

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

TÜRKİYE KORUNMAYA MUHTAÇ ÇOCUKLAR VAKFI (KORUNCUK FOUNDATION)

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement : November 2021- November 2023

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Koruncuk Foundation reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours.

We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Z. Figen Samuray
Head of Board

Part II. Description of A

Founded in 1979, Koruncuk Foundation is a non-governmental organization working on the basis of children's rights. It carries out activities to ensure the protection and shelter rights of children whose fundamental rights are at risk. In this context, since 2019, it has been operating private student dormitories "Koruncukköys" for girls whose right to education is restricted. It prioritizes activities and projects that increase girls' participation in education and social life. Koruncuk Foundation has been a member of the UN Global Compact since 2020.

Our Foundation's activities and outputs in support of the Global Compact principles for the last two years are presented below:

- The "Child Protection Policy Document" has been created to serve as a guide for Foundation's activities regarding children and to encourage our stakeholders to act consciously about children's rights and violations.
- In our Istanbul and Izmir campuses, "Koruncukköys", we provide accommodation and education opportunities for girls who have limited access to education in their family homes. In this context, we meet all the basic life, health and social development needs of children. This activity, which is our general service area, constitutes our direct practice that serves to support the 1st, 5th and 6th Principles. In this way, we strive to prevent disadvantaged girls from dropping out of education, preventing them from joining the cheap workforce at an early age, and providing training and equipment that will increase their employment participation rate in adult life.
- With the grants of the Presidency of European Union, we have produced projects that contribute to child protection policies and develop preventive models. In these projects, we carried out activities that strengthened civil society collaborations.
- We established and furnished living and educational spaces in cooperation with the private sector and public institutions in the regions affected by the earthquakes in the east of Turkey in February 2023. We provided in-kind and cash aid to families in these regions.
- We installed solar energy panels on our Izmir-Urla campus. We have switched to environmentally friendly energy use.
- In the context of principle 10, we have turned Foundation's anti-corruption and anti-bribery principles into a policy document.

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Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

- The new Child Protection Policy is shared with our staff, as well as our suppliers and the individuals and institutions we cooperate with.
- While we take the UN Global Compact principles as a guide in our projects, we also encourage our project partners to comply with the principles. In two EU-granted projects, two intervention programs and two proposal packages focusing on children's rights were developed and shared with public authorities. Joint studies were carried out with 12 NGOs.
- We became a partner in the WHO WINS THE YOUTH WINS THE FUTURE project, where experiences were shared focusing on issues such as dropping out of university, unemployment, inefficiency, and not being able to contribute to the economy occurred as a result of young people's wrong career choice.
- A pilot application was carried out with 10 disadvantaged families in the "Digital Systems and Family Education and Equal Opportunity in Education Project", which was implemented in cooperation with Koruncuk Foundation, Arnavutköy District Directorate of National Education and Biltes Educational Institutions.
- In the participation of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Subsidiaries, a forum titled "Supporting Children's Participation in Social Life" was organized.
- With the cooperation of Private Sector-Public-NGO, 5 training and 6 event containers in Kahramanmaraş; 2 training containers in Hatay were established.
- For the last two years, in Koruncukköys services were provided to the 130 girls. We provide support to 170 children outside our student dormitories through our Homestay Support unit.
- Cooperation was carried out with 11 companies in the context of strengthening children's rights.

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