



Queer Health: Sexual Health in the LGBTI+ Community and HIV Activism Project

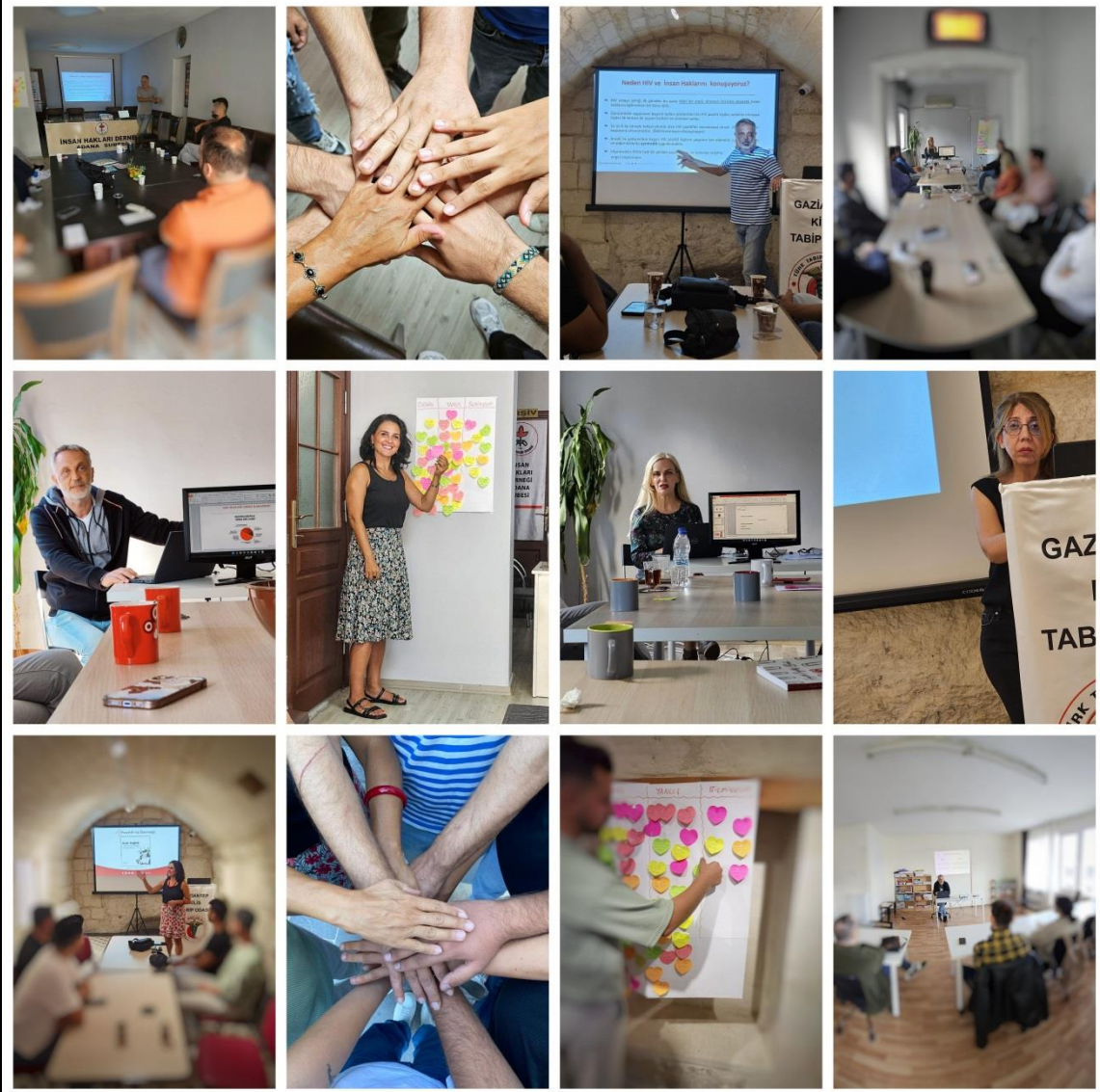


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PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Within the scope of the 'Sexual Health and HIV Activism in the LGBTI+ Community Project' carried out between June and December 2024 with the support of the Consulate of France, interactive trainings and workshops were organized for HIV-positive and LGBTI+ youth in Ankara, Gaziantep, Adana and Istanbul.

