



ACTIVITY REPORT - YEAR 2019

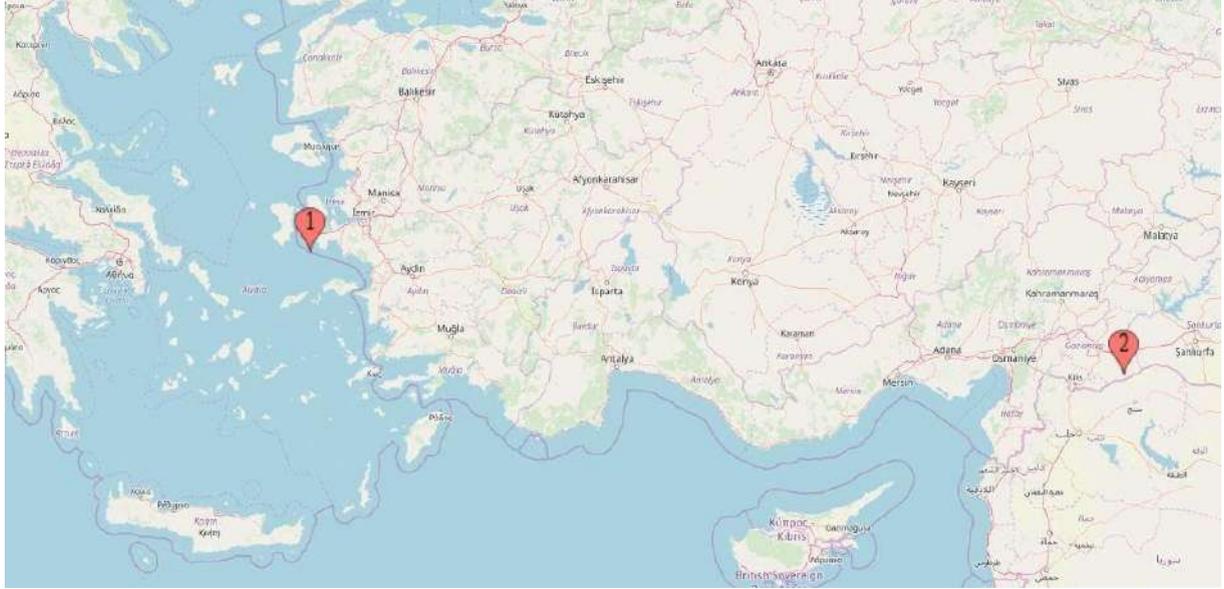
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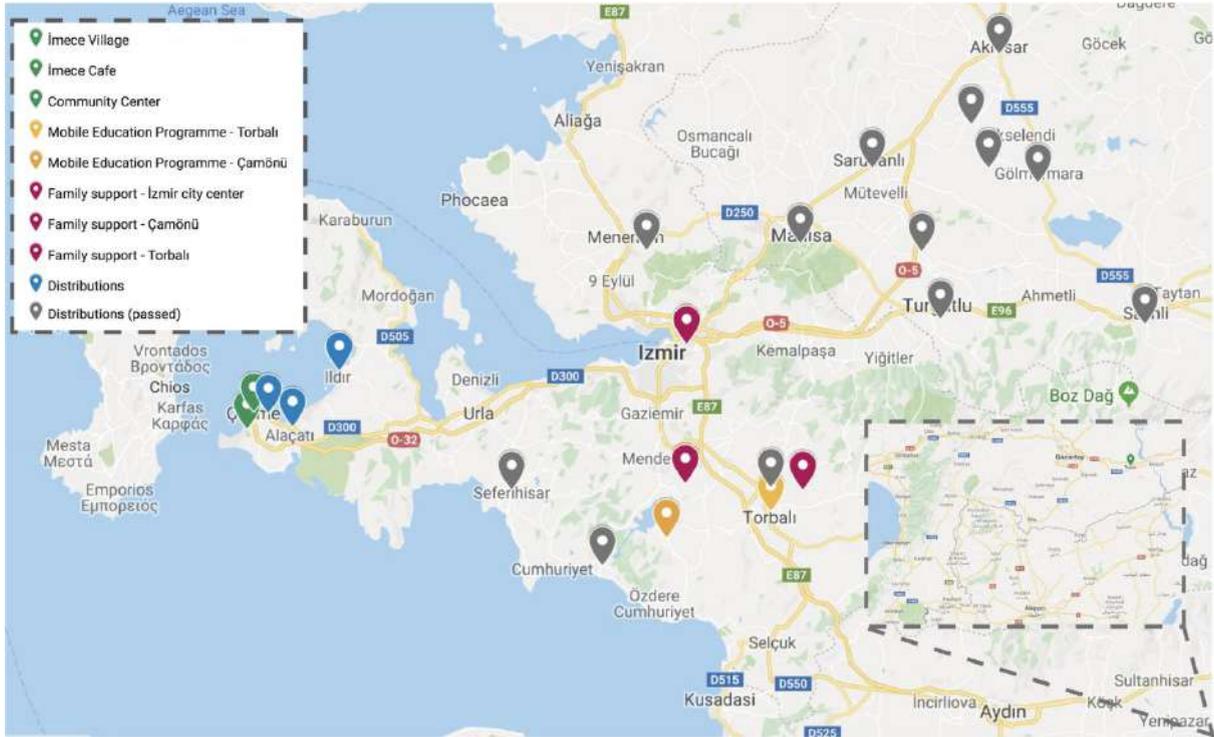
I. MAP OF ACTIVITIES

