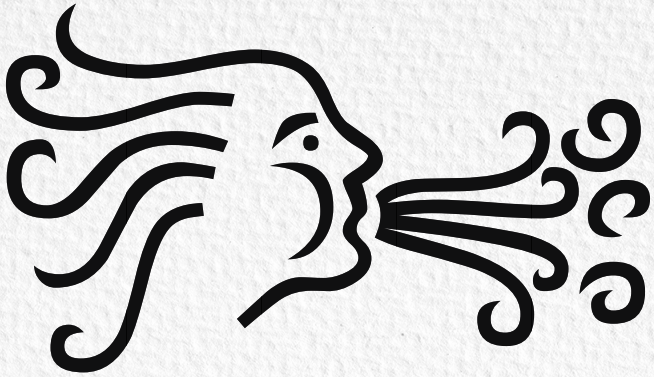
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2023 Activity Report

An earthquake is a natural event. It does not kill.
What kills are poorly constructed buildings and the lack of precautions.
There are those responsible.

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2023...

The year 2023 has taken its place in history as the year of the Great Disaster, marked by the earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş on February 6, 2023, which directly impacted 11 provinces and 13.5 million people due to the collapse of poorly constructed buildings.

The resulting pain, migrations, and impoverishment spread the effects of the disaster throughout Turkey.

According to official figures, 53,537 people lost their lives. 107,213 people were rescued injured from the rubble. Over time, we are witnessing what it means to be pulled out injured from the rubble—people with disabilities...

Although official figures provide exact numbers, we know that many adults and children are still missing, either because their bodies have not been recovered or were lost after being recovered.

Despite being a victim of the Great Disaster, KAMER quickly recovered and tried to support the survivors.

The activities carried out in 2023 were updated considering the conditions caused by the Great Disaster.





Who Are We?

KAMER was founded as a Limited Company in Diyarbakır in 1997. Due to the challenging conditions of the 1990s, it was established as a company rather than an association or foundation.

Initially, the aim was to work with women in Diyarbakır and its surrounding areas. Its principled stance and its independent organization from all individuals and institutions earned the interest and trust of women. Women began to seek support to raise awareness about violence and to stop the violence they experienced.

Soon after, women from neighboring provinces began to apply, asking for similar work to be done in their own regions. By 2005, KAMER had begun working in these surrounding provinces as well. As these efforts continued to grow, it became increasingly difficult to operate as a Limited Company. Therefore, in 2005, the KAMER Foundation was established based on the same principles.

KAMER Foundation is organized in 23 provinces across Turkey's Southeastern and Eastern Anatolia Regions. In every location where it operated, KAMER took care to work with local teams. It strives to reach women in their natural environments, communicating with them in their own languages.

Vision

Reaching a transparent, participatory social structure that has achieved gender equality, adheres to universal human rights and peace norms, and has a nature-friendly economy.

Mission

Contributing to a society in which the number of empowered women who are able to cope with violence and effectively participate in society increases.

Goals

- To raise awareness among different sections of society about gender roles, gender-based discrimination, and violence,
- To provide support to women who seek assistance in eliminating gender-based discrimination and violence,
- To engage in advocacy and lobbying efforts for the development and implementation of policies necessary for the individual, social, and economic empowerment of women,
- To participate in and contribute to Turkey's democratization process based on KAMER's principles against violence, hierarchy, and discrimination.

Regardless of where women live, how they live, or who they are, all women, especially those experiencing multidimensional poverty, are within KAMER's target group.



Two main methods were identified

1 to carry out all planned activities with priority given to disaster survivors



to establish a **"Humanitarian Aid Team"** with the support of volunteers from all provinces. 2



What Did We Do in 2023?

As always, preparations for the annual work plans were made in January 2023. However, the earthquake on February 6, 2023, its aftershocks, and the resulting collapse of poorly constructed buildings disrupted the plans and turned lives upside down.

KAMER spent the first week trying to recover from both the challenges of being a disaster victim and the pain of the great losses. In the second week of the disaster, KAMER conducted a new assessment and discussed how to move forward.

Two main methods were identified:

- The first was to carry out all planned activities with priority given to disaster survivors.
- The second was to establish a Humanitarian Aid Team with the support of volunteers from all provinces.

