

# Research on Children's Access to Rights in Different Areas of Istanbul during the Covid-19 period

## Caregivers' Views



## LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT



Number of caregivers sharing their opinions by participating in the research: **Total 85 people**  
 Number of children conditions of whom were learned through the information collected from the caregivers: **269**

We reached a point where words have no meaning. What can I say? My husband is not working; we have been through many hardships. I even told the teacher of my son the other day; I was deeply embarrassed but believe me I had no other choice. I called my paternal aunt to ask her to give her alms-charity to us this year and she gave me 25 liras, but I accepted it anyways. What can I do? At least I thought I could buy some bread with it; it is really difficult.

Mother of two

**22%** of caregivers stated that **they couldn't get any assistance though they applied**, and **22%** of caregivers who received **support help stated that their need continues**.

We were not able to receive proper support from anywhere. Finally, some food supplies have arrived at the mukhtar, I went and told them that we are in a difficult situation, and we were able to receive only a box of food.

Mother of two

We have two rooms but one of the rooms does not have a window. We cannot close the door of that room because we want to ventilate it. God forbid, if one person gets sick we cannot provide a separate room.

Mother of four

**48%** of the caregivers stated that **it was not possible to ensure quarantine conditions at home** in case anyone tested positive for Covid-19.

Mother of two

We would each live in one room and quarantine ourselves.

**73%** of the caregivers remarked that **they did not have a regular income and had lost their jobs** during the Covid-19.

Father of three

Nobody is working in my family. We survived with the supplies you have sent. But they are finished as well.



We received 1000 liras worth support, but it is finished now. It is not possible to have three kids, pay the rent and do the grocery shopping at the same time. If we cannot find a job, then we will go to the village.

Mother of three

## CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO EDUCATION

**68%** of caregivers stated that **their children either could not access EBA at all, or they couldn't access it regularly**.



They assign homework to children via online groups. However, we have to get a printout to be able to do them because children cannot do their homework on the telephone. This is a heavy burden for us. I had to spend 100 liras in one week. I am no longer getting the printouts. In any case the children do not listen to what I say, they stopped following the courses.

Mother of two

## ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

**12%** of caregivers do not take any measures against Covid-19.

But I got offended only by the fact that they asked money for the masks. On the one hand they tell us to wear a mask when we go out, on the other hand, they are selling the mask. I went to the supermarket the other day, I forgot my mask and they did not let me in. I got very offended. Now, when I go out, I put a mask on my child's face, but I cannot wear one, we do not have that many masks, so what should we do now? We saw that in the elections they spend tons of money only on papers, but they cannot find a mask now, I do not understand this.

Mother of three

Mother of four

At first we could not find any. I used to cover my face with the headscarf when I go shopping.



## ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND MEDIA

Of course, children got anxious, they keep hearing worrisome sentences. We are worried, too, naturally we are picking on each other. But, seriously, I couldn't figure out how I should approach children in this process. It would be nice if someone informed the parents.

Mother of two

We did not support internet use. With the spread of the disease, children got locked in the house. There is no open space or park for children wouldn't start fighting. I do not want internet connection at home after the pandemic ends.

Mother of three

**72%** of caregivers access information, especially television news, through **mainstream media**.



21%

8%

While in the first round of interviews the rate of caregivers who stated that they **did not have internet connection** was **21%**, in the second round this rate fell to **8%**.

This data is based on phone interviews with 85 caregivers in May 2020 (last quarter) in the following districts of Istanbul: Fatih-Karagömrük, Fatih-Çapa, Fatih-Mevlanakapı, Fatih-Fındıkzade, Ataşehir-Kayışdağı, Sancaktepe-Sarıgazi and Beyoğlu Tarşabaşı.



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