



## who we are

Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence (CŞMD) is a leading rights-based organization in Türkiye dedicated to preventing sexual violence (SV) through a comprehensive and intersectional approach. It was established in 2014 in Istanbul by activists from feminist women, LGBTQI+, children's rights, animal liberation, environment, and refugee rights movements. CŞMD works to transform the social norms, perceptions, behaviors, and practices that give rise to SV by an inclusive, intersectional, and empowering approach. It supports survivors in accessing their rights and promotes a rights-based and empowering approach and a culture of consent.

In 2023:

**52 MILLION**

ACCESS VIA DIGITAL AND PRINTED NEWS

**1.26 MILLION**

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ACCESSED OUR CONTENT

**2285**

EXPERTS BENEFITED FROM OUR EDUCATIVE TRAININGS

**440**

UNIVERSITY STUDENT MET WITH US THROUGH SEMINARS/WEBINARS

## what we do

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 scarce in this field.

We conduct campaigns and concept discussions; develop visuals and informative content to create a communication language and approach for a transformative effect in society about sexual violence that raises consciousness and awareness and empowers those who are survivors of violence and witnesses of the violence. We conduct advocacy studies to make the different forms of sexual violence visible.

We produce content that strengthens the capacities of individuals, institutions and non-governmental organizations that provide services and support for the rights and needs of survivors of sexual violence.



## empowerment and support

We aim to empower individuals who have been exposed to sexual violence, along with their relatives, within the Empowerment and Support Program, and mitigate sexual/sexualized violence and its consequential harm. Aligned with these objectives, we furnish survivors with information about their rights and the available health, legal, and social services, facilitating their access to comprehensive support and assistance.

### Empowering Survivors Through Digital Support



in 5 languages

### Empowerment and Support Program Activities



After the sexual violence (sexual assault), we want to protect ourselves. In order to protect ourselves and not be... violence again, we might want... and to believe that we all the subjected take us, the

The support circle is with me, around me... I do not have to carry the burden all by myself. It is possible for me to reach out and ask for support. Because, after sexual violence, it is possible to heal!

WHERE IS THE SUPPORT SYSTEM? AFTER SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

Harassment-Rape  
**not my fault**

Sexual violence is not rape only.

Sexual Violence- Information for Survivors of Sexual Violence

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Following Sexual Violence

What is the support system?

Self-help information for survivors

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now that we are seeking help; to be... of individuals /... living beings that can support us without judgement and criticism.

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## transformation and prevention

We aim to promote protective-preventive measures and alter societal perceptions and practices contributing to sexual/sexualized violence, within the Transformation and Prevention Program.

It includes “Change Starts with Me” Sexual Violence Basic Awareness Workshops, tailored for all our stakeholders.



**change starts with me!**

**GLOSSARY OF CONCEPTS**

**sexual violence**

Defines all kinds of attitudes, actions, interventions entailing attempts, and threats towards sexuality without the explicit and apparent consent of the person, or by manufacturing consent or that occur in cases where the person cannot give consent.

The action may be actual, attempted, or threatening act or behavior. These are unwanted, realized, attempted, threatening actions or behaviors where sexuality is used as a tool while targeting one's sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, gender or gender expression, without consent. These acts are directed at one's sexuality using coercion which may involve intimidation, blackmail, or other threats. It may include interfering with someone's physical and/or sexual integrity.

For example: an intervention that threatens sexual health and hinders access to medical treatment and services related to reproductive health; mandatory gender-reassignment surgeries against intersex persons.

\* If the individuals are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, physically or mentally incapable to give consent, their resistance is threatened by medications, substances, etc. If there are animals (under SLL), if there are animals, it is not arguable and not possible to talk about the concept of consent.

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#ChangeStartsWithMe

Change starts with me project activities



Video: Change starts with me module 3



## children's rights to bodily autonomy

Children's Rights to Bodily Autonomy Dissemination Program supports children, parents, teachers, and professionals by fostering a child-centric approach, emphasizing child participation, bodily autonomy, protective-preventive strategies as well as the responsibilities of adults in combating sexual abuse.



Children's Right to Bodily Autonomy  
Dissemination Program



Responsibilities of Adults in Struggle  
Against Sexual Abuse and Children's  
Right to Bodily Autonomy



## what's up what's not youth program

We offer knowledge, materials, and skills to young individuals, teachers, school counselors, municipal staff, and youth workers through the What's Up What's Not?! Youth Program (NVNY), with a focus on fostering safe relationships and consent culture among youth. Our materials and field work covering topics such as dating violence and support methods, personal boundaries, and consent in sexual behavior are shared through diverse partnerships and serve as an exemplary model for comprehensive sexuality education in Türkiye.



**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**HEALTHY DECISIONS**

**SAFER RELATIONSHIPS**

independence, joy, appreciation, respect, self-respect, happiness, trust, fun, understanding, equality, self-confidence, peace, love, responsibility, support, boundaries, care, diversity

**WHAT'S UP NOT?!**

abuse, humiliations, violence, restriction, negligence, possessiveness, threats, jealousy, stalking, sexism, distrust, harassment, discrimination, prejudice, control, bullying

A youth project for  
**Nonviolent** schools, **SAFE** relationships and  
**independent**, strong **individuals**

#projienevarneyok

Video: Consent for Safer Relationships



tabukamu x NVNY



## advocacy & communication

Through our Advocacy and Corporate Communication Program, we aim to shift societal perceptions and practices leading to sexual/sexualized violence. These involve building strong networks and partnerships nationally and internationally, monitoring human rights violations of survivors, providing the media with a rights-based approach and gender equality tools for better coverage, and raising awareness for our association's visibility.



I Have A Right to Ask for Support Report



Visual Archive



Not Like That, But Like This Campaign



2023 Activity Report





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Sexual Violence

*"ÇŞMD with its decade of existence as a small CSO has changed how sexual and sexualized violence is discussed and perceived among many key actors in Türkiye. ÇŞMD has developed and consolidated its work and organization in the last three years. The evaluation concludes that the implementation of the strategic plan has had strong effects on the attitudes and behaviors of targeted actors. The evaluation takes note that these achievements were materialized in a very challenging context to work challenging harmful societal norms."*

*"Findings: The work of ÇŞMD was found to be truly rights-based both as an end goal and through its program and internal processes. The evaluation found that working methods targeting young persons are effective and demand-driven. Work at the local level has expanded to new cities and was assessed to be sufficiently rooted in local contexts. ÇŞMD's comprehensive perspective on sexual and sexualized violence was found to be understood and well-received by all consulted stakeholders.*

*Conclusions: The cross-cutting issues relate both to the relevance and the effectiveness of the work of ÇŞMD. The evaluation concludes that both the comprehensive application of HRBA as ÇŞMD's intersectional and inclusive approach to sexual and sexualized violence makes their work highly relevant in the Turkish context. ÇŞMD plays a unique role as a knowledge producer and capacity builder of other key actors."*



**check out ÇŞMD's independent  
evaluation report!**

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