Violence Against Women in Turkey





Projects/Activities Implemented Nationally to Reduce or Prevent Violence Against Women

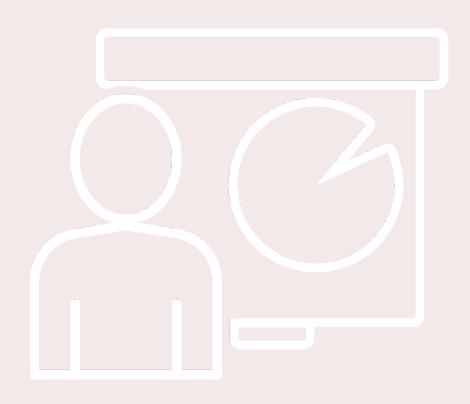
In our school



Various activities are carried out in our school to support girls at all levels.
Seminars are held to raise awareness of students and to raise awareness of parents.

In the event of any violence at school, the guidance service contacts with the social service institution, the constabulary/ the police, thus providing support for children. If they are over 18, they are informed about their rights and support is provided in this regard.

In our school, seminars on violence against women are organized by psychologists for students and their parents.





Violence Against Women In Samsun

• The incident occurred in front of Canik Municipality at night. In the incident reflected on the citizen's camera, a man was seen repeatedly kicking the woman lying unconscious on the ground. While the woman was being kicked, the sounds of her child crying 'mom' echoed in the street. The woman was injured by blows to the head and various parts of her body.



We interviewed the police in Samsun to get information about it.



1) What are the institutions to apply for protection of women victims of violence?

Domestic violence offices of law enforcement units, public prosecutor's office, Family courts, provincial directorate of family and social services.

2) What activities are there to protect women in Samsun?

The Kades application is being actively used, our woman's shelters are being used our protective and preventive measures are being actively implemented.

3) What is being done to raise women's awareness?

Evaluation meetings are held every month in coordination with the governorship about the protective and preventive measures implemented.

4) How someone who is exposed to violence is directed, what is done about the incident?

After the process is initiated, it is directed to the relevant institutions institutions and organizations in order to provide housing and livelihoods administrativel

5) What kind of facilities and assistance are provided to women in women's shelters?

