



### EXPERIENCES THAT ORGANIZE LIFE

Are alternative structures such as cooperatives and solidarity economies, which are becoming increasingly common today, a means of struggle and liberation for women who have been trapped in reproduction, or are they areas that reproduce the destructive consequences of patriarchal capitalism? How do the growing number of women's cooperatives affect women's positions in the home and insecure working conditions? How is the struggle against gender discrimination organized within mixed cooperatives that are not exclusively composed of women? The book "Yaşamı Örgütleyen Deneyimler" ("Experiences that Organize Life") sets out to provide a collective answer to these questions by examining these alternative structures from a gender perspective. The experiences of cooperatives are discussed in the book based on both theoretical frameworks and concrete field experiences, with contributions from eleven women researchers.

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now available for those who want to support regional producers in earthquake-affected areas.

#### LOCAL MAKERS SOLIDARITY NETWORK

Local Makers Solidarity Network is a solidarity network established for all human and economic obstacles experienced by local producers in the production, sales, and distribution stages in the earthquake zone. This network aims to collect information about local producers and their needs beyond being a "shopping platform". Anyone who wants to help local producers in the region can access the category-based details, online sales channels, and social media contact information of the producers in the earthquake zone through the open-source website, dayanisma.localmakers.com.tr.

Following the call, a valuable directory was formed by local producers who filled out the application form and the Local Makers team compiling the information of local producers in the region. If you or someone you know is a local producer in the earthquake zone whose information is not listed on the dayanisma.localmakers.com.tr, you can create your system record by filling out the application form on the "Add Business" page. You can contact the Local Makers team for any problems you may encounter during and after the registration process through the communication section. With this call to support local producers whose production is restricted or unable to produce, the Local Makers Solidarity Network invites corporate firms to be in solidarity.



### VAKIFKOY WOMEN'S COOPERATIVE

Vakıfköy Women's Cooperative is a cooperative established in 2005 by five members to increase women's employment and reduce migration in the only Armenian village in Turkey, Vakıfköy. The village is surrounded by citrus groves and its main source of income is agriculture. The women in the village make a variety of jams, liqueurs, fruit syrups, and pomegranate molasses from the products that come from the fertile land, which are sold in markets, shops, and at intercity locations. Over time, the Women's Branch, which continued its activities with 27 women, became a cooperative named S.S. Vakıfköy Women's Initiative Production and Operation Cooperative in December 2021 with the participation of 32 women.

Before the earthquake, the products of Vakıfköy Women's Cooperative, which operated in Samandağ, could be accessed through the link https://www.hepsiburada.com/magaza/vakifli-koyu-kooperatifi. https://www.instagram.com/vakifkoykadinkooperatifi/

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### **APERO**

Apero initiated a series called SOIL, FOOD, CULTURE to discuss and debate food policies, culinary culture, and sustainability in the disaster area. The topic of the second issue of the series is Cooperatives: Can they be a solution for the economic development of rural areas? In the interview conducted by @Reyhan Ülker and Sakarya University Research Assistant, agriculture and food studies, and human-food interaction expert @Kübra Sultan Yüzüncüyıl, focusing on "Organizing in rural development and agriculture," valuable information was shared about the role, importance, and sustainability of women's cooperatives in the social empowerment process of women producers.

You can access the full interview from

https://linktr.ee/apero\_\_\_link.

\*The interview is written in Turkish.