

## **About Genç Hayat Foundation**

*For Youth, Together With Youth!*

We were founded in Istanbul in 2008 to support children and youth between ages 11-18 who are experiencing intense mental and physical changes, in their preparation for life. We support children and youth's access to education without any discrimination, and focus on a human-oriented approach to build sustainable and feasible solution models.

We use innovative and supportive approaches to help children and youth in discovering their skills and accessing information in line with their capabilities. To effectively achieve this, we include everyone who comes into contact with them. We carry out multi-stakeholder activities and work with related Ministries such as Family, Labor and Social Services, National Education, Youth and Sports, alongside with local governments, universities and private sector representatives. We also participate and contribute to local and international organizations & events and networks organized by the public.

We contribute to the studies in our field with research, training and projects that we implement in three main areas: Education, Engagement, and Empowerment. In this perspective, we envision and strive to bring up a youth that is capable of expressing themselves, are aware of their rights and responsibilities, have internalized gender equality, have defined freedom of speech as a duty for themselves, have developed an awareness and culture of coexistence, and have placed human rights and democracy at the center of their lives.

Our fields of work include but are not limited to; prevention of child labor, acquiring 21 century skills, increasing youth employment on decent work opportunities, empowering girls and women, supporting social cohesion among refugee and host communities, avoiding peer victimization/bullying, promoting non-violent communication and child protection.

We directly and indirectly work in the areas of sustainable development goals, especially targeting **1** (No Poverty), **4** (Quality Education), **5** (Gender Equality), **8** (Decent Work & Economic Growth), **10** (Reduced Inequalities), **17** (Partnerships for The Goals) through various projects, researches and advocacy campaigns.

Having successfully passed all financial audits, we have the status of Public-Benefit Foundation based on the Council of Ministers decision no. 2012/2762 dated 30.01.2012.