

# **Tarlabaşı Community Center**

## **2019 ACTIVITY REPORT**



I am 10 years old,  
I have been coming  
here to study or play  
for about 30 years.

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## TTM General Assembly

With the general assembly meeting held in December 2018, Gizem Külekçioğlu, Cem Demirayak, Murat Çelik, Berkay Hacımusta and Melda Akbaş are elected to the board of directors; Aslı Silahtaroglu Bekmen, Buse Demir and Ayşegül Özadak are elected to the advisory board.

## TarlaBaşı Community Center (TTM) 2019

TarlaBaşı Community Center was established by İstanbul Bilgi University Center for Migration Research in September 2006. Since the day it was founded, TTM has been working to support TarlaBaşı inhabitant's equal access to urban life.

In 2019, we have found asking ourselves and each other, frequently, what kind of TarlaBaşı Community Center we want as a space where peace is restored and no violence is allowed, for TarlaBaşı residents who have been exposed to violence and deprivations.

While looking for the answer to this question, 2019 has been a year in which we tried to build the practices of learning together with children and living together in trust with the openness of the mind and the heart. For this, TTM primarily focused on child safeguarding and has worked for the adaptation and strengthening of children from Turkey and Syria.

We tried to strengthen our organizational structure by redesigning the center's spaces, establishing a demand and feedback mechanism, identifying corporate policy documents and procedures, establishing child safeguarding trainings and volunteer committees.

We have made an effort to regulate the flow of knowledge and experience regarding administrative processes by creating an advisory board accompanying the changes in our board of directors made in the general assembly meeting at the end of 2018.

In the activity report, you can find children's and women's studies and activities for volunteers as well as psycho-social support and institutional activities done by TTM in 2019.

In 2020, we will continue our work hoping for a world free of violence and discrimination.



# TO FEEL SAFE AND GOOD AT TARLABASI COMMUNITY CENTER



I am a child.

Everyone under 18 is a child.  
Children go to school and play.  
They can't drive a car or pay rent.  
They can't vote.  
Young children can't go out alone.  
Children don't work or get married.  
Can't buy a plane ticket, can't get insurance, can't be a police.  
Children have more time to improve their skills.  
They can't buy expensive things but they play hopscotch.

So, how do children feel safe at Tarlabası Community Center?

- 1- If they have many teachers with them.
- 2- If the center has sufficient lighting.
- 3- If they are not alone.
- 4- If the windows are closed.
- 5- If volunteer brothers and sisters are around.
- 6- If they get along well with their friends.
- 7- If the people around are smiling.
- 8- If they are listened to.
- 9- If their problems are taken into consideration.
- 10- If they can reach big sister Gökçe when they feel bad.



What should children do when they feel bad?

They should go to big sister Gökçe and tell her their problem.  
Gökçe should listen to them in a sincere and serious manner in private.  
Children can express themselves with cards, too.  
Blue means "very urgent". Red means "we should go to another room immediately" and Yellow means "I need to play with playdough to be ready to talk". If they don't want to talk, they can leave a note to the "Box of Important Things" next to the entrance door. They can express themselves in any language, whether in writing or with pictures. Only Gökçe can see what's inside the box.

Child safeguarding focal person "Big Sister Gökçe" is chosen by the children. When the person changes, the poster will be updated. All the ideas and descriptions in the poster belong to children.

\*In Turkey, it is customary to call someone a big sister or a big brother if the person is older than you.



## Child Safeguarding Needs Analysis

"Birlikte Güvendeyiz" (We are safe together) project TTM conducted within the scope of a minor grant by Support to Life, aimed at making the center a supporting space, safe and open to the participation of all children. Physical improvements were done in order to make the building child friendly. For this purpose, a needs analysis was done with children.

The needs analysis carried out via games chosen from Terres des Hommes (TDH)'s modules, Talking Map-Footprints and Traffic Lights activities were carried out by the Child Safeguarding Volunteer Committee.

The stairs and  
the door of  
the classroom  
downstairs are  
very dangerous  
”



## Child Friendly Policy

In a workshop carried out by a child safeguarding expert, the children prepared a child friendly version of TTM's Child Safeguarding Policy.

## Child Safeguarding Trainings

Within the scope of "Birlikte Güvendeyiz"  
47 children attended 4 workshops  
organized by child safeguarding experts.