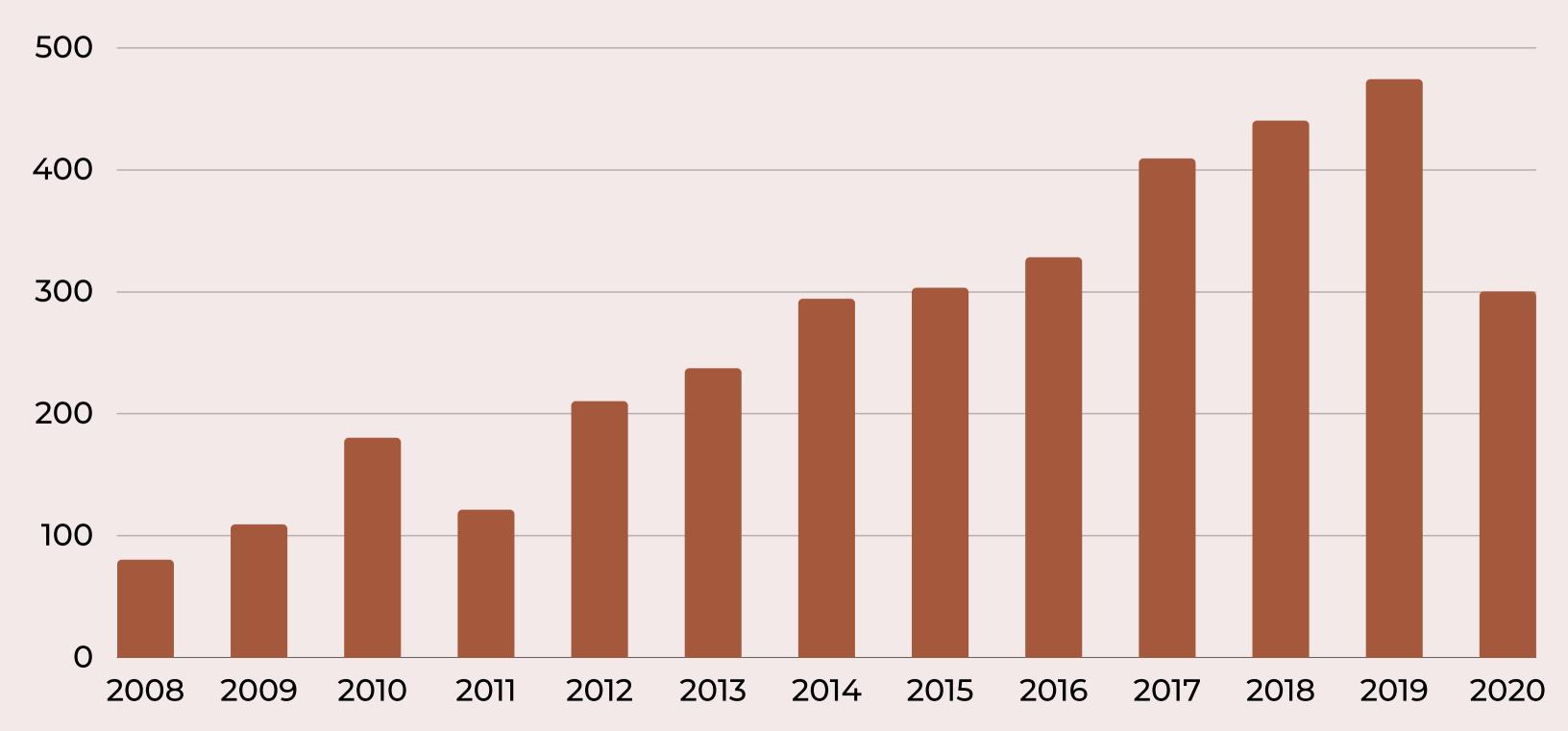
The need for housing, financial assistance as well as daily livelihood, nursery facilities for the current child to participate in business life and psychological support are provided.

Özgecan Aslan was killed 4 years ago in Mersin in the van while she was riding in to go home after leaving school. Her murderer sentenced to 22 years and 6 months jail. After his incident, the murderer of Özgecan Aslan was killed in prison and the murderer's father was seriously injured. So we think that divine justice has been done.

