



# ENHANCING WOMEN'S POST-EARTHQUAKE LEGAL LITERACY

## Project Duration

7 months (August 2023 - February 2024)

## Project Budget

€ 155,000

## Project Donor

Government of Germany

### Contribution to UN Women Global Strategic Plan 2022–2025:

- Outcome 4 - Women's equitable access to services, goods and resources

### Contribution to UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework between the Government of Türkiye and the United Nations 2021-2025:

- Outcome 1.2 - By 2025, women and girls have improved and equal access to resources, opportunities, and rights, and enjoy a life without violence and discrimination.
- Outcome 4.1 - By 2025, governance systems are more transparent, accountable, inclusive and rights-based with the participation of civil society, and judiciary services are improved quality.

### Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): SDG 5, SDG 16

**“Capacity Development and Technical Assistance for Enhancing Women's Post-Earthquake Legal Literacy”** project marks the first partnership between UN Women Türkiye and the Union of Turkish Bar Associations (UTBA), addressing urgent need for legal support and empowerment following the devastating earthquakes that struck Türkiye on February 6th, 2023. In response to the rising legal challenges, the project takes shape as a pilot initiative aimed at increasing women's awareness of available legal remedies and enhancing their legal literacy. UN Women collaborates closely with the UTBA in implementing the project, focusing on the dissemination of legal information on violence against women and earthquake-induced legal concerns in five most impacted provinces; Adiyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Malatya.



The project's overall objective is to provide multisectoral services and support for the urgent needs and recovery of women and girls impacted by the earthquakes. It seeks to empower women in the earthquake response, ensuring their agency and resilience. The main activities of the project include training local lawyers on legal responses to violence against women and girls, addressing public and private law issues prioritized by women in the disaster zone, conducting informative sessions in temporary settlements, and producing simplified legal knowledge materials to ensure women fully understand their rights and options. Additionally, complementary collaboration with the Ministry of Family and Social Services involves training Violence Prevention and Monitoring Center and women's shelter personnel on legal responses to violence against women and girls, including victims' rights, with due consideration of post-disaster risks and challenges.

Through these targeted activities, the project aims to not only address immediate legal concerns but also contribute to the broader institutional capacity development outlined in the 2023 Activity Plan on Combating Violence Against Women. By circulating informative materials and conducting awareness-raising sessions, the project endeavors to create a supportive legal environment and enhance the legal literacy of women affected by the earthquakes, fostering a path towards recovery and empowerment.

## Project's Expected Result

Women and girls affected by the earthquake in selected provinces receive adequate protection services, in line with their rights, needs and priorities.

- 100 lawyers will be reached with technical capacity development initiatives on service delivery/provision to earthquake survivor women, on specific legal needs and response to violence against women and girls.
- 1500 women will be reached through information campaigns and awareness-raising on rights, entitlements, services and assistance.
- 82 Violence Prevention and Monitoring Center personnel will be reached with technical capacity development initiatives on service delivery/provision to earthquake survivor women, on specific legal needs and legal response to violence against women and girls.