The children are informed about the  
project and the child safeguarding policy.  
Demand and feedback mechanisms and  
their functioning were decided upon  
together with children.

4 FARKLI ATÖLYE: 47 ÇOCUK

BETWEEN FEBRUARY-  
OCTOBER 2019 WITH SUPPORT  
TO LIFE'S CONTRIBUTION  
A PROJECT ON CHILD  
SAFEGUARDING TITLED  
"BİRLİKTE GÜVENDEYİZ"  
WAS REALIZED. CHILD  
SAFEGUARDING NEEDS  
ANALYSIS, TRAININGS  
FOR CHILDREN AND  
CHILD FRIENDLY POSTER  
ACTIVITIES WERE DONE.



Here, adults  
calling me by my  
name makes me  
feel comfortable.  
”

12 CHILDREN: 8 GIRLS, 4 BOYS ATTENDED.

## Children's City

The project was carried out in cooperation with International Children's Center (ICC) within the scope of the Mikro-fon grant programme. The project aimed at making the fundamental rights violations experienced by children, aged 8-12 living in Tarlabası who are from Turkey or Syria, within the routes they use often or play on, visible through their eyes and steps. It also aimed at being a mediator for sharing the solution suggestions the children developed for equal access to urban life with relevant institutions.

12 children who attended the workshops titled "City Rights", "Beyoğlu'nda Gezersin" and "If You Designed the City". They designed new versions of their living spaces by creating collages of photographs, they got inspiration from their dreams. The project outputs were made into a booklet and a website.

"There shouldn't be any potholes in Çukur (pothole) Neighborhood, they should be filled."

### Çocukların Kenti

THE CHILDREN'S CITY PROJECT REALIZED BETWEEN JUNE-DECEMBER 2019 WAS SUPPORTED BY MIKRO-FON GRANT PROGRAMME by INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CENTER (ICC).





## Çok Güzel Atölye

Çok Güzel Atölye started in 2016 when Syrian children arriving in Turkey with migration following the civil war in Syria started participating in TTM, in time children from Turkey were also involved in the workshops. The workshop focuses on preventing discrimination and building peace. In order to be inclusive, as both children who can and can not read and write attend the workshops, and to create a space of expression for every child, drawing, drama and music are integrated into the workshops and the activities are shaped over these three fields.

Çok Güzel Atölye is carried out every week day, its primary learning outcome goals are gender equality and non-violence perspective. Big and small group activities and moments of encountering children who attend the workshops are reproduced within the framework of the "game".

154 children attended Çok Güzel Atölye which was carried out 173 times in 2019, 72 of them were from Turkey, 82 was from Syria. 1390 attendance was counted, 51% girls and 49% boys.

## Çok Güzel Atölye Facilitator Guide

The Çok Güzel Atölye Facilitator Guide was prepared to support TTM volunteers who participate in the workshops with devotion and contribute to children's studies.

As well as giving basic information on child safeguarding and participation, the guide includes sample activities and expert answers to common cases.

ÇOK GÜZEL ATÖLYE  
WAS SUPPORTED BY  
VOLUNTEERS BETWEEN  
JANUARY-OCTOBER 2019  
AND BY GERMAN SOCIETY  
FOR INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION (GIZ)  
BETWEEN OCTOBER  
2019-APRIL 2020.

ÇOK GÜZEL ATÖLYE  
FACILITATOR GUIDE WAS  
PUBLISHED WITHIN THE  
PROJECT "BİRLİKTE  
GÜVENDEYİZ" BY THE  
SUPPORT OF  
SUPPORT TO LIFE.

Çocuklarla  
çalışmalarınızda her  
zaman bir çerçeve  
belirleyin ve bu  
sınırları çocuklara  
anlatın.

2019- 23 TIMES. 94 CHILDREN: 50 from Turkey, 44 from Syria. 44 ATTENDANCE

## Social Circus Workshop

Social circus, which is a learning method aiming at physical and social development using circus arts in disadvantaged groups, is utilized by TTM in workshops done in collaboration with Sirko Fantastiko Initiative. In workshops carried out in closed or open groups, socialization studies are done and circus shows are organized every year.

Social circus workshops were carried out 23 times in 2019, 50 children from Turkey and 44 from Syria have attended. 49% of the attendance was by girls and 51% was by boys.

