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When we speak of 2020, the pandemic COVID-19 that threatens the whole world, restricted lives and a new world order come to mind. As Durak Hazelnut family, we thought about what we can do to stop the worst type of child labour, which is the main objective of “Every Child is A World” project. We decided to do a new programme as a result of negotiations with our project team. It is a kind of feedback for us to evaluate the acquisition of the work that we do in the region during two years. We come to the conclusion in the field research that Every Child is a World project creates a stunning awareness in the region on preventing the worst type of child labour, societal gender equality and enhancing the accommodation facilities of seasonal agriculture workers. It becomes even a trademark in the region. As Durak Hazelnut Industry and Trade Incorporated Company, we actualize the policy of “Durak Sustainability” to build up a better, more fair, more livable, more equal and cleaner future on the scope of our goals of sustainability. We decide to involve “Every Child is A World” project in our policy of sustainability. As a conclusion, thank our project team that work hard to create this project, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ Türkiye, Ordu University and İkizce Governorship for their contributions and efforts.



*Safely From the Past to the Future...*





## ABOUT EVERY CHILD IS A WORLD PROJECT

**D**urak Hazelnut Industry and Trade Incorporated Company, the biggest Turkish hazelnut exporter, has not only supported and enhanced the local economy but also aimed to contribute to the national economic development since 1965. Durak Hazelnut gives priority to supplying of high quality and traceable food to the consumers thanks to its sustainable agriculture and social practices. It has done many works to reach this goal on the scope of sustainability activities. One of them is Every Child is A World project that aim to prevent child labour in hazelnut agriculture. Every Child is A World project that started in 2018 and still continues aims to monitor the families which join hazelnut harvest via seasonal agricultural mobility during their way of movements and in the cities they live in and to support their children in terms of their development by enhancing their working and living conditions. One of the most important goals of the project is to create awareness of child labour both in the families engaged in farming

and the ones who come as seasonal agriculture workers. Education of farmers and neighbourhood representatives take place in the local side of the project that continues for three years. In addition, in the harvest season, the project also includes education of agriculture middlemen, of the seasonal agriculture workers, family education for the worker parents, summer school, nutrition, checkup and health care services. Children involved in summer school programme receive checkup. Their physical development state is observed. They are supported with a suitable game-based school curriculum. However, we couldn't fulfill the summer school programme

due to the pandemic covid-19 in the harvest season 2020. We preferred to communicate with the children in different accommodation areas by paying attention to the rules of the pandemic such as social distancing, wearing medical masks and hygiene.









# PRE-HARVEST EDUCATION OF HAZELNUT CULTIVATORS





## Pre-harvest Education of Hazelnut Cultivators

**D**urak Hazelnut Industry and Trade Incorporated Company aims to specify the profiles of all the cultivators in its supply chain and to make them aware of “Sustainable Agriculture and

Sustainable Social Practices”. On the scope of this aim, it negotiates with its current cultivators and the indirect ones in its supply chain and assesses their needs to achieve a sustainable production.



## Pre-harvest Education of Hazelnut Cultivators





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Prior to the hazelnut harvest season 2020, we met 60 cultivators in the supply chain and analyzed their needs. We had these meetings in open areas by considering the rules of the pandemic covid-19 such as social distancing, wearing medical masks and hygiene. After approximately 15-minute meetings, we gave education on “Sustainable Agriculture and Sustainable Social Practices for Sustainable Production” by considering the rules of the pandemic. Sustainable agriculture education has such topics as field care, pruning, cutting, dis-

budding, lime and fertilizer application, weeding, soil analysis, agricultural spraying, destroying the weeds, product sorting processes, harvesting, threshing, storing and purchasing. Sustainable Social Practices includes education on child labour, employee rights, wages and contracts, forced labour and preventing social gender and discrimination. Following the education, cultivators are given masks, gloves, cologne, thermometer, glasses, apron, soap and a file of educational materials, and also bags that have notebooks and pens in them.









