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## BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCES

Visionary Women's Association – VIKADER, since its establishment, in order to ensure that women gain a stronger place in every field of society; It continues its activities on a local and national scale with the vision of strengthening the status of women in the family, business world and politics in the world, especially in Turkey. As an association that carries out its activities mainly in Gaziosmanpaşa and Bayrampaşa districts, The main axis of our association is the activities that serve the capacity development of women who have been deprived of participation in the fields of education and employment due to various reasons in our society, in a way that can serve the national development, receive vocational training and take more part in working life.

Our association, which has been conducting training, seminars and conferences for the empowerment of women in the fields of economy, culture, art and politics for 10 years, carries out activities aimed at making women's problems visible, designing solutions to problems and increasing the level of general awareness in the society, especially by using art as a method. While our theatrical awareness and education-based works were at the forefront before the pandemic, local and international activities in the fields of handicrafts and recycling of household waste began to be prioritized as a natural result of women spending more time in their homes during the pandemic process. The meetings we held during this process serve to popularize the understanding of the circular economy production model, which serves the sustainable development global goals and is based on the recycling of many different wastes, among women residing in Bayrampaşa and Gaziosmanpaşa, and to increase the self-awareness of women that will enable them to be more present in all areas of life.

Our association basically carries out activities on the awareness of the values produced by women by the whole society and the development of women's place and status 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 involvement of young people in the activities we have carried out for 10 years.

In this framework, the following activities were carried out for 10 years:

- 1. I am in too (Ben de Varım) :** Fair were held on 5-8 June to support entrepreneurial women. In the event, which was held with the aim of improving the place and status of women in social life, the handicraft products of the “producing woman” were sold, thereby contributing to the home economy.
- 2. Mail Me! (Bana Mail At) :** The Computer Training course for women and youth was implemented with the solution partnership of Bayrampaşa Municipality and Bayrampaşa Public Education Center and with the support of the private sector firm “Intel”. In order to prevent the technological alienation that arises as a result of technological developments, trainings were carried out to increase the awareness of the healthy use of technology by the youth and the correct use of the computer by the families.
- 3. If a Woman Wants (Kadın İsterse) :** A woman is an individual, she can do the best of everything if she wants. In our theater play, which has an important wound on the place and perception of women in society, the obstacles that housewives face in the social and family structure are displayed. Between 2014 and 2015, it was staged 55 times throughout Istanbul and reached approximately 13,000 people.

4. **Career Opportunity Seminars for Entrepreneur Women :** As a continuation of our “Mail Me” project, 300 women with entrepreneurial dreams were reached and entrepreneurship training was provided with 10 seminars organized to increase the entrepreneurial abilities of women, to turn the value they produce at home into economic return and to raise the awareness they need.
5. **We Became Mother and Sister in Girls' Orphanage :** We did not leave our young girls, who were removed from their families as a result of domestic abuse and placed in state dormitories and grew up in these dormitories, when they decided to get married and left the dormitories. Alongside our young people who are stepping into a new phase of their lives, activities have been carried out to help them establish healthy families.
6. **Şanlıurfa Halil-ur Rahman Library :** With the contributions of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the support of the Governorship of Şanlıurfa, the first library in the region was established within the scope of the "Şanlıurfa Halil-ür Rahman Library", of which we are the project collaborator of the "Al-Union Aid and Solidarity Association". In addition, students who come to the library not only read books, but also take part in activities to gain social responsibility. Halil'ür-Rahman Library opens its doors to illiterate children 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.
7. **Smile to the Future :** With the contributions of Mardin Governorship, Mardin Metropolitan Municipality and Provincial Directorate of National Education, approximately 10 thousand 300 children were reached in 27 days and the children were introduced to the theater. Afterwards, the positive effects of the project were seen, with the contributions of Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality and Provincial Directorate of National Education, with the portable stage, approximately 6 thousand children in all districts of the city for 28 days, and with the contributions of Bitlis Governorship, Bitlis Municipality and Provincial Directorate of National Education, between Mardin, Balıkesir and Bitlis. We established the “Brotherhood Bridge” and came together with our 3,200 children in 15 days in Bitlis. Thus, throughout our project, we organized theater activities by gathering about 20 thousand children in different provinces of Turkey (Mardin, Balıkesir, Bitlis).
8. **No to Rote Yes to Thinking :** Together with the Bayrampaşa Municipality Youth Center, the students residing in Bayrampaşa and the students of Istanbul University came together and awareness trainings were held on how to overcome the problems in foreign language teaching and to remove the obstacles. Thanks to the trainings, 100 people were reached and awareness was raised.
9. **Komedihane :** Family is the strongest form of love. All the people you're with in good and bad times are family. The point reached by corrupt family relations, misuse of technology and social media capturing our lives has been made visible by instrumentalizing the theater. Our game, which was exhibited 22 times, reached approximately 5 thousand people.
10. **Conscious Mother, Healthy Future :** In order to prevent domestic neglect and abuse, with the pilot application carried out in the Bayrampaşa region together with the Governorship of Istanbul and the Provincial Directorate of National Education, information was shared by the experts at schools on how to see, understand the signs of "neglect and abuse" towards parents, and what to do. Within the scope of the project, 5000 parents were reached and awareness of neglect and abuse was raised.

