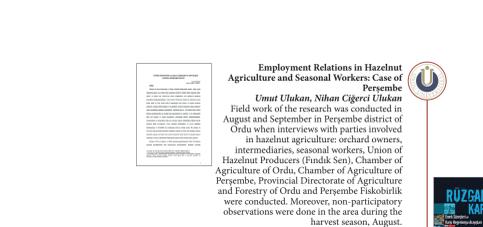


HISTORICAL PROCESS OF SEASONAL MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL WORK IN ORDU PROVINCE



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Employment Relations in Hazelnut Agriculture and Seasonal Workers' Case of Perembe

Umut Utkan, Nilhan Çiğdem Utkan
Field work of the research was conducted in August and September in Perembe district of Ordu when interviews with parties involved in hazelnut agriculture: orchard owners, intermediaries, seasonal workers, Union of Hazelnut Producers (Fındık Sen), Chamber of Agriculture of Ordu, Chamber of Agriculture of Perembe, Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry of Ordu and Perembe İlçesi were conducted. Moreover, non-participatory observations were done in the area during the harvest season, August.

Prepared by the Human Rights Association, Research and Assessment Report on Seasonal Hazelnut Workers in Ordu, Giresun and Sakarya

Ordu and Sakarya seeks to contribute to the protection of life, personal freedom and safety, work, travel, health and nutrition rights of seasonal workers migrating to these provinces from Eastern and South-eastern provinces.

Official letter sent to Governorate of Sanliurfa by Governorate of Ordu

It is stressed that persons in charge (i.e. intermediaries) of workers must, on behalf of workers moving to Ordu, go to Ordu province in advance to identify places where workers will be employed and report the number of workers they will bring in and their identification information to the Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry and Chamber of Agriculturists.

Documentary on Seasonal Children

Mehmet Ülger
The documentary on seasonal migratory agricultural workers and their children coming from Sanliurfa to Ordu for hazelnut harvest brought up the situation households concerned and the problem of child labour to the agenda.

Time Bound Policy and Programme Framework for the Prevention of Child Labour

which has been prepared with the contributions of various institutions and organisations within the scope of ILO International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) is a road map for the elimination of child labour. Firstly, the worst forms of child labour in Turkey were identified. It was targeted to prevent the identified worst forms of child labour within a determined period of time with a holistic, participatory, multilateral and scheduled programme integrated with country's development plans.

Project for Improving the Social Lives of Seasonal Migratory Agricultural Workers (METIP)

was launched by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

Circular dated 20.04.2016 and No.2011/25 on Education of Children of Seasonal Agricultural Workers

was published.

Basic Education Problems of Children of Seasonal Agricultural Workers

Meral Uysal, Fevziye Saylan, Ahmet Yıldız, Eylem Türk, Nurya Türkmen, Nurcan Korhan Öz
The objective of the study is to identify basic education problems of children of seasonal agricultural workers with reference to relevant education policies and opinions of parents, teachers, guidance teachers and school principals. The findings of the study which was conducted in Ankara, Adana, Manisa, Ordu, Ordu-Fatsa, Düzgünler and Sanliurfa, reveal that child labour in agriculture continues in spite of interventions prohibiting child labour in agriculture and supporting education, that identification and monitoring mechanisms do not work effectively, that interruptions in education life prevents progression and that efforts to compensate education are not enough.

Being a Worker in Hazelnut Orchard - Working Conditions of Seasonal Agricultural Workers in Ordu and Giresun Provinces

Selma Kılıbayrak
The study examines employment relations in hazelnut harvest and identifies the working conditions of seasonal agricultural workers. For this purpose, working and living environments of seasonal agricultural workers in Ordu and Giresun were examined between 2013 and 2015 and working principles were revealed.

Project on a Comprehensive Model for the Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour in Seasonal Hazelnut Agriculture in Turkey

was launched in 2013 jointly by ILO, MoLSS and Government of Ordu. With this project about 700 children in Ordu province received education support every year. Moreover, awareness building activities were carried out with participation of 100 farmers and 100 families.