Imece in Turkey Map

<https://www.mapcustomizer.com/map/imece>



Distributions and Mobile Activities in Izmir Map



II. İMECE İNİSİYATİFİ: APPROACH, OPERATIONS AND EXPERIENCES & [İMECE VILLAGE](#) AND ITS VALUES

İmece İnisyatifi used to carryout its operations on a local level long before it was granted with the status of an association in March 2016. Our initiatives back then were mainly devoted to supporting university students; the economically disadvantaged ones and their families received support in food and clothing.

After November 2015 we decided to concentrate to the seasonal workers and asylum seekers from Syria, Afganistan, Iraq and others, who had come to Çeşme hoping to reach Europe, but instead have been living without any basic human needs and services in tents, in the rural area around Izmir.

We made this decision because we believe that our lives have a meaning only if we work to the benefit of others as much as we work for ourselves. We arrived to the point when we had to choose whether we would continue helping the poor or working towards ending poverty. We chose to put all our efforts to activities which would contribute to eliminate poverty, as a main meaning of our existence. We have not given up on providing humanitarian aid. Back then, the emergency was on the immediate needs of the unfortunate refugees trying to cross from Çeşme to Chios.

We tried to satisfy the basic needs of the people who were waiting to cross to the other shore, just dwelling for days at places with no electricity or water infrastructure. Blankets, hygiene materials,

food packages or medications, we made our best provide everything they needed and things we estimated were necessary.

We gained the trust of the people and of our donors with the way we were pursuing our operations. We did not accept any cash donations from anyone in this process. We only notified what were the needs and the place where they should be delivered. We asked donors to come and see the situation for themselves, the desperation of those people.

We have witnessed many tragic events during those days. People risking their lives for a dream of “a better life” is tragic by itself. It was hard to live though many tragic events. We would be speaking with a person to identify her/his needs, we would be trying to comfort them in such difficult times, we would provide the supplies requested, and then we would find out that she/he had gotten on a boat and that the boat had not reached to any point of the shore! Many times we would return to the place bringing whatever we had been asked for, and found out that the person was dead.

Even today, we are continuing with our operations to provide basic needs for the people in need, in the same way. We are reporting to possible donors on the needs for winter supplies for the families living and working on the fields. Heating stoves, rainboots or food packages, we like our donors to provide those things themselves; If possible, even to join us on distributions, so that they would be able to see what they are reaching out for.

We also like our supporters to visit Imece Village and get familiar with our EFE powerbank/Solar Age Project. The idea for EFE powerbank was born during the times when so many people were trying to cross to the shore across. It was developed in response to the question what could have saved those people who had waited for days with no access to electrical supply nor a chance to charge their telephones and thereof with no possibility to send a location or text a message in case of an emergency.

III. THE YEAR 2019 WITH NUMBERS

2019 Distribution Items and Numbers

2019	FOOD PACKS	DIAPERS	HYGIENE PACKS	RAIN BOOTS	WOOD STOVE	BABY SHOES	SCARF, BERET, GLOVES	EMERGENCY CASH	MEDICAL DEVICE SUPPORT	TOTALS
JANUARY	88	90					120	10		308
FEBRUARY	440	400						10		850
MARCH	100	100						10		210
APRIL	140	140						6		286
MAY	160							8		168
JUNE	466	466						5		937
JULY	30	75						5		110
AUGUST		50						4		54
SEPTEMBER		200						12		212
OCTOBER	410	314	410		134			10		1278
NOVEMBER	540	355		430		80		12	3	1420
DECEMBER	438			270		56	100	10		874
NİZIP 2019	157									157
IMECE VILLAGE 2019	110	110	150	25	4	50	25			474
TOTAL	3079	2300	560	725	138	186	245	102	3	7338