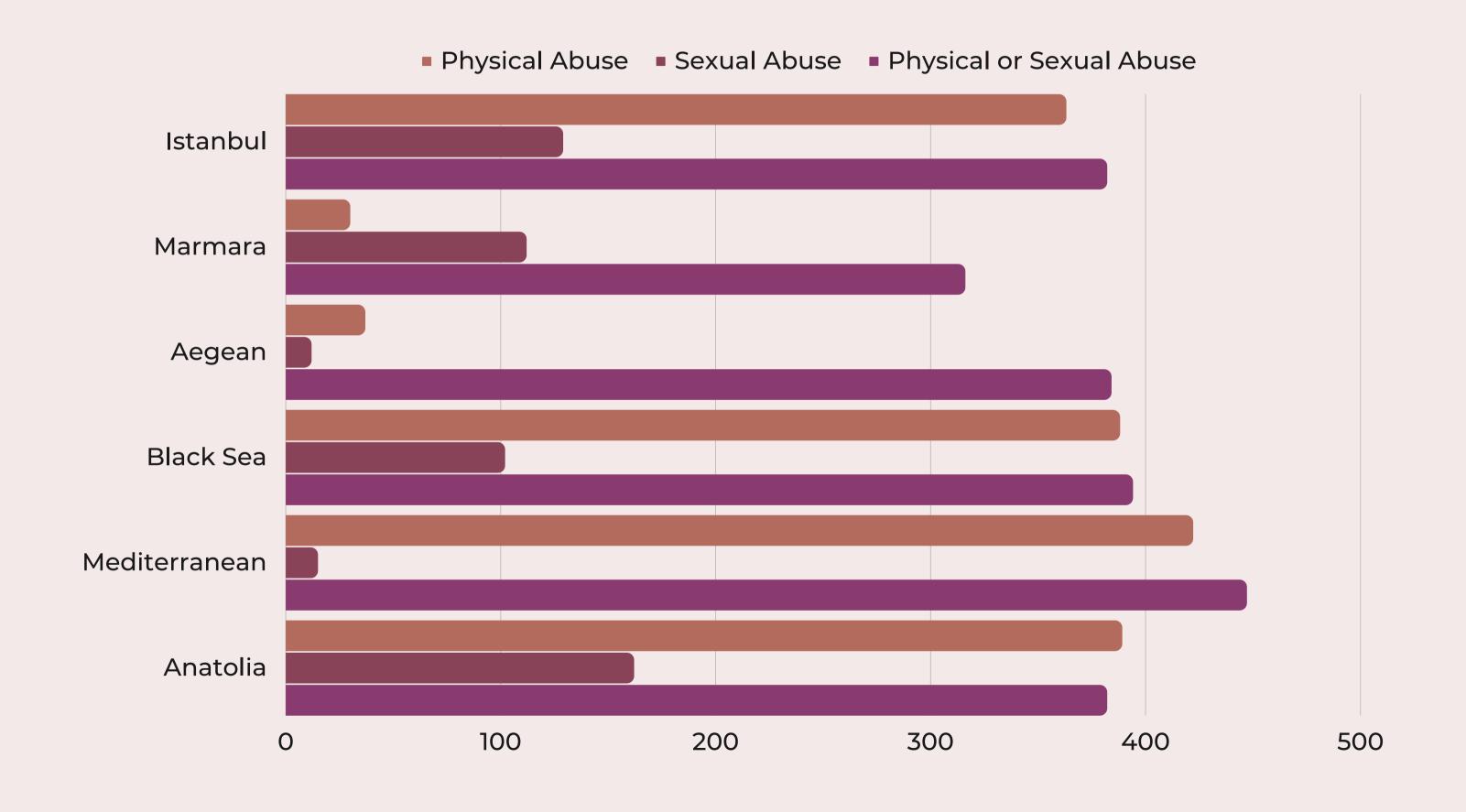
Domestic violence in Turkey is an ongoing and increasing problem in the country. In the wake of the Murder of Ozgecan Aslan, protests calling for justice and more powerful laws to protect women occurred nationwide. Afterwards, thousands of Turkish women shared their experiences of violence and harassment.Recently, the Murder of Pinar Gültekin sparked similar outcry and nationwide outrage in the country.

According to data collected by We Will Stop Femicide Platform (KCDP) in Turkey, is stated that 195 of the femicides that took place in 2021 were committed by the woman's spouse, ex-spouse, partner or ex-partner, and 46 of the femicides were committed by a family member or relative.

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Distribution of physical or sexual violence across regions in Turkey