Immediately after the great disaster, donors who wanted to support the survivors began making donations to KAMER. The in-kind and monetary donations enabled KAMER to successfully implement both decisions made after the disaster.

We Rebuilt the KAMER Offices Damaged After the Great Disaster

KAMER Offices in Adıyaman, Malatya, Gaziantep, and Diyarbakır were damaged in the great disaster.

- Adıyaman and Malatya Offices were completely destroyed. We continued operations by first setting up tent offices and then container offices at both locations. Container offices are still in use in these two provinces.
- KAMER Foundation Headquarters and KAMER Diyarbakır Offices were inoperable. They were moved to new offices.
- Gaziantep Office was relocated to a solid building.
- After the earthquake, we set up container offices in Kahramanmaraş and Hatay, where we had been working in cooperation with various platforms before the disaster.



In these provinces, KAMER teams worked for months while staying in the tents or containers set up as offices.

There was a lack of available accommodation, and being close to disaster survivors was preferred.

As KAMER Team, We Tried to Stay Strong and Empowered

In line with the decisions made after the disaster, two separate efforts were undertaken to maintain and strengthen the KAMER team:

- Empowerment efforts prioritizing disaster survivors while carrying out the activities planned for 2023,
- Empowerment and maintaining efforts made to ensure that the Humanitarian Aid Team conducts distributions with consideration for human rights.

It was necessary both to get empowered by acquiring new information as well as by developing new methods and to remain strong in order to endure the suffering, impossibilities, and poor working conditions in the disaster area. To achieve this, numerous meetings were held throughout the year.

In particular, bringing together KAMER teams working under challenging conditions in the disaster area with each other in safe locations outside the disaster area, and involving psychologists as facilitators and supervisors in these meetings, was extremely important.





Psycho-Education workshop organized

for women disaster survivors



the Healing Power of Art Training

We Gained the Ability to Do Activities with Children with

Shortly after the disaster, survivors had to move to various parts of Turkey. Some went to stay with relatives, while others settled in shelters prepared by official institutions. Many disaster survivors arrived in provinces outside the disaster-affected area where KAMER is organized. It was determined that support was also needed for the survivors who arrived in these provinces outside the disaster area.

While fieldwork was being conducted, efforts were also made to identify new needs. The two most significant needs that emerged were:

- Despite the disaster, women were still expected to fulfill traditional female roles. Women were increasingly feeling powerless and helpless. It was essential to foster empathy and solidarity among women to help them regain strength and remain resilient.

To address this need, a Psycho-Education Program was developed.

- It was also identified that all children living in the disaster area, whether directly or indirectly affected by the disaster and violence, needed healing and empowerment.

In response to this need, all KAMER team members received training on "the healing power of art" to enhance their skills in conducting activities with children.

Throughout 2023, 20 online meetings and 7 face-to-face meetings were held. The face-to-face meetings took place as follows: 2 in Kars, 4 in safe accommodation locations in Gaziantep, 4 in safe locations in Diyarbakır, 1 in İzmir.





We Expanded Our Team

In addition to the 96-member KAMER team organized in 23 provinces for 2023, we worked with:
30 psychologists, 27 lawyers, 250 volunteer women and men.





Throughout 2023,
we conducted outreach activities
with a team of 100 people,
reaching **318.000**
women

LONG LIVE WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY

We Worked to Reach Women, Helping Them Become Empowered and Stay Strong

For the Women Reached by the KAMER Team

We aimed to reach all women who needed support, prioritizing those in the disaster area or those who had migrated to other provinces where KAMER is organized due to being survivors.

We developed two separate forms for what we termed Outreach Work.

One form is the Emergency Support Form, which was developed to determine the situation and urgent needs of disaster-stricken women, and the other is the Outreach Form, which was prepared to learn about the situation, profile, needs, thoughts, and experiences of women regarding violence.

We Conducted Outreach Activities

Throughout 2023, we conducted outreach activities with a team of 100 people, reaching 318,000 women. The women reached included those who had lost their relatives and homes due to the disaster, as well as those experiencing multidimensional poverty outside the disaster area—women who often did not have access to services on their own and needed support in various areas.



We established initial contact with women in their cities, districts, or villages; sometimes in their homes, sometimes on their streets, sometimes at markets, and sometimes through other women. We made sure to communicate with each woman in the native language she uses in her daily life.

