

Diyarbakir Family Health Education, Counselling and Service Provision Project

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Objective: To raise the woman's quality of life and status and to improve the mother and child health.

Project Design: Family Health Education, Counselling and Service Provision Project was carried out in Kayapmar district of Diyarbakir with a population of 105.000, which has been exposed to intensive migration from neighbouring villages. The project lasted four years (1996-1999), and was carried out by the Family Planning Association of Turkey (FPAT) and financed by the European Union. The project activities were carried out both in the field and in the multi -purpose center and aimed at influencing the health, status and economic conditions of the women in the long run.

Results: 14.742 women (87,75 percent) at 15-49 years old, 1.138 young girls (44,42 percent) at 10-14 years old and 4.420 men (85,91 percent) at 15-49 years old were informed on reproductive health, family planning, mother and child health and woman's rights. Following the project activities, the use of effective family planning method, found at 25,20 percent (3.148), in the field was raised by 25,98 (3.246) percent to 51,18 percent (6.394). A total of 414 (129.38 percent) women were reached by reading and writing courses and 218 women (54,5 percent) by dexterity courses.

Conclusion: It was revealed at the end of the project that the health conditions and status of the women would be influenced by using the Community Based Health Service model and the high quality of services would result in remarkable changes. It was observed that such projects had a function to put pressure on increasing the quality of services in the state-owned organisations and institutions.