

2021 Harvest: Seasonal Agricultural Workers of Our Supply Chain



During the 2021 harvest period, seasonal agricultural workers are visited in accommodation areas in many different regions as of the end of July prior to the hazelnut harvest.

In the provinces of Düzce and Sakarya, a total of 1701 seasonal migrant hazelnut workers -in 9 districts, 33 villages, and 81 worker groups- were visited in their accommodation areas and were received good social practices & occupational health and safety training modules.

At the end of the trainings, personal protective equipment and hygiene kit support was provided to all workers.

In addition, 110 seasonal migrant agricultural workers participated in our risk assessment, which is vital for Origin-Winter activity planning.



Fair Labor Organization (FLA) “Harvesting the Future” Project Phase I Final Report

Harvesting The Future

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Balsu took part in the “Harvesting the Future” project under the coordination of the FLA to combat child labour in Seasonal Mobile Agriculture.

You can read the project final report here.

<https://www.fairlabor.org/sites/default/files/harvestingthefuture-phase1-finalreport.pdf>

Within the scope of this project, seasonal mobile agricultural workers involved in the hazelnut harvest were also reached during the harvest of other agricultural products (apricot, cumin, raisins, potatoes, peanuts) determined to be at high risk; Efforts were made to improve living conditions and create safe spaces for their children.

Balsu, which has been working to support the living and working conditions of hazelnut farmers and seasonal migrant agricultural workers since 2012, has an effective and comprehensive system that provides improvement and monitoring activities on child labour in its supply chain.



Post-Harvest Activities



During the month of September;

Free foliar analysis support was provided to the farmers and foliar fertilization programs were carried out.

Soil sampling started at the end of this month. According to the results of soil analysis, farmers will be informed about fertilization programs in the coming months.

Information was given about how the fermentation process work for waste comes from processing hazelnut.

Other training topics include: soil health, winter fertilization program, leaf analysis and leaf fertilization program, pruning process, new planting methods, disposal of chemical wastes.

Information was given on climate change and related physiological, biological and chemical changes in hazelnuts, the problems to be encountered in terms of soil, plant and human health, occupational health and safety when the time, amount and application technique of chemical inputs are not taken into account.