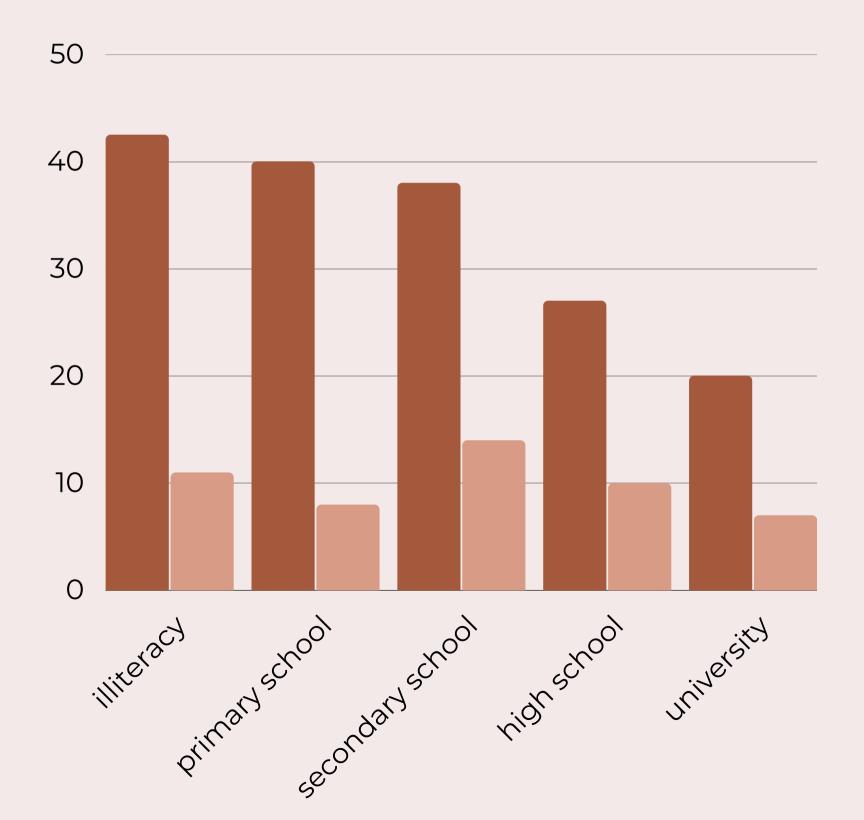




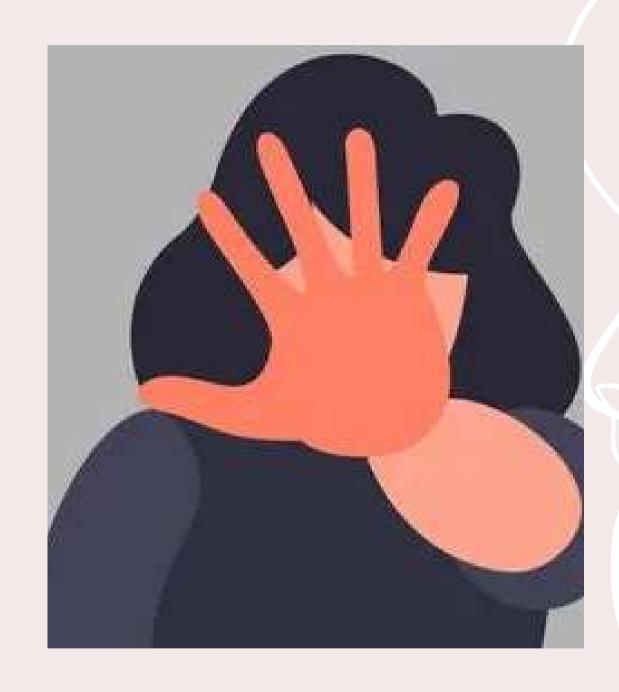
The Most Vulnerable Group of Female Population Subject to Abuse

Violence Against Women

- The rate of physical or sexual violance at any time in one's life
- Rate of physical or sexual violance in the last year



One of the most important risk factors for violence against women is the lower educational level of women



While one out of every five women with a higher education is exposed to violence, one out of every two women with a lesser degree of education are exposed to violence

It was found out that women with education levels equivalent to and lower than primary education have higher total violence scores and are exposed to violence more than the others.



Punishments for Various Types of Abuses In Turkey



- ➤A person who sexually harasses someone, upon the complaint of the victim, is sentenced to a prison sentence of three months to two years or a judicial fine
- ➤If the act is committed against a child, a prison sentence of six months to three years is imposed.
- According to the law, which entered into force on January 17, 1998, the punishment of "exile from home" for a maximum of six months can be imposed on beaten spouses upon the personal application of a woman,
- ➤ Husband or child subjected to domestic violence, or upon notification by the Prosecutor General of the Republic

Law No. 6284 is the Law on the Protection of the Family and the Prevention of Violence Against Women. The purpose of the law is to take measures for the protection of people who are victims of violence or who are at risk of violence, and who are victims of unilateral stalking, and to prevent these situations. In addition, domestic violence is

defined in the law.