We reached 24,225 disaster-affected women in provinces outside the disaster area and 293,775 women within the disaster area. Nearly all of the disaster-affected women requested support for their families, such as daily basic needs and health assistance, rather than making specific requests for themselves.

In 2023, 62.8% of the women we met had previously had no contact with an NGO. While trying to identify the situation and urgent needs of women in disaster-affected provinces, we also tried to provide initial information on violence against women, its negative effects, and ways to overcome it.

We introduced all the women we met to institutions and organizations where they could seek support if needed and distributed brochures containing the contact information of these institutions and organizations.



We reached

24.225

women in provinces outside the disaster area

293.775

woman within the disaster area



We Carried Out Neighborhood Meetings

With the women we met through outreach activities and who had never participated in any previous meetings, we held a second round of meetings in their neighborhoods.

Since women could more easily attend meetings held in their own neighborhoods, these meetings were organized locally. Representatives from public institutions and organizations visited at the beginning of the term were also invited to the neighborhood meetings.

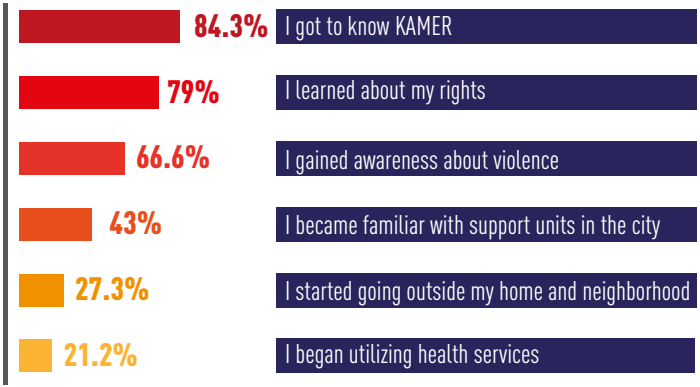
In the neighborhood meetings held in 2023, a total of 18,973 women participated, including 9,723 local women and 9,250 refugee women. A total of 297 public representatives attended the meetings.

In the neighborhood meetings:

- Attention was drawn to gender roles and the violence and discrimination experienced due to these roles.
- It was emphasized that violence against women is not fate, that it is possible to cope with violence and methods for dealing with violence were explained.
- Public officials who attended the meetings introduced the services provided by their institutions.
- Law No. 6284 on Violence, legal aid offices, and how to access these services were explained.
- Women were encouraged to ask questions and receive answers.



Are you satisfied with communicating with KAMER and participating in the neighborhood meeting?



If your answer is yes, in which areas did you find it beneficial?

* More than one option might be chosen.

Did you apply to any institution after the neighborhood meeting?

59% Yes, I did.

41% No, not yet.

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42 meetings on **Climate Crisis and its Gender Dimension** were held

A total of **4.974** people participated in the meetings including

4.770 women

204 men

Collaboration was established 13 NGO's

We tried to raise awareness about the issue of "Climate Crisis and Its Gender Dimension."

In the first three months of 2022, the KAMER team in 20 provinces was strengthened through training from experts on the topic of "Climate Crisis and Gender Dimension."

Based on the knowledge gained from the training at the beginning of 2022, a presentation was prepared that is easy for beneficiaries to understand and can be used in multiple languages if necessary.

The climate crisis meetings that started in 2022 continued in 2023.

Throughout 2023;

- Climate Directorates in all provinces were visited.
- 42 meetings on Climate Crisis and its Gender Dimension were held.
- A total of 4,974 people participated in the meetings, including 4,770 women and 204 men.
- 106 public institutions and organizations participated in the climate meetings.
- Collaboration was established with 13 NGOs.



