

In a Nutshell 2022

During the 2022 harvest period, Balsu expanded its children protection program and carried out activities in 5 provinces (Sakarya, Düzce, Ordu, Samsun and Giresun), 16 districts and 82 neighborhoods between 20.07.2022 and 15.09.2022.

Taking into account the pandemic conditions, we supported seasonal mobile agricultural worker children with on-site training in the 2021 harvest, only with the mobile workshop model. In the 2022 harvest, we opened summer schools and implemented a hybrid model.



In the 2022 hazelnut harvest, 3 summer schools were opened in 2 provinces within the scope of the “In a Nutshell” project, and by applying the on-site education model in all other provinces, children were brought to safe areas and removed from the risk of child labour.



On the other hand, the monitoring and evaluation of children who are at risk of child labor and who participate in the training activities held during the harvest period will be carried out same as last year in the provinces of origin.

As Balsu, we reach children, families of seasonal migrant agricultural workers, local authorities, teachers, and women worker groups in the provinces of origin in cooperation with the Young Lives Foundation and include them in our children protection program.



Balsu Children Protection Program Audit Report

As an affiliated company of the FLA (Fair Labor Association), Balsu undergoes independent external audits each year to measure its social compliance and progress based on FLA standards and benchmarks.

During the 2021 harvest period, within the scope of our FLA membership, an audit was conducted by 3rd party auditors to evaluate the monitoring and improvement program against children protection program implemented in cooperation with Balsu and Young Lives Foundation (YLF). In this process, 30 seasonal agricultural workers, 15 children, 14 field workers, 6 field coordinators, 4 teachers, 3 farmers, 2 agricultural labor intermediaries and 4 personnel were interviewed in the provinces of Düzce, Sakarya, Ordu and Samsun, which are in the Balsu's supply chain.



In the FLA report published in 2022; It was mentioned that Balsu's expanding children protection project, YLF's field studies, and the on-site education model (workshops) implemented due to the Covid-19 pandemic made it easier to reach children in remote areas. You can access the report from the following link.

<https://www.fairlabor.org/reports/in-a-nutshell/>

During the 2022 harvest period, the Western Black Sea and the Eastern Black Sea regions were visited for the focus evaluation of our children protection program. Scope of the visits included; seasonal migrant agricultural workers, agricultural business intermediaries, commercial groups and representatives of public institutions participating in the 2022 origin - winter activities.

As a result, 34 seasonal migrant agricultural workers, 6 children who worked in seasonal migrant agriculture, 9 teachers, 24 public servants and 14 field staff of YLF were visited in the Eastern and Western Black Sea regions. A total of 103 people, including other stakeholders in the seasonal agricultural labor cycle, were interviewed.



Within the scope of the focus assessment, site visits are planned in the origin cities (Mardin and Diyarbakır) for the second week of November in order to see the impact of the project more clearly. During these site visits, beneficiary families, children, agricultural labor intermediaries, public institutions will be interviewed.

Good Agricultural Practices for the Future of Hazelnut

"Agriculture for our future, good agriculture for the future of hazelnuts" project, approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Türkiye, carried out in partnership with Karadeniz Ereğli District Directorate of Agriculture and Balsu, kicked off as of this month.

With the project realized with the participation of hazelnut farmers in Karakavuz and Başören villages in Karadeniz Ereğli district of Zonguldak province, traditional and wrong practices in hazelnut production will be prevented.



We are very proud to state that the project is the only hazelnut good agricultural practices certification implemented in partnership with the private Sector and the Ministry in Türkiye.

Karadeniz Ereğli District Director of Agriculture Osman Günaydın, who conveyed his views on the project, said: "We know that the demand for the traceable and certified hazelnuts, which are grown at lower production costs, using the right techniques, will increase dramatically in the domestic and foreign markets within following ten yea

We held "post-harvest practices trainings" in Karakavuz and Başören villages within the scope of the project. Good agricultural practices, soil analysis processes, compost making, pruning and correct planting techniques in hazelnuts, good social practices in the post-harvest period, occupational health and safety issues were discussed with farmers.

While preparing for the 2023 crop, the first step towards improving soil health and regenerative agriculture practices is taken by providing free soil analysis support to the project farmers.

