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Hello,

As we approach the end of 2025, the same question continues to circle in our minds: Are we transitioning into a new world order, or are we witnessing a clear rupture in the rules- and law-based international system?

Throughout this year, autocratic regimes across the globe have drawn strength from one another, consolidating their legitimacy. They have continued to drift away from democratic norms and international conventions to which they were already only loosely committed. In many countries, people persist in their struggles against authoritarian rule and repressive regimes. Yet, as arbitrary practices and grave human rights violations endure, questions inevitably arise as to whether international institutions such as the United Nations are losing their relevance. Over the course of 2025, we have, regrettably, witnessed a global increase in all forms of violence and rights violations, manifesting through military operations, wars, deaths, hunger, and deepening poverty.

Whether this period represents a transition or a rupture remains uncertain. In Türkiye, however, the year has been exceptionally challenging in terms of democracy, the rule of law, human rights, and the economy. As civil society actors, we have sought to sustain and expand our struggle by nurturing narratives of hope, while simultaneously carrying out our rights advocacy under a broad regime of prohibitions, marked by dysfunctional institutions, a dual legal system, a constitution that remains unenforced, and widespread attempts to intimidate individuals of all ages through detention and arrest.

As the Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence, we entered 2025 with a reduced team, a constrained budget, an increased workload, and the burden of political and economic uncertainties that have weighed on us all. We were challenged in every respect. Yet we also know this: every difficult experience opens up a space for learning and transformation. By producing, sharing, and standing in solidarity, we found room to breathe, to restore our energy, and to sustain our struggle. In staying together, we grew stronger. This year, we continued to confront sexual and sexualized violence, as well as morality-based attacks targeting women and LGBTI+ individuals, and the exploitation and criminalization of children. In response to the conditions we face, we forced new pathways. We developed a new strategic plan, engaged in sustained discussions on resource mobilization, and produced a living document to guide our work. We worked to align ourselves with a new organizational structure. New resources, new practices, new priorities, new goals... 2025 has also been a year of transformation and renewal for us.

Now in its 11th year, CSMD is recognized as a multifaceted civil society organization. Some know us as a hotline providing support to survivors of sexual violence. Others see us as a team conducting workshops with teachers and professionals. Some recognize us for challenging harmful media narratives on sexual violence. Others know us through our rights-based visual archive or as producers of informative content. In truth, we are all of these.

We invite you to take a closer look at our 2025 Annual Report. There, you will find not only what we have accomplished, but also the resilience and conviction that sustain our work. Until next year.



WHO WE ARE?



Founded in 2014 by activists from diverse movements committed to combating sexual and sexualized violence, the Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence (CSMD) has since become one of the leading feminist organizations in Türkiye working in this field.

Through our support, prevention, and advocacy efforts, we aim to make sexual violence more visible and open to public debate; to transform prevailing perceptions and narratives surrounding it; and to bring its often overlooked and less visible forms into focus.

WHAT WE DO?

Our work encompasses organizing awareness-raising campaigns and engaging in policy advocacy, producing informative content, delivering capacity-building programs for professionals, and providing support and referral services to survivors of sexual violence. We actively challenge rape myths and victim-blaming, and work to promote a culture of consent.

We support all survivors in accessing their rights and advocate for an inclusive, collective field of struggle, which addresses all forms of sexual violence with equal attention and commitment.





Toplumsal Cinsiyete Dayalı Şiddete Karşı #16GünlükAktivizm 'de Biz de Varız!

Bu yılın teması:
#DİJİTALŞİDDET

 Cinsel Şiddetle Mücadele Derneği



OUR ACTIVITIES

- Sexual Violence Support Hotline
- Sexual Violence Awareness Workshops
- Capacity-Building Programs
- Knowledge and Material Production
- National and International Advocacy
- Organizational Consulting and Collaborations

Hiçbir şey net değilse de...
"Bunun adı cinsel şiddet mi?"
"Çok mu obortiyorum?"
"Ezodüğüm tanımlamakta güçlük çekiyorum."

160 KURUMDAKİ ORTAK AÇIKLAMA
LGBTI+ Karşıtı Yasa Girişimlerine Karşı LGBTI+ Hakları İçin Yan Yanayız!

İSYANI BÜYÜTÜYÜRÜZ!
Korkuyu değil!

AİLE YILINIZ BATSIN!
FATMA NUR VE HİFA NEDEN KORUNMADI?

SEKS İŞÇİLERİNİN HAKLARI İNSAN HAKLARIDIR

Trans intiharları politiktir.
Dün, trans kadın akaZeynep'in yaşamına son verdiği haberiye sarıldık. "Kendiler buna "toprak" olarak kayda geçebilir, ancak bu ölüm, yitirdiğimiz programın nefretine ve sistematik dışlamaların bir sonucudur.

"Where is the Support System?" Project
POST-SEXUAL VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES
2020 Monitoring and Evaluation Report

Cinsel Şiddet Herkesin Meselesi

BRIEF HISTORY

2014

› ESTABLISHMENT

2015

- › Social Incubation Center
- › Website
- › Awareness Activities started!

2016

NE VAR?!

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

2017

değişim
benimle başları

- › "Change Starts with Me" Workshops
- › Project: Transforming Our Language
- › What's Up What's Not?! Dissemination Program started!
- › Advocacy Studies started!