We Provided Humanitarian Aid to Disaster-affected Women

Following the great disaster caused by the February 6 earthquakes, KAMER, with all its team members and volunteers, conducted support activities in 25 provinces, including 11 provinces declared as disaster areas and the 14 other provinces within KAMER's operational area where disaster survivors migrated





Food Support
1.057.794

Hygiene Support
399.744

Stationary Support
68.706

Clothing Support
68.279

Number of People Using Our Laundry, Shower and Containers :
190.190

Household Goods Support
7.684

Bed/Mattress Support
4.100

Toy Support
2.360

Health Support
225

Yerleşkelerimiz



Adıyaman

- **2** shower units
- **3** laundry units
- **1** living container
- **2** multipurpose halls

Kahramanmaraş

- **1** shower units
- **1** laundry units
- **1** living container
- **2** multipurpose halls

Hatay

- **1** WC/shower unit
- **1** laundry unit
- **2** multipurpose halls

Malatya

- **1** living container
- **1** multipurpose halls

Doğanşehir

- **1** multipurpose halls





Work Areas:

23 Provinces **50** Districts **80** Villages **28** Tent Cities

196 Neighborhoods **17** Container Cities

For the Women Who Reached Out to KAMER Seeking Support

Psycho-Education Groups

In March 2023, it was determined that women who felt helpless due to poverty and disaster needed a new method to regain the strength to fight again. Psycho-Education Groups were developed to address this need.

A localized five-session manual was prepared using the Psycho-Education Handbook implemented by UNFPA and KAMER's Awareness Group Handbook.



Throughout the year, Psycho-Education Groups were conducted with the aim of both fostering empathy and solidarity among women and raising awareness about gender-based violence and discrimination. The positive outcomes of these groups led to high interest from women. During this period, 13,720 local women and approximately 8,200 migrant women participated in the Psycho-Education Groups. A total of 40 psychologists worked on the Psycho-Education Groups throughout the year.

Each group consists of a maximum of 20 participants, lasts up to 4 hours, and the KAMER team selects the participants and provides support to psychologists to ensure that the meeting takes place in a healthy environment.

In the Psycho-Education Work, three separate meetings were held with an expert psychologist, both before the start and during the psycho-education activities. These meetings evaluated the new tool, the Psycho-Education Groups, and aimed to assess the impact of the work on empowering women. It was observed that women who completed the Psycho-Education Groups began to grow stronger and started to re-engage in addressing their challenges.

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We were happy that you came to our tents to conduct these sessions. We felt valued.

I was so tired I can't even describe it. I felt so exhausted that I couldn't even dream of tomorrow. Now, I am coming back to life.

I am postponing everything I need to do to come here because I am gaining strength here.

You made me realize that I am a woman. Thanks to you, I will get a security certificate. I will have a job and won't be dependent on anyone.

Feedback from women who participated in the psycho-education groups

- *I realize that with this work, I was able to confront my fears.*
- *I had the opportunity to express the pain I had been suppressing and my unfamiliar emotions.*
- *After the earthquake, I had put myself in the background, but after our meetings with you, I rediscovered myself. Now, my hope for life has been renewed.*
- *I am experiencing a very intense mix of accumulated joy, sadness, and various emotions*
- *I owe so much to the KAMER Foundation... How do I even express it? Whether it's their rushing to help whenever I called, bringing toys for my daughters, guiding me through all the institutions, or taking care of my 3-month-old baby for the past 2 months.*
- *I am a stranger in this city. When my child was at risk of drowning, I called KAMER instead of an ambulance. How much I trusted you.*
- *When we played the mirror game and put our hands on each other's hearts, we needed to cry so much that I couldn't hold back my tears.*
- *After this work, the past hurts less. I have started to think positively about the future.*
- *I have learned to look calmly from a different perspective at the spiderweb of thoughts in my head that made me restless.*
- *The other day, after leaving here, I went home and cooked. Without realizing it, I sang while cooking. My family was very surprised and happy. I hadn't smiled for the past year. We all laughed together.*
- *I taught my children the breathing exercises we did with you, and I am now managing my stress better.*
- *It felt like I found my own personality again; I felt special.*

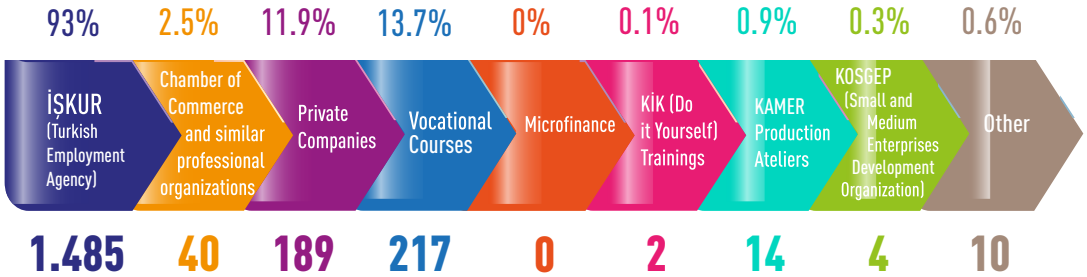
For the Women Who Reached Out to KAMER Seeking Support

We encouraged women's participation in employment.

