

Foodbanking Infopack

An EVS project in Turkey



Erasmus+



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About us

The Tepebaşı Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation running under Eskişehir governorship leads projects aiming to balance the inequality in distribution of income, support the disadvantaged part of the society, strengthen the social solidarity between the people and protect the social peace. When these objectives are taken into consideration, it can be said that the general aim of our foundation is to lay a bridge between government and the people.

The foundation helps the ones in need with problems such as fuel, nutrition, treatment, education and other kinds of expenses. Families of war victims/veteran soldiers are visited at their home to provide moral and material support. In addition, our foundation supports the projects coming from civil society organizations, public bodies and the people who want to establish a new business but are deprived of the necessary facilities.



The EVS project

Tepebaşı Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation, which works under the Eskişehir Tepebaşı District Governorate, are carrying out projects to balance income inequality, to support disadvantaged people and to strengthen social solidarity among people. In short, our goal is to build a bridge between the state and the one in need. In addition to this, we offer financial support, but we also provide social support through social projects. We are making our citizens' lives easier within the framework of the projects we have developed in some additional areas.

In total, 4 volunteers with our project are targeted to participate in the activities of Tepebaşı Social Market which is one of the social projects of our foundation. The Social Market target to help the people most in need in society by providing basic things such as food, clothing etc. free of charge. Several companies contribute to the market to support the project. At the same time a food bank project will be starting up as a pilot project. This aims to distribute materials from supermarkets in the city that is still eatable/usable, but has not been sold, to people who are in need, but lacking the necessary funds. So both projects aims to increase the solidarity and collectivity in society while working with food/material waste.

With the support of our project, we aim to increase the motivation of the people, to lead to collective participation, to support their personal development, to raise qualified individuals and to improve their ability to cope with the problems they experience. We hope that thanks to our volunteers from different countries in the context of this EVS project, we will increase the assistance capacity of our foundation and its positive impact on society.

Project dates and periode

The project has two terms;

1. Term (15.08.2018 - 15.02.2019) 6 Months 1 Volunteers(Completed)
2. Term (15.02.2019 - 15.08.2019) 6 Months 3 Volunteers(Call for this)

Practical Arrangements

Food and accommodation

Volunteer will accommodate at the place, where each volunteer has their own room. The flat is equipped by furniture, kitchen, living room, bathroom and working room as a cozy place. The flat is located in the center of Eskisehir, so everything in the city is in walking distance. Volunteer is getting 150 EUR monthly for food allowance, they would spend their food allowance as they wish. The 150 EUR will be given to Turkish Currency from the HALKBANK which is the bank our organization must be dealing with according to the legislation of our accounting system. The payment will be made first week of each month between 1 – 5th of every month. The volunteer will sign the payment document for each payment after they receive it.

Practical Arrangements

Local transport

Local transport Card is provided to volunteers which they can easily use wherever they would like to go for their activities. From their home to TSYDV Office, they will take a bus number 23, which takes 15 min. TSYDV will give 15 EUR to each volunteer for their travel to charge their Travel CARD, called ESKART. The payment is calculated for 20 working days per month for their monthly travel which makes approximately 15 EUR. This expense will also be given in the monthly payment.

Volunteer allowance

According to Erasmus+ Programme Guide, the Pocket Money for volunteer is 90 EUR. We are paying the volunteer 255 EUR in total each month. This includes: 150 EUR Food, 90 EUR Pocket Money and 15 EUR for travel. The payment will be made in Turkish Lira.

Practical Arrangements

Language training

TSYDV is collaborating with ASAM-SGDD which is a one of big foundation dealing with asylum-seekers and refugees issue, to integrate them into society by social activities. Volunteers enroll the Turkish Course, which ASAM has established for newcomers to their organization.

The language course activity dates are every Tuesday and Thursday from 14:30 to 17:30 at ASAM Training Center. The language course lecture will be given by a professional language lecturer from Anadolu University with the partnership of TÖMER. Moreover, our organization staff and one of the Turkish Language Department student will give extra lecture for their learning process. They will assess their learning during the evaluation of their activity week which is every Friday afternoon.

What is foodbanking?

Roughly 1.3 billion tonnes of food is wasted every year.

Foodbanking is a way to handle this crazy amount of food waste we see today while creating a solution for the people who are not able to gain the food they need. In our EVS project we developed a local project connecting a solution for food waste and a solution for hunger. A simple solution with a great social and environmental impact!



Why work with us?

When joining our organization for EVS, the volunteers will be in an informal learning environment in which they will develop their communication-, organizational-, management-skills as well as emotional skills.

They will learn how to interact with the people by using other ways of communication than only verbal such as body language. They will learn how to prepare, organize, manage and maintain new projects. Also, they will learn how to deal with the target group in the best way. Last but not least, the volunteers will develop their social responsibility awareness and taste the delight of helping people. They will learn how to empathize with the people and how to find solutions in the best way when they face problems.

As the activity range of our Tepebasi District Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation is very wide and includes lots of social helping processes and projects. For the volunteers it will be a great chance, as they will meet different people and see of different living situations. They will get skills in social work, which can be helpful in the course of their life. Also they will feel useful and productive to support those who are in need of help.

Volunteer activities

As mentioned our range of activities is wide. Therefore it will be the volunteer's own interests and preferences will define the work. They will receive a short pre-activity education and then be able to join our social workers, initially in an assisting role, later possibly alone, depending on their development and preference. The volunteers will be welcome to join all activities arranged by the organization, that they find interesting.

