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**"Together
towards a better
future!"**

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Mission

We are committed to supporting our community in Türkiye by developing facilities and providing social assistance in education, sports, environmental initiatives, and cultural projects. Our goal is to contribute to the development of individuals, helping them to become culturally and educationally enriched, to uphold the founding principles of the country, and to play an active role in its progress.



Vision

To provide human-centered solutions to issues that deeply affect society issues that deeply affect social life from a human-centered perspective.



Manifesto

As the Polat Foundation, we work to improve social life through education and sports. With our impact-focused approach, we prioritize our children and youth, focusing on equal opportunities and targeting areas where we believe we can make a difference.



Objective

Our goal is to positively impact and contribute to the lives of at least 1 million people within 3 years.

Founded in January 2023 by Adnan Polat and his family, the purpose of the Polat Foundation is to support our community in Türkiye by developing facilities and providing social assistance in education, sports, environmental initiatives, and cultural projects. The foundation aims to contribute to the development of individuals, helping them to become culturally and educationally enriched, to uphold the founding principles of the country, and to play an active role in the advancement of society.

In the days following its establishment, the Polat Foundation's first initiative was to provide aid and emergency response to the earthquake-affected areas in February 2023. The Foundation, which has been active in relief efforts in the earthquake-affected provinces, continues to provide humanitarian assistance at the temporary container housing settlement it has set up in İskenderun and Samandağ.

From the outset, the Polat Foundation delivered emergency aid to the affected regions swiftly and in a coordinated manner. In collaboration with TÜREB (Turkish Wind Energy Association), the foundation dispatched hundreds of technicians to support infrastructure repairs immediately after the earthquake. Additionally, in the aftermath of the disaster, the foundation provided hundreds of generators and tents to the region and, in partnership with Galatasaray Sports Club, offered food and in-kind assistance.



After delivering 86 housing containers to Gemlik Container Settlement and opening Polatköy Campus, which consists of 123 fully equipped housing containers in Hatay Samandağ, Polat Foundation has partnered with the Koruncuk Foundation to focus on projects that enhance educational access for girls in the region.

Additionally, support has been provided to the relatives of Polat employees affected by the earthquake.

Following the acute phase of the earthquake Polat Foundation on August 2023 launched, Suna Polat Youth Center, a new project in collaboration with Samandağ Municipality.

Suna Polat Youth Center is a community facility with a capacity of 350 people, designed to enhance social interactions among local residents and provide opportunities for enrichment programs. Located by the seaside and equipped with a social area, cafeteria, and professional basketball and volleyball courts, the center serves as a community social hub.

Through collaborations with various institutions that are experts in their respective fields, Polat Foundation promotes enrichment programs for communities in disadvantaged areas.

The Polat Foundation continues its efforts in collaboration with various institutions and organizations. Believing in the power of partnerships with experts in their respective fields, the foundation remains dedicated to supporting disadvantaged regions through initiatives with institutions such as the FMV Işık Schools, the Koruncuk Foundation, and the Nesin Foundation.



Dear Stakeholders,

In January 2023, we established Polat Foundation to bring together Polat's long-standing tradition of solidarity and its numerous charitable initiatives under one roof. By consolidating our efforts, we aim to approach our projects in a more structured and focused manner, ensuring a greater impact and sustainability in supporting our community.

Our mission is to support our society in Türkiye through social assistance in education, sports, environmental initiatives, and cultural projects. We are dedicated to helping nurture young generations who are highly educated, culturally enriched, committed to the principles of the country, and poised to contribute positively to society.

From the very beginning, we have prioritized making a meaningful impact on the lives of women and girls. By focusing on their education, personal development, and involvement in sports, we aimed to foster a future grounded in equality and opportunity.

In February 2023, just one month after our foundation's establishment, our country faced a devastating earthquake that left the nation in mourning. This tragedy underscored the magnitude of our responsibility. In the aftermath, Polat Foundation, alongside Polat Holding and its group companies, worked tirelessly to address critical needs in the earthquake-affected areas. Our contributions ranged from search and rescue operations to maintaining supply chains, providing energy to tent and container settlements, and fulfilling urgent requests from affected individuals and communities, including milk supplies for mothers.

One of our significant efforts was the establishment of the Polatköy Container Settlement in Samandağ, featuring 123 fully equipped housing containers, on land allocated by AFAD. I extend my heartfelt condolences to those rebuilding their lives and mourning their losses. May those who lost their lives rest in peace and may those affected find the strength to endure. I also wish to express my profound gratitude to the dedicated employees of Polat, whose selfless efforts made a difference during these challenging times.

This earthquake reminded us that our mission extends far beyond our original vision. There are countless steps to take in improving social life in Türkiye. As Polat Foundation, we are committed to addressing critical societal issues with a human-centered approach. Through sports and education-focused projects grounded in gender equality, we strive to support the education and development of all children.