Our evaluations show that women who are striving to start their own businesses or find employment are driven by poverty. However, we also found that women seeking jobs or wanting to start businesses are simultaneously developing the ability to make changes in their lives. The ongoing economic crisis has increased the number of women wanting to join the workforce, but job opportunities have progressively decreased.

Women applying to KAMER for job placement go through the processes shown in the table below. After these processes, some women are placed in jobs. Throughout 2023, KAMER received applications from 1,587 women seeking employment or to start their own businesses.

After empowering women, **233 women were successfully placed in various jobs**



* Multiple referrals may have been made.



Throughout 2023

KAMER

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We provided "Consultancy Services."

While the types of requests for consulting services and how to respond to these requests were worked on during the preparation process, the exact number of people applying for consulting services throughout the year could not be determined in advance.

On average, about 4,000 people request various types of consulting services at KAMER offices each year.

In 2023, 4,246 people applied for consulting on various issues. Of those, 973 came with requests for humanitarian aid.

The requests were about the following topics:

- People wanting to learn about KAMER
- People wanting to benefit from KAMER's publications
- People seeking information about Legal Aid Offices
- People requesting support for conducting similar projects
- People seeking economic support and humanitarian aid



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We conducted one-session awareness programs for refugee women.

Throughout 2023, a total of 113,751 disaster-affected and refugee women were reached through Women's Health and Counseling Centers in Adıyaman, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Diyarbakır, Malatya, and Doğanşehir.

Sexual and Reproductive Health Beneficiaries

Through service delivery points supported by UNFPA, Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services were provided to 40,693 individuals.

The services offered included:

- Individual counseling on sexual and reproductive health
- Prenatal and postnatal care counseling for pregnant women
- Informational sessions with girls on adolescence and hygiene
- Providing information about relevant institutions/organizations for accessing services, as well as referrals, accompaniment, and translation support when necessary
- Distribution of hygiene kits provided by UNFPA

Gender Equality Beneficiaries

Through service delivery points supported by UNFPA, protection services were provided to 59,143 individuals.

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- Case management for individual applications
- Providing information about relevant institutions/organizations for accessing services, as well as referrals, accompaniment, and translation support when necessary
- Psychological support
- Psychosocial support related to gender-based violence and early forced marriages
- Legal counseling
- Information on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)

Group Activities

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The services provided included:

- Group sessions on sexual and reproductive health
- Group sessions on gender-based violence and its various forms
- Psycho-education group sessions
- Group sessions with pregnant women and adolescent girls
- Informative meetings about legal aid offices and Law No. 6284
- Subject-based large hall meetings

We Fought Against Violence and the Impunity Surrounding It

We supported women seeking to stop violence

To ensure that women seeking help to stop violence or potential femicide could easily reach out, KAMER established Emergency Support Centers in offices across 23 provinces and provided a 24/7 Emergency Support Hotline accessible to all women. In 2023, eight additional Emergency Support Hotlines were launched, particularly for use in the Disaster Zone.

Through these Emergency Support Centers and Hotlines, women who recognized the violence they were experiencing and sought to stop it were provided with the support they requested. This initiative also focused on strengthening protection for women against violence and potential honor killings.

The Emergency Support Hotline received calls from across Turkey and even from Turkish women in various parts of the world.

In 2023, a total of 13,950 women recognized the violence they were experiencing and reached out for help.

Among them, 3,850 women initiated the process of receiving support to stop violence, including 1,430 migrant women.



