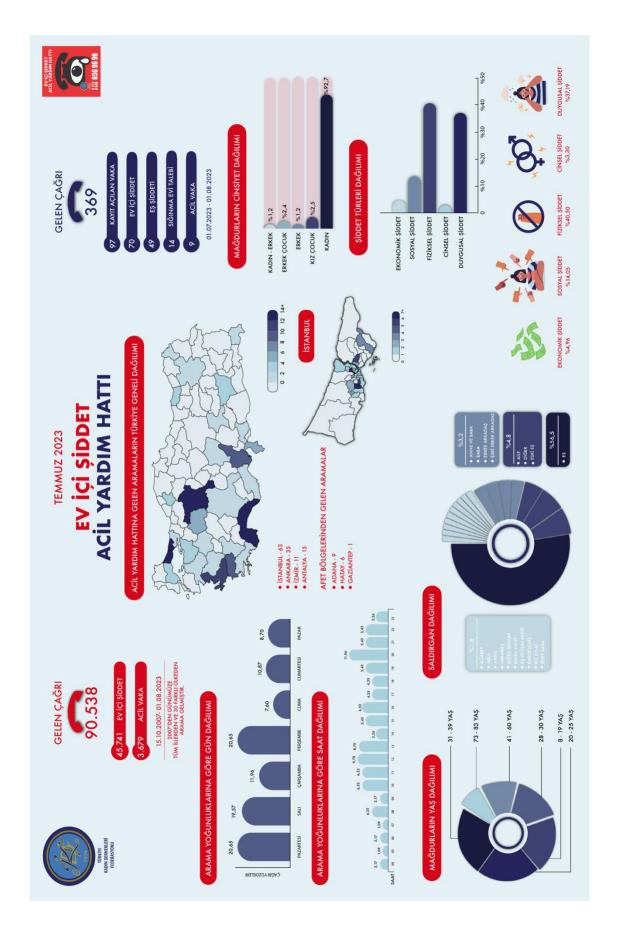




## THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN ASSOCIATIONS OF TURKIYE (TKDF)

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY HOTLINE JULY 2023 DATA AND ANALYSIS REPORT



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The Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline, operated by the Federation of Women Associations of Turkiye (TKDF), received a total of **369** calls between 1-31 July 2023. 63 of these calls came from Istanbul. Istanbul was then followed by Ankara with 35 and Antalya with 15 reports. Apart from these provinces, calls were received from 24 provinces in total. These provinces are listed as follows: Adana:9, Ankara:35, Antalya:15, Aydın:9, Balıkesir:1, Bursa:4, Denizli:1, Diyarbakır:4, Erzurum:1, Eskişehir:5, Gaziantep:1, Hakkâri:1, Hatay:6, Mersin:1, İstanbul:63, İzmir:11, Kayseri:1, Kocaeli:2, Konya:1, Kütahya:1, Malatya:1, Manisa:1, Muğla:1, Tekirdağ:3, Trabzon:4, Ardahan:1, Karabük:3.

The distribution of the calls according to the districts in the province of Istanbul, where the most calls came from, was as follows: Ümraniye:5, Üsküdar:2, Pendik:3, Avcılar:1, Bahçelievler: 5, Bakırköy:1, Başakşehir:2, Bayrampaşa:1, Beşiktaş:1, Beyoğlu:1, Esenyurt:1, Fatih:2, Gaziosmanpaşa:2, Kağıthane:23, Küçükçekmece:6, Sarıyer:1, Şişli:1, Zeytinburnu:1. The distribution of the calls between cities and districts shows that, regardless of the development level of the cities and their socioeconomic statuses, gender based violence reports came from different cities and districts.

Earthquakes with a magnitude of 7.7 and 7.6, which occurred at 04.17 in the morning and at 13.24 in the afternoon, on Monday, February 6, 2023, caused great destruction and losses in the Republic of Turkiye and the Syrian Arab Republic. Due to the earthquakes, in the provinces of Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Osmaniye, Malatya, Adana, Şanlıurfa and Kilis within the borders of the Republic of Turkey, more than 50,000 people died and more than 107,000 people were injured. Support and assistance was provided via the TKDF Emergency Hotline to the cities in the disaster zone. For this reason, there are also requests for help from earthquake survivors in the July 2023 data.

The number of new records opened in July 2023 regarding the 6 February 2023 earthquakes was 1. Emergency Hotline directed these calls to AFAD, Municipalities and local authorities in the earthquake area.

Since 15 October 2007, the total number of calls to the Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline has been **90,538**. Within these calls, notifications from all provinces of Turkiye and from

many countries (Germany, France, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Netherlands, Australia, United States of America, Syria, Switzerland, Iran, Tunisia, England, Sweden, Romania, Libya, Japan), Ukraine, Georgia, Kenya, Canada, Kazakhstan, Greece, China, United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Cyprus).

Of the 97 cases of violence that were reported to the Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline in July 2023 and newly registered, 70 were domestic violence reports. 49 of these violence reports are intimate partner violence reports. 14 callers sought shelter. There were 9 cases that required urgent intervention. Legal counseling was provided to 71 callers. 32 calls were directed to the law enforcement and 25 calls to bar associations. The ages of those who were subjected to violence in july ranged from 8-83.

Calls show that most of the survivors of domestic violence are women (92,7%). This rate is followed by girls with 2,5%.

Majority of the reported violence cases are cases of psychological and physical violence (psychological violence 37,19%; physical violence 40,5%). Apart from these types of violence, 14,05% of the calls were social violence, 3,3% were sexual violence and 4,96% were those that reported 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 also show that women are most exposed to violence by the men in their close circles. Statistics reflect in this manner 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 56,5%. Spouses are then followed by family members with 4,8% and ex-spouses with 4,8% as well. In general, mothers, fathers, older brothers, sisters, daughters, and sons in the family are stated as perpetrators of violence by survivors or those who report it.