- 11. July 15 The Story of National Resilience :** The theatrical play, which describes the uprising on 15 July 2016 and the resistance of the people, was selected first among 508 plays sent to the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and was staged 10 times in all cultural centers in Istanbul. It has also been included in the Ministry of Culture State Theaters Repertoire. With the decision of the Presidency's Directorate of Communications, it was staged as "Oratorio 15 July" at the Diyarbakır State Theater on July 15, 2019. Democratic awareness was increased in the theatre, which reached 3 thousand people in total.
- 12. Muteber :** The story of the poor, disabled Muteber, who struggles to survive in one of the villages of Yalova and to educate his children, is learned in the newspapers, in Turkey. Local politicians and women of the period living in Yalova started tragicomic efforts for Muteber upon this news. On August 17, at 03.02, the earthquake is experienced with the intensity that hits everyone. It leaves a terrible void with only ruined houses and flying curtains. The play raises awareness about the earthquake reality, which embraces every excuse not to take precautions. With our play, which was staged 5 times, approximately 1500 people were reached.
- 13. First Step in Family Communication :** In our project, which was supported within the scope of the Civil Society Support Program of the Ministry of Interior, communication trainings were given to 20 participants, 10 couples, in order to create healthy communication channels that will facilitate the pre-marital preparations and understanding of each other. In our training modules, participant-oriented activities were carried out by using theater as a method, revealing the barriers of communication, and searching for solutions. A theater event was organized with our participants. In the play called 'Other Man', individuals question themselves after interrogations and accusations during the game. The messages given to the couples during the game were mirrored to the tides within the marriage.
- 14. Leader Women, Powerful NGOs :** In our project, carried out within the scope of the Civil Society Support Program of the Ministry of Interior, in order for women to be active in non-governmental organizations as well as in all areas of life, to strengthen their competencies in these areas and to realize that they can contribute to NGOs with skills they have. Leadership training was given to 10 women working and volunteering in the field of civil society, 2 women representing each association from 5 associations. In this training module, gender awareness, corporate governance and leadership were studied.
- 15. Empowering Women with Patchwork Art Combining Past and Future (TR10/21/YES/0058) :** Increasing the awareness of the circular economy in the textile sector by being aware of climate change within the scope of our project funded by the Istanbul Development Agency in the 2021 financial support period; Efforts are being made to revive the art of patchwork 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 receive training in our textile production workshop and to gain professional competence. With the circular economy seminar held within the scope of the project, representatives of the public, private and civil sectors were brought together to raise awareness of the circular economy and efforts were made to establish intersectoral ties.
- 16. 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 the cooperation between institutions active and experienced in women's studies in Turkey, Romania and Slovenia, and to ensure the sharing of good practices for the development of women across Europe. Emphasis is placed on the use of digital tools in the economy, the increase in the time spent at home, and the recycling of leftover meals and

domestic recycling needs. We aim to respond to the needs of women, who are the most fundamental subjects of local empowerment, and to increase the knowledge of women who actively participate in the activities of our institutions in areas such as Adult Education and Peer Education. We aim for women who will have the opportunity to develop their own capacities in the 3 areas mentioned, both to use resources consciously to support household management and to be active individuals in constructing the future work of our institutions.

- 17. If There are Women, There is Peace (2022-1-TR01-KA154-YOU-000067194) :** The project that we are the project partner supported by the Turkish National Agency in the 2022 financial support period; In our project for the inclusion of women in peace processes, inclusive peace studies are handled in a holistic and encompassing way, rather than a subjective and sterile perspective. With the project, new information and new methods will be developed in peace studies by accepting and increasing the resources that women can contribute to peace or non-violence. It aims to emphasize the empowering and healing role of women in peace, human rights and conflict resolution processes through non-formal education, as well as providing trainings and developing applied studies to increase women's competencies in peace work, conflict resolution, negotiation, mediation and social cohesion.
- 18. Women in Entrepreneurship, Women at Work (2022-3-TR01-KA154-YOU-000097089) :**Our project, which was supported by the Turkish National Agency in the 2022 financial support period, aims to produce solutions to increase women's participation in the labor market and to develop strategies to encourage young women's entrepreneurship. It aims to bring together young people and decision makers by organizing 2 national meetings and 1 summit in Rize, Şanlıurfa and Istanbul.

## PROJECTS CONDUCTED (Last 3 Years)

PROGRAMS	YEAR	CONTRACT NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME
ERASMUS+ 2022 KA154 Gençlik Katılımı	2023	2022-3-TR01-KA154-YOU- 000097089	Visionary Women's Association
ERASMUS+ 2021 KA154 Gençlik Katılımı	2022	2022-1-TR01-KA154-YOU- 000067194	Divan Eğitim ve Araştırma Derneği
ERASMUS+ 2021 KA210 Yetişkin Eğitiminde Küçük Ölçekli Ortaklıklar	2022	2021-1-TR01-KA210-ADU- 000035064	Visionary Women's Association
İstanbul Kalkınma Ajansı	2021	TR10/21/YES/0058	Visionary Women's Association
İçişleri Bakanlığı Sivil Toplumla İlişkiler Genel Müdürlüğü PRODES	2021	2020-M-279	Visionary Women's Association
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