With this project, which was realized by Pozitif-iz for the first time, it was aimed to empower LGBTI+ youth by providing them with sexual health education and information about HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

The project also aimed to empower the LGBTI+ community to become HIV activists, to lead social change on HIV both in the earthquake-affected areas and across Turkey, and to promote solidarity among them. It also aimed to reach out to people living with HIV in earthquake-affected areas, where it had not had the opportunity to work before, to empower them about the services available to them and their rights.

Proje hedefleri:

Project objectives:

- To increase sexual health awareness among LGBTI+ youth and provide access to accurate information about HIV/AIDS.
- To raise awareness about HIV and sexual health issues in the community and reduce negative prejudices.
- To help LGBTI+ youth understand and defend their sexual health rights.
- Empowering young people to become HIV and AIDS activists and lead change in their communities. Strengthen solidarity within the HIV positive and LGBTI+ community.
- Reaching out to LGBTI+ and people living with HIV in earthquake-affected areas to provide support and increase social solidarity.

The project planned to benefit at least 30 LGBTI+ youth. In addition, efforts were made to reach at least 20 HIV-positive young people living in the earthquake-affected areas and include them in the project activities. LGBTI+ gençler arasında cinsel sağlık farkındalığını artırmak ve HIV/AIDS hakkında doğru bilgilere erişim sağlamak.

APPLICATION LOCATION

The Project was carried out in Adana, Gaziantep, Izmir and Ankara.

PROJECT METHOD and ACTIVITIES

Within the scope of the project, it was planned to organize two full-day workshops in Adana and Gaziantep and one full-day workshop each in Istanbul and Ankara.

The announcements of the trainings were made through the website and social media accounts, as well as by reaching out to infectious disease physicians and organizations working in the field of LGBTI+ in the cities where the trainings will be held.

The trainings were given by experts in their fields.

MAIN TOPICS OF THE

- Medical Aspects of HIV
- Other Sexually Transmitted Infections,
- History of HIV Activism in the World and Turkey,
- HIV Terminology and Nonviolent Expression,
- Peer Counseling Techniques and Principles
- Legal Aspects of HIV
- Bureaucratic Procedures and Access to Treatment.

The training modules were designed interactively in a way that LGBTI+ youth and people living with HIV can easily ask what they are curious about.

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

From Pozitif-iz

'Queer Health: Sexual Health and HIV Activism in the LGBTI+ Community Project'

Pozitif-iz is launching 'Queer Health: Sexual Health and HIV Activism in LGBTI+ Community Project'. Within the scope of the project, LGBTI+ youth will receive sexual health education. Young people will be informed about HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

Within the scope of the project carried out with the support of the Consulate of France, interactive trainings and workshops will be organized for LGBTI+ youth in Ankara, Gaziantep, Adana and Istanbul. The workshops will cover sexual health, prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, testing processes, discrimination and stigmatization, and HIV/AIDS activism.



The project aims to empower young people as HIV activists to lead social change on HIV both in the earthquake region and across Turkey, and to increase solidarity among themselves. In addition, the Association aims to reach out to HIV-positive individuals in the earthquake region, where it has not had the opportunity to work after the earthquake, and empower them about the services they will receive and their rights.

Who can attend the trainings and what are the contents?

The trainings, which will be given by experts in the field, are aimed at the LGBTI+ community and HIV-positive people who want to increase their knowledge and capacity in the medical and social areas of HIV. The trainings will last one full day in Istanbul and Ankara, and two full days each in Adana and Gaziantep. Participation is free of charge.

- History of HIV
- Medical Aspects, clinical stages
- Ways to Infect and Avoid Transmission
- Other Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Safe Sexuality
- What is Undetectable=Untransmitted?
- How do we talk about HIV?
- HIV/AIDS activism in the world and Turkey
- Access to HIV Treatment and Bureaucratic Procedures in Turkey
- How to Prepare a Campaign?

