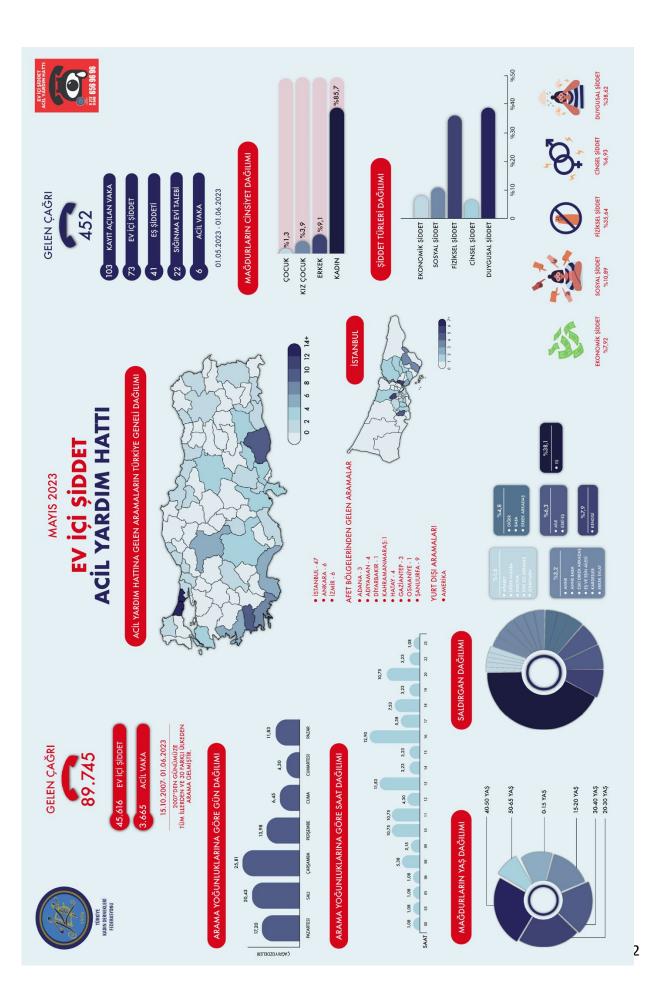




THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN ASSOCIATIONS OF TURKIYE (TKDF)

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The Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline, operated by the Federation of Women Associations of Turkiye (TKDF), received 452 calls between May 1-31. 47 of these calls came from Istanbul. Aydın followed Istanbul with 10 calls and Şanlıurfa with 9 calls. Apart from these provinces, reports were received from 32 provinces in total. These provinces are listed as follows: Adana:3, Adıyaman:4, Afyon:1, Amasya:2, Ankara:6, Antalya:5, Aydın:10, Çanakkale:4, Diyarbakır:1, Erzurum:1, Gaziantep:3, Giresun:1, Hatay:4, Mersin:2, Istanbul:47, İzmir:6, Kars:1, Kırklareli:1, Kocaeli:1, Konya:3, Kahramanmaraş:1, Mardin:1, Muğla:8, Ordu:1, Rize:1, Samsun:1, Sivas:3, Şanlıurfa:9, Van:2, Zonguldak:2, Aksaray:2, Batman:1, Şırnak:1, Bartin:2, Osmaniye: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, Çekmeköy:1, Kadıköy:2, Maltepe:1, Pendik:3, Sancaktepe:1, Üsküdar:5, Avcılar:1, Bağcılar:1, Bahçelievler:1, Başakşehir:3, Esenyurt:4, Eyüp:1, Fatih:2, Küçükçekmece:1, Sultangazi:14. The distribution of the calls between cities and districts shows that, regardless of the development level of the cities and their socioeconomic status, reports of violence 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 May 2023 data.

The number of new records opened in May 2023 regarding the 6 February earthquakes was 10. 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 89,745. 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). In May 2023, the Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline received 1 report from the USA.

Of the 103 cases of violence that were reported to the Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline in May and newly registered, 73 were domestic violence reports. 41 of these violence reports are intimate partner violence reports. 22 callers sought shelter. There were 6 cases that required urgent intervention. Legal counseling was provided to 74 callers. 29 calls were directed to the law enforcement and 10 calls to bar associations. The ages of those who were subjected to violence in May ranged from 4-52.

Calls show that most of the survivors of domestic violence are women (91.4%). This rate is followed by children with 2,9%.

Majority of the reported violence cases are cases of psychological and physical violence (psychological violence 38.62%; physical violence 35.64%). Apart from these types of violence, 10,89% of the calls were social violence, 6.93% were sexual violence and 7.92% 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 38.1%. Spouses are then followed by family members with 6.3% and ex-spouses with 6.3% 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. In May 2023, boyfriends were 4.8% and ex-boyfriends 3.2% among perpetrators.