**PRE-HARVEST  
EDUCATION OF THE  
PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE  
FOR CONTACT AND  
MONITORING CHILD  
LABOUR**





## Pre-Harvest Education Of The People Responsible For Contact And Monitoring Child Labour

Prior to hazelnut harvest, education on Sustainable Social Practices and Hazelnut Harvest at the time of covid-19 was given to a group of people consisting of the leading cultivators whom Durak Hazelnut Industry and Trade Incorporated Company names as contact people for child labour and of neighbourhood representatives. The education of hazelnut harvest in the pandemic covid-19 was given at the beginning of August because there was uncertainty about the situation and

future of the pandemic and also about whether or not mobile seasonal agricultural workers from different cities will come to Ordu during the education of cultivators in the field in spring time. In addition, the rules and official decisions made by the Ministry of Domestic Affairs and the Governorship at the end of July and at the beginning of August were explained to the leading cultivators during the education.



## Pre-Harvest Education Of The People Responsible For Contact And Monitoring Child Labour



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Only one contact person was invited to this education from each district as the pandemic infects and spreads more in the crowd. The participants took part in the education in the meeting hall of Ordu University İikizce Vocational School of Higher Education by obeying the rules of hygiene, mask and social distancing. The education was given by Tuğba KONTAŞ AZAKLI, academican at Ordu

University. Serdar MACİT, the field contact person of Durak Hazelnut Every Child is A World project, gave information about the planned activities by Durak Hazelnut and common works fulfilled with the child labour contact and monitoring people during the harvest season when the pandemic still existed.



## Pre-Harvest Education Of The People Responsible For Contact And Monitoring Child Labour





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After the education was completed, it was expected that the child labour contact and monitoring people would inform the cultivators in their districts and make this education widespread. Making the education widespread had two-stage plan. District contact people are given masks, gloves, cologne, thermometer, glasses, apron, soap and a file of educational materials, and also bags that have notebooks and pens in them.



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# VISITS TO CULTIVATORS IN HARVEST SEASON





## Visits to Cultivators in Harvest Season

**D**urak Hazelnut Industry and Trade Incorporated Company visited the hazelnut cultivators in their hazelnut fields in harvest season and observed the child labour and the suitability of their working conditions. They observed whether

or not children work and some protective equipment such as masks and gloves are appropriately used. The following are the photographs taken during the visits to cultivators in the harvest season 2020.



## Visits to Cultivators in Harvest Season





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VISITS





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# **EDUCATION OF SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN HARVEST SEASON**

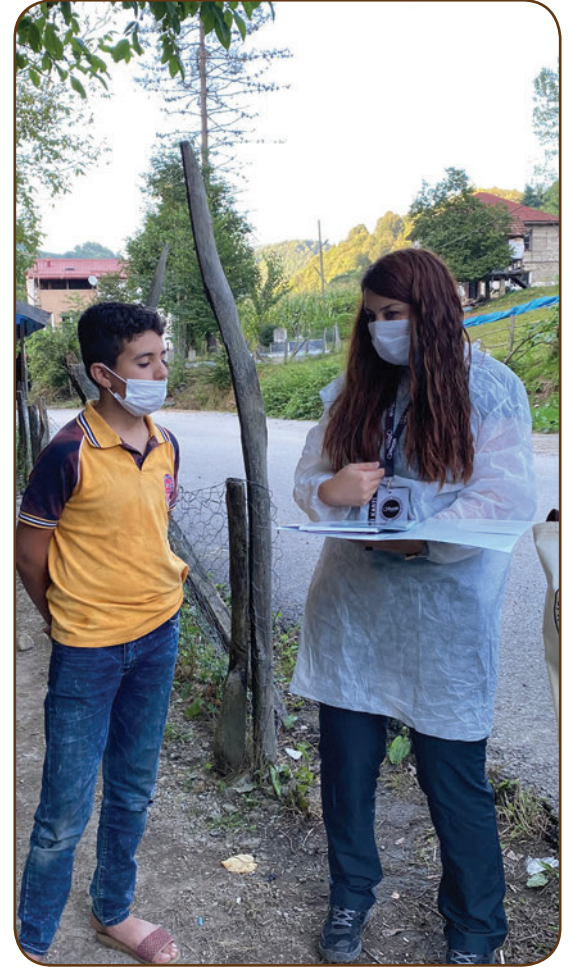




## Education of Seasonal Agricultural Workers in Harvest Season

When the hazelnut harvest season started, the seasonal agricultural workers already started their journey and stopped over in different cities on their way. They arrived in Ordu in the second week of August and settled down in the accommodation areas. Ordu Governorship and

Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD in Turkish) fulfilled the needs this year such as toilets and baths in the collective accommodation areas that we emphasized in the field research reports published in previous years and that was one of the most important problems.