Traning Calendar

ADANA training // September 7-8, 2024 - Saturday and Sunday // 10.00 - 17.00
To apply <https://forms.gle/o1tjPq47CJK5md81A>

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ANTEP training // September 28-29, 2024 - Saturday and Sunday // 10.00 - 17.00
To apply <https://forms.gle/gkvffiskgFjhQya76>

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ISTANBUL training // October 20, 2024 - Sunday // 10.00 - 17.00
To apply <https://forms.gle/bHrsbvAK8xo8wCVY7>

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ANKARA training // November 3, 2024 - Sunday // 10.00 - 17.00
To apply <https://forms.gle/DbkiyNz3G1pNPMm96>

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The information requested in the form is requested only to communicate about the training and to share the address information where the training will be held. In the section at the end of the form, the data of those who do not consent to keep their information will be deleted after the training and will not be saved.

The information provided by the participants will be protected by Pozitif-iz Association within the scope of the Law No. 6698 on the Protection of Personal Data and will not be shared with third parties and institutions.

For more detailed information about the training, you can write to info@pozitifiz.org or call 0535 519 54 95 (12.00-19.00 on weekdays).

All applicants will be contacted one week before the workshops. The trainings are also open to people living in neighboring cities.

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Carousel posts



EDUCATION PROGRAM



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DAY 1

- 10.00 - 10.15 Introduction and Introduction of the Study (Çiğdem Şimşek)
- 10.15 - 10.30 Establishing the training agreement / Getting Expectations
- 10.30 - 10.45 Sticker Application (Çiğdem Şimşek)
- 10.45 - 11.45 Medical Dimension of HIV (Prof. Dr. Behice Kurtaran)
- 11.45 - 12.00 Coffee break
- 12.00 - 13.00 HIV and Other STIs (Prof. Dr. Behice Kurtaran)
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 - 14.10 Warm-up Game (Farm) (Çiğdem Şimşek)
- 14.10 - 14.50 History of HIV and Activism (Çiğdem Şimşek)
- 14.50 - 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.00 - 15.30 How to Talk about HIV / Communication Techniques (Çiğdem Şimşek)
- 15.30 - 16.30 HIV and its Legal Aspects - Stigmatization and Discrimination (Önder Bora)
- 16.30 - 16.45 Coffee break
- 16.45 - 17.00 Back to Sticker Application (Çiğdem Şimşek)
- 17.00 - 17.30 Evaluation of the day and Closing (Team)



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DAY 2

- 11.00 - 11.30 What We Talked About Yesterday / Let's Remember the Education Agreement (Önder Bora)
- 11.30 - 12.00 How to Apply Condom (Çiğdem Şimşek)
- 12.00 - 13.00 Lunch
- 13.00 - 13.10 Warm-up Game (Baby) (Çiğdem Şimşek)
- 13.10 - 13.40 What is Advocacy? How to Prepare a Campaign (Önder Bora)
- 13.40 - 14.00 Coffee break
- 14.00 - 15.30 Make Your Own Campaign (Group work)
- 15.30 - 16.30 Campaign Presentations
- 16.30 - 17.00 What are we going with in our minds? (Training evaluation and closing)