Seasonal and Migratory-Temporary Work: Child Workers

Selma Kılıbayrak
The study sought to identify whether child labour in hazelnut agriculture exists and if so, which children are exposed to this work and what are the working conditions of these children. The field survey was conducted in Giresun and Ordu (Perembe, Çiğli) provinces in August by using observation and in-depth interview techniques.

The documentary "PIKOLO - Growing up to a better future" was shot within the scope of Project for the Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour in Hazelnut Harvest in Ordu Province

which has been carried out by Ministry of Labour and Social Security in cooperation with ILO Turkey office. The documentary plainly exposes the causes of child labour in seasonal agriculture and suggests solutions.

Baseline Study Concerning Children of the 4-14 Age Group Affected by Seasonal Agricultural Migration in Turkey

was conducted by the Development Workshop with the financial support of the Embassy of Netherlands. Research included 110 interviews made in July-November with governmental agencies, NGOs, landowners, agriculture intermediaries, and domestic and migrant workers in 13 provinces: Ordu, Giresun, Trabzon, Rize, Artvin, Malatya, Kars, Ardahan, Adana, Mersin, Gaziantep, Sanliurfa and Ankara.

Seasonal Migratory Agricultural Labour 2014 Report of Support to Life Association

in recent years, there has been an intense migration in the rural areas of the Black Sea and this situation reduces the sources of rural family incomes of producers. As another result of this situation, dependence on labourforce consisting of seasonal and local workers is increasing. Especially, the seasonal worker groups coming from the Southeast region as extended families and relatives groups who are ready to work with low wages, meet the labourforce demand in hazelnut harvest to a large extent.

Circular No.2010/6 on Improving the Social Lives of Seasonal Migratory Agricultural Workers

published by the Office of the Prime Ministry.

Project for Improving the Social Lives of Seasonal Migratory Agricultural Workers (METIP)

was launched by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

Report of Parliamentary Investigating Commission for the Identification of Measures to be Taken Regarding Problems of Seasonal Agricultural Workers

was published.

Research on Hazelnut Workers in Turkey

Demographic Profiling, Düzce, Ordu and Sakarya done by Fair Labour Association (FLA). 95 interviews were conducted in 56 fruit orchards supplying hazelnut to Nestle and its suppliers Balas and Olam Pröduce. Düzce and Sakarya provinces were selected for the research as representing the western region and Ordu province were selected as representing the eastern region.

Examination of Attitudes of Secondary School Students to Courses in Sciences Regarding Some Variables (Case of Ordu Province in the Context of Children of Seasonal Agricultural Worker Families)

Begün Dede
The objective of the study was to examine the attitude of children of seasonal agricultural worker families and other children who are secondary education students, towards science courses. The sample of the study comprised 402 secondary school students in total: 130 children from worker families, 119 students from rural areas and 153 children who go to schools located at Ordu city centre.

Population Movements, Current Problems and Suggestions for Solution in Aybastı - Kabatas A. (Ordu)

Cemal Hıncar
"Ordu region experiences not only permanent but also seasonal labour migration. While native people of Ordu take part in mobility related to harvesting and construction works, the province draws seasonal labour from other regions. From South-eastern provinces in particular during hazelnut harvest season, Migratory people from Ordu have no demand from the state, while others have to cope up with various problems including indentured working and living conditions, and child labour."

It is reported that 27 workers were injured when the minibus with a capacity of 17 passengers carrying seasonal agricultural workers from Adiyaman will into a nearby stream. Governor of Ordu Sedat Yavaş visited injured passengers in hospital.

The Municipality of Ünye undertakes the maintenance work of housing, training hall and laundry facilities in the METIP area near Ünye Airport established by the Governorate. Municipality also completed road improvement works and environmental arrangements in the area.

Child Labour Monitoring and Prevention Centres were established and activities for increasing children's participation to education were carried out within the scope of Child Labour Prevention Project implemented in Düzce, Ordu and Sakarya provinces in 2016-2017 by Genç Hayat Vakfı in cooperation with the firms Nestle, Olam and Balas, with the support of Ministry of Labour and Social Security and Fair Labour Association.