Distribution Calender of Izmir

DATE	PRODUCT	PLACE	Number of Families Reached
17 January 2019	SCARF, BERET, GLOVES	TORBALI	120
30 January 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	88
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	90
3 February 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	130
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	110
10 February 2019	FOOD PACKS	MENDERES	100
	DIAPERS	MENDERES	120
16 February 2019	FOOD PACKS	MENDERES	110
	DIAPERS	MENDERES	70
24 February 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	100
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	100
3 March 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	100
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	100
5 April 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	70
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	70
19 April 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	70
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	70
31 May 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	160
1 June 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	166
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	166
2 June 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	145
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	145
3 June 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	155
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	155
1 July 2019	DIAPERS	TORBALI	75
28 July 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	30
23 August 2019	DIAPERS	TORBALI	50
17 September 2019	DIAPERS	TORBALI	100
26 September 2019	DIAPERS	TORBALI	100
3 October 2019	WOOD STOVE	TORBALI	30
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	70
15 October 2019	WOOD STOVE	TORBALI	43
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	34
23 October 2019	WOOD STOVE	TORBALI	61
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	100
30 October 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	200
	HYGIENE PACKS	TORBALI	200
31 October 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	210
	HYGIENE PACKS	TORBALI	210
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	110
1 November 2019	RAIN BOOTS	TORBALI	100
	MEDICAL SUPPORT	TORBALI	3
2 November 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	200
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	105
5 November 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	210
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	100
19 November 2019	RAIN BOOTS	TORBALI	100
	BABY SHOES	TORBALI	60
20 November 2019	RAIN BOOTS	TORBALI	100
	BABY SHOES	TORBALI	20
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	90
26 November 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	80
	DIAPERS	TORBALI	60

28 November 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	50
	RAIN BOOTS	TORBALI	130
1 December 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	80
	RAIN BOOTS	TORBALI	35
6 December 2019	RAIN BOOTS	TORBALI	85
1 December 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	150
1 December 2019	RAIN BOOTS	TORBALI	150
1 December 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	142
	BABY SHOES	TORBALI	56
1 December 2019	FOOD PACKS	TORBALI	66
	SCARF, BERET, GLOVES	TORBALI	100
Number of Families Reached Through Distributions			6605

Emergency Support to Gendermerie in Çeşme/ Izmir

DATE	PRODUCT	PLACE	Number of Individuals Reached
3 November 2019	Sleeping Bags/ Blankets	ÇEŞME	100
	Canned food	ÇEŞME	200

Solar Age/ Soap&Candle Workshops

Total Number of Women Participated Workshops both in Izmir and Gaziantep is 228

Solar Age/ Soap&Candle Workshop Groups in Çeşme/ Izmir

# Group	# Women attending workshops	Ages of Women
1	4	32 – 28 – 43 – 37
2	4	54 – 27 – 46 - 55
3	4	50 – 56 – 62 - 51
4	3	32 – 15 – 13
5	4	51 – 23 – 20 - 20
6	4	36 – 15 – 34 - 37
7	6	45 – 22 – 43 – 18 – 39 – 18
8	3	62 – 31 – 14
9	4	38 – 38 – 38 – 42
10	5	41 – 17 – 22 – 39 - 26
11	5	63 – 46 – 30 – 38 - 48
12	4	26 – 45 – 18 - 23
13	3	37 – 16 - 29
14	3	47 – 26 - 27
15	5	51 – 15 – 17 – 26 – 32

16	4	52 – 27 – 27 - 40
17	2	23 - 39
18	4	33 – 32 – 12 – 34
TOTAL	71	

Soap&Candle Workshop Groups in Nizip/ Gaziantep

# Group	# Women attending workshops	Ages of Women
1	4	35-21-19-42
2	5	52-18-25-32-38
3	4	38-53-25-36
4	4	35-48-51-16
5	5	20-43-34-51-56
6	4	20-58-19-18
7	4	34-49-58-28
8	5	42-45-50-26-35
9	6	21-33-20-26-32-36
10	4	58-23-41-53
11	4	17-44-16-54
12	5	31-46-27-68-28
13	4	37-34-38-43
14	4	49-36-32-38
15	4	54-49-40-48
16	4	42-38-37-22
17	4	41-39-21-21
18	4	58-23-46-22
19	3	45-19-42
20	4	22-25-41-15
21	4	21-18-40-18
22	4	37-44-34-37
23	6	16-27-17-39-16-31
24	5	20-15-48-19-34
25	7	25-20-22-15-48-31-42
26	4	17-20-50-29
27	4	30-61-51-41
28	3	51-56-39
29	4	44-44-30-42
30	6	30-19-47-43-21-57
31	3	22-39-20
32	4	16-32-24-18
33	4	26-49-25-31
34	4	38-61-39-22
35	6	35-16-31-53-43-48
36	4	42-37-41-30
TOTAL	157	

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IV. THE SOLAR AGE PROGRAMME AND ENERGY FOR EVERYONE

The Solar Age Programme aims to empower refugee women and make them financially independent, side by side with giving them guidance for better integration into Turkish society. In this programme, refugee women are producing Energy for Everyone (EFE), powered by solar energy. This tool seeks to help displaced populations through their rough journey by lighting their way and by serving as a battery bank for what has become a survival device: mobile phones.



