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Developing a Climate Resilience Management System for Vulnerable Groups in Seyhan District

Towards a Participatory Local Management Model in Municipality-NGO Cooperation



Civic Engagement Grant Scheme

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Climate change is becoming an increasing threat in Türkiye as it is worldwide. Especially the agricultural sector is significantly affected by sudden weather events caused by climate change and this situation poses a great risk for small farmers and seasonal agricultural workers who are the most vulnerable groups of the society. Seyhan district of Adana, where agricultural activities are intensive, small farmers and seasonal agricultural workers are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of sudden weather events.

This project aims to increase the resilience of vulnerable groups against the impacts of climate change in Seyhan district. Supported by the “Civic Engagement Small Grants Programme”, the project, which will be implemented in cooperation with Development Workshop Cooperative and Seyhan Municipality, will support disadvantaged communities to adapt to climate-related challenges through a participatory approach and local governance model. Within the scope of the project, a series of activities such as capacity building programmes for small farmers and seasonal agricultural workers, increasing the institutional capacity of the municipality, developing a roadmap for early warning and response system and advocacy will be carried out.

☰ Project Summary

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Development Workshop
Cooperative



Project Partner
Seyhan Municipality
(Adana)

Project Duration



The overall objective of the project is to increase the resilience of smallholder farmers and seasonal agricultural workers, who are the most disadvantaged communities most affected by climate change within the borders of Seyhan district of Adana province. The project aims to support these groups to adapt to climate-related challenges through a participatory approach and local government co-operation.

The specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- Providing capacity building programmes for smallholder farmers and seasonal agricultural workers to adapt to climate-related challenges.
- Increasing the institutional capacity and awareness of Seyhan Municipality for disadvantaged communities on climate change.
- Preparation of an action plan for Seyhan Municipality to increase the resilience of small farmers and seasonal agricultural workers against climate change
- Preparation of a road map for early warning and response system within Seyhan Municipality.
- Advocacy work on climate change resilience of disadvantaged groups at central and local government level.

Main Activities

Information and Awareness Raising

Rapid assessment study, development of information packages and organisation of engagement meetings to increase the knowledge and awareness of seasonal agricultural workers and small farmers on climate vulnerability.

Institutional Capacity Building

Needs analysis, preparation of action plan and renewal of job descriptions of relevant directorates in order to increase the institutional capacity of Seyhan Municipality on climate vulnerability.

Early Warning System Development

Preparation of a portfolio and feasibility studies for early warning system infrastructure and effective response to sudden weather events in Seyhan district.

Widespread Promotion and Advocacy Activities

Preparation of a process and experience report for the dissemination of project outputs, face-to-face interviews, digital meetings and advocacy activities through social media.

Expected Outcomes

- ▶ Improving the institutional capacity of Seyhan Municipality within the framework of climate change and sudden weather events.
- ▶ Increasing the resilience of seasonal agricultural workers and small farmers against climate change.
- ▶ Developing an early warning system infrastructure for sudden weather events in Seyhan district.
- ▶ Carrying out advocacy work on the resilience of disadvantaged groups against climate change.

Project Sustainability



The sustainability of the project is addressed at financial, institutional and policy levels. Increasing the institutional capacity of Seyhan Municipality and integrating the project outputs into the plans of local governments will secure the long-term impact of the project. Furthermore, sharing the project results with other municipalities and developing new project ideas will contribute to expanding the impact of the project.



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