Child is not a Worker, but Future Project that was launched by Ministry of Agriculture in 2016 and continued in 2017, aimed to introduce the children of seasonal agricultural workers coming to Ordu for work to the local culture, to contribute to their personal development and socio-cultural life and improve healthy life skills through sports activities. Activities carried out as a part of the project include excursions, boat tour in Ordu, games, drama, folk dances training, painting and Karaoke Show.

Education Process of Migrant Labourforce in Tea and Hazelnut Production in the Black Sea

Özge Duran Yıldırım
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National Programme to Eliminate Child Labour (2017-2023)

was brought on force by Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

Circular No.2017/6 on Improving the Social Lives of Seasonal Migratory Agricultural Workers

published by the Office of the Prime Ministry.

Pikolo Association implemented the Project for the Elimination of Child Labour

Developing the Agricultural Intermediaries Database and Building Awareness with financial support of the US Department of Labour and in cooperation with FLA, Nestle and Olam. The project was completed with 277 agricultural intermediaries in 14 districts and 52 villages of Ordu, Düzce and Sakarya in 2018 and with 32 agricultural intermediaries in Sanliurfa and Mardin provinces in 2019 (309 intermediaries in total).

Workers from Eastern and south-eastern Anatolia arriving in Ünye district of Ordu were placed by District Governorate of Ünye to accommodation settlement in Sahibköy Neighbourhood established within the scope of the Seasonal Migrant Agricultural Worker Project. District Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry teams conducted environmental disinfections, meanwhile District Directorate of Health teams conducted health examination of workers and their family members and District Governorate of Ünye Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation distributed food packages.

Under Project on an Inclusive Model for the Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour in Seasonal Hazelnut Agriculture in Turkey implemented by International Labour Organization and Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services, a stakeholder meeting was held in Ankara to evaluate activities carried out during 2018 hazelnut harvest season and to discuss the ways of expanding the scope of these activities.

Turkish Statistical Institute announced data of 2017 Agricultural Enterprise Labour force Wage Statistics. Accordingly, the highest daily wage paid to seasonal agricultural workers was 79 TRY for female workers in Ordu and 104 TRY for male workers in Ardahan. The lowest rates were in Hatay: 36 TRY for female workers and 46 TRY for male workers.

About 600 workers who come to Ordu for hazelnut harvest stay in the tent settlement that the state provided in Hatay neighbourhood in Fatsa district. Workers' settlement near Erkeç stream was dispersed around when the stream overflowed. Workers who stayed at Necip Fazıl Kısakürek High School for a time and cannot find a place in settlements established by Turkish Red Crescent after the flood, are now trying to survive in vacant schools and construction sites.

A drama activity was executed for children living in Sarayköy temporary settlement area of seasonal agricultural workers by Progida together with Ordu Rotary Club within the scope of social responsibility projects implemented in cooperation with ILO and local administrations during the 2018 harvest.

Ordu Association of Empowering Women annually delivers trainings on rights-based approach, combating discrimination and working with disadvantaged children, to the team of Each Child is a World Project which is carried out by Durak Fındık in cooperation with Governorate of İzize to prevent child labour in hazelnut agriculture.

Preparations continue to provide education, health, sheltering and social support facilities at Alınordu district Sarayköy METIP accommodation site where seasonal agricultural workers expected to arrive for hazelnut harvest season, İve.

Seasonal workers living in various places in the province were affected negatively from heavy rains that affected Ordu province for two days. Turkish Red Crescent Ordu Branch and AFAD teams provided food support in the region. Vigent needs of 600 seasonal workers were met after the flood occurred in Kartlı neighbourhood of Perembe district.

Deputy Governor of Ünye, District Governor of Kabalıç Mustafa Uğur Özden, District Secretary Chair İbrahim Kılıç and Gendarmerie Commander Mehmet Kargın visited seasonal agricultural workers who came to the district for hazelnut harvest.