Over the past year, we have undertaken numerous impactful projects aligned with these principles. To aid the normalization process in the earthquake-affected regions, we initiated a social facility and sports field project. As part of this, we proudly opened Suna Polat Youth Center in Samandağ, named in honor of our beloved mother. This center accommodates up to 350 people and serves as the youth center of Samandağ.

Additionally, in collaboration with Polat Energy, we launched the social responsibility project Geleceğe Yeşil Işık Yak (Green Light for the Future), focusing on environmental protection and the sustainable use of natural resources, reaching thousands of children. Beyond this, we continue to support children and young people across all segments of society through projects in education, sports, and environmental initiatives. Our partnerships with esteemed institutions such as FMV Işık Schools, Koruncuk Foundation, and Nesin Foundation enable us to expand our reach and impact.

Our goal is to positively impact the lives of at least 1 million people within the next three years.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the dedicated members of our team, our colleagues, and our stakeholders who have supported and contributed to our projects over the past year.

Together, with unwavering determination, I am confident that we will build a stronger, more equitable future for all.

Sincerely,

Adnan Polat

Chairman of the Board, The Polat Foundation

Polat Foundation Board of Directors convenes at regular intervals to provide insights and recommendations regarding the activities and projects undertaken within the foundation. These meetings aim to improve current practices and guide future initiatives.



Adnan Polat
Chairman of the
Board, Polat
Foundation

At Polat Foundation, we work to tackle issues that deeply affect social life through a human-centered approach. We are dedicated to launching sports and education-focused initiatives that promote the advancement of children, firmly grounded in the principles of gender equality.



Kerim Polat
Vice Chairman of
the Board, Polat
Foundation

We aim to nurture the potential of our children, paving the way for a stronger future for our country. Guided by the foundation's mission and the philanthropic values and sense of responsibility instilled by our family, we remain committed to enhancing every aspect of life—from education and health to sports and the arts.



Eda Polat Gkinosatis
Member of the Board,
Polat Foundation

Instilling environmental and social awareness in the younger generation and fostering a sense of sustainability among future leaders are integral to Polat Foundation's core mission. We believe education is key to shaping the future, which is why we are committed to developing environment-focused projects that drive social transformation. Inspired by our pioneering role in clean energy production and guided by our commitment to gender equality, we are dedicated to creating a more equitable and livable world for generations to come.



Ayşe Polat
Member of the Board,
Polat Foundation

We aim to build upon our experience of over half a century by nurturing, empowering, and supporting the future of our children. Just as the structures we have built so far stand tall, our greatest aim is to see our children standing strong in life through their achievements. I support the work of our foundation with special care and a deep sense of responsibility.



Akın Süel
Board Member and
Secretary General of
Polat Foundation

As is well known, foundations are organizations dedicated to allocating resources and services toward specific goals. Polat Foundation, since its establishment, has carefully defined its "purpose", prioritizing sustainability while supporting individuals and society. In 2023, the foundation focused on addressing the pain and damage caused by the earthquake, with a particular emphasis on contributing to children's education. It has organized training sessions to foster environmental awareness and respect among the younger generation, a mission it will continue to pursue.

Our great leader Atatürk once said, "The importance and sanctity of the efforts made to develop our nation's children into athletes is both valuable and significant." Inspired by this guidance, we have built sports fields in Samandağ as part of our efforts to address the earthquake's aftermath. These initiatives continue in the regions where our country most needs them.

Under the leadership of our Chairman, Mr. Adnan Polat, we remain committed to making a meaningful contribution to society, working in close collaboration with the organizations and colleagues who support us wholeheartedly.



FEBRUARY-MARCH

During the acute phase of the earthquake, support was provided to individual areas and to locations such as Gemlik Container Settlement in İskenderun, as well as to provinces like Adiyaman and Maraş. The assistance included containers, tents, hygiene supplies, blankets, heaters, generators, water and food among other items.



MAY-JUNE

The commencement of operations at the Polatköy Container Housing Settlement.

The interior fittings of the housing containers include refrigerators, water heaters, bunk beds, mattresses, tables/chairs, bedding, fans, washing and drying machines, among other items.

APRIL-MAY

Meeting individual container requests.



JUNE-JULY

Collaboration with the Koruncuk Foundation.





JULY-AUGUST

Collaboration with the Nesin Foundation.



NOVEMBER

“Geleceğe Yeşil Işık Yak” Social Responsibility Project together with Polat Energy.

AUGUST- OCTOBER

The construction of Suna Polat Youth Center and Sports Field.



DECEMBER

The sponsorship agreement in promoting Türkiye's cultural heritage, and the collaboration with FMV Işık Schools.



Our Support Activities in the aftermath of the February 6, 2023 Earthquake

1. Acute Phase

On February 6, 2023, at 04:17 and 13:24 UTC+3, two earthquakes with magnitudes of Mw7.7 and Mw7.6 struck Pazarcık and Elbistan districts of Kahramanmaraş, respectively.

On February 20, 2023, at 20:04 Turkish time, a Mw6.4 earthquake occurred with its epicenter in Yayladağı, Hatay.