## Art Workshops

Painting and drawing techniques are taught at the art workshops, objects which are old or not in use are transformed to be incorporated into production, children's imagination and cognitive development are supported. The workshops serve to both improve children's creativity and reinforce group dynamics.

90 children attended art workshops 244 times which were held 23 times in 2019.

## Photography Workshop

The children went on neighborhood trips in photography workshops where different subjects and techniques are covered to support children's social and sensory development and artistic production skills. The workshop gives the children the opportunity to see their everyday living space through a different lens.

In 2019 the workshop was done 22 times, 38 children attended them 95 times.

SOCIAL CIRCUS, ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS WERE SUPPORTED BY INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS BETWEEN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2019 AND BY GERMAN SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (GIZ) BETWEEN OCTOBER 2019-APRIL 2020.



## Play Group

The small room of the center was arranged to accommodate the pilot study of the playgroup in March for children aged 3-6. In September, the place was made child friendly with the changes made within the scope of child safeguarding. The studies continue in line with children's needs in the form of three different sessions per day, with a certain group of beneficiaries.

The play group is supported by a psychological counselor and volunteers accompanying the workshop coordinator.



## Discovery Workshop

As part of child participation, TTM is trying to make room for children to build their own workshops. The Discovery Workshop started with the planning of two children who are beneficiaries of TTM and continue with their coordination. Esma and Abdülsamet, who are the coordinators of the workshop, decide each week's activities and invite other children to the workshop.

PLAY GROUP WAS SUPPORTED  
BY VOLUNTEERS BETWEEN  
MARCH-OCTOBER 2019 AND  
BY GERMAN SOCIETY FOR  
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
(GIZ) BETWEEN OCTOBER  
2019-APRIL 2020.

## Academic Support

In line with the high demand from children, as of October 2019, academic support started as two sessions a day and continues to meet the needs of children.



## Sparkling Children

Parlayan Çocuklar (Sparkling Children) workshop, which has been going on for more than 10 years and is one of the best examples of child participation, continued in 2019.

It was decided by the children to turn the magazine into an online platform to ensure the sustainability of the workshop. The manifesto of the magazine was issued, it was aimed to create principles for both children who will become magazine writers in the future and readers and also to reach more readers over the internet.

The workshop is very nice... It feels like in 1.5 hours we've spoken everything about love in the world.

”

## Philosophy for Children

Philosophy workshop where kids learn asking questions through children's books and stories, has been carried out once in a week between January-May 2019. For 2020, planning has started with new candidates for workshop coordination.

## Capoeira Workshop

Capoeira workshop where music, dance and entertainment are combined with physical and mental development has started in November and will continue in 2020.



PARLAYAN ÇOCUKLAR (SPARKLING CHILDREN) HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY RIEDRICH-EBERT-STIFTUNG REPRESENTATIVE IN TURKEY. PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN in JANUARY-MAY 2019; CAPOEIRA WORKSHOP in JANUARY-MAY 2019 WERE SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTEERS.

## WHG Cultural and Natural Heritage for Children

A project was initiated with the World Heritage Guides Association (WHG) to support children from Tarlabası between the ages of 9-15, gain the awareness of cultural heritage and get to know the city they live in with the assistance of culture and tourism professionals. The project was carried out between January-August 2019, follow-up workshops were held following the trip-oriented activities. 28 children attended the trips and the workshops.



### Trips

1. Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts and Topkapi Palace
2. Dolmabahçe Palace and Painting Museum
3. Beyoğlu Trip
4. Haliç (the Golden Horn) and Rahmi Koç Museum
5. Maritime Museum-Bosphorus Tour
6. Atatürk Arboretum and Belgrad Forest
7. Nezahat Gökyiğit Botanical Garden
8. Hagia Sophia, Archeological Museum

### Workshops

1. Turkey and Istanbul on the Heritage List with Games
2. Cultural Heritage with Pictures
3. Creative Drama -Life in Beyoğlu
4. Model Making
5. Tarlabası Tour Guided by Children
6. Trees-Gezi Park



THE CULTURAL AND NATURAL  
HERITAGE FOR CHILDREN  
PROJECT WAS REALIZED  
IN COOPERATION WITH  
WORLD HERITAGE GUIDES  
ASSOCIATION (WHG)  
BETWEEN JANUARY-AUGUST  
2019.