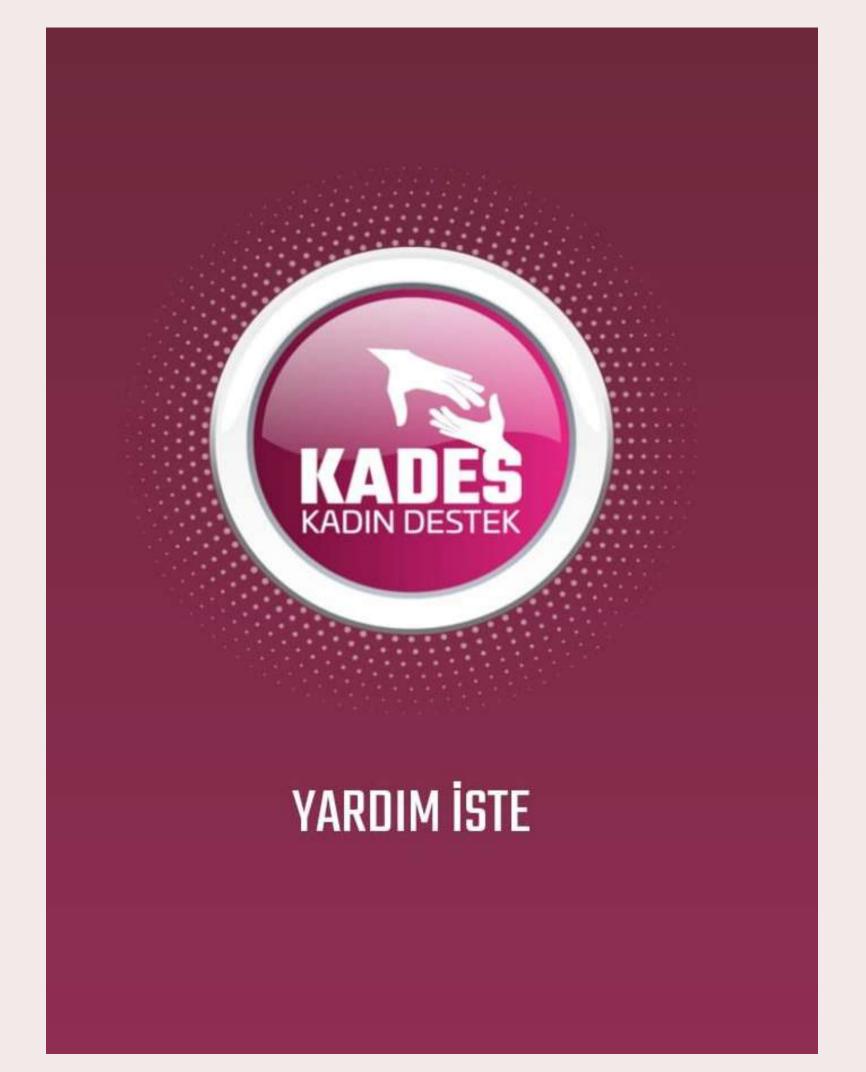
In Turkey



Red-Light Application:

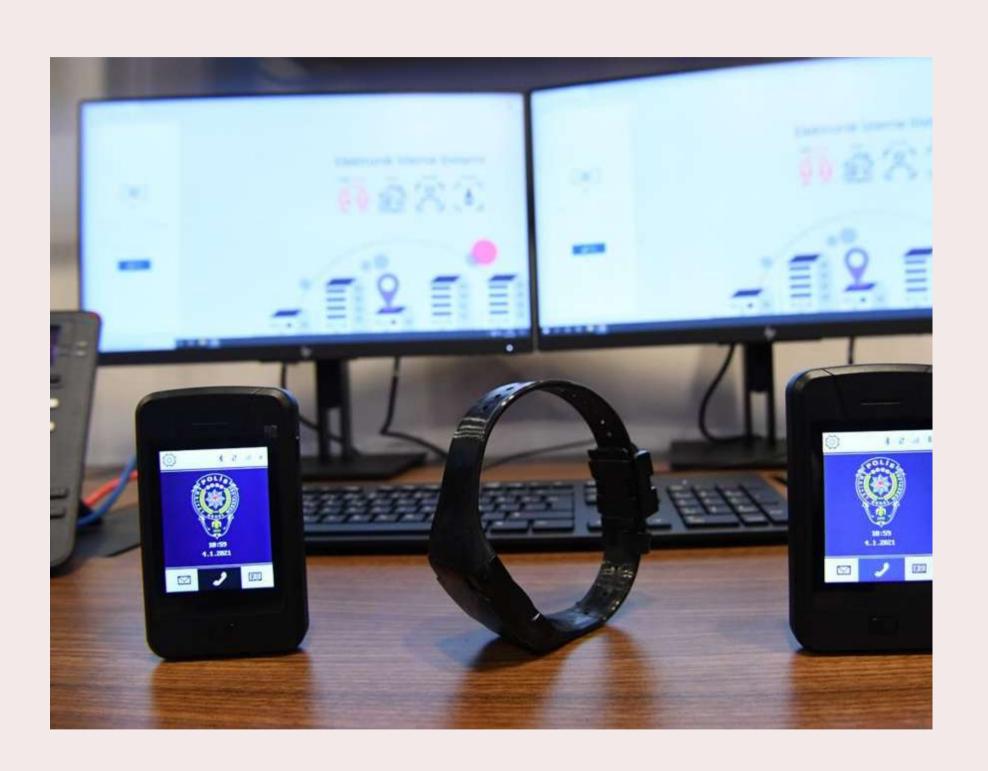
The "Red-Light" application created by Vodafone Turkey under the "Women First" program which aims to combat the increase of cases of violence against women.

The "Red-Light" application is free of charge and during an act of violence, with the press of a button, it allows women to call three individuals whom may help. It also allows the sending of an SMS by shaking the phone.



KADES

The Women's Emergency Support Application (KADES), developed by Turkey's Interior Ministry and introduced in 2018, provides women with a hotline to report such violence and direct law enforcement officers to the scene.



Electronic Bracelet Application:

For the prevention of the gravest forms of violence against women, namely murder, it is important to carry out risk assessment at every stage and by adopting special measures, protect victims who are under high risk.

In this context, the communication and technology infrastructure facilities developed in cooperation with the relevant institutions are used for the effective protection of victims of violence.

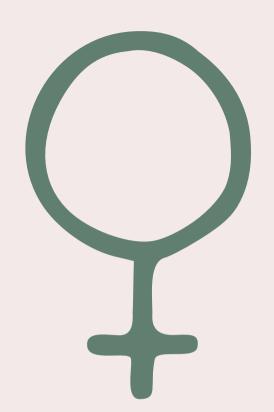
Domestic Violence Hotline:

In 2003 the Hürriyet newspaper launched the Domestic Violence Hotline in order to draw attention to domestic violence and to support victims.



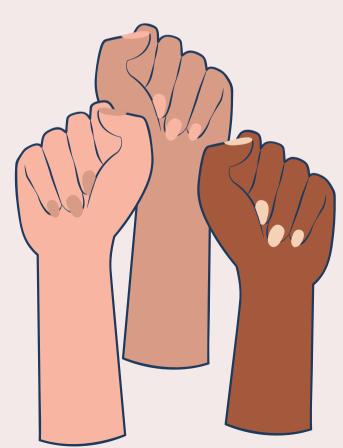
Since 2014 the emergency hotline has been managed by the Turkey Women's Associations Federation. Once the hotline is called, psychologists will ask for personal information such as age, marital status and whether the caller has children.

Then they will inform the person on their rights and possible courses of action.



Thank you for your attention!