VISUALS

September 7-8, 2024 – Saturday and Sunday
ADANA





Activist Çiğdem Şimşek



Prof. Dr. Behice Kurtaran



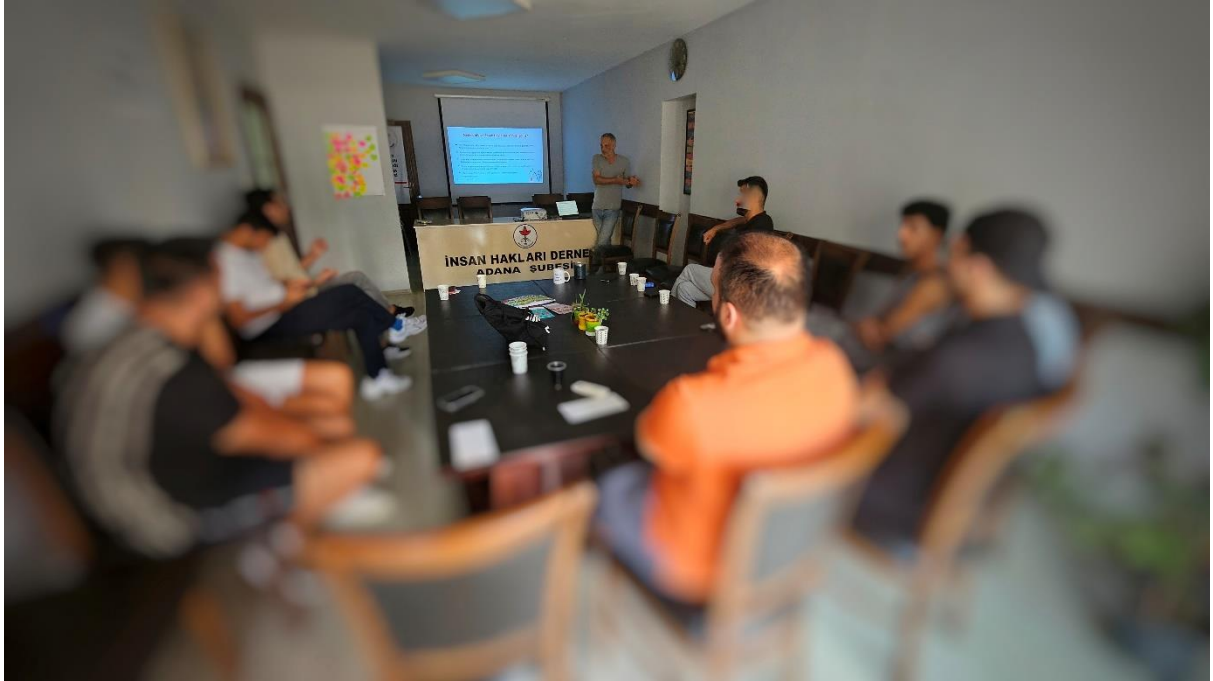
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Activist Önder Bora