EFE, Energy For Everyone: a phone charger and lamp powered by solar energy.

Designed for both life in the camps and long journeys, the Energy for Everyone:

1. Provides light in humanitarian crisis where electricity access is often a struggle.
2. Provides a phone charger in humanitarian crisis. Displaced people frequently stay without electricity access for weeks. With the EFE, they will be able to keep contact with their families and call rescue services in emergency situations.
3. Provides a good income for the Solar Ladies. Imece Programme distributes the revenues coming from the EFE partly to the women creating it and partly for the continual financing of the programme.

The vast majority of the refugees in Turkey are women and children. A large proportion of them have no income generating occupation¹. With these people often being single mothers, economic independence is a struggle. Thus, Imece Inisiyatifi decided to create a solar engineering education programme to open a new page for refugee women living in Turkey: the Solar Age Project. While being a constantly growing sector in the labour market, solar energy is the future of sustainable and environmental-friendly energy which can be a solution for many.

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How is the Solar Age programme designed?

Step 1: The ABC of Solar Engineering.

10 full days, 7 hours a day.

Three rounds a month, groups between 4 and 6 trainees stay at Imece Imece Village. Women learn the fundamentals of solar engineering. At the end of the ten-day programme, they are able to install a home solar system, which is an electrical system powered by solar panels.

Step 2: How to build EFE, the Energy for Everyone

15 full days, 7 hours of class a day.

Selected trainees from Step 1 who wish to continue in the solar engineering working field come back to Imece Village to learn how to build the EFE. After having completed Step 2, the trainees are able to build the EFE. This programme allows them to earn money whilst taking care of their children.

The solar engineering course is completed by different classes:

1. **Women Health** – Let's talk about it
2. **Integration and Financial Independence** – Making soap, candle and bracelets
3. **Integration of children into the education system of the County** – Imece Classroom
4. **First Aid** (for both trainees and their children)

V. PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES IN BRIEF

Humanitarian Assistance in an Emergency

November 2015 we started providing blankets, clothes, water, food, hygiene materials to an countless number of people, who came to Cesme from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and other countries, hoping to pass over to Greece.

However, following the EU-Turkey Agreement in March 2016, such transits were no longer possible. The refugees are still trying to cross illegally the Mediterranean Sea to the Greek island of Chios, were caught and brought back to the coast guard, police or gendarme centers. In such cases of emergencies the authorities would notify Imece, giving the necessary details for distribution of adequate humanitarian aid materials. Within the scope of the support, we have been providing until the end of 2018. Only during the year of 2018 we were able to deliver emergency assistance to 2722 people.

Sewing / Bag Workshop

We have equipped 15 economically disadvantaged women with sewing machines, fabrics and other materials necessary for their work, in the hope to create a possibility for them to start a decent work and become self-sufficient. Imece volunteers coming from different countries, supported the women by creating customers' network. During the Workshop only, participants produced 5000 pieces of bags.

Back To School

We have extended our mobile activity efforts with the “Back to School” Project. Within the scope of this Project, in Camonu (affiliated to Torbali and Menderes districts) we have supported the enrollment of 26 children under temporary protection to 2017/18 school year and 57 children under temporary protection to 2018/19 school year respectively. Furthermore, we supported these children with necessary school supplies. Our volunteers, in collaboration with the teachers from this local school, helped the children to improve their school performance.

Let’s Talk About It

During the “Let’s Talk about It” program, by exchange of experiences, about 100 women who have restricted access to public services, have received information about matters of their interest related to the female reproductive organs, family planning, pregnancy and about sexuality, sexual health, relationship and the emotional life of women. Each participant received a personal hygiene package at the end of the program.

Permaculture Workshop

Together with the “Permaculture for Refugees” we carried out the Permaculture Workshop where the participants among other topics, got to know about: composting, effective use of rainwater, filtering and using grey water. As well as planning combination of crops for specific parts of the land, planning planting of orchards on hillsides while effectively managing the rainwater, planning appropriate plants in groups for nutrition to the other plants in the respective group for better yield, positioning the house on the site for most effective use of the sunlight according to the four cardinal directions north, south, east and west. To enable better participation of the women, our volunteers implemented a program for their children. At the end 10 women participated and 10 volunteers completed the Permaculture Workshop.



THE SOLAR AGE PROGRAMME



The Solar Age Programme empowers syrian refugee women and help them becoming financially independent.

THE EFE Energy for Everyone

By buying an EFE made by the Solar Ladies, you will:

- Make a direct impact to the income to the woman creating it.
 - Support the solar engineering education programme to go on.
 - Enable a displaced person to access help in an emergency.
- The price of one EFE is 30 euros.



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