2018

öyle
değil
böyle

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

2019

ÇOCUKLARIN
BEDENSEL
SÖZ HAKLARI

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

2020

CİNSEL ŞİDDET
DESTEKSİSTEMİ
NEREDE?

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

2021

- › Organizational structure changed.
- › csdestek.org is in 4 languages

2022

CİNSEL ŞİDDET HABERLERİ TOPI
CÖRSEL
ARŞİV

- › Post-Sexual Violence Application System announced.
- › NVNY and tabukamu collaboration started.

2023

TABU KAMI × NE VAR?!

- › Obtained ECOSOC consultative status
- › NVNY x tabukamu new content
- › oyledegilboyle.org updated

2024

- › Celebrated our 10th anniversary
- › Participated in the CSW68
- › Conducted a parallel event in New York
- › Participated in 15th AWID Forum

2025

- › New Strategic Plan created
- › First Youth Advisory Board established



WHAT WE DID IN 2025?

97

ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING MEETINGS PARTICIPATED IN

28

MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS ON RESOURCE MOBILIZATION ATTENDED

67

INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED WITH LEGAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL COUNSELING AND REFERRAL SUPPORT

2,132

BENEFICIARIES REACHED THROUGH WORKSHOPS, CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES, OUTREACH PROGRAMS, AND SEMINARS/WEBINARS

1,723

YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED THROUGH WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS/WEBINARS

310,997

PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH OUR #PROJENEVARNEYOK INSTAGRAM

CSMD MEDIA ACCESS IN 2025

5,924,946

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS

31.38K

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

47.68K

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS
(19% increase)

17.36K

X FOLLOWERS

6,769

PROJECT "WHAT'S UP WHAT'S NOT?!"
INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS
@projenevarneyok

2,480

YOUTUBE FOLLOWERS

98.89K

FOLLOWERS IN ALL PLATFORMS
(8% increase)

36,200

WEB SITE VISITORS

5,867

RIGHTS-BASED VISUALS
(reached millions of readers through downloads on csgorselarsiv.org)

1,085,668

INDIVIDUALS VIEWED OUR 16-DAY ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN

EMPOWERMENT AND SUPPORT PROGRAM

POST-SEXUAL VIOLENCE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

In 2025, we continued to prioritize empowering survivors of sexual violence in accessing their rights and benefiting from available support mechanisms. In August, in response to the wave of disclosures of sexual harassment on social media, and the corresponding increase in visibility and demand for support, we expanded our efforts beyond providing individual assistance. We strengthened collaborations with civil society organizations and local government units, and enhanced coordination with social services and support systems, thereby contributing to the wider adoption of a rights-based approach at the local level.



WHERE IS THE SUPPORT SYSTEM? PROJECT: COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

In 2025, we provided psychosocial and legal counseling, access to information, referrals to protection mechanisms, and guidance on survivor-centered approaches to 67 individuals who reached out to our support line.

The most frequently reported forms of violence included sexual harassment, stalking, sexual assault, online sexual violence, dating violence, and domestic violence. In addition, we provided direct legal counseling to 33 individuals. In some cases, we supported the initiation of legal proceedings, the activation of formal complaint mechanisms, and contributed to the issuance of an arrest warrant against perpetrators.

POST-SEXUAL VIOLENCE SUPPORT WORK MONITORING AND EVALUATION REPORT

Within the scope of the “Where is the Support System?” project, we published our Monitoring & Evaluation Report on the support services we provided via phone and email throughout 2025.

Prepared by an independent researcher, the report presents 61 applications received by our support line between March 1 and December 5, 2025, along with the experiences shared throughout the support process. By examining both the data on applications and the feedback from survivors, we aimed to make visible how the support process is experienced and received.

Through this study, we sought to understand how our support work is experienced not merely as a “referral line”, but as a safe, rights-based, and empowering space of engagement. The report reflects survivors’ accounts of changes in their knowledge of rights and available mechanisms, their processes of naming and making sense of their experiences, as well as their reflections on feelings of isolation and their motivation to continue navigating these processes.



“

Through this support, I realized how important it is to work with a lawyer... Having a lawyer now is the biggest impact.

“

The open communication I encountered was incredibly important... I felt stronger.

“

Its greatest impact on me was being able to name [the violence]... I felt like I didn't exist before; now I take up a space in life again.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH EVENT: “WE DON’T TALK / KONUŞMUYORUZ” DOCUMENTARY SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

In April, as part of Sexual Violence Awareness Month, we organized a screening of “We Don’t Talk / Konuşmuyoruz,” directed by Marjolein Busstra, in collaboration with the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in İstanbul, followed by a panel discussion.

Focusing on the dialogues between young survivors of sexual violence and social workers, the documentary was followed by a discussion featuring speakers from our Association. Together, we reflected on the importance of making sexual violence visible and addressing it in the public sphere. We emphasized the transformative power of solidarity, collective thinking, and coming together in the struggle against sexual violence.



