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Visionary Women's Association (VIKA):

Founded in 2013, *Visionary Women's Association (VIKA)* is a non-governmental organization that carries out effective work at both national and international levels to ensure that women and youth gain a stronger position in social and economic life. We develop comprehensive projects for women and youth who are deprived of educational and employment opportunities, aiming to increase their active participation in social, economic, cultural, and political life. We are proud to have achieved these goals on many occasions.

Working for the Empowerment of Women and Youth

As *VIKA*, we organize projects and activities in various fields to ensure that women and youth gain stronger positions in business, politics, and family life. Participation in education, employment, and entrepreneurship directly affects the overall well-being of society, as well as individuals. In this direction, we organize training programs and seminars in digital skills, entrepreneurship, and personal development to help women and youth realize their potential.

Entrepreneurship and Digital Skills

We provide knowledge, experience, and training support in entrepreneurship to ensure that women and youth take a more active role in the business world. By increasing the number of women and young entrepreneurs, we aim to support entrepreneurs who will create employment. Additionally, we organize various training programs and certification courses to enhance their digital skills, equipping them with competencies that meet the requirements of the modern business world.

Strengthening Women's Status in Society

We implement various projects to elevate the status of women and youth in society, ensure their participation in professional education, and increase their presence in the workforce. By offering training that provides the knowledge and skills demanded by the business world, we support their equal access to the opportunities society offers. Moreover, we produce policies and implement projects aimed at protecting and advancing the rights and freedoms of women and youth.



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Increasing Participation in Political Life

We carry out encouraging activities to increase the active participation of women and youth in political life and to involve them in decision-making mechanisms. We develop policies to help them become better individuals at home, better employees at work, and more equipped leaders in political life. In this direction, we organize training and seminars that will enable them to play an active role in political life.

Cultural and Artistic Activities

We increase the participation of women and youth in social life by carrying out cultural and artistic activities (exhibitions, theater, trips, concerts, panels, symposiums, etc.) for the benefit of the country. By raising social awareness through art, we aim to amplify the voices of women and youth and contribute to raising public awareness of their issues.

Certification Programs for Entrepreneurs

We support the acquisition of knowledge and skills for women and youth through certification programs for entrepreneurs, NLP techniques training, and personal development training. In the process that leads Turkey towards EU membership, we reflect the views and suggestions of the business world by establishing contacts with investors both domestically and internationally.

Working for a Society with Confidence in the Future

VIKA aims to lay the foundations of a society that looks to the future with confidence by helping women and youth gain a stronger position in social and economic life. With our projects that help women and youth realize their potential, we are building a more just, equal, and strong future. We continue to play an important role in creating a more just and equal society through our projects on gender equality and the empowerment of youth.



OPERATIONALIZED PROJECTS

Our association mainly works to ensure that the values produced by women are recognized by the whole society and to improve the place and status of women in social life. In this context, our association, which is aware of the potential of young people in raising social awareness, attaches particular importance to the inclusion of young people in its activities since 2013. In this context, the following activities have been carried out for 11 years.

1. International Women's Alliance for Digital Eco Entrepreneurship (2023-1-KA152- YOU-3875B5AA)

The main objective of the project implemented by the Association of Visionary Women, funded by the Turkish National Agency, is to address the gender-based inequalities that still exist despite the increase in the number of women entrepreneurs. Given the barriers and challenges faced by women entrepreneurs compared to men across Europe, this project aims to promote equal opportunities for young women. The project aims to encourage NEET women into entrepreneurship by developing strategies to increase young women entrepreneurs' access to financial resources, networks and mentoring opportunities. Participants are expected to increase their cultural understanding through collaboration with groups from different countries, improve their language skills and develop their ability to strategize problem-based solutions. The project is ongoing.

2. Strong Women, Beautiful Future (2023-1-ESC30-SOL-33AE359A)

Our project, funded by the Turkish National Agency and implemented by the Visionary Women Association, aims to increase the participation of young women in Sultangazi district, who are neither in education nor in employment, in economic and social life, to improve their digital skills and to raise awareness about women's rights. With this project, young women who stay at home or are unemployed will have the opportunity to earn income in their own neighborhoods by receiving training in areas such as digital marketing and cooperatives. Trainings on human rights and women's rights and meetings with successful women will also be organized. In this way, our project aims to reduce inequalities by increasing the participation of young women in society.



