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CIVIL SOCIETY IS CRUCIAL TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS ON ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Prof. Dr. Aurela Anastas, Executive Director of the **Center for Legal Civil Initiatives**, explains how CLCI plans to support the establishment of a network of civil society organizations to monitor the implementation of international human rights obligations on ending violence against women. Read more [here](#):



“ASSISTING REFUGEE WOMEN TO ENJOY THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE”

The **Women's Studies Association**, a feminist group established in Ankara, Turkey in 2011, specializes in conducting research and raising awareness of gender equality, women's empowerment and violence against women.

Ülker Şener, Head of the Steering Committee for the Association explains how this organization will work with UN Women to raise awareness of violence against women among refugees in two Turkish provinces: Mersin and Hatay. Read her blog [here](#):



CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORTS WOMEN TO LIVE A LIFE FREE OF VIOLENCE IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

UN Women Bosnia and Herzegovina is working with women's organizations to improve services for women survivors of violence and raise awareness of CEDAW and the Istanbul Convention for protecting women's rights. Read more [here](#):

STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF CIVIL SOCIETY TO ADVOCATE FOR LAWS IN LINE WITH CEDAW AND THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION

Sema Kendirci Uğurman is the Chair of the **Turkish Women's Union** (TWU), the largest women's association in Turkey. She is a member of the Turkish Executive Committee for the NGO Forum which writes shadow reports for CEDAW on a regular basis.

As part of the 'Implementing Norms, Changing Minds' regional programme, the TWU will partner with UN Women to strengthen the capacity of civil society groups to advocate for the development and implementation of laws in line with CEDAW and the Istanbul Convention. Read her interview [here](#):



"MOST SERVICES FOR REFUGEES IN TURKEY ARE GENDER-BLIND"



The **Foundation for Women's Solidarity** (FWS) is an independent women's organization dedicated to fighting violence against women, especially domestic violence and trafficking of women.

Last month, the organization was selected by UN Women to conduct a project to foster dialogue between women's organizations and local actors, to help prevent gender-based discrimination and violence against women among the refugee population in Turkey. Yelda Şahin Akilli, FWS's Project Coordinator, explains how they plan to implement this initiative. Read more [here](#):

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