Quality and Certification for Sustainable Farming Programme implemented by Tavak Güda for enabling accommodation of 100 seasonal migratory agricultural workers, personnel support to be given in response to hygiene and safety needs of seasonal agricultural workers and accommodation sites.

As there remain only a few days for hazelnut harvest, agricultural workers coming to the province are setting up their tents at accommodation sites established by the Governorate of Ordu. Number of tents set up by the worker families in accommodation sites in Alınordu, Fatsa and Ünye districts are not allowing an increase every day.

Children of seasonal hazelnut workers in Ordu receive education throughout the summer. Mayor of Fatsa İbrahim Etem Kibar says, "While families who regularly come here every year are working out in orchards, their children have the opportunity to receive education here in our summer courses. This also prevents child labour."

A delegation headed by General Directorate of Labour Necran Önder, visited METIP settlements and living spaces of seasonal workers in Alınordu Sarayköy, Fatsa and Ünye districts of Ordu province on 8 August 2019.

Academics from Istanbul Culture University, Faculty of Architecture and Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, City and Urban Planning Department addressed problems faced by seasonal agricultural workers that in their living environments from social, economic and architectural points of view at the Workshop on Improvements in Living Spaces of Temporary Workers held at Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ordu.

General Director of Lifelong Learning, Department Head of Open Education and İSKUR visited the temporary settlements of seasonal agricultural workers in Sarayköy, Alınordu.

Teachers assigned under the Project for Preventing Child Labour in Hazelnut Agriculture implemented by Governorate of Ordu and District Governorate of Alınordu gave education to children whose parents work in hazelnut orchards and organize various activities with children. This education from preschool to secondary level was given in the settlement located in Sarayköy neighbourhood of Alınordu district.

A security meeting was held under the chair of District Governor of Alınordu with the participation of District Gendarmerie Command, Alınordu, Ünye and Uzamış districts. The participants discussed measures to be adopted for identification of traffic control points, registration of seasonal agricultural workers and for preventing traffic accidents and cases of getting drowned in water.

Heavy rainfall in Fatsa district of Ordu and floods affected seasonal agricultural workers. With the instruction given by the District Governor of Fatsa affected workers were placed in a sports hall and Turkish Red Crescent Ordu Branch supplied essential materials to victims of flood.

Within METIP, summer Quran courses were organized for the children of seasonal agricultural workers by the District Directorate of Religious Affairs of Ünye.

A vacant school building in Kestane Neighbourhood of Gülyazı district was restored by Tavak Güda for enabling accommodation of 100 seasonal migratory agricultural workers. Moreover, 250 workers employed in hazelnut harvest were trained on issues of child labour and safe working conditions in cooperation with Development Workshop.

Provincial Directorate of Health of Ordu extends health services to the METIP settlement in Sarayköy Neighbourhood in Alınordu district. The head and deputy head of the public health services department of the Directorate visited the METIP area to conduct observations.

Mayor of Ordu Dr. Mehmet Hilmi Güler who had launched Metropolitan's Hand Touches Hazelnut Project in 2019, continues efforts this year with this year with the new project Don't Let Hazelnut Remain on Branch and Your Mind on Worker. With the platform established under the project, it is facilitated that orchard owners reach to workers they need and workers reach to jobs they seek. The platform was functional in closing the gap which would otherwise exist as two thousand workers could not come to the region due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Seasonal Agricultural Migration as the Legacy of Poverty and State of Well-Being of Children Participating to Hazelnut Agriculture

Tayhan Kızılcık, Ayhan Aydın
The study sought to assess the state of well-being of 6 to 17 years old children of seasonal agricultural workers who arrive in Ordu for hazelnut harvest. The study examines the state of well-being and working and living conditions of children arriving Ordu with seasonal migration and their parents.

The objective of the Rapid Assessment on Impact of Coronavirus Outbreak on Seasonal Migrant Agricultural Workers and their Children and on Crop Farming conducted by the Development Workshop with the support of ILO Turkey Office is to point out the risks that seasonal migratory agricultural workers and their children are exposed to as one of the most vulnerable and invisible groups in society as a result of global Covid-19 pandemic and to contribute to the development of policy suggestions to minimize these risks.

