

# ANNUAL BULLETIN

## 2021 HARVEST HIGHLIGHTS

The annual bulletin provides a snapshot of implementation activities that were carried out in three provinces of Turkey during the hazelnut harvest season of 2021 in the scope of the “**Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour in Seasonal Agriculture in Hazelnut Harvesting in Turkey**” project.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour in Seasonal Agriculture in Hazelnut Harvesting in Turkey
<b>IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTIONS</b>	International Labour Organization (ILO) Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Directorate General of Labour
<b>SUPPORTING PARTNER</b>	Ferrero
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	November 2020 – March 2024
<b>BUDGET</b>	3.5 million Euro
<b>PROJECT PROVINCES</b>	Trabzon, Zonguldak, Şanlıurfa
<b>PROJECT'S EXPECTED OUTCOMES</b>	The project aims to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ strengthen coordination across institutions for the elimination of child labor in seasonal agriculture in hazelnut harvesting,</li><li>▶ implement and scale up direct intervention mechanisms in areas where seasonal hazelnut harvesting exists,</li><li>▶ raise awareness on the elimination of child labor in seasonal agriculture in hazelnut harvesting among national and local stakeholders, supply chain actors and general public.</li></ul>



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Children of seasonal agricultural workers attending to classes in Trabzon and in Zonguldak.

## ► IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

The settlement of the seasonal agricultural workers in designated areas in project provinces started in late July and continued with hazelnut harvesting till mid-September. ILO project team held **8 meetings** with **13 local actors** and government institutions during pre-harvest season to ensure smooth implementation in Arsin district of Trabzon and Alaplı district of Zonguldak.

The project supported children with formal/informal education and offered them recreational activities that contribute to their physical and social wellbeing. Families who have been involved in seasonal agriculture were informed in counseling sessions about the risks of the work performed by children in unsafe conditions. Families were provided with the counseling sessions and their children benefited from transportation services, nutrition support and hygiene and stationary kits.

In the project activities implemented in 2021, **455 children** were withdrawn or prevented from work in seasonal agriculture and provided with education and social support services which were conducted by **24 teachers** in two project provinces in the Black Sea region. With the support of Pikolo Association, ILO's implementing partner, the field staff reached out to **210 families** and provided counselling and awareness raising activities.



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Students attend to leisure activities that boost their mental development.



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A teacher reading a book to a group of students in a class in Trabzon.

## ► IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Interviews were made with project supporters and beneficiaries, including children who attended classes during this year's harvest season in pilot provinces. Some excerpts from these interviews are as follows:



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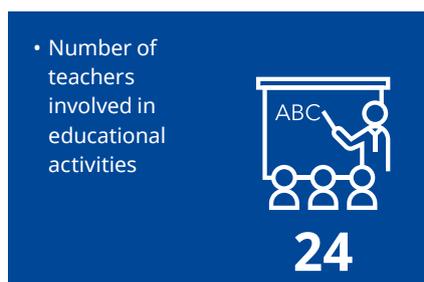
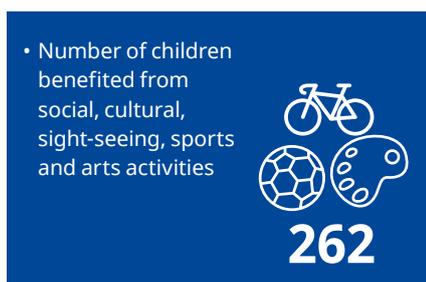
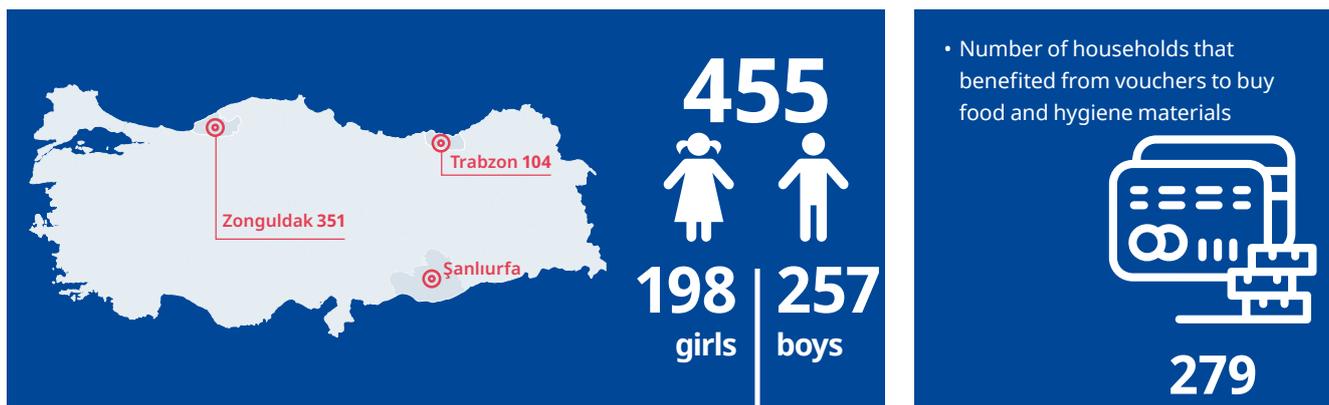
““ The teachers involved in the project told us about the school and I trusted them. Now, I even send my 3-year-old daughter to school. They gave her many books at school. She was so happy that she slept with her bag one day. ””

**Sultan İnce** / Seasonal agricultural worker and parent

In cooperation with local authorities and stakeholders, families working in seasonal agriculture in pilot cities were informed about the importance of children's attendance at school and the risks of the work performed by children in agricultural fields and in unsafe conditions.

## ► ILO's INTERVENTIONS IN FIGURES (2021)

to end child labour in seasonal hazelnut harvest in project provinces



## ► IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Within the scope of the awareness raising pillar of the project, two video missions were conducted during the harvest season to capture the project's activities. The production team held interviews with the families, children and teachers involved in the project as well as local counterparts that helped facilitate a smooth coordination among different actors in the field.



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“Children here are so keen to learn. I am very happy when I see them like that. Thanks to the project, the experience I gained here has also contributed to my professional life.”

**Asiye Buzkuş** / School teacher

The teachers involved in the project touched the lives of many children who migrated with their families due to seasonal agriculture. However, it was a two-way learning process; the teachers also had an opportunity to offer classes in a setting they were not accustomed to and teach a group of students who were away from their schools for a period of time.

## ► IN THEIR OWN WORDS



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“I like the school here and I want to come here every day. My favorite class is math.”

**Hicran Karataş** / Student

The education that the children received at school opened new windows in the minds of dozens of children like Hicran. The classes that the students attended included the Turkish language, maths, science, sports, music and painting.



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“I have been very happy since I came to this school. After I leave here, I will miss my school, my teachers and my friends a lot.”

**Kadir Alan** / Student

The school reminded hundreds of children like Kadir of the happiness of learning new things. The children continued their complementary education while their families were in the hazelnut harvest. The most important aim in the delivery of classes is to create an environment that can make school an appealing place for children, a place where they can play, learn and socialize with their friends.



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A class of children in Zonguldak enjoying the sunlight in their school's garden during the break.

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