3. Kirkyama Art Design Platform (2023-2308036)

The Kirkyama Art Design Platform project, implemented by the Visionary Women's Association, was funded by the General Directorate of Copyrights of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Turkey. The main objective of the project was the development and implementation of a platform that would enable the commercialization and dissemination of the products transformed into products by collecting household wastes through special design and branding trainings in the process of disseminating the circular economy production model of women who participated in the Kirkyama trainings and received a certificate of competence. Within this framework, it was aimed to support women's entrepreneurship activities and to enable the sale of products on the e-commerce platform. The project contributed to the development of the capacity of the products produced and the planning of the next process, as well as to the activities of kinkweaving and personal development. This project, in which the Visionary Women's Association made a significant contribution to the development of the branding and e-commerce capacity of the products by supporting the training skills and capacities of women, gave a great impetus to the economic and social empowerment of women.

4. There is Someone (2020-M-279)

The "There is Someone" project, coordinated by the Visionary Women's Association, was funded by the General Directorate of Civil Society Relations of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Turkey. The aim of the project was to raise awareness and preparedness of the society against disasters by providing disaster awareness training for the public and disaster awareness trainer training for the youth. During the project, disaster preparedness and disaster awareness trainings, disaster awareness trainer trainings, strategy meetings, workshops and camps were organized. Within the scope of disaster preparedness and awareness trainings, participants were informed about types of disasters, disaster risks and threats, pre-disaster preparedness activities, disaster plans, measures such as emergency kits; they were provided with the skills to react correctly in case of a disaster, emergency management protocols, rescue and assistance, effective communication and coordination. In addition, within the scope of disaster awareness trainer trainings, participants were trained on pre-disaster preparations, correct behavior during disasters, first aid, psychological support, and participants were certified. The project has made a significant contribution to raising public awareness and preparedness against disasters.



5. Women in Entrepreneurship Women at Work (2022-3-TR01-KA154-YOU000097089)

The Erasmus+ KA154 Youth Engagement project "Women in Entrepreneurship Women at Work" was applied for on October 4, 2022 and was implemented between February 1, 2023 - February 1, 2024. The aim of the project was to increase women's participation in the labor market and promote young women entrepreneurship. For this purpose, 3 national meetings were organized. The first meeting was held in Rize in August 2023, the second meeting in Şanlıurfa in December 2023 and the last meeting in Istanbul in February 2024. The meetings brought together young people, decision makers and trainers to organize sessions on entrepreneurship, employment, women's rights and policies, and to propose solutions. With these activities, an important step has been taken to increase the participation of young women in the labor market and encourage their entrepreneurship.

6. Women's Empowerment through Kirkyama Art Combining Past and Future (TR10/21/YES/0058)

Within the scope of our project funded by the Istanbul Development Agency in the 2021 financial support period, efforts are being carried out to raise awareness of the circular economy in the textile sector by being aware of climate change; to revitalize the art of kinkle art by turning it into a modern fashion trend by using waste fabrics in home textiles and clothing products and to increase the self-awareness of 48 women who will be trained in our textile production workshop and to gain professional competence. With the circular economy seminar held within the scope of the project, public, private and civil sector representatives were brought together to raise awareness of circular economy and work was carried out to create inter-sectoral ties.



7. Women Empowerment For Local Development (2021-1-TR01-KA210-ADU-000035064)

Our project, which was supported by the Turkish National Agency in the 2021 financial support period, aims to increase cooperation between active and experienced institutions in women's work in Turkey, Romania and Slovenia and to share good practices for women's development across Europe. Activities were carried out to respond to the increasing responsibilities of women at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the use of digital tools in the home economy, the use of digital tools in the home economy, the increase in the time spent at home, the transformation of leftover meals and domestic recycling needs and to increase the knowledge of women who actively participate in the work in our institutions in areas such as Adult Education and Peer education.

8. Seminar on Career Opportunities for Women Entrepreneurs

As a continuation of our "Mail Me" project, 300 women with entrepreneurial dreams were reached and entrepreneurship training was provided through 10 seminars organized to increase women's entrepreneurship skills and raise the awareness they need to turn the value they produce at home into economic returns.

9. Leading Women Strong CSOs (2019-M-086)

With our "Leading Women Strong NGOs" project supported by the General Directorate of Relations with Civil Society of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Turkey, we started field work in February 2021 with the aim of strengthening the civil movement, which is one of the tools for women's participation in social life, that is, both increasing the number of NGOs working on women and improving their service quality, and ensuring that women are in this movement.