WORKSHOPS AND COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

Throughout the year, our support team engaged with both university students and women’s and LGBTI+ organizations working in the field. In particular, we delivered the “Rights-Based and Trauma-Informed Approaches in Cases of Sexual Violence” workshop to local governments across İstanbul and other provinces in Türkiye, including the İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality. These workshops focused on rights-based frameworks in case management, principles of trauma-informed care, inter-institutional referral mechanisms, and ethical responsibilities in support processes. In our meeting with the Sabancı University Feminist Thought and Solidarity Club, we explored the definition of sexual violence, principles of engaging with survivors, and available support and referral mechanisms. We also participated in coordination meeting of the İstanbul Bar Association Women’s Rights Center, where we discussed legal aid practices and shared strategies for collective action against violence targeting women and LGBTI+ individuals. During İstanbul-based coordination meetings with various feminist and LGBTI+ organizations working in support services, we exchanged updates on legal support, counseling, and solidarity networks. We also raised ongoing access barriers, particularly in hospital and forensic examination processes following sexual assault. In this context, we submitted formal information requests to the Ministries of Justice and Health to better understand the root causes of rights violations occurring in referral and reporting processes to the Council of Forensic Medicine.

CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO BODILY AUTONOMY DISSEMINATION PROGRAM

We recognize that sexual violence is fundamentally linked to power relations, and in addressing it, we adopt an intersectional approach that takes into account all forms of power. We know that a culture of consent can only take root when we acknowledge that all bodies are unique, valuable, and belong to the individual. Guided by this perspective, our **Children's Right to Bodily Autonomy Dissemination Program**, which invites adults to question the power they hold over children, remained active in the field throughout 2025.

In January, we came together with our İstanbul dissemination team at our Association's office. We reflected on municipal services, the impact of seminars, and possible strategies for the future, while also reconnecting with one another.



Psychological counseling and guidance specialists within our practitioner pool, along with professionals from metropolitan municipalities in İstanbul, İzmir, and Adana, as well as district municipalities in İstanbul, continued to conduct seminars within their respective fields. In 2025, they reached a total of 789 adults.

These seminars and workshops were delivered to a wide range of groups, including municipal staff, local residents, parents of primary and secondary school children, educators, university students in relevant departments, civil society volunteers, daycare center coordinators and teachers, and, in some municipal institutions, directly to children.





On June 19-20, upon invitation, we were at the **Address Hotel İstanbul**, where we held sexual abuse awareness seminars with a group of 70 young interns and a staff of 200. We addressed topics such as child safety, perceptions of childhood, definitions and different forms of sexual abuse, adult responsibilities, and reporting mechanisms.

At the invitation of **Kastamonu University's Child Development Department**, we held an online session with students on November 20, World Children's Rights Day.



Also in November, we contributed to the **Child-Centered Journalism** workshop organized by **Atölye BİA**, where we discussed children's right to bodily autonomy and their representation in the media. Detailed information about the workshop participants and content can be accessed [here in Turkish](#).

“WHAT’S UP WHAT’S NOT?” YOUTH PROGRAM

In 2025, we implemented the “What’s Up What’s Not?” (Ne Var Ne Yok?! - NVNY) Youth Program with the aim of supporting young people in building safe relationships, engaging with consent culture as a concrete and applicable relational ethic in everyday life, and strengthening their awareness to prevent dating violence.

The program was carried out through multiple components: the Youth Advisory Board (YAB), “Safe Relationships and Consent” seminars for university students, a nationwide NVNY Practitioner Pool, the dissemination of NVNY content, and digital visibility efforts. NVNY was selected as one of 200 initiatives included in the 20th Anniversary Good Practices in Education compendium by the Education Reform Initiative.

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YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB)

Launched for the first time in 2025, the YAB brought together 11 young people aged 20-23 from İstanbul, Kars, Ankara, Zonguldak, Trabzon, İzmir, and Nicosia (Northern Cyprus). The board was designed to create a space where young people could collectively reflect on consent culture and safe relationships, foster peer learning, and build the capacity to transfer this knowledge to their peers.

Throughout the year, we held 11 sessions covering topics such as safe spaces and boundaries, consent culture, gender, dating violence, sexual and digital violence, consent in sexual behavior, dynamics of safe relationships, and support systems.

Feedback from participants highlighted a sense of empowerment, particularly in areas such as setting boundaries, being able to say “no”, negotiating boundaries, recognized care labor and emotional load distribution in relationships, and questioning cycles of self-blame related to past experiences. Over the course of the year, YAB members also represented the Association in youth events, taking part in outreach and advocacy activities.



“
My self-confidence has increased. I now believe I can speak about these issues in public.”

“
These sessions gave me the courage to advocate more openly.”

“
I no longer blame myself for my past experiences.”