September 28-29, 2024 – Saturday and Sunday
GAZIANTEP





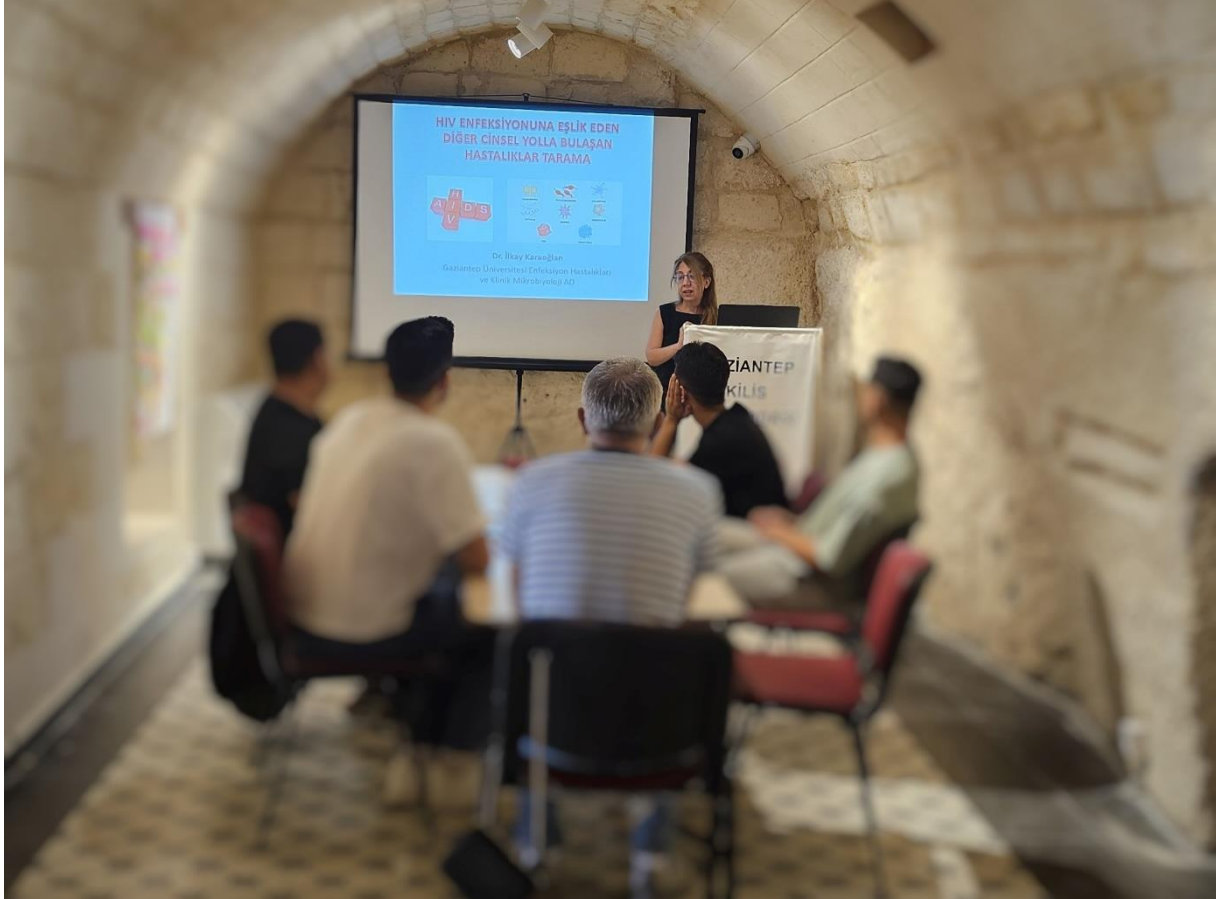


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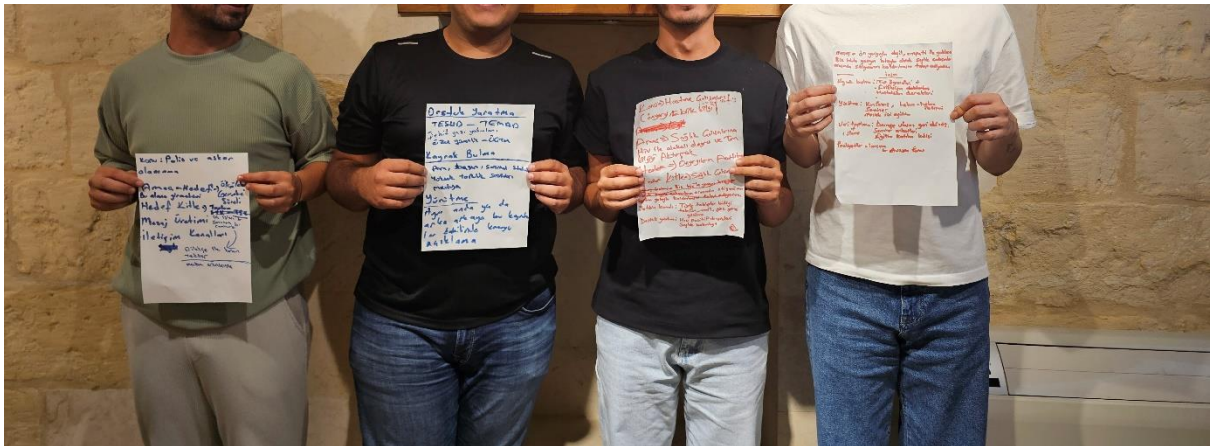


