



Origin - Winter Social Activities in Mardin and Diyarbakır

Social activities carried out for seasonal agricultural workers and children are not limited to the harvest period, but continue in the migrating provinces during the winter period.

Within the scope of 2022 origin-winter activities, 30 unregistered agricultural labor intermediaries were certified. In addition, 500 children at risk of child labor were monitored in their living areas and 30 children received scholarships. In addition, hygiene and women's health trainings were given to 120 female workers in their living areas.



In addition, 3 online meetings were held with a group of 16 people, consisting of 8 teachers working in workshops in the harvesting region and 8 teachers working in schools in the migrating provinces, in order to better determine the needs of the children of seasonal migrant agricultural workers and to create training and workshop contents according to their needs.



A Group of 30 farmers, suppliers, headmen, teachers and opinion leaders from the Western and Eastern Black Sea Regions visited the provinces of Mardin and Diyarbakır, which are the provinces with the highest number of immigrants in seasonal agricultural work, and visited the houses, schools, agricultural labor intermediaries, and held meetings with the local government officials.



Agricultural Labor Intermediaries Training & Certification in Diyarbakır

As Balsu, we ensure the certification of agricultural labor intermediaries through our support program. In this context, agricultural labor intermediaries whose certificate expires and need to be renewed or who want to be certified for the first time are identified and registered.

We reached the agricultural labor intermediaries whose risks we determined on the field in the 2021 harvest period in their regions during the winter period and supported them to fulfil their responsibilities such as working with a certificate, drawing working contracts with the workers and garden owners, and reporting to the İŞKUR – Employment Agency at the end of the year.



30 unregistered agricultural labor intermediaries identified in the 2021 hazelnut harvest have been registered for the first time with the participation of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Department of Employment, Diyarbakır Social Security Provincial Directorate, Diyarbakır İŞKUR- Employment Agency Directorate and Ankara University.

Hazelnut Farming Training with Giresun Research Institute



A protocol was signed between Balsu and the Hazelnut Research Institute of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.



On 22-23 March and 14 April, engineers Yusuf Bilgen, Fikret Tüfekçi, Yasemin Yavuzkılıç and Ebru Gümüş accompanied by Hazelnut Research Institute Director Aysun Akar gave training to our field team at our factory in Sakarya Hendek. While Yusuf Bilgen held a training of trainees on the Fertilization Biology, Hazelnut Varieties, Garden Plant, Planting Systems, Fikret Tüfekçi provided information on Post-Harvest, Aflatoxin, Biochar production and its necessity. Aysun Akar introduced Pruning Methods in Hazelnut. Training in next month will focus on hazelnut pests and diseases.



Theoretical training took place on the first day, the hazelnut orchards in Sakarya and Düzce provinces were visited on the second day, and practical training was held in the field.