

NEWS FROM TUSEV

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TUSEV published an announcement on the state of civil society organizations in Turkey amid the precautions against COVID-19. The announcement which focuses on the importance of civil society organisations being included in the support packages introduced by the government, the cross sectoral cooperation, an efficient public sector-CSO cooperation and flexibility of donors can be reached [here](#).



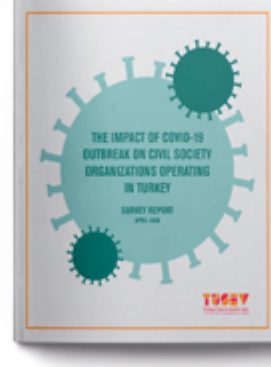
Individual Giving and Philanthropy in Turkey 2019 Report is Published

Individual Giving and Philanthropy in Turkey 2019 Report, which presents comprehensive and up to date data on individual giving and philanthropy, is published. Authored by Prof. Dr. Ali Çarkoglu and Assistant Professor Selim Erdem Aytaç from Koç University Center for Civil Society and Philanthropy Research, the report presents data under sections Social Capital and Civil Society, Individual Giving in Turkey with sub-sections Direct Giving to Those in Need, Donations to Civil Society Organizations and Participation in Activities, Giving Motivations and Preferred Methods. Referencing the earlier two research conducted by TUSEV, the report also provides a comparative analysis of the change that took place in the field of individual giving in Turkey in the last 15 years. For more information please click [here](#).



TUSEV Members Gathered at COVID-19 Experience Sharing Meeting

TUSEV members came together at the COVID-19 Experience Sharing Meeting which took place on April 1. Moderated by TUSEV Secretary General Rana Kotan, the meeting created an opportunity for experience sharing on the effects of the measures taken against the spread of COVID-19 on their work and discussion of immediate needs and expectations from TUSEV.



The Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak on Civil Society Organizations Operating in Turkey Survey Report is Published

TUSEV published the report of the Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak on Civil Society Organizations Operating in Turkey Survey. Created with the aim of determining the common problems experienced by CSOs during the pandemic in a more participatory manner, the survey consisted of 34 questions under the sections General Questions, Current Resources, the Impact of COVID-19 on Your Organization, Grants and Funds, Aids and Donations and Employment and Sustainability. Please click [here](#) to reach more information and the survey report.



Study Visit to the United States of America

TUSEV made a study visit to United States of America between February 24-29th, in accordance with TUSEV's activities that aim to strengthen the philanthropy infrastructure in Turkey. The study visit included meetings with philanthropy infrastructure organizations and institutions that contribute to the development of philanthropy, including Candid, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the Graduate Center of City University of New York - CUNY, Turkish Philanthropy Funds, Charities Aid Foundation America and International Center for Not-for-Profit Law. During these meetings, information and experience relating TUSEV's work were shared and collaboration opportunities were discussed.



TUSEV Contributed to ICNL Civic Freedom Monitor

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law's (ICNL) Civic Freedom Monitor provides up-to-date information on legal issues affecting civil society in 54 countries and 8 multilateral organizations. As part of this initiative, TUSEV provides an overview of key legal issues relating to civic freedom, with a focus on legal barriers to civil society activity in Turkey. Please click [here](#) to reach ICNL Civic Freedom Monitor Turkey page that was last updated in April 2020.

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



Activities of CIVICUS International Civil Society Week Have Started

The activities within the scope of International Civil Society Week (ICSW) 2020-21 that promotes a global, year-long conversation about People Power have started. Throughout the year, every activity will focus on including and amplifying civil society voices, knowledge, leadership and visions especially from grassroots activists and organisations from the global south. For more information about ICSW, and year-long activities please click [here](#).



