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**COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF EARTHQUAKES: SUPPORTING 3,000 STUDENTS TO
ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS**

On the anniversary of the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes, the Turkey Human Resources Education and Health Foundation (TİKAV) declared "We Are Together Hand in Hand," providing support to 3,000 students affected by the earthquake through a scholarship program aimed at assisting them throughout their university education

On the anniversary of the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes, the Turkey Human Resources Education and Health Foundation (TİKAV) continues its mission to support students affected by the disaster who wish to continue their education without interruption.

TİKAV expresses deep gratitude to all its supporters and collaborating organizations on the first anniversary of the disaster, aiming to erase the effects of the earthquake, rebuild losses, and construct a stronger society.

After the earthquake disaster, the "El Ele Birlikteyiz" (We Are Together Hand in Hand) campaign initiated by TİKAV, which continued to provide assistance in various areas to the region, received 108,127 applications for the Akfen-TİKAV Scholarship Program launched for 1,000 students. Upon this overwhelming response, the program, supported by **Akfen Holding, Akfen Renewable Energy, and Acacia Mining Operations**, increased the number of students to 3,000, who would receive support throughout their university education.

For the selected 3,000 students, monthly scholarship payments are made throughout the academic calendar year, ensuring that young people continue their educational journey uninterrupted and contribute to the realization of their dreams.

"SUPPORTING STUDENTS' HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE"

Hülya Kırçuval, **Chairperson of the Turkey Human Resources Education and Health Foundation (TİKAV)**, expressed deep gratitude to all supporters and collaborating organizations on the first

anniversary of the earthquake, emphasizing their commitment to erase the effects of the earthquake, rebuild losses, and construct a stronger society.

Stating that 108,127 students applied for the **Akfen-TİKAV Scholarship Program** aimed at students who wanted to continue their education without interruption after the earthquakes, Kırçuval continued:

"In response to the extraordinary number of applications, with the support of Akfen Renewable Energy and Acacia Mining Operations, we decided to increase the number of students receiving scholarships to 3,000. We consider these efforts under the **"We Are Together Hand in Hand"** campaign, which we continue to carry out to heal the wounds of the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes, as an important step in enabling students to continue their education. With the support of Akfen Holding and its partners, we continue to invest in the future by providing scholarships to children of families affected by the earthquake throughout their university education. With this program, we are confident that by supporting the hopes and dreams of our youth for the future, they will make strong contributions to our society as tomorrow's leaders."

"TİKAV SCHOLARSHIP INSPIRED ME TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY"

TİKAV also shared messages of gratitude from scholarship recipients. Emre, a TİKAV scholarship holder, expressed that the support he received not only motivated him to excel academically but also inspired him to contribute to society:

"First of all, I would like to express my condolences to our entire nation for the earthquake disaster we experienced on February 6th. As a university student living and studying in Hatay, I was affected by this disaster both materially and spiritually. During this process, Akfen-TİKAV helped many students, including myself, both financially and spiritually, to ensure the continuity of our education. Your support not only inspired me to succeed academically but also to contribute to society. I hope that one day, just as you helped me, I can also help students achieve their goals and continue their education rights. Thank you for your support."

Another TİKAV scholarship recipient, İlayda, stated, "I was caught in the Hatay earthquake centered on Kahramanmaraş on February 6th. I went through a very difficult process. We lost our relatives and loved ones. We stayed in a tent for a long time. Like everyone affected by the earthquake, this process was very difficult for me. The situation we were in caused disruptions in many aspects of our lives, including our education. The scholarship I received from you helped support me in covering some of my education expenses. Thank you very much for your support."

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