accountability and transparency. We started to do our accounting controls internally and began conducting our procurement, requisitions, expense payments, and stock and fixture tracking processes digitally with approval flows.



### **⇒ INTERNAL CAPACITY BUILDING CAMP**

On April 2022, we had a winter camp with the executive board and all the employees at Narköy, an ecological campsite. The camp, in which we listened to the history of the association and its every component, began with a session entitled "Who is C\$MD?". Alongside concept discussions such as "Restorative Justice" and "What is transfeminism/What does it mean to be a transfeminist organization?", we also worked on the association's anti-harassment policy document. Throughout the camp, we had an embroidery workshop, did a guided forest walk, and played team games for the sake of our team's well-being. The camp ended with an evaluation.



### **ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM**

### ⇒ CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING

- As part of our internal capacity-building training, we received **Digital Educator Training** from **Eğitmen Panda** to maximize our use of digital tools that have now completely entered our lives since the pandemic.
- \* We completed the first phase of the supervision work as the executive board and the employees, which is a preliminary of the **Co-Resolve training**.
- \* We completed work safety and fire training.

### ⇒ STRATEGIC PLANNING CAMP

In the Strategic Planning Camp, which we held at iğneada at the end of July, we reviewed the 2022 activities and did a mid-year evaluation. We worked on planning for the year 2023. We did a risk analysis for 2022 and conducted work on our "Theory of Change". We organized nature walks and game nights to contribute to the team's well-being. The 5-day camp ended with an evaluation session.



BOOKLET KURDISH AND ARABIC ADAPTATIONS
Responsibilities of Adults in Struggle
Against Sexual Abuse and Children's
Bodily Autonomy

The Responsibilities of Adults in Struggle Against Sexual Abuse and Children's Bodily Autonomy booklet, which was published in English in the past year, is now available in Kurdish and Arabic.

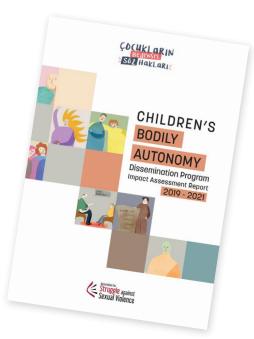


### **REPORT**

# Children's Bodily Autonomy Dissemination Program 2019-2021 Impact Assessment Report

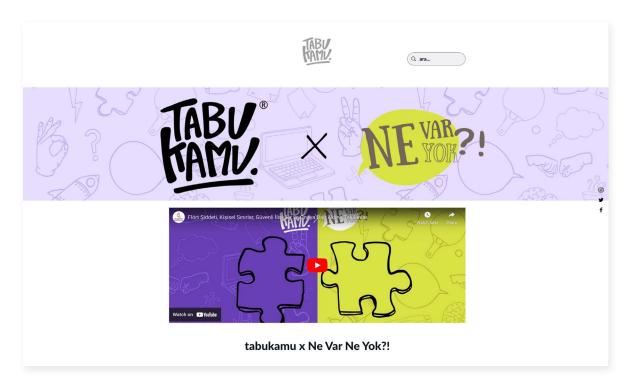
The "Children's Bodily Autonomy" Dissemination Program started in 2018 with a short-time campaign called "Child Tells, Do Listen, Prevent Abuse" continues to improve itself and become widespread since 2019.

We evaluated the impact of the program between 2019-2021 with an independent social impact research expert in order to benefit from the results to create the strategies of the upcoming terms. You can access more information about the theory of change of the program, studies carried out, and the target audience reached out from the **report**.





# CONTENT AND TESTS FOR YOUTH #tabukamudaNeVarNeYok



We joined forces as two examplary organizations providing sexual education in Turkey, which we see as a shortcoming and hope to make more accessible: Our youth program **NVNY** which focuses on safe relationships got together with Tabukamu, a website on sexual health content for youth, to support youth in accessing accurate and reliable information on sexual health, physical development, and emotional/social spaces and in making decisions. On the tabukamu.com/nvny website, we published informative articles and tests on topics such as dating violence, safe relationships, consent in sexual behaviors, and personal boundaries which were created with the participation of youth and a rights-based, protective-preventive, and inclusive approach.





### **REPORT**

# Post-Sexual Violence Support Works Impact Assessment Report

In 2019, we started to systematize our post-sexual violence support works, which we started in 2015 by receiving referral and support requests from survivors and their relatives.

The 2021 Impact and Monitoring Report prepared as an activity of the Empowerment and Support Program contains more detailed information on the nature of the support activities provided by our association in 2021 and the needs of the survivors.

### **VIDEO**

### Receiving a Child's Abuse Statement

In line with our protective-preventive work on sexual abuse, we published the Turkish version of the "Receiving a child's sexual abuse statement" video prepared by the NSPCC, which describes how to receive a statement of sexual abuse from a survivor or of a child witness.





# VIDEO COLLABORATION Murti: Turkey's Test with the AIDS Panic

We collaborated with YouTube influencer **Şokopop** for **AIDS Awareness Month** and published the "Murti: Turkey's Test with the AIDS Panic" video.

News about the Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence have appeared in 47 print news and 497 websites. Here are some of our interviews with various media institutions and news about us in 2022...



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Hürriyet Pazar / 4 April 2022



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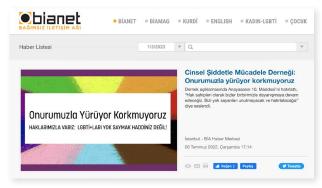


### **GENÇLER ATÖLYEDE BULUŞTU**

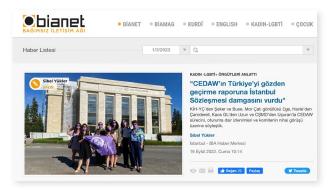
Eskişehir Büyükşehir Belediyesi Kadın Çalışmaları Müdürlüğü Derneği işbirliği ile Flört Şiddeti ve Güvenli İlişkiler' konusunda online bir atölye çalışması gerçekleştirildi.

Cinsel Şiddetle Mücadele Derneği'nin 'Değişim Benimle Başlar" atölyeleri kapsamında yer alan Flört Şiddeti ve Güvenli İlişkiler modülü 2 gün süren çevrimiçi atölyeler ile katılımcılara aktarıldı. Çevrimiçi olarak Zoom üzerinden gerçekleştirilen atölye çalışmasına Sosyal Hizmetler Dairesi Başkanlığı personeli ve üniversite öğrencileri katılım gösterdi. Atölyenin yürütücülüklerini Derneği'nden Psikolog Nurgül Öz ve Uzman Psikolog Merve Karabulut yaptı. HM

### Yenigün / 7 April 2022



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bianet / 16 September 2022



Yeşil Gazete / 30 June 2022



sendika.org / 19 November 2022



STGM / 26 July 2022



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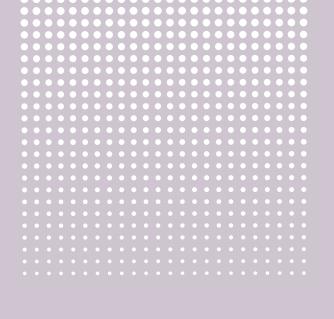
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