



STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Project Duration: 15 months (January 2022 – March 2023)

Project Budget: \$ 450,000

Project Partner: Ministry of Justice (Department of Legal Support and Victims Services)

Project Donors: Sweden and UN Women

Contribution to UN Women Global Strategic Plan 2022–2025:
Outcome 4 – Women's equitable access to services, goods and resources

Contribution to UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework between the Government of Türkiye and the United Nations 2021–2025:

Outcome 1.2 – By 2025, women and girls have improved and equal access to resources, opportunities and rights, and enjoy a life without violence and discrimination

Outcome 4.1 – By 2025, governance systems are more transparent, accountable, inclusive and rights-based with the participation of civil society and judiciary services' improved quality

Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
SDG 5, SDG 16

“The Strengthening Women’s Access to Justice and Improving Response of Judicial System for More Effective Implementation of Legislation in Combating Violence against Women in Türkiye” project marks the first partnership between UN Women Türkiye and the Ministry of Justice. With the overall objective to increase women and girls’ access to justice, the project aims to strengthen the implementation of Law No. 6284 on Protection of Family and the Prevention of Violence against Women (VAW), which is the primary piece of legislation codifying preventive and protective measures for violence against women and girls (VAWG) incidents and risks, free from gender-based stereotypes and in a survivor-centred manner.

The project adopts a holistic view of the judicial system and targets judges and public prosecutors as well as experts working in the relatively newly established Legal Support and Victims Services Directorates, which inter alia provide informative and psychosocial services to survivors of VAWG.

To strengthen the capacity of judicial actors, the project targets 450 family court judges and public prosecutors working at domestic violence and VAW investigation bureaux through a series of experience sharing workshops on Law No. 6284, as well as knowledge products on implementing the Law and relevant regulations. To attain efficient results, UN Women and the Ministry work with a Working Group consisting of judges and public prosecutors experienced in implementing Law No. 6284. UN Women facilitates activities with the Ministry, the Working Group and national and international experts, to better reflect international standards and good practices to the project deliverables.

To strengthen the capacity of Legal Support and Victims Services Directorates, the project includes an analysis of the current situation, touching upon challenges, good practices and needs, with the participation of 300 experts who work at the Directorates. In selected provinces, the project aims to bring Directorates together with public institutions and CSOs which are stakeholders in implementing Law No. 6284 and women’s empowerment. The project also involves information dissemination efforts to increase the recognition and accessibility of Directorates by survivors of VAWG.



Project's Expected Results	
RESULT 1:	Capacity of judges public prosecutors to effectively implement Law No. 6284 in line with international legal framework, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), will be strengthened. • A Working Group, consisting of 10 judges and prosecutors, will be formed to assume an advisory and implementing role in the Project. • A curriculum for peer-to-peer experience sharing workshops on Law No:6284 will be developed for family court judges and public prosecutors. • A series of experience sharing workshops will be delivered, reaching out to 450 judges and public prosecutors. • Tools will be developed to support efficient implementation of national legislative framework on violence against women. • A study visit will be conducted to observe and share good practices on combatting violence against women, targeting the Working Group and the Ministry of Justice including Legal Support and Victim Services Department.
RESULT 2:	Tools will be developed to improve the performance of Legal Support and Victim Services Directorates and to enhance their accessibility by women. • A needs assessment will be conducted, by reaching out to a total of 300 experts working at Legal Support and Victim Services Directorates across the country. • Meetings to facilitate the dialogue between civil society organizations working in the field of combatting violence against women and Legal Support and Victim Services Directorates will be organized. • In order to increase the recognition and accessibility of Legal Support and Victim Services Directorates, information dissemination efforts will be undertaken.