



# **THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN ASSOCIATIONS OF TURKIYE (TKDF)**

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY HOTLINE JANUARY 2023 DATA AND ANALYSIS REPORT**



## **Domestic Violence Hotline January 2023 Data and Analysis Report**

The Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline, managed by the Federation of Women Associations of Türkiye (TKDF), received a total of 523 calls between January 1-31. 55 of these calls came from Istanbul. Istanbul was followed by Antalya with 12 calls and Manisa with 6 calls. Apart from these provinces, calls were received from 28 different provinces. These provinces are listed as follows: Adana:3, Adıyaman:1, Ağrı:1, Ankara:4, Aydın:5, Balıkesir:2, Bursa:2, Bingöl:1, Diyarbakır:1, Edirne:2, Eskişehir:1, Gaziantep: 3, Isparta:1, İzmir:6, Kars:1, Kayseri:3, Kırklareli:1, Kocaeli:1, Kütahya:1, Malatya:1, Mardin:1, Muğla:2, Tekirdağ:1, Şanlıurfa:2, Van:3, Aksaray:1, Batman:1, Düzce:1.

The distribution of the calls by districts in the province of Istanbul, where the highest number of calls came, was as follows: Beykoz:1, Maltepe:1, Pendik:3, Sancaktepe:1, Tuzla:1, Üsküdar:7, Bağcılar:1, Bahçelievler:1, Bakırköy:1 , Beylikdüzü:1, Esenler:1, Esenyurt:27, Fatih:2, Kağıthane:1, Küçükçekmece:1, Sarıyer:1, Sultangazi:1. The distribution of the calls between cities and districts shows that, regardless of the development level of the cities and their socioeconomic status, calls for violence were received from different cities and districts.

Since 15 October 2007, the total number of calls to the domestic violence hotline has been 87,791. Within these calls, reports coming from all provinces of Turkey and from many countries (Germany, France, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Netherlands, Australia, America, Syria, Switzerland, Iran, Tunisia, England, Sweden, Romania, Libya, Japan, Ukraine) , Georgia, Kenya, Canada, Kazakhstan, Greece, China, United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Cyprus) were received. In January 2023, the Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline received calls from Germany and France.

69 of the 262 cases that were reported to the Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline and registered in January are domestic violence reports. 46 of these violence reports are intimate partner violence reports. 14 calls sought shelter. There has been 1 case report requiring urgent intervention. Legal counsel was provided to 70 calls. 37 calls were directed to the law enforcement and 22 calls to bar associations. The ages of the survivors mentioned in the reports of violence received on the line in January ranged from 16 to 57.

Incoming calls show that the majority of survivors of domestic violence are women (88.0%). This rate is followed by boys with 8%.

Majority of the reported violence cases are cases of psychological and physical violence (psychological violence 44.21%; physical violence 38.95%). Apart from these types of

violence, 8.42% of the calls were social violence, 3.16% were sexual violence and 5.26% were calls reporting economic violence. It should be noted here that although it is easy to conceptually distinguish between the types of violence when analyzing, this is not so easy in real life. In most cases, many types of violence can take place together, but one or two of them stand out from the other because of their profound effects on the survivor and are voiced by them. At the same time, forms of violence other than physical violence may not be known to the survivors. In addition, even if different types of violence are known, reporting may not be considered as urgent and serious enough to seek help in that regard.

Calls to the emergency hotline show that women are most exposed to violence by the men closest to them. Reports show that violence is perpetrated by the spouses and other family members with whom women share their lives in the home, which we assume is the safest space. Spouses constitute the largest group among aggressors with 58.9%. Their spouses are followed by ex-husbands with 7.4%. Generally, family, father, elder brothers, sister, daughters and sons are stated as perpetrators of violence by survivors or reporters.