## İKSV Alt Kat City Detective

On October 13, 9 children from TTM were at İKSV Alt Kat to attend the City Detective Workshop, which was organized by Gizem Kıyıcı. In the workshop, we redesigned Beyoğlu and the public spaces we use with a child friendly perspective and created personal memory maps about Beyoğlu.

INSTITUTIONAL  
COLLABORATIONS

## İKSV Alt Kat Tale Workshop

5 Children from TTM attended the Writing and Telling Istanbul Stories workshop every weekend for 12 weeks under the facilitation of Deniz Soruklu Evren at İKSV Alt Kat. Children worked on their own stories in the workshop. Tales written by participating children were brought together in a book called Naristan.



## Boğaziçi University Children's Workshop

12 children from TTM participated in the Children's Workshop by Çocuğun Sesi Var Ortaklık Ağı (The Child Has Voice Affiliate Network), which took place on October 26 at Boğaziçi University. They worked on places where the children's rights are violated (such as schools, homes, streets and the internet).



## ARTER Youth Council

In the Youth Council initiated by the facilitation of Güneş Terkol in ARTER, 10 children between the ages of 10-14 from TTM came together every Saturday since October and produced together through art. Workshops will continue until May 2020.



## INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATIONS

## İKGV November 20 World Children's Day

On Children's Day, a workshop on "Children's Rights" was organized by İKGV with children from TTM between the ages of 7-10. "Girls' Rights Declaration" and "Boys' Rights Declaration" were read and discussed in the workshop.

## İstanbul Bilgi Uni. Children's Participation Symposium

Within the scope of Istanbul Bilgi University Child Studies Unit's (ÇOÇA) Young Voices project a symposium titled "Children's Right to Participate: Where are we?" took place. Sparkling Children, one of the best examples of media and child participation, was present at the symposium.



TTM's SOCIAL MEDIA POST ON NOVEMBER 20, WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY



### TTM Activities at World Children's Week

**November 15:** Safe and playful contacts workshop with children. Facilitator: Dilek Üstünelan

**November 19:** Çok Güzel Atölye Children's rights themed video screenings

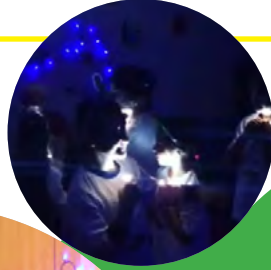
**November 20:** "Children's Rights" Workshop with participants under 10 from Turkey and Syria. İKGV & TTM

**November 20:** Movie screening for TTM volunteers. The Bread and Alley, 1970, 12' Tadjrebeh, 1973, 54' Dir. Abbas Kiarostami

**November 21:** Çok Güzel Atölye Children's rights themed video screenings

**November 22:** Safe and playful contacts workshop with children Facilitator: Dilek Üstünelan. Interview with Parlayan Çocuklar at Bilgi Uni. ÇOÇA's. "Children's Right to Participate: Where are we?" Symposium





## April 23 Children's Day

On April 23, Sirko Fantastiko's curious aliens and cheerful darbuka players were on stage at TTM with their various skills, from pantomime to acrobatics, and their delightful performances.



## End of the Year Street Show

TTM's end of the year street show was held on June 14, 2019 with Sirko Fantastiko's show, a mini concert and a photography and painting exhibition.



## New Year's Party

A New Year's party was organized by TTM children Esma and Samet with a lot of music where volunteers, children and the TTM team had a lot of fun.



## Children's Week Safe and Playful Contacts Workshop

On November 15 and November 29, in cooperation with BoMoVu, Dilek Üstünelan facilitated a Safe and Playful Contacts workshop with the participation of 11 volunteers and 11 children.



100 WOMEN 100 STORIES FIELD WORK (2015-2016) FINDINGS PRELIMINARY REPORT

Of 97 women,  
49 have serious  
health problems  
like asthma,  
herniated disc,  
goiter or diabetes.

"I have many health problems but thank God I don't have any terminal illness. Migraine, goiter and herniated discs. Before, when the hospital was still here, believe me I was going there everyday. But now I can't."

T. D. (29)

Of 97 women,  
45 experience  
domestic violence.