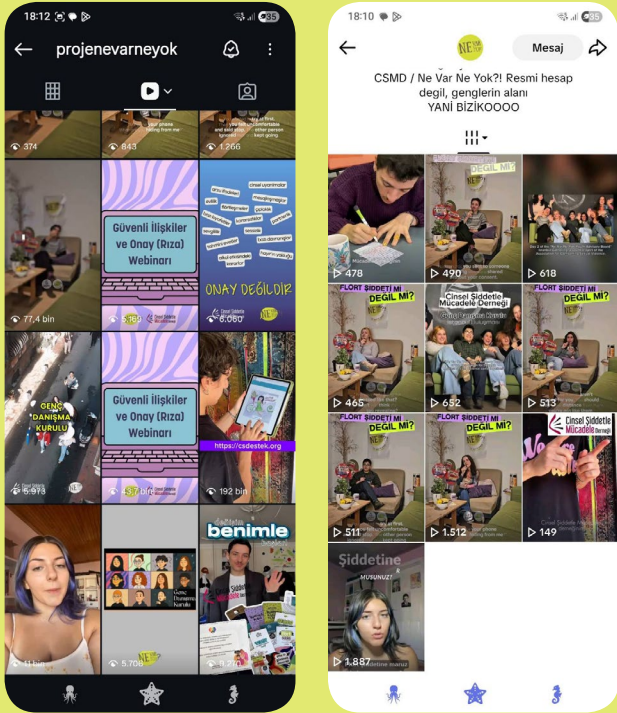
YAB Istanbul In-Person Gathering

During a two-day meeting held in Istanbul in 2025, we complemented the framework developed in the online process with interdisciplinary, practice-based learning components, including exhibition, performance, and movement-based approaches. As part of the gathering, participants co-produced video content and collaboratively designed and piloted a “Consent Workshop”, which was later incorporated into the NVNY methodology as a new practice developed together with young people.



YAB Digital Content and TikTok: @nvnygd

YAB members began producing short video content on consent, dating violence, and safe relationships, sharing these on TikTok. The total number of views across Instagram and TikTok exceeded **300,000**.



Peer Seminars

YAB members organized three peer-led seminars for young people, reaching a total of **258 participants**. One of these seminars was held bilingually in Northern Cyprus. Reflections from the young facilitators highlighted the widespread nature of misinformation and silence around consent, as well as the normalization of harmful behaviors.



"SAFE RELATIONSHIPS" and "CONSENT" SEMINARS

In 2025, through seminars and webinars conducted with various institutions and groups, we reached a total of **512 young people**.

These sessions were held with groups including the Turkish-German University Ombudsman Law Club, the Turkish AFS Volunteers Association, scholarship students of the Turkish Association of University Women, students from the Sexual Violence Law Clinic at İzmir University of Economics Faculty of Law, participants of an open-call webinar (with students from various universities), the Sakarya Urban Youth Collective, scholarship students of Beylikdüzü Municipality Özgecan Aslan



Cultural Center, the Kocaeli Queer Community. Following the seminar, students from the İzmir University of Economics Law Clinic took their own initiative to prepare brochures on sexual violence and delivered presentations to other classes.

WORKING ON SAFE RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Practitioner Pool:

We sustained the Practitioner Pool as one of the main drivers of the program's nationwide dissemination. Throughout the year, we followed up with practitioners, gathered information on their implementations, and provided support in terms of content, methodology, and materials, along with consultation and supervision opportunities. Practitioners carried out activities on dating violence in İstanbul, İzmir, Kocaeli, Eskişehir, and Adana, reaching approximately 900 young people.

Dissemination of the NVNY Implementation Handbook:

We expanded the reach of the Implementation Handbook through social media announcements and distributed it digitally to **509 professionals across 65 provinces**. Of those reached, 62% had not previously conducted any work on dating violence. In terms of institutional affiliation, public institutions (schools and other public bodies) constituted the largest group at 47%.

MENTAL HEALTH AND TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH INITIATIVES

In 2025, complementing NVNY's preventive approach, we carried out capacity-building resource development, and knowledge-sharing activities focused on Psychological First Aid (PFA) and trauma-informed approaches.

PFA Training for the CSMD Team: We delivered PFA training to CSMD staff, volunteers, and Board members, followed by a follow-up session.

PFA Training for Empower Partners: We conducted PFA training with the participation of 11 youth workers from seven partner organizations, including We Need to Talk Association, Sundanın Kızları, Association of Visually Impaired in Education, KODA, Young Lives Foundation, and Sulukule Volunteers Association, followed by a follow-up session.

PFA Mini Guide: We prepared a 28-page publication titled "Building Safe Connections with Young People After Trauma: Psychological First Aid and Trauma-Informed Approaches - Mini Guide." The guide was disseminated through social media and shared digitally with 542 professionals across 71 provinces.



Bringing the Work to the Field and Academia:

Following the screening of "We Don't Talk / Konuşmuyoruz" we shared perspectives on trauma-informed youth work and primary prevention during the discussion session.

As part of the Marmara University MARPAM - 12th Psychological Counseling and Guidance (PCG) in Higher Education Congress, we facilitated a workshop for PCG students titled "Working on Safe Relationships with Young People through a Trauma-Informed Approach."

We delivered a presentation under the same title at the Bahçeşehir University UTÖÇ-KO Trauma Prevention Congress.