Prof. Dr. İlkay Karaoğlu





Activits Önder Bora



October 20, 2024 - Sunday / ISTANBUL



Activist Çiğdem Şimşek





Doç. Dr. Asuman İnan Şengöz

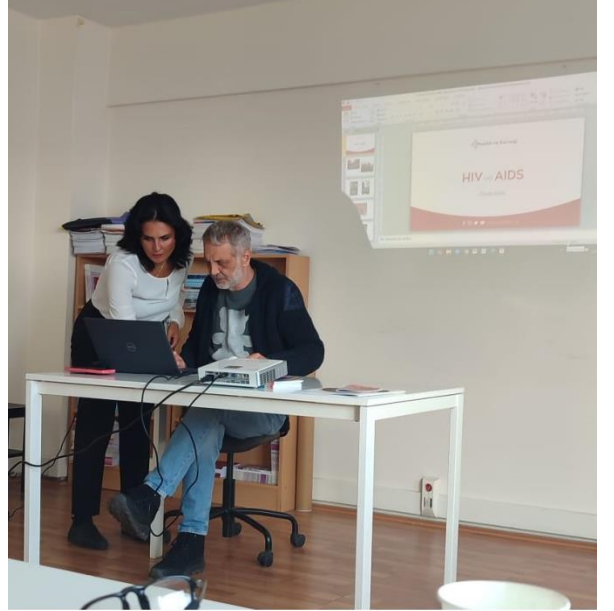




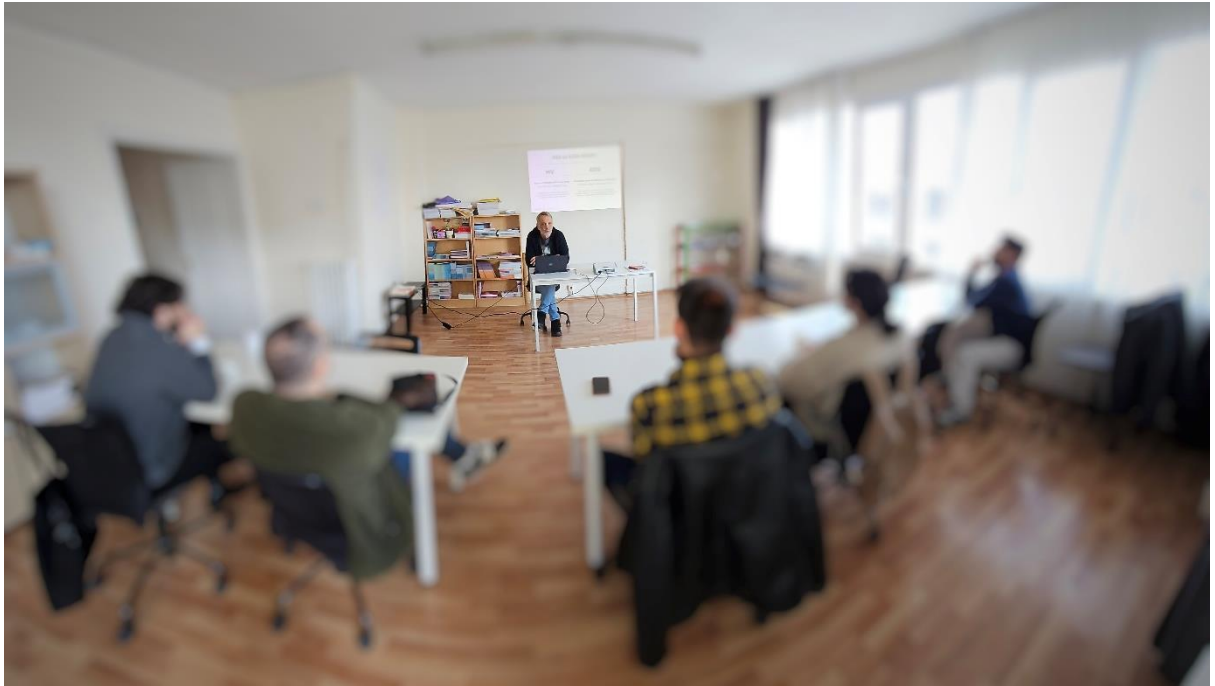
Activist Önder Bora



November 3, 2024 - Sunday / **ANKARA**



Activist Önder Bora



SUSTAINABILITY

The project aimed to maintain active communication with the 30 LGBTI+ youth who participated and to have at least 50% of them become active volunteers for Pozitif-iz. We will collaborate with them in all future projects and awareness campaigns. In addition, HIV positive individuals reached within the scope of the project will be provided with continuous support through regular and continuous participation in support groups. After the project, people living with HIV empowered through trainings will be invited to receive training and participate in activities to provide peer counseling to newly diagnosed HIV positive people.

OUTPUTS

- As planned, two full-day trainings were held in Adana and Gaziantep, and one full day each in Istanbul and Ankara.
- 13 people in Adana, 9 in Istanbul, 4 in Gaziantep and 6 in Ankara; 32 people in total benefited from the trainings.
- With the workshops organized; sexual health awareness among LGBTI+ youth was raised and their current knowledge about HIV was refreshed.
- People living with HIV in the earthquake-affected regions were empowered and enabled to establish a solidarity network among themselves.
- Raising awareness about HIV through a campaign run by LGBTI+ youth and giving them the opportunity to experience activism.

THANK YOU

- Especially **people living with HIV and LGBTI+ youth** participating in the workshops;
- **To the Consulate of France** for its financial support,
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- **To Assoc. Prof. Dr. Asuman İnan Şengöz** for her presentation on HIV and other STIs in Istanbul,
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- **Gaziantep-Kilis Turkish Medical Association** for providing venue support in Gaziantep,
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Thank you very much.