Physical Violence 37

Emotional 16

Sexual 7

"Sexual violence is when your husband forces you for sexuality. I think this is experienced by every Kurdish woman. Sometimes he gets very angry, I put up with it for my children."

S. C. (38)

Have you reported  
the violence to  
any institutions?

YES: 4 NO: 93

"One day when he beat me so badly I went to the hospital. I wanted to report him. Hospital police discouraged me by saying that if I go to the court I would be left alone with my 4 kids. Would they take my children?"

M. U. (32)

40 of 97 women  
use physical  
violence on their  
children.

"I am slapping  
occasionally for  
discipline, not for  
violence."

G. A. (45)

## Women's Empowerment Program

Women's Empowerment Studies conducted in cooperation with AÇEV in the past years; aimed at facilitating the developmental follow-up of 3-6 years old children who joined the play group in 2019 and to support their mothers' motherhood experiences. In line with women's needs, the interviews conducted for this purpose by a psychological counselor have, in time, turned into studies based on fundamental women's rights where many issues are shared from sexual health to LGBT+ rights. In 2019, 10 sessions were conducted where each session lasted 60 minutes.

## Child Safeguarding Neighborhood Training

11 women living in Tarlabası attended the needs analysis conducted in March 2019; 8 women participated in the child safeguarding training held in May 2019. Their demands and needs to feel safer in the neighborhood and about TTM were taken note of and they were informed about child safeguarding.

## Beşiktaş Municipality Equality Unit's Women's Health Education

The Women's Health Education Program, organized in collaboration with Beşiktaş Municipality Equality Unit, lasted 13 weeks. Topics such as communication, sexuality, rights, children and adolescents, cleaning, nutrition and birth control methods were discussed in depth. Women were informed about what to do when they need any healthcare or counseling. The program ended in February with the regular participation of 6 women.



## 100 Women 100 Stories

The field study carried out in 2015-2016, includes 3 women working in TTM and 97 women living in Tarlabası, consists of a survey with 82 questions and notes from the interviews conducted during these surveys. Some of the findings of this study were made into a report and made available before the comparative field study, planned to be carried out in 2020.

Homosexuals and transvestites are also human beings. I do not compare them to others with their work, I never look at them with contempt. Kurdish, Turkish, homosexual does not matter; we are all human.

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[www.tarlabasi.org/docs/yuz-kadin-yuz-hikaye-on-rapor.pdf](http://www.tarlabasi.org/docs/yuz-kadin-yuz-hikaye-on-rapor.pdf)



TARLABAŞI TOPLUM MERKEZİ  
GÖNÜLLÜ  
ETKİNLİKLERİ

# Tarla- başı'nda tarla varken

ANLATICI  
TTM Gönüllüsü  
MAHİR TAKAK

Tarlabası'na "buralar eskiden dutluktu" demek için kaç yıl gerekir? Üşenmeyip Evliya Çelebi'ye kadar geriye gideceğiz. 17. yüzyılın Çelebileri gezip ne görmüşler ilk elden onlardan dinleyip sigortacıların arşivlerine dalıp 20. yy başı Tarlabası binalarının izini süreceğiz. Ziba Beyoğlu'nda bir bar adıdır demeyip Tarlabası'nın eski genelevlerine Ece Ayhan'la uğrayacağız. Dalan ve Taksim 360 mahalleyi yıkana kadar belgelerle zamanda ve mekanda bir gezinti.

25 Aralık Çarşamba 18.30'da TTM'de!



## TARLABAŞI COMMUNITY CENTER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Tarlabası'nda Tarla Varken (When there was a cropland in Tarlabası)

- Tarlabası can be loosely translated as the place a cropland starts, tarla meaning cropland and baş meaning head in Turkish-
- Narrator TTM Volunteer MAHİR TAKAK

## Volunteer Committees

Volunteers support the institutional activities of TTM through their committees. The Communication and Fundraising Committee, established in 2019, organized the Istanbul Marathon and held various fundraising events. The report of interviews done with 10 former TTM beneficiaries by the TTM Memory Volunteer Project Group was prepared. The Child Safeguarding Committee took an active role in both needs analysis and workshops on child safeguarding and in the writing of policy documents. The Project Development Committee is developing projects for volunteers.



