



BALSU SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER

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Farmer Trainings

Our farmer trainings continued in the Western Black Sea region throughout June. According to our training program covering the Eastern Black Sea region in July, we will have brought together over a thousand farmers with our module on sustainable hazelnut production on 25 different training days.



We also evaluated the demands from our stakeholders in the region for the realization of the trainings. We welcome this increase in demand and participation as the 2021 hazelnut harvest approaches.



Activities Covered During the Month of June

- As Balsu, we have provided social, environmental, agricultural, traceability, occupational health and safety and certification trainings to the farmers in the regions where we supply hazelnuts.
- In order to ensure the harmless disposal of chemical wastes in village centers, hazardous waste containers were placed and were disposed through licensed companies.



- While personal protective equipment was provided to all of the program farmers, our leader hazelnut farmers were supported with the necessary equipment for gardening activities
- The number of "Balsu supported model garden" collaborations have been increased.
- Strategic points were determined in order to provide access to clean water and hygiene in the hazelnut gardens at the time of harvest.
- "Needs assessment" activity was carried out to improve the accommodation areas of the hazelnut workers.



2021 Children protection program

During the month of June, the preparations for the 2021 child protection program continued.

Our active work to prevent child labour and raise awareness on this issue every year since 2014 will continue this year as well.

In the 2020 hazelnut harvest, in cooperation with the Young Lives Foundation, we have updated our summer school model, which supports the learning, education and development processes of children of seasonal agricultural worker families, with a new model compatible with pandemic conditions. In our updated model, while children's well-being was prioritized by taking them off the hazelnut gardens, various workshops were held with the children throughout the hazelnut harvesting period.

With this updated model that can be replicated and scaled up, we will reach greater number of children in our supply chain in west and black sea region and say "let's work together to end child labour" in the 2021 harvest.