## Education of Seasonal Agricultural Workers in Harvest Season





## Education of Seasonal Agricultural Workers in Harvest Season

During the harvest season, Durak Hazelnut Industry and Trade Incorporated Company visited both the seasonal agricultural workers in the accommodation areas provided by their own cultivators and those who came to the region and live in the collective accommodation areas. The visits were carried out in accordance with the rules of the pandemic; mask, hygiene and social distancing. The workers were informed about child labour, hazelnut harvest in the pandemic covid-19, how to use masks pro-

perly and how to use the thermometers. Our project team visited the families in the accommodation areas and both informed them about the pandemic and distributed them hygiene bags consisting of masks, gloves, cologne, thermometer, glasses, apron, soap and visual materials explaining hygiene education. 180 families received hygiene bags in total. And also about 1000 people got hygiene bags after the visits to the accommodation areas.



## Education of Seasonal Agricultural Workers in Harvest Season





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**ACTIVITIES DONE  
WITH CHILDREN  
PARTICIPATING  
IN SEASONAL  
AGRICULTURAL  
MOBILITY**





## Activities Done with Children participating in Seasonal Agricultural Mobility

Due to the pandemic, Durak Hazelnut Industry and Trade Incorporated Company had a break for the summer school programme that is implemented every year. It was discussed that the summer school programme would affect the pandemic in a negative way and that the people living in different accommodation are-

as would spoil the isolation because the seasonal agricultural workers especially in İkizce live in different accommodation areas and the students in the summer school programme came together by public transportation. However, we did our best to involve all the children in the summer school programme without any number limitations.



## Activities Done with Children participating in Seasonal Agricultural Mobility





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It was discussed that all the children should be visited in accommodation areas and that interacted with as it would create an inequality of opportunity to involve some groups in the programme and exclude the others during the pandemic. Therefore, all the children in different accommodation areas

were presented a set of school bags which Durak Hazelnut give as a present in the summer school every season. 250 school sets were presented in total. During the visits, a small workshop of children rights was carried out in accordance with the rules of the pandemic.



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# CONCLUSION





CONCLUSION

Although the contributions of these comprehensive works of Durak Hazelnut Industry and Trade Incorporated Company with its equity capital to the children under the risk of child labour, agricultural workers, their families, agricultural middlemen, hazelnut cultivators and the value of hazelnut itself are evaluated with reports every year, the real effect can be measured with longitudinal assessments which last for years.

We will go on monitoring, reporting each component of the programme and the relations between these components with our sustainability programme that we started to trace this aim and we will continue practicing in the field itself. However, we want to emphasize again that it is inevitable local authorities and general public utilities should support our practices. The problem of child labour can be solved in collaboration with all these authorities.

Durak Hazelnut Industry and Trade Incorporated Company will continue to be in the field, to create solutions and to collaborate with the shareholders in 2021 which is declared as “The Year of Ending Child Labour” by The United Nations (UN).





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Doğu ile Türkiye’nin güneydoğu bölgesindeki yoksullukta geliyor. Geçici gıda yerleşim yerlerinde bazen temiz su bile olmadıkları yaşayan ebeveynlerin çocuklarını yorucu ve hasta hastalıklara eğilimli yapıyorlar. Bu yüzden uzun vadede ortağımız Durak Fındık, mevsimlik işçilerin çocukları için ihram varncı bir yaz programı olan “Her Çocuk Bir Dünya”’yı başlatmaya karar verdi.

