



# **THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN ASSOCIATIONS OF TURKIYE (TKDF)**

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY HOTLINE APRIL 2023 DATA AND ANALYSIS REPORT**



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The Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline, operated by the Federation of Women Associations of Turkiye (TKDF), received a total of **397** calls between 1-30 April. **39** of these calls came from Istanbul. Istanbul was followed by Ankara and Antalya with 11 calls and Izmir with 7 calls. Apart from these provinces, calls were received from a total of 25 provinces. These provinces are listed as follows: Adana:4, Adıyaman:1, Ankara:11, Antalya:11, Aydın:3, Bursa:8, Çanakkale:1, Elazığ:1, Eskişehir:1, Gaziantep:1, Hatay:2, Mersin :2, İstanbul:39, İzmir:7, Kayseri:2, Kocaeli:5, Kütahya:1, Manisa:1 Kahramanmaraş:2, Mardin:1, Muğla:1, Ordu:1, Sakarya:1, Trabzon:1, Şanlıurfa:1, Uşak:1, Van:1, Zonguldak:1, Batman:1.

In the province of Istanbul, where the highest number of calls are received, the distribution of calls by districts is as follows: Ataşehir:1, Beykoz:1, Çekmeköy:1, Kartal:1, Maltepe:13, Sancaktepe:1, Bağcılar:2, Bahçelievler:2, Bakırköy:1. , Başakşehir:2, Beşiktaş:1, Esenyurt:5, Gaziosmanpaşa:1, Kağıthane:1, Küçükçekmece:2, Sultangazi:1. The distribution of the calls between cities and districts shows that, regardless of the development level of the cities and their socioeconomic status, reports came from different cities and districts.

Earthquakes with a magnitude of 7.7 and 7.6, which occurred at 04.17 in the morning and at 13.24 in the afternoon, on Monday, February 6, 2023, caused great destruction and losses in the Republic of Turkiye and the Syrian Arab Republic. Due to the earthquakes, in the provinces of Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, Hatay, Diyarbakır, Osmaniye, Malatya, Adana, Şanlıurfa and Kilis within the borders of the Republic of Turkey, more than 50,000 people died and more than 107,000 people were injured. Support and assistance was provided via the TKDF Emergency Hotline to the cities in the disaster zone. For this reason, there are also requests for help from earthquake survivors in the April 2023 data.

The number of new records opened in April 2023 regarding the 6 February earthquakes was 8. Emergency Hotline directed these calls to AFAD, Municipalities and local authorities in the earthquake area.

Since 15 October 2007, the total number of calls to the domestic violence hotline has been 89,293. Within these calls, reports from all provinces of Turkiye and from many countries (Germany, France, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Netherlands, Australia, United States of America, Syria, Switzerland, Iran, Tunisia, England, Sweden, Romania, Libya, Japan, Ukraine, Georgia, Kenya, Canada, Kazakhstan, Greece, China, United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Cyprus) were received. In April 2023, the Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline received 1 call from Azerbaijan and 1 call from France.

Of the 94 newly registered cases of violence that were reported to the Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline in April 2023, 58 were domestic violence cases. 49 of these violence reports are intimate partner violence reports. 12 callers sought shelter. There were 3 cases that required urgent intervention. Legal counseling was provided to 50 callers. 29 calls were directed to the law enforcement and 10 calls to bar associations. The ages of those who were subjected to violence in April varied between 15-70.

Calls show that the majority of survivors of domestic violence are women (91.4%). This rate is followed by children with 2.9%.

Majority of the reported violence cases are cases of psychological and physical violence (psychological violence 41.76%; physical violence 43.96%). Apart from these types of violence, 6.59% of the calls were reporting social violence, 2.20% were sexual violence and 5.49% were calls reporting economic violence. It should be noted here that although it is easy to conceptually distinguish between the types of violence when analyzing, this is not so easy in real life. In most cases, many types of violence can take place together, but one or two of them stand out from the other because of their profound effects on the survivor and are voiced by them. At the same time, forms of violence other than physical violence may not be known to the survivors. In addition, even if different types of violence are known, reporting may not be considered as urgent and serious enough to seek help in that regard.

Statistics of April 2023 show that women are most exposed to violence by the men in their close circles. It is highlighted in the data that violence is perpetrated by the spouses and other

family members with whom women share their lives in the home, which we assume is the safest space. Spouses constitute the largest group among aggressors with 63.6%. Spouses are followed by other family members with 9.1%. In general, mothers, fathers, older brothers, sisters, daughters and sons in the family are stated as perpetrators of violence by survivors or those who report it. In April 2023, the ex-spouse was 1.8% among the perpetrators.