## Volunteer Presentations

On December 16, Taaralp Akar talked about the social reflections of in vitro fertilization technology through examples from Greece and Turkey. On December 25, 2019, Mahir Takak talked about Tarlabası's cultural history with his speech titled "When there was a cropland in Tarlabası"



'istan ve Türkiye örneklerinden başlayarak;  
teknolojinin sosyal yansımaları  
elik, babalık, kadın bedeni ve  
örinden nasıl

## Movie Screenings

On November 20, 2019, Abbas Kiarostomi's films "The Bread and Alley" and "Tadjrebeh" were screened. Movie screenings will continue in 2020.



## Volunteer Meetings

Çok Güzel Atölye volunteers have met 6 times in 2019 to strengthen the workshop contents and share their experiences.



## Project Management Cycle Training

A total of 20 volunteers participated in the Project Management Cycle trainings organized by Gonca Girit McDaniel on January 28 and February 3, 2019.



## Gender Equality in Children's Studies Workshop

A total of 27 volunteers participated in the "Gender Equality in Working with Children" trainings organized by Efsun Sertoğlu on March 10 and April 13, 2019.

**VOLUNTEER  
TRAININGS**



## Child Safeguarding Trainings

A total of 42 volunteers participated in the child safeguarding trainings organized by Ebru Ergün on May 12 and September 14, 2019.





## Non-violence Trainings

On October 26-27-29, 2019, 18 volunteers participated in nonviolent communication, consensus and active listening closed group trainings coordinated by the Nonviolence Education and Research Center.



## Expressive Art Workshops

A total of 12 volunteers participated in the Expressive Art workshops organized by Selma Hekim and Alperen Şenol on February 17 and by Meril Algazi on December 7, 2019.



## Peace Workshop

On December 1, 2019, 16 TTM volunteers attended the Peace Workshop organized by the Beraberce (together) Association.



## TTM'DE KÜRTÇE DERSİ BAŞLIYOR!

HER HAFTA PERŞEMBE GÜNÜ  
18.30-20.00 ARASINDA  
İLK DERS 14 KASIM'DA  
Kürtçe'nin Kurmancî lehçesinde ya  
gönüllülerinin katılımına

## Kurdish Lessons

The Kurdish (Kurmancî) lessons held in January-February 2019 were reopened for volunteers in November 2019.

**VOLUNTEER  
TRAININGS**

## Play Therapy

Playing is the first language that children know and can express themselves most easily on their journey to adulthood. The studies conducted with children aged 3-6 in TTM in 2019 were planned taking into account the role of playing in the emotional, social, cognitive and physical development of the child.

Play therapy trusts that, on the road to recovery the children know their needs the best and predicts that they demonstrate this through play. In this context, "Experiential Play Therapy" method was used within the scope of psychological support studies conducted with children in TTM.

## Self-care

The existence of a traumatic experience in the life of an individual can affect not only the individual who is directly exposed to it, but also the people with whom the individual is in contact with.

In this context, for monitoring and supporting volunteers' physical, psychological and mental well-being, in addition to supervision studies, self-care focused individual and group support activities are important for the sustainability of our work with volunteers.

## Psychological Counseling With Adults

During individual psychotherapy sessions with adults, Solution-Focused Brief Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and EMDR - Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy were used. 48 sessions were carried out, with 3 adults, one woman and two men, each session lasted 45 minutes.

## Psychological Counseling With Children

Individual psychotherapy studies with children were carried out using the Experiential Play Therapy method. In this context, 64 sessions of 45 minutes were conducted with 6 children in 2019. In addition to these sessions 15 monthly parental meetings were held. In the studies carried out with adolescents, Solution-Focused Brief Therapy and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy models were used. A total of 21 sessions were conducted with 2 children, each session lasting 45 minutes. In addition to these sessions, 4 parental meetings were held once a month.

## Volunteer Supervisions

As of 2019, supervision studies started with the facilitation of a psychological counselor so that our volunteers can share their experiences of the activities they participate in and together we can find solutions to difficulties they go through. Throughout the year, 3 supervision studies were carried out, with the participation of 15 volunteers.



# TARLABAŞI COMMUNITY CENTER WORKS FOR CHILDREN'S SAFETY

**We talked to families in Tarlabası, learned the demands of children and determined our needs. As Tarlabası Community Center (TTM), we have established a child safeguarding policy to keep the children safe.**

The Child Safeguarding Policy consists of the rules on what we should always strive to do and what we should never do. In addition to this, it determines who will be responsible for children's safety violations.

