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OUR DUTIES

- Ensuring the participation of women in rural area to agricultural production, and planning and implementing training activities thereof,
- Promoting cooperation with public institutions and organizations, non-governmental organizations and international organizations for women,
- Conducting studies on the status and problems of women in rural area,
- Compiling and assessing the statistical data about women in rural area,
- Developing projects.

**STUDIES CARRIED OUT
FOR WOMEN LIVING
IN RURAL AREA**



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♀ Our activities
are based on

***Elimination of Social
Gender Inequality***

***Increase of
Entrepreneurship and
Employment***



Training and Extension Studies for Women Farmers on Agricultural Production



are carried out
in 81 provinces.

Since 2003,

432.868

women farmers
have been

provided with trainings

in **32.650**

meetings held for farmers.



Training and Extension Studies on Home Economics



are carried out
in 81 provinces.

Since 2003,

1.130.580 women farmers
have been provided with
trainings
in 92.403 meetings
held for farmers.

Training Topics:

- Nutrition
- Management of family resources
- Child development and education
- Handicrafts



Training and Extension Studies on Cooperative System



Trainings on general cooperative system and the scopes of cooperatives are given to the women farmers in the places where Agricultural Development Cooperatives are located.



Training Topics

- General Cooperative System
- Animal Care and Nutrition
- Animal Diseases
- Milking Techniques and Hygiene
- Hygienic Milk Production
- Making Use of Milk in Various Forms
- Maintenance and Cleaning of Barns
- Sheep Raising
- Beekeeping
- Greenhouse Cultivation, etc.



Since 2004, **55.065** women farmers have been provided with trainings on cooperative system in **10.470** meetings held for farmers.



Women Farmers Agricultural Extension Project



Supported by the Ministry of Development, this Project is implemented in the selected provinces under the scope of projects for women farmers.

Since 2003,

99.518 women farmers have been provided with trainings

in **7.039** meetings held for farmers.



The Project on Achieving Sustainable Rural Development Through Supporting the Socio Economic Training of Women Living in Rural Area



The Project between Turkey and Azerbaijan will be implemented in 3 pilot provinces (Düzce, Kars, Antalya).

It aims to provide trainings for 120 women farmers.

Within 17 Projects supported by FAO, it is of great importance to be the **only project for women.**



Dere Tepe Training and Support Program for Women



In cooperation with the Mother-Child Training Foundation (AÇEV), this Project is implemented in 3 pilot provinces. In 2011- 2012 academic year, **40 courses** were opened in pilot provinces Niğde, Samsun and Tokat, and **803 young girls and women** were provided with trainings.



Cooperation Protocol on Women Farmers Training



- **Cooperation Protocol on Women Farmers Training** was signed between our Ministry, the Ministry of Family and Social Policies and the Union of Chambers of Agriculture.
- Under the Protocol, total **760 women farmers** were provided with trainings in the specific topics in 5 pilot provinces (İzmir, Kayseri, Sakarya, Gaziantep, Diyarbakır).



Action Plan on the Empowerment of Women in Rural Area



KIRSAL ALANDA KADININ
GÜÇLENDİRİLMESİ

ULUSAL EYLEM PLANI
(2012-2016)



Action Plan on the Empowerment of Women in Rural Area was prepared in 2012 and shared with institutions, organizations and non-governmental organizations.

Action Plan defines significant measures for solving the problems of women in rural area and suggests relevant activities.



Knowledge and Project Contest for Women Farmers



Since 2004

9.883 women farmers have been provided with trainings within the scope of competition program.



Impact Assessment Research on Women Farmers Contest

KADIN ÇİFTÇİLER YARIŞIYOR
ETKİ DEĞERLENDİRME ARAŞTIRMASI



KADINLAR BİLGİLERİYLE YARIŞIYOR KENDİLERİNİ AŞIYOR





Positive Discrimination in favor of Women Farmers and Women Cooperatives on Benefiting from the Supports



Having been implemented by the Ministry since 2006, **Supporting Program for Rural Development Investments** provides 50 % grant for **women farmers**.



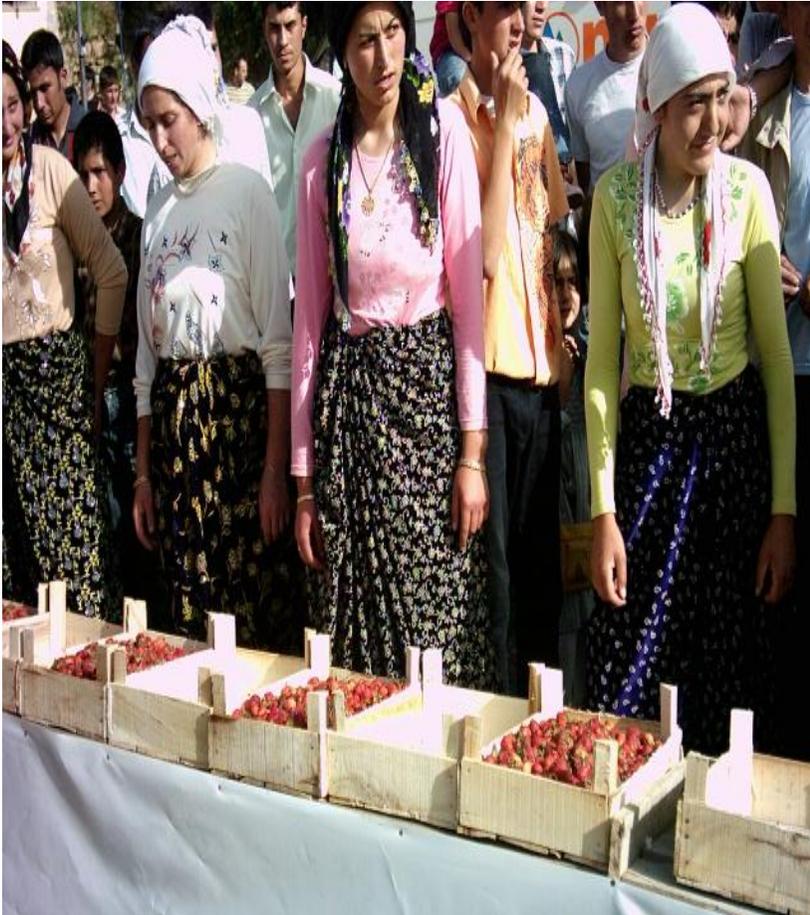
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- In the supports for purchasing machinery and equipment, women farmers **could get 50 % support as a grant for 35 types of machinery.**



