



ADANA SEYHAN ROTARY CLUB GLOBAL GRANT PROPOSAL

Country : Turkey
District : 2430
City : Adana
Club : Adana Seyhan Rotary Club
Charter No and Date :13336 & 1980

Project Name : “BREAST CANCER SCREENING FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES, SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AND WOMEN LIVING IN RURAL AREAS OF ADANA, TURKEY”

Aim of Project : Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer facing women in Turkey. Cancer itself is a top cause of death in Turkey, just after cardiovascular disease. Official numbers show that women have a 1 out of 8 chance of developing this life-threatening condition. The best chance women have to beat this disease still lies in early detection. To achieve this, women aged 40 to 69 are told by medical professionals to receive mammograms at least once every two years. Unfortunately, not every woman has access to these screenings that would otherwise save their life. Our project plans to address this.

Adana is a large province in southern Turkey and is home to 2.2 million people. It hosts more than 230,000 Syrian refugees and nearly 10,000 seasonal-agricultural workers on top of its official population. Most of these refugees live in refugee camps and seasonal-agricultural workers often live in tent-towns. Although the city of Adana has a good hospital and clinic infrastructure to serve its urban population, women from these disadvantaged societies and women living in rural and hard-to-access mountainous areas of Adana have very little access to mammography (sub-provinces like Tufanbeyli – 190 km from downtown Adana, Saimbeyli – 152 km from downtown, and Feke – 118 km from downtown). According to the Provincial Directorate of Health of Adana, about 175,000 women should be getting mammograms in 2019 in the province of Adana. Still, women from the age groups most often hit with breast cancer who live in these areas are very unlikely to have any access to such screenings.

This project aims to provide a mobile breast cancer screening unit to the Provincial Directorate of Health of Adana. Once equipped with this vital tool, it will be deployed to serve the needs of the most-disadvantaged parts of Adana. A driver, a nurse, and a mammography technician will be provided by the Provincial Directorate of Health and daily mammography screenings will be sent to radiologists in the main hospitals of Adana for evaluation. Medical professionals will also be put on-site to provide training to locals about signs and symptoms of breast cancer that will help save the lives of local women.

International data shows that early screenings save the life of about 1 out every 200 women screened for breast cancer. This mobile unit will screen about 10,000 women annually and about 100,000 women throughout its service period. This project will save the countless lives of mothers, wives, and daughters who will need our help.

Target Population and Areas :

Seasonal Agricultural Worker Women Living in Adana Province
Syrian Refugee Women Living in Adana Province
Women Living at Distant Rural Areas of Adana Province

Project Participants :

- 1) Adana Seyhan Rotary Club
- 2) Provincial Directorate of Health of Adana

Related Rotary Areas of Focus : Saving Mothers & Children / Women's Healthcare

Budget Proposal : 230.000 USD

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Photo 1: A agricultural worker tent-town from Adana



Photo 2: Women worker



Photo 3: Village women of Feke, Adana



Photo 4: A Syrian refugee camp