CHANGE STARTS WITH ME! SEXUAL VIOLENCE BASIC AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

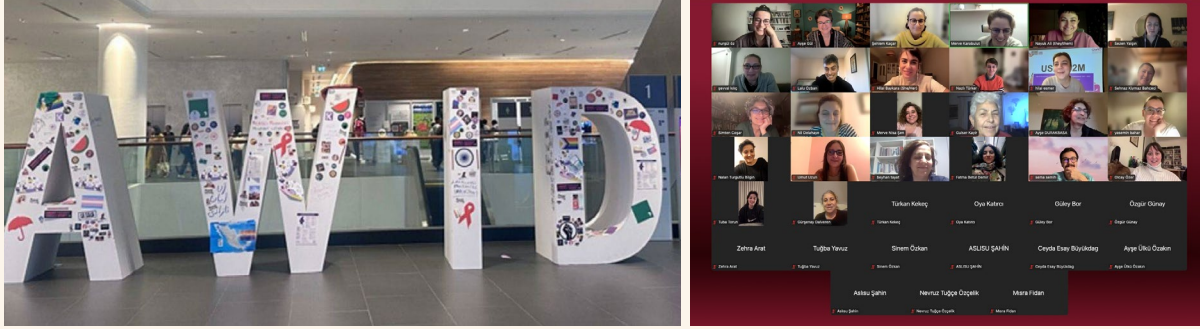
The “Change Starts with Me” workshops are one of our key awareness-raising initiatives, designed to open up discussion on the fundamental concepts of sexual violence, support participants in developing knowledge about its forms and dynamics, and encourage reflection on individual and institutional responsibilities in this field. Structured across five modules, the workshops are adapted to different target groups and needs, with the aim of strengthening awareness that sexual violence is preventable and supporting participants in taking an active role in the struggle against it.



Throughout 2025, we conducted workshops in various cities in collaboration with civil society organizations, local governments, and professional associations. In this context, we partnered with organizations including SEYEV, Altı Üstü Psychological Support and Solidarity Association, İzmir Metropolitan Municipality Women’s Studies Unit, Gaziantep Eğitim-Sen Branch, Kazdağı Natural and Cultural Assets Protection Association, Sakarya Women’s Collective, the Association for Gender and Law Studies, Bodrum Women’s Solidarity, the municipalities of Muğla and Bodrum, Fethiye Women’s Solidarity, and Diyarbakır Metropolitan Municipality Women and Family Services.

ADVOCACY AND NETWORKS

Feminist Gathering Following The 15Th Awid International Forum



The 15th **AWID International Forum** – one of the largest global feminist gatherings, organized every four years by the Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID) – was held in Bangkok under the theme **“Rising Together,”** bringing together approximately 4,000 feminists from around the world. Representing the CSMD as an AWID member, we participated in the Forum with the support of the EU Civil Thought Program. We followed discussions on a wide range of topics, including the state of feminist funding, the rise of anti-gender movements, trans-feminist solidarity, collaborations in combating gender-based violence, digitalization and feminist technology, collective care practices, and experiences shared from Palestine and Lebanon. Following the Forum, we organized an online gathering with feminist and queer activists from Türkiye, where we shared our experiences and key takeaways. The meeting fostered a productive discussion on future feminist strategies and directions for collective struggle.

28th Assembly Of Women’s Shelters And Solidarity Centers (November 1-3)



At the **28th Assembly of Women’s Shelters and Solidarity Centers**, held this year in İstanbul, we came together with representatives of women’s and LGB-TI+ organizations, independent feminists, and local government professionals. Under the 2025 theme, **“Combating Male Violence Amid the Lack of Social Services in Türkiye: The Power and Possibilities of Feminist Methods,”** we engaged in discussions on the impact of structural deficiencies in access to social services on efforts to combat male violence, the transformative capacity of feminist methodologies, and the strengthening of solidarity networks at the local level. We also contributed by sharing our experiences and observations from the field of sexual violence.

Etkiniz Forum - Advocacy In Constrained Civic Spaces

On May 5-6, we took part in the **#EtkinizForum** held in Ankara and organized by Etkiniz, which brought together human rights defenders, civil society actors, and international experts under the theme “**Advocacy in Constrained Civic Spaces: Risks, Alternatives, and New Methods.**” As part of the program, we moderated the session titled “**Countering Anti-Gender Discourse.**”



UN Women Ankara Meeting

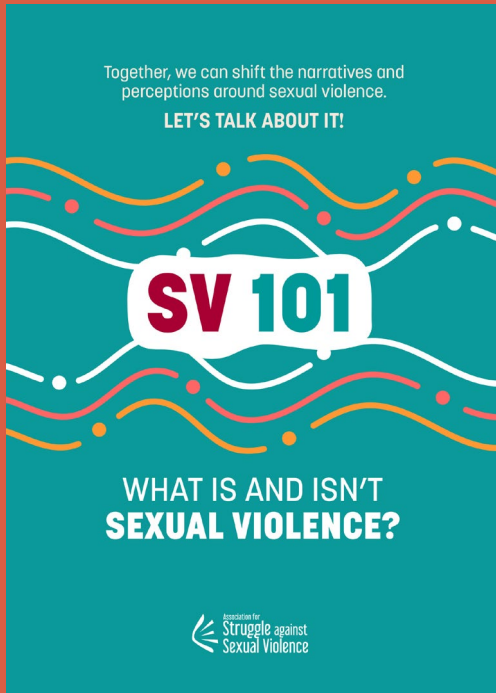
In June, we attended the “**We Are Many, We Are One: Starting Together - Introduction and Information Meeting with Partner Organizations,**” organized by UN Women Türkiye. We participated in workshops on financial and legal processes, reporting, and communication strategies, and engaged in knowledge and experience sharing. With the support provided under the Strong Civic Space for Gender Equality project, funded by the European Union, we aim to carry out sustainable work in combating sexual violence.



REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

A Cycle of Impunity: The Fethiye Case

The report titled “A Cycle of Impunity: The Fethiye Case,” edited by Tuğçe Yılmaz, was published in January 2025. The report examines the long-term legal process, practices of impunity, and the struggles led by women’s organizations in the case widely known in the public sphere as the “Gange Rape Case in Fethiye,” which was filed in 2007 in the District of Fethiye, Muğla. As an important case in the struggle against sexual violence in Türkiye, the analysis focuses on failures such as the lack of proper evidence collection, the absence of effective investigation, and the discriminatory treatment faced by the survivor throughout the judicial process. It also highlights the role of feminist solidarity in increasing the case’s visibility. The report aims to underline the historical significance of the Fethiye Case for the feminist movement in the fight against impunity.



Sexual Violence 101

Everyone has an understanding or perception of sexual violence. But where do we actually get this information from?

In November, we prepared “Sexual Violence 101,” a publication designed for anyone seeking accurate information about sexual violence, aiming to understand key concepts and raise awareness in their surroundings. In this 44-page guide, we critically examine ingrained assumptions, myths, and misinformation about violence. The publication includes definitions of key concepts, everyday dialogues illustrating different forms of sexual violence, common misconceptions that sustain violence, and guidance on how to respond to someone disclosing sexual violence. The publication is also available in sign language translation.



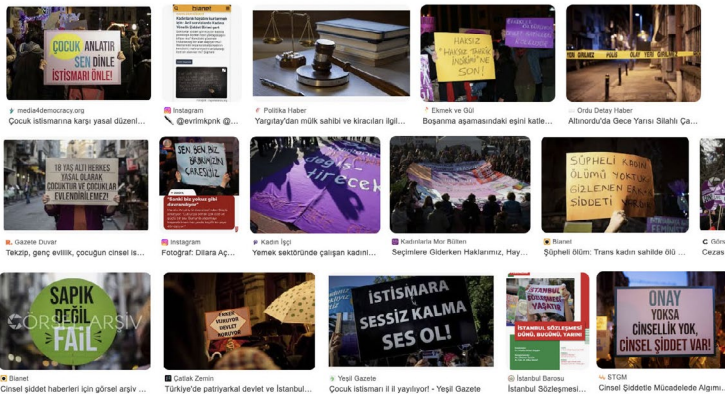
Gender-Focused Journalism Workshop

The Gender-Focused Journalism Workshop, organized in collaboration with **Atölye BİA** and the **Department of Media at Bilgi University Faculty of Communication**, received strong interest from students and early-career journalists. Within the scope of the workshop, we shared the website csgorselarsiv.org, which we developed to promote ethical and rights-based visual use in reporting on sexual violence.



IFSAK Photography Seminar

In this talk, we collectively discussed the visual representation of sexualized violence from an ethical, rights-based, and reparative perspective. We focused on how photography can be used not to reproduce violence, but to make solidarity and empowerment visible.



VISUAL ARCHIVE:

csgorselarsiv.org



In 2025, 76 new photographs were added to the archive, bringing the total to 919 images. With 105 new members joining the visual archive, the user base increased to 863. Throughout the year, a total of 5,867 images were downloaded. The number of contributing photographers reached 65.

CSMD IN THE PRESS

INTERVIEWS

“Sexual violence grows when it is not spoken about”

In an interview with **Gazete Kadıköy** in September, Begüm Baki from the CSMD attributed the rise in public disclosures of harassment to “impunity”, and emphasized the importance of feminist solidarity and rights-based support mechanisms.



“The most common rights violation is interpreting a child’s ‘no’ as misbehavior”

CSMD Prevention Specialist and Psychologist Nurgül Öz, in their interview with **Bianet**, outlined key considerations regarding children’s right to bodily autonomy and provided guidance for parents.



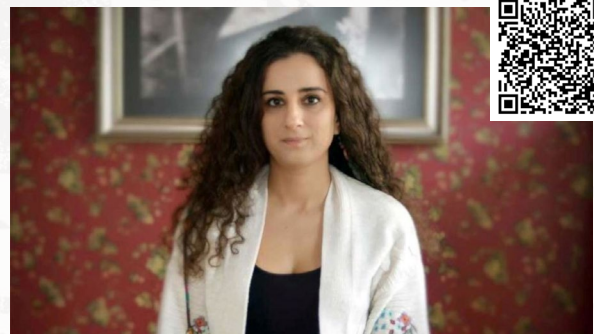
VIDEO INTERVIEW

Harassment or Dating?

CSMD Youth Studies Expert and Psychologist Merve Karabulut, in their interview with **+90**, explained the fundamental differences between dating and harassment. Consent and boundary violations were highlighted as key factors that turn dating into harassment.

Digital Violence: Attacks on women’s labor and a new field of struggle

CSMD Advocacy and Communications Specialist Dr. Şehlem Kaçar, in their interview with **Kadın İşçi** newspaper, emphasized the knowledge-producing power of campaigns in combating digital violence.



Harassment in the media is part of a systemic culture

Şehlem Kaçar also noted in an interview with **Bianet** that harassment cases emerging in the media are the result of a continuously reproduced rape culture embedded within systemic structures.



DIGITAL ACTIVISM / SOCIAL MEDIA

WILL WOMEN IN TÜRKİYE BE ABLE TO SAY 'NO' WITHOUT BEING KILLED?"