BCSDN Published the COVID-19 Regional Overview Part I: The Effects to and the Impact of Civil Society in the Balkan Region

Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) published the first part of the overview that is dedicated the CSOs' efforts in relation to the ongoing corona-crisis, as well as the influence this crisis has on their work, aiming to provide for an overview of responses and examples all could learn from. Please click [here](#) to reach the first issue of the series that is titled Restrictions on Civic Space and Citizens' Basic Freedoms which encompasses details on bans on assembly and movement under the state of emergency; freedom of expression: fight against fake news and attacks on journalists and access to information; measures affecting the right to personal privacy, and amendments to the legal framework.



WINGS Created the COVID-19 Global Resources Webpage

Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS) created the COVID-19 Global Resources Webpage which includes links to information and resources on how our WINGS members and partners are responding to the crisis. The page also includes links of resources from outside the network that are relevant in understanding the global response. Please click [here](#) to reach the page that is updated on a regular basis.



ICNL Published Coronavirus and Civic Space-Preserving Human Rights During a Pandemic Article

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law's (ICNL) published Coronavirus and Civic Space-Preserving Human Rights During a Pandemic Article that discusses how international law provides a framework to uphold human rights during crisis response. Report also emphasizes that responses to public health threats are stronger and more effective when they respect human rights. Click [here](#) for more information and to reach report.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Code at Home with Genç Hayat Foundation



Genç Hayat Foundation started "Code at Home!" series; where sources to learn coding are shared on the project website for the access of everyone. Implemented by Genç Hayat Foundation with the EMpower Foundation's support and with the partnership of Kodluyoruz Association, the "Eşittir Kod" project's motto states "Code, equalize, change!". Focusing on this, the project aims to create a free choice of profession for each student through technology education. Reaching 515 students in six districts of Istanbul, the project continues to meet with students during COVID-19 pandemic with online workshops. For more information about the foundation please click [here](#).

IKSV Published the Uniting Power of Arts and Needs of the Cultural Field During the Pandemic Policy Text



İstanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts published policy text titled The Unity Power of Arts and Needs of the Cultural Field During the Pandemic. The policy text emphasises the social values of culture and arts, and outlines the steps taken by different countries in support of the creative sectors during the Coronavirus pandemic and the resulting lockdown. The policy text dedicates a section to the current state of public support mechanisms in the cultural field in Turkey and offers suggestions. Please click [here](#) to reach report.

Commitment of Sabancı Foundation Regarding COVID-19



Stating that the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the world has deepened the current social problems and intensified inequalities, the Sabancı Foundation has committed that all its support will continue without any interruption in order to ensure that the ongoing work in education, culture-arts and social change is not disrupted. Signing the commitments shared by the European Foundation Center (EFC) and the Council on Foundations (COF) as a member, Sabancı Foundation announced that it will act according to the principles of trust-based philanthropy in all its programs, especially the grant programs. Click [here](#) for detailed information.

Turkey Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Situation Analysis Report is Published



Turkey Social Entrepreneurship Network carried under the leadership of the Vehbi Koç Foundation in collaboration with 15 partner institutions, shared the findings of the baseline research with the public. The research was conducted to identify the existing state of the social entrepreneurship ecosystem, determine the needs, and remove the obstacles to develop this field in Turkey. Data was gathered through consultation meetings arranged with 205 people from 6 cities, face-to-face meetings with 47 ecosystem actors, online surveys with 166 participants, and desk researches. The report focused on analysis in the ecosystem level rather than evaluating actors individually, and took a holistic approach through evaluating all actors, structures, and relations between them.

Vodafone Turkey Foundation is together with Stray Animals in the Outbreak



Operating with the aim of pioneering social change and development, Vodafone Turkey Foundation made the call to help stray animals to those who spend their days at home within the scope of the measures taken against the coronavirus outbreak. Publishing a video on April 4 World Stray Animals Day, the Foundation invited all animal lovers to feed stray animals remotely by using code-operated feeding machines developed by the participants of the "Coding Tomorrow" project, by tweeting with the tag #BuMamaBenden. Please click [here](#) for more information.

OUR PROJECTS

