## Support the Education of Children of Seasonal Agricultural Workers

30.8% of 720.000 child workers in Turkey work in seasonal agriculture. While school-age seasonal agricultural workers migrate to different harvesting regions with their families every year and work under harsh conditions, they cannot participate in one-third of the academic year.

As Balsu, we supported the campaign initiated by Ayşe Zapsu Taviloğlu, Member of the Board of the Young Lives Foundation, to support the education of seasonal migrant agricultural workers.

Within the scope of the Campaign for the Prevention of Child Labor, our common goal with the Young Lives Foundation is to reach children in seasonal agricultural labour who cannot access basic needs in the harvest regions, to support their education and to provide scholarships during the 9-month formal education period.



## **November Agricultural Practices**

We have paid regular field visits to villages and recieved calls from farmers to visit their hazelnut garden throughout November. During the visits, mainly farmers were informed about how to fight against fungal diseases in their gardens.

Our agricultural engineers provide training on post-harvest hazelnut applications so that our farmers can correctly implement the pruning, root shoot cleaning and weed control that should take place during the months of October and December.







## Participation in Bilgi University Seasonal Worker Migration Network (MIGA) Days

Balsu made a presentation at the online conference organized by Bilgi University on Working, Employment and Living Conditions of the Workforce in Seasonal Agriculture on November 5, 2021.

In the presentation, work carried out by Balsu during the 2021 hazelnut harvest was outlined, information about the demographic structure of the seasonal migrant agricultural worker profile in our supply chain, and working and living conditions were also shared.



In addition, the documents used for our support program for seasonal agricultural workers, the certification process of agricultural labour intermediaries, the renovation activities in the accommodation areas of workers, children protection program of 2021, "Strong Women, Strong Agriculture" hazelnut farmer Project, and origin-winter activities are presented in detail.