In the case concerning Ceyda Yüksel, who was murdered by Serkan Dünder, the court's unjust provocation reduction was upheld by the Court of Cassation on the grounds that "refusing sexual intercourse causes distress and anger in men." For years, tens of thousands of women in Türkiye have had their right to life taken away simply for saying no to men's demands. Women are killed for refusing sexual intercourse, marriage, or relationship proposals; for exercising their legal right to divorce; or for choosing to end a relationship. This is why terms such as "male violence" and "femicide" exist in this country. In such an unjust context, decisions that protect perpetrators and reduce deterrence constitute **COMPLICITY IN CRIME**. These injustices that enrage women are not justice - they are the outcome of male-centered justice.

This post by CSMD went viral, reaching 1.98 million views and 15,000 engagements, with 97% of viewers being non-followers, making it the highest-reach post of 2025.

**Kadınlar
Türkiye'de
öldürülmeden
“ HAYIR ”
diyebilecek mi?**

 Cinsel Şiddetle
Mücadele Derneği

In Türkiye, violence by men against women who say "NO" is neither fate nor a natural outcome. It is a political problem that can be prevented through public policy.

“THE #METOO MOVEMENT CONTINUES, SHAME IS SHIFTING SIDES.”

Cinsel Şiddete Maruz Bırakıldığımı Nasıl Anlarım?*

Cinsel Şiddeti Dile Getirmek

Neden Zordur?

At the end of August, a new wave of the #MeToo movement emerged in Türkiye, giving rise to a strong digital solidarity movement. Beginning in the photography sector and later resonating across film and cultural industries, the exposure of sexual harassment perpetrators led many individuals and organizations to share our Association on social media as a trusted support resource. During this period, both survivors' access to support services and the broader feminist movement's online and offline advocacy and solidarity efforts produced tangible and hopeful gains in advancing the prevention of sexual violence and survivors' access to rights.

The informational content we shared during this time reached approximately 0.95 million views and a wide audience. We also responded to multiple interview and commentary requests from media outlets.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST DIGITAL VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN

The 2025 theme of the 16 Days of Activism was “End Digital Violence against Women and Girls. Draw the Line!”, focusing on “Digital Violence.” As CSMD, we participated in the campaign to raise awareness of multiple forms of gender-based digital violence, including online sexual violence, digital violence, technology-facilitated sexual violence, online intimate partner violence, sexual extortion, grooming, and hate speech.

The campaign content reached 1.08 million views. All campaign materials are available [here in Turkish](#).

**DİJİTAL ŞİDDET
BİR SUÇTUR!**

Dijital şiddet çoğu zaman Türk Ceza Kanunu kapsamında suçtur ve failer hakkında cezai yaptırım uygulanabilir.

Bu eylemler:

- Bilişim Alanında Suçlar (Siber Suçlar)
- Özel Hayata ve Hayatın Gizli Alanına Karşı Suçlar
- Hürriyete, Şerefe ve Genel Ahlaka Karşı Suçlar

başlıkları altında değerlendirilebilir.

Somut olayda bu suç tiplerinden biri veya birkaçı birlikte gerçekleşmiş olabilir. Eylem dijital ortamda işlendiğinde, cezayı artırıcı bir unsur olarak kabul edilebilir.

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**DİJİTAL / ÇEVİRİM İÇİ /
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CİNSEL ŞİDDET**

MİTLER & GERÇEKLER

***Dijital cinsel şiddet, teknoloji ve internetin cinsel şiddet, taciz, tehdit, istismar veya saldırı amacıyla kullanıldığı durumları kapsar.

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**Cyberflashing /
Dijital Teşhir**

Dijital ortamda istenmeyen cinsel içerikli görsellerin veya mesajların onay alınmaksızın gönderilmesi anlamına gelir. Genellikle sosyal medya, mesajlaşma uygulamaları, bluetooth gibi yakın alan paylaşım özellikleri üzerinden gerçekleşir. Kişiyi rahatsız etmek, şaşırtmak veya tehdit etmek amacı taşıyabilir.

Bir tür **cinsel taciz** olarak değerlendirilir ve birçok ülkede suç kapsamına alınmaktadır.

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ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

In 2025, we implemented new initiatives to strengthen the sustainability of our organization. The most significant among these were the completion of the CSMD 2025-2027 Strategic Plan and the Resource Mobilization Strategy Document for the same period. In the first quarter of the year, we also relocated to a new office as a cost-saving measure. Throughout the year, we continued updating our policy documents in line with our new organizational structure. At the end of the year, as in previous years, we held our annual retreat to collectively evaluate 2025 in terms of strategic planning, organizational alignment, budgeting, program implementation, resource mobilization, and internal communication.



NEW OFFICE

CSMD, which began 2025 in a new office, also had relocation on its 2025 agenda, this time as a cost-efficiency measure. From the beginning of the year, we searched for a space that met our criteria. We moved into our new office in March, which we quickly came to appreciate. We hosted guests from Türkiye and abroad and continued to hold our meetings and activities there.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION STRATEGY DOCUMENT

2025 was also a key year for renewing our resource mobilization activities. In the first quarter, while conducting planning and analysis, we simultaneously intensified our fundraising efforts. We submitted more than 15 applications to regional and international funding mechanisms. We explored collaborative project opportunities with our partners. We carried out capacity-building and implementation activities to diversify our funding sources. We also engaged in communication and collaboration efforts with private sector and institutional partners. At the end of the year, we consolidated all these efforts into our Resource Mobilization Strategy Document.