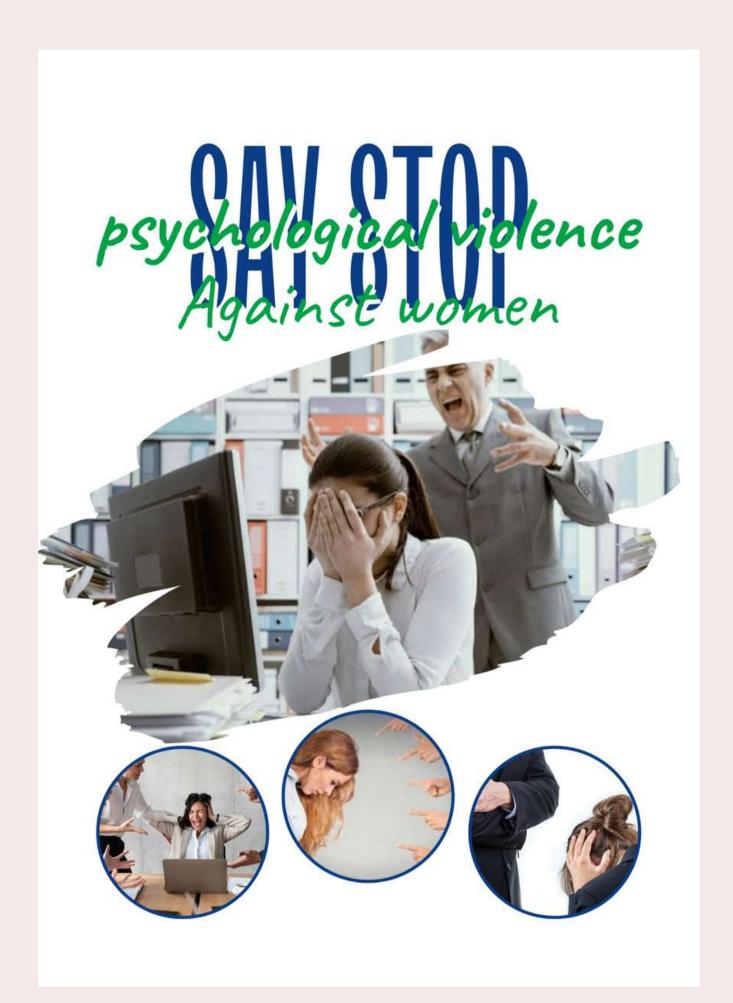




Physical violence

I was four months pregnant when I was first subjected to violence. My husband was at odds with his family due to financial reasons.

It was the first time in my life that something like this had happened to me, I felt terrible. The second time I was exposed to violence, I was seven months pregnant. My husband came home drunk in the morning. He dropped me out of bed while I was sleeping. He dragged me to the elevator shaft. When the people in the apartment started to open the door, he suddenly recovered and let me in. I was in the hallway in the morning, I was in pain and could not get up. He's gone, he's leaked inside. In the morning I called my friend and we went to the hospital, I found out that the child was fine. When I came home from work in the evening, his family was at home, and my husband was lying down as if he had done nothing.



Psychological Violence

Zeynep Çabuk has worked in many sectors, from personnel service to accounting. She was last subjected to mobbing at the international company where she worked. Shortly after receiving the award for the best employee of the group in the company, it was said that her authority and responsibility would be increased and that she would be given the responsibility of the unit she worked for. They said they would get it. Whatever happened after 3 months, my competencies and experience were not enough, so I had to take someone on top of me. At first, Zeynep Çabuk questioned herself and her shortcomings. She even wrote to the management, wanted to learn about their shortcomings, and received positive feedback. But what happened after a while had passed. I was not invited to meetings and I was left ignorant of the decisions taken. The simplest secretarial jobs have begun to be assigned. This period lasted about 6 months. So much so that there were days when she spent no work. No one said, "Why don't you work?" When asked for information about the job, she replied, "Do we have to report everything to you?"



Sexual violence

I was sitting in the bus. I felt something on my arm. At first I thought the curtain touched my arm, so I didn't really care. I closed my eyes and tried to sleep so that at least the remaining two and a half hours would go by quickly. I opened my eyes. It was the hand of the man behind me. A few minutes passed.

Just as I was about to fall asleep again, I felt something on my arm, this time near my chest, and I opened my eyes without moving. It was the hand of the man behind me that held me. I was shocked and shouted for help. Then they got that scum guy off the bus, and the man defended himself with a surprised expression as if he didn't know what had happened. He said, 'I was sleeping, I didn't do anything, my hand was accidentally touched.'