Matematik, fen ve okuma öğretir, ancak eğlenceli öğrenme teknikleri - spor ve yaratıcı etkinliklerin yanı sıra öğrenimlerini daha fazlası için yeni dönemleri sağlar! Yaz okulu COVID-19 kısıtlamaları nedeniyle bu yıl kamusal gerçekleştirilemez, personel ve gönüllüler, ilçedeki kamp alanlarını ziyaret ederek, her akşam ve öğlen paketlenmiş hayvan kiti dağıtıyor (Boya kalemi, not defteri ve kitapları dolu) her çocuğa. (Bu fotoğraflar COVID öncesi bir sezonda çekildi.)

Türkiye’de çocuk işçilerine hitap eden topluluk yaklaşımımız hakkında daha fazla bilgi edinmek için buraya tıklayın <https://bit.ly/3fkgAGZ>

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**Addressing Child Labor on Hazelnut Farms in Turkey**

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In the rugged hills of the Black Sea coast of Turkey, hazelnut production is still mostly manual and heavily reliant on seasonal hired labor. Each year, the start of the summer harvest (August to mid-September) is signaled by the arrival of hundreds of thousands of migrant workers and their families—including up to 200,000 children—who help harvest 75 percent of the global hazelnut crop.

Most families are internal migrants from the poverty-stricken southeast region of Turkey, near the border with Syria. Living in temporary tent settlements (sometimes without even clean water), parents have little choice but to bring their children to the farms. Under Turkish law, all seasonal agricultural work is classed as too hazardous for anyone under the age of 18 years. Nevertheless, children on hazelnut farms are routinely tasked with exhausting and even dangerous work, such as carrying heavy loads up and down steep hillsides in blistering hot weather. In some areas, more than 60 percent of workers are aged 16–18, and up to 10 percent are even younger.

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#### **OUR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

As Durak Hazelnut Industry and Trade Incorporated Company, we are determined to do our part in order to protect the environment thanks to the practices which we will fulfill with the administrators, workers and suppliers altogether. We know that it is the best possible way for us to contribute to the practices and efforts to leave a healthy and livable nature to the next generations. To this end, the following intentions and principles are conducted within the bounds of possibility when we manage the environmental dimensions in all our activities, products and services in DURAK HAZELNUT INTEGRATED operation.

- The current laws, regulations, legislations and principles related to environmental management are applied.
- The appropriate technology and methods that do not harm the environment and save up the resources are searched for, followed and applied.
- The precautions which lessen the amount of wastes and the negative effects of them are taken to prevent the pollution that cannot be stopped to release totally.
- Works are performed to prevent the environment with the principle of constant development.
- Environmental consciousness is increased with education and participation in workplace and society.
- Environmental activities are performed in accordance with TS EN ISO 14001 Environmental Management System.
- Quality and sense of environment is supported with accredited documents in order to be irrevocable on international and national markets.

#### **OUR POLICY OF QUALITY AND FOOD SAFETY**

It assumes:

- meeting our customers' requests, needs and expectations perfectly and correctly,
- revising and enhancing the efficiency and productiveness of Quality and Food Safety Management System,
- understanding , implementing and maintaining the sustainability of Quality and Food Safety Management System and Policy within the institution,
- ensuring the products appropriate for the national and international regulations and microbiological, physical and chemical specifications that our customers demand be produced under the hygienic conditions, stored and sold,
- ensuring getting and conveying the necessary information for food safety during the food chain,
- ensuring the continuous improvement of occupational health and safety,
- ensuring the improvement and education of the employees.



The very first rule to build a healthy society in order to look from the past to the future in a trustful way is the existence of environment-friendly, high quality and reliable corporate companies which have high standards. Buying the most quality raw products from the growers, process them with caution and present them to the consumers are always the priority of our company. It is always among our main targets as the family of Durak Hazelnut to find the answer to the question "How can we do better?" by meeting with the growers.

### OUR MISSION

- is to process the Turkish hazelnut best, advertise and taste it all around the world.

### OUR VISION

- is to render a customer-focused service,
- is to provide a damage-free service in time and completely,
- is to be beneficial to natural environment and mankind,
- is to be a company which is given a reference and preferred by the firms,
- is to ensure these principles' continuity and to share this happiness with our customers, employees and workers.



### CERTIFICATES





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