10. Muteber

Our play Muteber, which we staged in order to make the people of our country, which is located in the earthquake zone, ready at any moment and to raise awareness, which reveals the stance of women in those years, the general situation of Turkey and the effects of the earthquake, was screened in Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality theaters.



11. First Step in Family Communication

With our "First Step Communication in the Family" project funded by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Interior, General Directorate of Relations with Civil Society Prodes program, trainings were given on the definition of unhealthy family, communication rules that are not seen in healthy communication, definition of healthy family and development of listening skills in healthy family. In the continuation of our project, a theater play called HUMAN was performed with the participants, which deals with the issues of individuals questioning themselves after questioning and accusations within marriage.

12. Conscious Mother Healthy Future

In order to prevent domestic neglect and abuse, a pilot project was carried out in Bayrampaşa district in cooperation with the Governorship of Istanbul and the Provincial Directorate of National Education. Experts provided information to parents on how to recognize the signs of "neglect and abuse", how to understand them and what to do.

13. Komedi hane

The play focuses on the effects of social media on family relations and the loss of the normal and traditional structure that has changed with the entry of technology into society. The play, which draws attention to the degenerating family relationships, the misuse of technology and the degeneration of family relationships, was staged throughout Istanbul in 2018.

14. July 15th National Will Epic Theater Play

On July 15, 2016, the play about the uprising and the resistance of the people was selected first among 508 plays sent to the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and staged in all cultural centers in Istanbul. It was also included in the Ministry of Culture State Theaters Repertoire. With the decision of the Presidential Communication Presidency, it was staged as "Oratorio 15 July" at Diyarbakır State Theater on July 15, 2019. The play was written and directed by our association president Gülçin Mete.

15. No to Rote Memorization, Yes to Thinking

Bayrampaşa Municipality Youth Center organized seminars on Thinking in English at Istanbul University Cerrahpaşa Hadımköy Campus. In the seminar held in cooperation with the 'Culture, Art and Sports Club' of the university; Taner Çağlı, known as "the man who wrote the mathematics of English", explained what Thinking in English is.



16. Smile to the Future

With the contributions of the Governorship of Mardin, Mardin Metropolitan Municipality and Provincial Directorate of National Education, approximately 10,300 children were reached for 27 days and children were introduced to theater. Later, seeing the positive effects of the project, with the contributions of Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality and Provincial Directorate of National Education, we established a "Bridge of Brotherhood" between Mardin, Balıkesir and Bitlis with the contributions of the Governorship of Bitlis, Bitlis Municipality and Provincial Directorate of National Education, and we came together with 3,200 children in Bitlis in 15 days. Thus, during our project, we organized theater activities in different provinces of Turkey (Mardin, Balıkesir, Bitlis) by bringing together approximately 20 thousand children.

17. Şanlıurfa Halil-ür Rahman Library Project

With the contributions of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the support of the Şanlıurfa Governorship, the first library was established in the region within the scope of the "Şanlıurfa Halil-ür Rahman Library Project", of which "El Birliği Assistance and Solidarity Association" is the project collaborator. People who read 10 pages of books in the library located in Halil'ur-Rahman Culture and Art Complex in the historical Balıklıgöl campus are offered free tea. In addition, students who come to the library do not only read books here, but also take part in activities to gain social responsibility. Halil'ür-Rahman Library opens its doors to children who cannot read and write as well as to all age groups. Children come to the library and spend time with their peers in a quiet environment and paint their dreams.

18. The Alphabet of Business Life

With our seminars organized for the career development of Women Entrepreneurs, 300 women who want to enter business life were trained on leadership role, team management, communication skills, decision-making process, financial management of the business, budgeting, investment opportunities and effective use of resources, effective networking in the business world, cooperation and partnership strategies.



19. We Became Parents in Girls' Dormitories

We did not leave our young girls, who were taken away from their families as a result of domestic abuse and placed in state dormitories and raised in these dormitories, alone when they decided to get married and leave the dormitories. Activities were carried out to support our young people who stepped into a new phase of their lives and to help them establish healthy families.

20. If Woman Wants

A woman is an individual, a woman can do the best of everything if she wants to. In our theater play, which puts a finger on an important wound on the place and perception of women in society, the obstacles faced by housewives in the social and family structure were exhibited. Despite the obstacles, our story, which has reached success with the support of her sister, was staged 55 times throughout Istanbul between 2014-2015 and reached approximately 13,000 people.