TTM employees, the board of directors, volunteers and anyone who has the possibility of direct or indirect contact with children is obligated to comply with this policy.

For obtaining the TTM Child Safeguarding Policy document and for more information you can visit us.

Tarlabası Community Center, Zerdali Sokak No: 9,  
in Tarlabası! Phone: 0 212 297 23 05



## TTM'S NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE PROCESS OF CHILD SAFEGUARDING VIOLATION

**1 TTM COMPONENTS**

TTM Components (employees, volunteers, neighborhood residents, parents, board of directors, advisory board), if they witness any violence, suspicion of abuse or child safeguarding policy violation, they have to report the incident (When? Where? What happened? Who were involved?) to the coordinator or child safeguarding focal person in 24 hours.

**2 CHILD SAFEGUARDING FOCAL PERSON**

In cases related to abuse, neglect or exploitation, Child Safeguarding Focal Person / Coordinator, organizes the information, takes precautions and reports the incident to the Board of Directors or the Ethical Commission.

**3 ETHICS COMMISSION**

The Ethics Commission conducts and finalizes the investigation process. In order to protect the child, the Ethics Commission takes temporary measures in 48 hours after receiving the notification, until the investigation of the case is complete. The investigation of the incident is concluded within 21 days after receiving the notification.

**4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The board of directors makes a decision by evaluating the Ethics Commission's investigation report or the notification of the Coordinator / Child Safeguarding Focal Person. This decision may include sanctions such as verbal or written warning or termination of the relationship. The board of directors is obliged to apply to legal processes when necessary.

## Institutional Policy Documents

Child Safeguarding, Child Participation, Communication Policy Documents, Working Principles, KVKK (Personal Data Protection Authority) Document and Volunteer Duties are prepared. These policy documents were officialized by the board of directors' decision on September 17, 2019.

EBRU ERGÜN / CHILD SAFEGUARDING



ZEYNEP KILIÇ / CHILD PARTICIPATION



## Institutional Education Videos

Institutional training videos were prepared with the support of our Board of Directors and Advisory Board members. The videos produced on child safeguarding with Ebru Ergün, Child Participation with Zeynep Kılıç, Working Principles with Gizem Külekçioğlu and Voluntary Duties with Ceren Suntekin, aimed at making a contribution to the field and to TTM components.

GİZEM KÜLEKÇİOĞLU / WORKING PRINCIPLES



CEREN SUNTEKİN / VOLUNTEER DUTIES



## Child Safeguarding Policy Meeting

The training was conducted by Ebru Ergün on September 4, 2019 with the participation of 10 TTM employees and board members and lasted about 3.5 hours. The discussions on borders and responsibilities enabled a deeper focus on the center's policy on child safeguarding.



INSTITUTIONAL POLICY  
DOCUMENTS, TRAINING  
VIDEOS AND CHILD  
SAFEGUARDING MEETING  
WAS REALIZED BY SUPPORT  
TO LIFE'S SUPPORT WITHIN  
THE SCOPE OF "BİRLİKTE  
GÜVENDEYİZ" PROJECT.



## Sarıyer Children's Municipality

The first session of the "Sarıyer Children's Municipality" project, actualized by the collaboration of Sarıyer Belediyesi and Tarlabası Community Center, was carried out by Gözde Durmuş and Melda Akbas on the topics "children's rights" and "children's participation" and the second session was carried out by Ceren Suntekin on "sexual abuse and gender equality".



## İBB Neighborhood House Model

TTM participated in the Neighborhood House Model Meeting organized by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İBB) on November 29, and shared insights on conducting rights-based work in the neighborhood with its 13 years of experience in the field.

## İBB Migration and Adaptation Strategies Workshop

On December 11, 2019, TTM participated in the workshop organized by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality for determining the Migration and Adaptation Strategies for immigrants living in Istanbul. Opinions and suggestions were shared in the workshop.



## Besiktas Municipality's Exhibition on Children's Perception of Violence

Exhibition on Children's Perception of Violence was open to visitors on February 3-10, 2019 in the city hall in collaboration with Beşiktaş Municipality.