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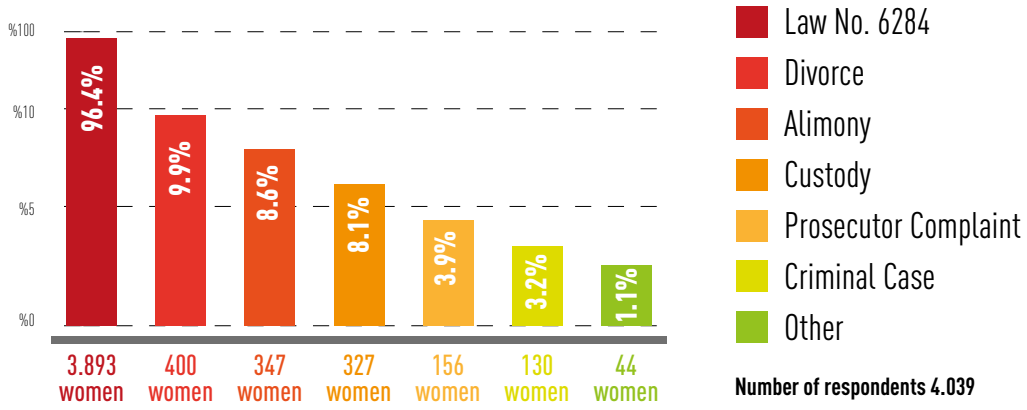
We facilitated women's access to "Legal Aid Offices."

One of the most significant issues in Turkey is the impunity for violence against women. To strengthen women's efforts in seeking justice and ensuring the punishment of gender-based violence, it was recognized that the communication between women and "Legal Aid Offices" needed to be improved. It was also important for women to feel the close support of lawyers.

In 2023, KAMER collaborated with 27 lawyers across 23 provinces to enhance women's efforts in pursuing justice for violence against women.

In addition to psycho-education groups and neighborhood meetings, extra sessions were held to introduce women to "Legal Aid Offices" and help them take the first steps toward accessing justice.

As a result, as shown in the table below, there were 4,039 visits to Legal Aid Offices across 23 provinces.



Number of respondents 4.039

*Multiple options may have been selected.

We Sought Answers to the Question "Are Suicides Femicides?"

Although there has been a noticeable decrease in the number of honor killings, reports and rumors suggesting that some suicides may actually be murders have alarmed us all. It became necessary to uncover the truth behind these reports and to raise awareness within the community and the judiciary that some suicides might actually be femicides.

For this reason, we began to seek answers to the question, "Are suicides femicides?"

Throughout 2023;

- Legal consultants reviewed and reported on 36 suicide cases identified in various provinces.
- Efforts were made to re-examine 22 suicide cases that appeared suspicious or raised concerns.
- Public Prosecutor's Offices, Police Departments, Gendarmerie Stations, and Bar Associations in all provinces were visited to provide information on anonymous reports received and to request a detailed investigation of all suicide cases.
- Five suicide cases were reopened for investigation.
- During all meetings, the 9,000 women who participated were informed that there were reports and suspicions that "women's suicides could be femicides." They were also informed that if they receive similar information, they can report it anonymously or through KAMER.



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We made preparations to provide online psychological and legal support to women.

We initiated a multilingual online psychological and legal counseling service for women who cannot access services and do not speak Turkish.

To provide online psychological support, 17 psychologists and 4 lawyers were involved.

The psychologists and lawyers offered counseling in Kurmanji, Arabic, and Zaza to women who do not speak Turkish or do not know enough Turkish to receive counseling.

Throughout 2023, psychological counseling was provided to 1,151 women, each receiving five sessions, with a total of 5,227 sessions conducted.

Additionally, 87 women received four sessions of legal counseling, with a total of 309 sessions conducted in 2023.



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We Aimed to Raise Awareness and" Sensitivity About Gender Issues Across Various Segments of Society

Empowering women to cope with violence and participate in society cannot be achieved solely through their own struggle.

Simultaneously, local public institutions and organizations that support women, as well as men, need to develop awareness and sensitivity towards gender-based violence and discrimination. This way, both the process of women receiving support becomes easier, and public officials, when transferred or relocated to new places, continue to support women's organizations and women with the same sensitivity.

We cooperated with public institutions and organizations

As in every year, public institutions and organizations were visited in all provinces from the beginning of 2023.

During these visits, both the results of the work carried out in 2022, the problems identified and the plans for 2023 were shared.

Throughout 2023;

- 274 public institutions and organizations were visited.
- During these visits, discussions were held with a total of 502 public officials, including 210 women and 292 men.
- 121 of the visited public institutions and organizations returned the visit to KAMER, obtaining information about the ongoing work.