Mobile Health Surveillance Vehicle of Alınordu started its services provided for citizens facing difficulties in accessing hospitals and for seasonal agricultural workers. The vehicle is equipped with modern technology including ultrasound EKG devices and capable of serving as a medical examination cabin. In cooperation with the Directorate of Health of Ordu, the service will check health screenings, treatment and early diagnosis of diseases in 92 neighbourhoods.

Rapid Assessment on Possible Impact of Coronavirus Outbreak on the Participation of Seasonal Migrant Agricultural Workers and their Children to Hazelnut Harvesting and Necessary Measures

conducted by the Development Workshop with the financial support of Ferret Fındık Co. sought to point out to risks that seasonal migratory agricultural workers and their children are exposed to as one of the most vulnerable and invisible groups in society and may be exposed to as a result of Covid-19 pandemic that have global impacts, identify how the pandemic may affect seasonal migration processes and to contribute to the development of policies to minimize these risks and local, regional and national level suggestions to minimize these risks particularly in the context of seasonal migratory agricultural workers who will be participating to hazelnut harvest in August 2020.

Seasonal agricultural workers coming to Ordu from Eastern and South-eastern Anatolia regions for hazelnut harvest set up their tents in METIP sites established in Alınordu, Fatsa, Perembe and Ünye districts by the Governorate of Ordu. As a part of coronavirus interventions, health workers take body temperatures of workers and their family members and distribute protective masks.

Governorate of Ordu and ILO conduct monitoring and summer school activities in Ordu province for preventing child labour. In this context, annually direct education support has been given to 600 children of worker families and indirect subsistence support has been given to 5 thousand families.

Within the scope of Protection from Covid-19 Project implemented by Pikolo Association and Noor Fund, children and adults received training on hygiene and healthy life. Also, social activities including sense workshop, film screening and drama were conducted.

The District Municipality of Fatsa organized drama activities with actors of Performing Arts Workshop for children of seasonal agricultural workers living in METIP settlement to explain social distance and hygiene risks. Masks were distributed to children at the end of performance.

The District Directorate of National Education of Ünye conducts identification and monitoring of school-age children of seasonal agricultural workers arriving in the district in July. In 5 classrooms located in METIP settlement, preschool and catch-up education as well as bicycle riding training were being given to children.

Together with the Governorate of Ordu, Pikolo Association is presently carrying out activities for the utilization of physical environments in temporary settlements of seasonal migratory families living in hazelnut agriculture.

The project implemented in cooperation with District Directorate of Health of Ünye and Sakarya Branch targeted the adoption of protective measures in living and working environments of seasonal agricultural workers in Ünye district, informing workers on ways of protection from Covid-19 and improving working conditions of workers in terms of health and safety. In this context, trainings were organized for 500 workers and 110 farmers, and personal protective equipment, t-shirts and socks were distributed to participants.

In cooperation with Pikolo Association, District Governorate of Alınordu has been conducting a range of activities including identification of accommodation places for seasonal agricultural workers, provision of some services at these locations, establishment of health units, follow up of security units and environmental cleaning.

UN General Assembly has adopted Convention on the Rights of the Child.

State Statistical Institute announced the results of Child Labourforce Survey.

ILO Convention No. 182 concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour was ratified by the Turkish Grand National Assembly.

ILO Convention No. 138 concerning the Minimum Age was ratified by the Turkish Grand National Assembly with reservations.

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Article 3: For the purposes of this Convention, the term "the worst forms of child labour" comprises: (a) all forms of slavery or practices similar to slavery, such as the sale and trafficking of children, debt bondage and serfdom and forced or compulsory labour, including forced or compulsory recruitment of children for use in armed conflict; (b) the use, procuring or offering of a child for prostitution, for the production of pornography or for pornographic performances; (c) the use, procuring or offering of a child for illicit activities, in particular for the production and trafficking of drugs as defined in the relevant international treaties; (d) work which, by its nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is likely to harm the health, safety or morals of children.