21. Mail Me

Computer Training Course for Women The project was implemented in partnership with Bayrampaşa Municipality and Bayrampaşa Public Education Center with the support of the computer company "Intel". In our project, in order to prevent the technological alienation that emerged as a result of technological developments, trainings were carried out to increase the awareness of young people on the healthy use of technology and the correct use of computers by families.

22. I'm in too

A three-day bazaar was organized to support women entrepreneurs. The event was organized to improve the place and status of women in social life and contributed to the home economy by selling the handmade products of "producing women".



PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

1. Sea Life Trip for Orphan Children

We supported the social responsibility project for orphaned children initiated by Gaziosmanpaşa Alparslan Primary School with the slogan 'My Hope is My Teacher'.

2. Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

"Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development", of which our Association is one of the silent partners, is a 15-month project funded by the Central Finance and Contracts Unit and implemented under the Civil Society Support Program (CSSP) – III. The project was managed by Fundacja Europejski Instytut Outsourcingu (FEIO) in partnership with Povod Institute for the Development of International Relations in Culture and Culture, Istanbul Culture and Sports Association (IKOS), Center for the Development of Disabled People and Families (EBAGEM) and Gaziantep Education and Youth Association (GEGED). The overall objective of the project was to build mutual and sustainable cooperation between youth organizations from the EU and TR by increasing their skills in cohesion policy making and fostering a positive attitude towards bilateral partners in the EU-TR framework.

3. If There are Women, There is Peace

The project "If There are Women, There is Peace", which is carried out by the Divan Association and of which we are a partner, has been supported by the European Commission within the scope of the Erasmus+ Program. It aims to ensure the active participation of women in peace processes and to raise awareness on this issue; to emphasize their role in peace processes by providing them with the necessary trainings in areas such as mediation, conflict resolution, negotiation.



NETWORKS WE ARE A MEMBER OF

Turkish Family Platform

It was established on April 21, 2012 in order to eliminate the family institution, which is deeply shaken in our country and in the world within the framework of the social change process, the family environment that is dissolved due to serious problems or the psycho-social problems of the generations raised in institutions providing social services, and the chain negativities that go beyond the boundaries of the individual and reflect on all segments of society. TÜRAP, working with the ideal of a strong, natural family where healthy generations will grow up; It is the only Family Platform formed by NGOs from across Turkey that rejects a perspective that destroys, disintegrates and divides society into groups. TÜRAP has members from 7 geographical regions of Turkey. TÜRAP prepares a ground for communication, consultation and cooperation for NGOs working on family and family members. With virtual media meetings, Consultation Group Provincial Meetings and General Assembly Meetings held once a year, issues related to the family agenda in the world and in our country are discussed, partnerships are developed and projects are produced.

One Team

"One Team" non-governmental organization established in Mongolia is an organization that serves the society by conducting voluntary education activities, sharing the knowledge and skills of young people, organizing aid campaigns. On February 6, 2023, after the earthquake disaster in our country, Gantulga Dorjdugar, President of One Team Association, accompanied by members of the association, donated 80 tents to our country.



Projects carried out by Visionary Women's Association for the last 4 years				
Participant	Project Reference Number and Title, Financing programme	Term (start and end date)	Role (COO, BEN, AE, OTHER)	Amount
Visionary Women's Association	International Women's Alliance for Digital Eco-Entrepreneurship - Turkish National Agency - 2023-1- KA152YOU-3875B5AA	01/06/2023 - 31/05/2024	COO	24.826,00 €
Visionary Women's Association	Strong Women, Good Future - Turkish National Agency - 2023-1-ESC30-SOL-33AE359A	01/06/2023 - 31/05/2024	COO	8.028,00 €
Visionary Women's Association	Kirkyama Art Design Platform - Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism General Directorate of Copyrights - 2308036	15/11/2023 - 25/05/2024	COO	1.065.500,00 TL
Visionary Women's Association	Women in Entrepreneurship Women at Work - Turkish National Agency - 2022-3-TR01-KA1 54-YOU000097089	01/02/2023 - 03/04/2024	COO	59.802,00 €
Visionary Women's Association	There's Someone - Ministry of Interior General Directorate of Relations with Civil Society - 2020-M-279	15/05/2023 - 15/05/2024	COO	217.000 TL
Visionary Women's Association	Peace if there are women - Turkish National Agency - 2022-1-TR01-KA1 54-YOU000067194	20222023	BEN	-
Visionary Women's Association	Through Women International Collaboration to Entrepreneurship - Turkish National Agency - 2021-1-TR01-KA2 10-ADU000035064	01/01/2022 - 01/04/2023	COO	60.000,00 €





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