ADVOCACY  
ACTIVITIES

## Istanbul Medipol Uni. Psychological Counseling and Guidance Days

TTM Advisory Board Member Ebru Ergün attended Medipol Uni's event on March 9, 2019 with her workshop titled "Understanding and Preventing Violence Against Children with Participatory Methods".

## AGOS The other side of TarlaBaşı

29.01.2019

## Alternative Education Symposium

A presentation was given on Sirko Fantastiko workshop's experiences and alternative education methods, at the 2nd International Alternative Education Symposium held at Baris Manco Cultural Center on May 25-26, 2019.

## TRT Radio Turkey, the Home of Hope

04.06.2019

## YADA Civil Dialogue Workshop

TTM participated in the workshop held in Diyarbakır on October 22, 2019, within the scope of "Strengthening Civil Dialogue" project carried out by the Yaşama Dair Vakıf (YADA Foundation).

## DW Child Refugees

09.09.2019

## Istanbul Aydın Uni. Volunteers Day

TTM, shared insights on volunteering processes and the perception of volunteering on the "World Volunteers Day" panel organized by İstanbul Aydın University on December 5, 2019.

## Açık Radio 3. Mekan

(3rd Space)  
09.10.2019

## Açık Radio Yerden Yüksek

(a children's game,  
the name means 'high  
above the ground')

30.10.2019

ADVOCACY  
ACTIVITIES

## Movie Screening Madun Konuşabilir mi?

"Madun Konuşabilir mi? (Rajêr Dikare Biaxe?/ Can the Subaltern Talk?) the documentary focuses on a Kurdish family from Rojava living in Tarlabası that emigrated to Turkey from Syria, their life in Syria, their arrival to Turkey and how they hold onto life here. 25 residents of Tarlabası attended the screening on February 25, 2019.



## TTM Solidarity Concert

We welcomed spring with a solidarity concert! Güz Kumpanyası, Cupboard Creek, DJ Kulakkurdu Ohrwurm and DJ Başibozuk took the stage at the TTM Support Concert on May 8, 2019.



## Marathon

We ran the Istanbul Marathon on November 3, 2019. With the support of the donators, the running team raised a total of 41.533 TL.





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TTM SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS ON DECEMBER 10 HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

**Sağlık.  
Sağlığın varsa  
her şey  
tamam.**

Seyfi, 68

**Ayrımcılığa  
uğramamak.**

Güneş, 23

**Oyun hakkı.  
Çocuk oyna-  
mazsa zayıf  
kalabilir.**

Esma, 10.

**Kimliğim.  
Kimliğim ol-  
madan dokto-  
ra gidemiyo-  
rum.**

Halise, 35

**İstediğimi  
giyme, söyle-  
me hakkı.  
Bir de isteme-  
diğimde ça-  
lışmama  
hakkı.**

Remziye, 51

**Eşitlik.**

Leyla, 49

**Özgürlük  
yoksa ne ya-  
payım ben  
insan hakkını.**

Aydın, 38

**Eğitim hakkı.  
Çünkü eğiti-  
me gidemez-  
sem, hiç bir  
şey bilemem.**

Abdülşamet, 10

**İş yok, güç  
yok, para yok.  
Ekmek hakkı-  
mızdan başka  
bir şeyimiz  
yok.**

İlhan, Kağıt toplayıcı.

1: Health. Everything is okay if you are healthy. Seyfi, 68

2: Not to be discriminated against.. Güneş, 23

3: The right to play. If the kids don't play they may remain weak. Esma, 10

4: ID. I can't go to the doctor without my ID. Halise, 35

5: The right to wear and say what I want. And the right not to work when I don't want to. Remziye, 51

**Asla vazgeç-  
mem dediğin  
insan hakkın  
nedir?**

6: Equality. Leyla, 49

7: If there is no freedom what shall I do with human rights. Aydın, 38

8: Education right. Because if I can't get an education, I can't know anything. Abdülşamet, 10

9: No work, no power, no money.

We have nothing but our right to bread. İlhan, Paper collector.

10: What is the human right that you say you would never give up?



Since 2006, **Tarlabası Community Center**, has been carrying out activities to strengthen people living in Tarlabası, one of the multi-dimensional and fragile regions of Istanbul, to help them gain awareness about their rights and to create safe areas where they can express themselves.

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