Some of the specific activities for this project will be:

- Helping out at our social market
- Learn about social aid system and legislations
- Contribute with their knowledge and culture for intercultural learning at work
- Developing projects about social aids (Food sharing, clothes sharing, etc.) in an innovative way. Through this create more equal distribution/access for people to make use of our resources
- Creating market barcode system to track distributed aids and manage the store
- Helping out with distribution of materials
- Organising cultural events and helping with international/local projects
- Promoting Erasmus+ and social humanity aids
- Collaborating with social enterprises/ social entrepreneurs/ companies/ NGOs/ institutions

During the project we need to expect from volunteers to be motivated for every kind of activity that our foundation carry on. The most crucial thing from our participants to be interested to be an active part of our activities.

Volunteer profile

The volunteers for this EVS should be youngsters between 18-30 years old. It should be people interested in contributing to social work concerning food banking, food waste and social entrepreneurship.

The volunteers should be able to recognize themselves in the following:

- Motivated to learn about social aids and social legislation in Turkey
- Open to meet new cultures and working with disadvantaged groups (economic, ethnic, geographic) eg. Roman/ Refugees/ Asylum Seekers/ Economically challenged
- Motivated to live Turkey and work with public, private and institutional organisations
- Be ready for working with governmental organisations and dealing with legislations
- Have a basic knowledge about IT Skills (at least Office Applications)
- Motivated to learn about Food Banking in collaborating with Social Entrepreneurs/ Social Enterprise
- Be aware of problems concerning food waste and consumerism - interest in discovering/developing solutions for food waste / consumerism
- Be prepared for an active work week with both office work and physical tasks when structuring the Social Market
- Would like to know more and possibly make a career about Social Entrepreneurship/ Social Enterprises
- Having a philosophy of volunteerism

Activities provided besides our main activities

- ❖ General Youth Information events
- ❖ Special Youth Information and Counseling
- ❖ Local, national and international projects
- ❖ Local, national and international business opportunities, career development activities
- ❖ International Education, Training, Business start-up consulting services,
- ❖ Consulting services related to projects and grants according to the needs of young people
- ❖ Trainings for the project life cycle and project writing
- ❖ Employment projects and SME Partnerships
- ❖ Social networking and preparation of newsletters
- ❖ Creating database of volunteers
- ❖ Set up a The National Online Information Network and to give free local representatives
- ❖ Entrepreneurship trainings and partnerships
- ❖ Arts & Culture events, courses
- ❖ Social Aid Approach
- ❖ Foreign language courses

Get to know the city



Get to know the city

The project will take place within our foundation Tepebaşı Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation. Eskişehir, the city where the project will take place, is located in central Anatolian region of Turkey. The city's population is 648,396. The city is more crowded in fall, winter and spring seasons due to the students coming from different parts of the country and world.

There are two big universities (Anadolu University and Osmangazi University). Eskişehir is a students' city, alive in every hour of the day. A popular city for Erasmus students, AIESEC interns and EVS volunteers, which creates a vivid international atmosphere.

The city has many cultural opportunities with three theatres and six cinemas are available in the city. Film or theatre festivals, spring carnivals lots of different activities such as concerts are organized each year in the city. Also, cafes, sports club, shopping centers, youth centers, discos, pubs and bars are making the city a lovely place to live as a young person. While the summer season in Eskişehir is dry and hot, it is snowy and cold in winter.

A little more about Turkey and Eskişehir

Neighbor cities of Eskişehir are Konya, Bilecik, and Ankara, which is the capital city of Turkey, and many more. Eskişehir is located near the main roads of Turkey, it is easy to arrive to other cities. Railway or highway provide transportation and you can reach both Istanbul and Ankara in less than three hours.

Porsuk river flows in the middle of Eskişehir. Cafés fill up both sides of this river, creating a lively atmosphere in the middle of the city.



The Turkish cuisine is known and has inspired all over the world. Get ready for a culinary adventure



You'll reach Istanbul, a city beaming with life and history, in less than three hours. Visit Hagia Sofia, bazaars and much more.



How to Apply

Application Procedure

Interested candidates can apply with their CV and Motivation Letter by sending both to:
apply@tepebasisydv.gov.tr.

Please remember that the email should contain;

1. Subject :Food Banking EVS - [Your Name and Surname]/[Country Code]

Example: Food Banking EVS - Lea ARDANI/SI

2. Short Introduction of your willingness to apply and present e-mail

Example: Dear Sir or Madam,

I'd like to apply for EVS which is "Food Banking", I might be delightful, if you would consider my application for selection process.

Regards,

3. Attachment of CV with photo and Motivation Letter

How to Apply

Selection Procedure

1st Stage: We will collect applications from e-mails and consider these in regard to assessment criterias which was set by the Board Member of the Organisation.

2nd Stage: We will invite candidates for 2nd Stage to an interview with our Project Manager, Mentor and Supervisor. It will be a 30 min. interview with each candidate chosen for 2st Stage.

3rd Stage: We will inform the candidates the result of the interview, so whether the candidate is selected or not for the project. After mutual agreement, we will confirm participation for the volunteer.

There will be no deadline for applications, we will be keep in touch and respond only the candidates who are successful for each stage. We will not send selection results of the participants to each candidate.



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