274
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121
of the visited public institutions and organizations returned to visit KAMER

As a result of these established relationships:

- 130 public officials participated in neighborhood meetings, which greatly encouraged the women.
- 188 joint meetings were held with public institutions.
- An average of 11,550 quick and high-quality supports were provided to 3,850 women managing the process of seeking support for violence (3 times per woman).
- 106 public officials also participated in climate crisis meetings.
- Thousands of women in need of humanitarian aid were referred to the Red Crescent (Kızılay) and the Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation (SDYV). All women who went with KAMER's card received support.

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We worked with Men

Due to the great disaster following the February 6 earthquakes, the planned awareness groups for men could not be conducted.

However, men supported KAMER's humanitarian aid campaign. On average, 200 men contributed by providing in-kind support, assisting with distribution, and supporting transportation and logistics.

During these activities, the men noted that they learned a lot about KAMER's approach to communication with women and closely observed the impact of poverty.

From Bodrum to Kars
We Are Braking
Violence

was conducted in
4 provinces
(Diyarbakır, Kars,
Hakkari and Elazığ)

engaged with
44 taxi
stations

worked with
382
drivers

distributed
4.000
brochures

We worked with Taxi drivers

The method of working with taxi drivers was developed by the Mor Salkım Women's Association, and KAMER incorporated this method into its activities in collaboration with the association.

Taxi drivers represent a profession that witnesses the violence and dangers women face up close. After an incident of violence, women who flee their homes often first turn to taxi drivers for support.

The "We Are Braking Violence" activity in 2023:

- was conducted in 4 provinces: Diyarbakır, Hakkari, Kars, and Elazığ.
- engaged with 44 taxi stations.
- worked with 382 drivers.
- distributed 4,000 brochures.
- ran campaigns with "We Are Braking Violence" on 7 billboards for 15 days across the 4 provinces.



We Worked to Raise Funds for KAMER

To generate resources for KAMER and promote women's employment, various initiatives were undertaken:

Hasan Paşa Hanı Avlu Cafe

Since 2007, we have operated the courtyard of the historic Hasan Paşa Inn as "KAMER Avlu Cafe."

Tunceli KAMER Apartment

We converted a building originally used as a guesthouse in 2007 into residential space as the need for accommodation decreased.

The building, opened as "KAMER Apartment" in 2022, now contains 7 rented apartments.

Production Ateliers

We produce products with sales guarantees. Separate production workshops are established for each type of product.



KAMER's Approach

Works with a Strong and Local Team

KAMER believes that to achieve its planned outcomes, its priority is to work with a strong and locally knowledgeable team. With a strong team, KAMER refers to a group that passionately advocates for gender equality, understands the implementation methods of planned activities, and can monitor the outcomes.

Values Inclusivity

In terms of inclusivity, KAMER conducts multilingual work with a multilingual team that understands the local context and can address the needs of diverse groups living in the region, including different ethnic groups, belief systems, and local migrant women. This approach is essential because the Southeastern and Eastern Anatolia regions where KAMER operates are areas where five different languages are spoken (Turkish, Kurmanji, Zazaki, Arabic, Persian).

When it was identified that there were women who could not reach KAMER on their own, "Outreach Activities" were planned to reach these women as well.

Supports Social Reconciliation and Peace

The region where KAMER operates has, at various times and for various reasons, been home to groups that have been distanced from each other and segregated into camps. KAMER, while organizing in each province, identifies and considers the unique characteristics of each city.

Methods Planned to Promote Social Reconciliation and Peace are as follows:





Brings women together on the common ground of "womanhood"

KAMER unites all women in the same activities regardless of their differences. During these activities, KAMER aims to highlight gender-based issues faced by women and make women realize that, despite their affiliations, they experience similar problems.

Facilitates Women's Meetings with Official Institutions and Organizations

KAMER is committed to encouraging women to benefit from their rights and opportunities by collaborating with official institutions and organizations. It strives to connect women with these institutions to ensure they can access the services and support available to them.

Plans Activities for Peace

KAMER designs activities aimed at eliminating potential conflicts in multicultural societies composed of individuals with diverse identities. These activities focus on fostering empathy, solidarity, and sharing to encourage women who are distanced from each other to come closer and start working together.

Communicates to Raise Awareness, Not to Impose Acceptance

KAMER emphasizes the use of communication as a means to "raise awareness" rather than to "impose acceptance." The language used is intended to highlight issues through a non-judgmental, "I" language that reflects personal responsibility, rather than imposing or judging.