WINTER RETREAT

As CSMD, we organize annual retreats within the limits of our capacity. This year's retreat took place in Büyükkada in December. Over three days, we held sessions on feedback, evaluation of 2025 activities and organizational structure, resource mobilization strategy, and the 2026 budget and program planning.



2025-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

We revisited the 3-year Strategic Plan that we began developing in 2024, taking into account shifting global and national dynamics in our region. The main factors informing this process included technological developments, changing global values, the active participation of young people, ongoing global conflicts, and the increasing resource constraints affecting civil society. The introductory section of our new Strategic Plan begins with CSMD's updated policy framework. In this period of organizational renewal, our vision and mission, values, non-negotiables, core activities, strategic objectives, and priorities are presented in detail within the new plan. Unlike the previous Strategic Plan, the updated version is not structured around programmatic areas, but rather around our strategic objectives, priorities, and the change we aim to achieve.

With the call "Let's change perceptions and narratives on sexual violence together!", we published our 2025-2027 Strategic Plan in both **short** and **long** versions on our website.


As we step into a new period, we invite all those who, despite pressures, continue to find new ways of resisting; who believe in defending bodily autonomy; and who see the struggle against sexual violence as both a shared responsibility and an achievable goal, to join us in our work and collective struggle.

ASSOCIATION for STRUGGLE AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Strategic Plan 2025-2027

With our Strategic Plan, we enter a new era where we reaffirm our commitment to persistently defend our bodily autonomy in this region despite all forms of pressure. We also invite all survivors and everyone who believes that combating sexual violence is a shared responsibility and an achievable goal, to join our struggle.

Sexual violence thrives in silence, let's talk about it!


 Association for Struggle against Sexual Violence
www.cinselsiddietemucadele.org

VISION To create a world where preventing sexual violence is recognized as a shared responsibility and an achievable goal.

Together, we can shift
the narratives and perceptions around sexual violence!

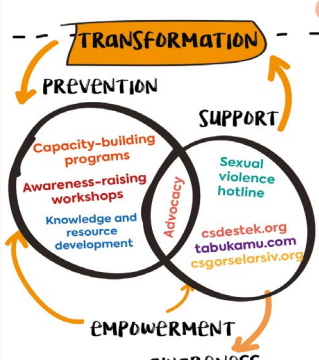
Why do we exist?

CSMD (Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence) is a rights-based civil society organization founded in 2014 in Istanbul. We work to make sexual violence more visible, speakable, and addressable. Our goal is to bring attention to its less visible forms and to struggle against all forms of sexual violence — without ranking or minimizing any. We focus on support, prevention, awareness, and advocacy.

OUR NON-NEGOTIABLES

- ★ Acknowledging that anyone can be a survivor and/or a perpetrator of sexual violence
- ★ Recognizing children and young adults as holders of sexual rights
- ★ Using empowering language and approaches
- ★ Seeking transformative solutions rather than relying solely on punishment
- ★ Promoting restorative and healing justice

TRANSFORMATION



2025-2027 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- ★ Fundraising and organizational sustainability
- ★ Collaboration and strategic partnerships
- ★ Youth participation and leadership
- ★ Social impact measurement and monitoring
- ★ Adapting to digital transformation

OUR GOALS

1) REACH AND SUPPORT

To reach survivors of sexual violence and the professionals who support them, and to provide the guidance, tools, and resources they need.

Empowered Survivors

We will achieve this goal when survivors are able to advocate for their rights and access the counseling, medical care, and legal support they need.

2) CREATE COLLECTIVE IMPACT FOR PREVENTION

To break the silence around sexual violence and develop knowledge, tools, and resources that strengthen prevention efforts.

Duty Bearers with Strengthened Capacity on Sexual Violence

We will achieve this goal when professionals, rights-holders, and other key actors actively apply, share, and institutionalize the knowledge and approaches they have gained.

3) INSPIRE TRANSFORMATION

To increase the meaningful participation of young people and all individuals in building a culture of consent.

Youth Driving the Culture of Consent

We will achieve this goal when young rights-holders foster safer relationships and take active responsibility in promoting and practicing consent.

4) GROW AS A RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE ORGANIZATION

To strengthen our organizational and financial resilience by adapting to evolving contexts and challenges.

A Lasting and Values-Driven Organization

We will achieve this goal if, by 2027, we remain a vibrant, responsive, and mission-driven association, grounded in our core values and vision.

CORE VALUES

- ★ Queer feminist
- ★ Anti-discriminatory and rooted in equality
- ★ Creative and flexible
- ★ Inclusive and intersectional
- ★ Sex-positive
- ★ Anti-hierarchical
- ★ Critical
- ★ Accountable and transparent

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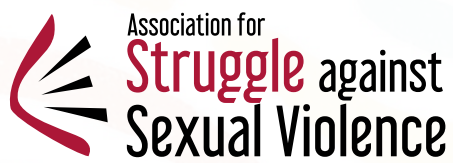


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