Women Cooperatives are Granted Supports for Preparing Projects



Within the scope of **Global Environment Fund Support Program under the United Nations Development Program**, two women cooperatives were provided with the necessary supports for the development, presentation and co-financing of projects on the topics «**Soil Degradation**» and «**Biologic Diversity**», providing motivation for entrepreneur, leader and successful women.



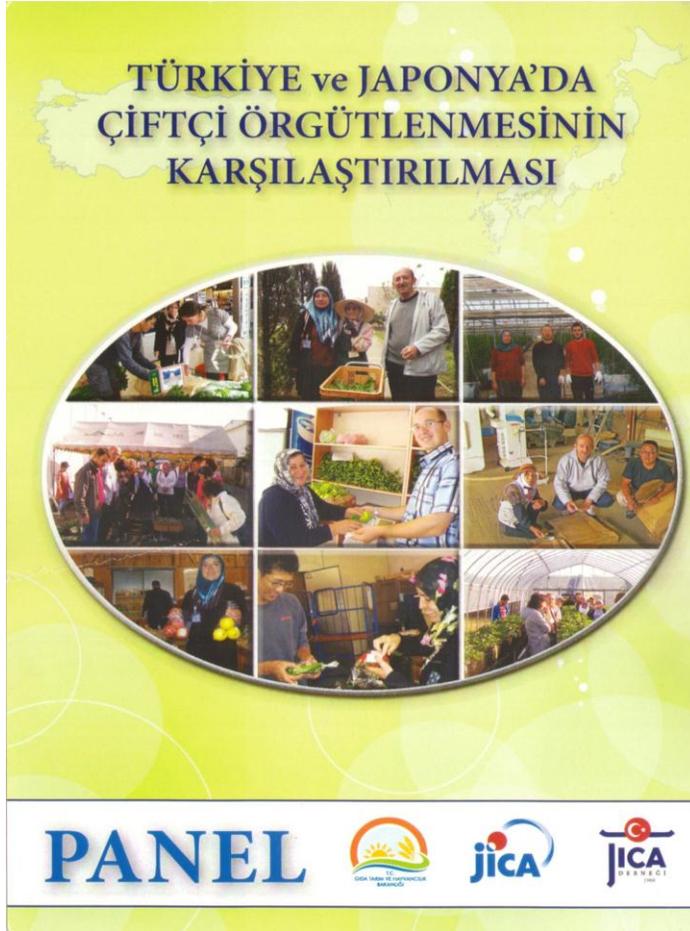
Women Farmers are Provided with Opportunities to Attend Trainings Abroad



- Under the Protocol signed between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and Japan International Cooperation Agency (**JICA**), and within the scope of “**Young Leaders Program**”;
- Women farmers from successful, leading and entrepreneur women cooperatives attended the **Agricultural/Rural Development Courses** held in **Japan** in 2010 and 2011.



Women Cooperatives Take Place in National and International Panels and Conferences



The panel “**Agricultural Organization in Turkey and Japan**” held in Eskişehir in 2011 and the panel “**Comparison of Farmers’ Organization in Turkey and Japan**” held in Ankara-Ayaş in 2012 provided opportunities for sharing experience and knowledge.



International Conference «I have a share in the Production» on Agriculture, Women and Organization was held



For the women, who are the most important actors of agricultural sector, the issue Women Organization in Agricultural Sector was discussed in **Antalya/Expo Center** on December 05-08, 2012 with the participation of Turkish and foreign speakers.





Successful Women Cooperatives are Awarded

Successful women cooperatives were awarded on October 15, 2012, **International Day of Women Farmers.**



15 Ekim 2012 Dünya Çiftçi Kadınlar Günü - DİYARBAKIR



IN CONCLUSION;

- Gender-based social inequalities create one of the most important factors in the **impoverishment** of women. For this reason, awareness of social gender equality should be raised.
- In order to reduce the effects of misleading beliefs, manners and customs, which pose an obstacle before the education of women living especially in rural area, it is of great importance to raise the awareness among society in this regard.
- Importance should be given for the improvement of short-term **vocational courses** and **informal educational opportunities**.



- Considering that the number of women farmers in the agricultural production is more than the male farmers, women should be provided with **efficient agricultural training services**.
- **Women entrepreneurship** should be encouraged; they should be given assistance for the works they could do; and women employment should be increased.
- Projects should be prepared for making the women in rural area financially independent through **income-generating extra jobs**.



It is also important

- ✓ to be able to affect political mechanisms,
- ✓ to place the women in rural area into the scope of social security from unqualified family worker status,
- ✓ to provide opportunities for the **cooperation of women working in rural area**, for making contribution to the solution of poverty and unemployment and to the process of rural development.

It is required to pave the way for the organization of women in rural area through cooperatives, to make them take place in authorization and decision making process, and to **conduct studies for the promotion of available women cooperatives.**

Thank you...
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