Takes a Clear Stance Against Violence

KAMER maintains that the source of violence remains the same regardless of its location,

perpetrator, or form. The organization adopts a firm stance against all forms of violence, not just violence against women. The slogan "There Is No Justifiable Violence" is a central principle for KAMER.

Works to Raise Awareness and Sensitivity on UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security

KAMER strives to create awareness and sensitivity among its team and collaborating NGOs regarding the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security. While raising awareness on UNSCR 1325, it draws attention to the fact that "measures should be taken to ensure women's participation in peace processes, to prevent conflicts, to prevent violence against women during and after conflicts, and that women should be actively involved in decision-making, implementation and accountability processes while taking these measures".

Learns from the Field and Women, and Adapts What is Learned

KAMER's development throughout the process is due to its focus on learning from the field and from women and evaluating and adapting what it observes, hears, sees, and identifies.

For example:

- The outreach activities were planned and implemented after it was discovered that there were women who could not access service-providing institutions.
- The "Are Suicides Femicides?" work was initiated after receiving reports suggesting that some suicides might be murders.
- Awareness-raising activities on the Climate Crisis and its Gender Dimensions were started due to the observed negative effects of the climate crisis in the field.

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As a result;

KAMER is an organization that opposes war and violence, promotes conflict-free environments, and believes that peace is a prerequisite for sustainable development. It operates with an approach that strives to maximize inclusivity and positive impact.

Core Principles

We want the right to think and act independently!

We envision a world where people are not polarized, where everyone is enriched by diverse affiliations but lives according to their own decisions. We have recognized that objectification is not only an issue for women. We know that all processes lacking participation result in the objectification of individuals

We Want a World Without Hierarchy!

In pursuing this, we suggest starting by sharing what we have, rather than what others possess. We now see that hierarchy is continuously reestablished through seemingly insignificant behaviors in everyday life. We believe that it is possible to develop relationships of equality by taking responsibility for our own actions without devaluing anyone's knowledge and experience. This issue and its solution start with each individual themselves and should not be sought elsewhere. We do not want a world governed by those who hold power and money.



We Want a World Without Discrimination!

We wish for a world where everyone is free to express their differences, and where no one is insulted or excluded because of those differences. We believe that the antidote to discrimination is meeting, talking, and empathizing with one another. Understanding that every person is different and recognizing that the adjectives we use to make these distinctions can be problematic is a crucial starting point for addressing discrimination.

We Want a World Without Violence!

We envision a world where violence, in all its forms, is recognized, and no justification can legitimize its existence.

We Want a Relationship Style Based on Openness!

Without openness, understanding and empathy are not possible. The key to genuine relationships is transparency. The feminist approach that "the personal is political" counters the notion of "what happens behind closed doors stays there." This approach, which is a result of significant feminist efforts, has made domestic violence visible. Without openness, identifying problems and finding solutions is not possible.

We Want a World Based on Sharing and Solidarity!

We envision a life where we empower ourselves by sharing what we know, what we see, our successes, our powers, and our responsibilities. Rejecting structural hierarchy means prioritizing sharing and solidarity. While sharing our knowledge and experiences, we must remember that those we communicate with also have valuable knowledge and experiences to share.



We Want to Live According to Universal Human Rights Without Losing Our Local Characteristics!

We hope for a world where people can live according to universal human rights norms regardless of where they live, the language they speak, their economic status, or their education, while preserving their differences. In working towards this goal, we must remember that we need to "think globally and act locally." This principle helps us to recognize and value local differences while working towards universal goals.

We Work with the Understanding that Women's Human Rights Are Universal and Holistic!

We work with an understanding that women's human rights are everywhere and for everyone, and that international conventions and laws created to ensure women's human rights based on universal human rights are not interrupted due to any differences.

As KAMER Foundation, we operate with a zero-tolerance policy against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA).

KAMER Foundation adheres to the implementation standards outlined in Section 3 of the UN Fundamental Documents on SEA (ST / SGB / 2003/13). We strive to raise awareness among KAMER staff and beneficiaries regarding sexual exploitation and abuse, prevent behaviors that could be classified as SEA, conduct effective investigations into reports, allegations, and complaints, enforce sanctions, support those affected, and engage in restorative justice initiatives.



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