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### Executive Summary of the External Evaluation of the Children's Hubs in the Earthquake Zones in Türkiye

This external report evaluates the **Children's Hubs** established by *Suna'nın Kızları* focusing on their impact in earthquake-affected regions and Harran. The centers aim to create safe, supportive spaces for children, particularly addressing the unique needs of girls.

#### Key Findings/ core report

##### 1. General Impact:

- ÇYM provides safe, child-friendly environments where children feel valued, develop self-confidence, and build friendships.
- Significant positive changes include improved **socialization** and **self-expression skills** among regular attendees.
- The centers help mitigate the hardships of container camp life, offering respite and emotional support.

##### 2. Challenges:

- Participation declines due to **rigid program structures**, repetitive activities, and lack of flexibility to address individual needs.
- Barriers include **child labor**, home responsibilities (especially for girls), education conflicts, and socio-cultural constraints.
- Older age groups (15-18) are less engaged, finding programs less appealing.

##### 3. Recommendations:

- Programs should become more **flexible**, engaging, and age-appropriate, focusing on **sports, arts, and informal activities**.
- Improve **accessibility** with outreach to underserved areas and diverse socio-cultural groups.
- Enhance external spaces, add **playgrounds**, and involve parents through family-friendly activities.
- Address **special needs** (e.g., child marriage, child labor) with targeted psychosocial support.

Overall, the ÇYM centers fill critical gaps for children in challenging environments but require increased flexibility and inclusiveness to maximize their long-term impact.

The full report is available in Turkish at [LINK](#)