Causing significant devastation across 11 provinces, this disaster has been unprecedented in terms of both intensity and scope in recent history.

As a result of these earthquakes, over 50,000 lives were lost, more than half a million buildings sustained damage, communication and energy infrastructure were disrupted, and significant material losses occurred.

The extensive radius of the earthquake-affected area and the impact on infrastructure and public administration made it challenging to gather accurate information from the region.

Polat Foundation arrived in the affected region on February 9, 2023, just days after the devastating earthquake, to support recovery efforts effectively. Working in collaboration with various institutions and organizations, the foundation collected critical data and deployed human resources and supplies to ensure accurate and uninterrupted aid reached those in need.



Earthquake survivors engaged in agriculture and livestock, as well as those with elderly or disabled family members who faced challenges relocating from their living spaces, were prioritized based on assessments. Containers were placed in safe areas near their destroyed or heavily damaged homes to meet their immediate needs. Additionally, on-site solutions were provided for WC and shower cabins to support survivors who had created their own living spaces. Communication with these survivors continues to ensure that their individual needs are addressed.

On February 9, 2023, volunteers reached the earthquake zone in order to provide basic needs such as shelter, security, electricity and heating. Housing containers, generators, water tanks (18 tonnes) and hydrophores were allocated.

The emergency supplies and containers were placed in the designated area by Gemlik Municipality located in front of the İskenderun Primeall Shopping Center.

As sheltering needs increased more housing shower/WC containers were sent to the

and region.



Personal care, hygiene products, child care, living supplies, food, and cleaning materials were being sent through out the following months as needs arose.

The housing containers, established as part of the emergency response efforts, were handed over to AFAD, which oversees all necessary monitoring and supervision responsibilities.

2. Individual Supports

Earthquake survivors engaged in agriculture and livestock, as well as those with elderly or disabled family members who faced challenges relocating from their living spaces, were prioritized based on assessments. Containers were placed in safe areas near their destroyed or heavily damaged homes to meet their immediate needs. Additionally, on-site solutions were provided for WC and shower cabins to support survivors who had created their own living spaces. Communication with these survivors continues to ensure that their individual needs are addressed.





HATAY SAMANDAĞ
KARASAY POLATKÖY BEĞİCİ KONAKLAMA MERKEZİ

AFAD®

The Polat Foundation
Polatköy has over

400
residents

3. Polatköy, Samandağ

123 housing containers were delivered to the land allocated by AFAD (Hatay Province, Samandağ District, Karaçay Neighborhood, Parcel 25034, Lot 65).

Equipment and goods such as refrigerators, beds, bedding, blankets, waters heaters, tables, chairs and washing/drying machines were supplied by the Foundation.

To ensure the living containers were protected from cold weather and rain, and to make them suitable for winter conditions, silicone and foam applications were applied to all containers.

Additionally, temporary tarping was installed on some containers to prevent rainwater from entering through the roof. The foundation closely monitors arising needs due to weather conditions.

The earthquake's devastating effects were felt by all, but certain demographic groups faced disproportionately severe impacts. Women and children are particularly vulnerable in such crises. At Polatköy, where over 400 residents, including 131 children, have found refuge, Polat Foundation has been making every effort to alleviate the challenges and hardships caused by the earthquake.



4. Opening of Suna Polat Youth Center and Construction of the Sports Field

After the acute phase of the earthquake, the Polat Foundation continued its commitment to supporting the affected communities by initiating a new social support-focused project. In November 2023, in collaboration with the Samandağ Municipality, the foundation proudly inaugurated the Suna Polat Youth Center in the Samandağ district of Hatay.

The opening ceremony of the Suna Polat Youth Center took place on Saturday, November, at Atatürk Coastal Park. The event was attended by the Polat Foundation Chairman Adnan Polat, Galatasaray President, Deputy Chairman, Deputy Governor, Samandağ Mayor, AFAD Hayat Provincial Disaster and Emergency Manager and Samandağ Coordinator District Governor, along with thousands of residents.

Suna Polat Youth Center is a community hub with a capacity of 350 people, designed to foster social interactions among local residents and offer opportunities for leisure and recreation. This social facility features a lounge area, a café, and a spacious seaside location. Additionally, it supports sports activities with a professional basketball and volleyball court, providing a dynamic space for the community to connect and thrive.



SAMANDAĞ BELEDİYESİ

SUNA POLAT GENÇLİK MERKEZİ

Suna Polat
Youth Center
has a capacity of

350
people.



Our Social Responsibility Project “Geleceğe Yeşil Işık Yak”

“Geleceğe Yeşil Işık Yak” (Green Light for the Future) project, a collaboration between Polat Energy, Türkiye's leading wind energy company, and Polat Foundation, was launched in December 2023. In its first year, the project focuses on Polat Energy's power plant regions, aiming to cultivate environmentally conscious and aware generations across Türkiye.

Aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, “Geleceğe Yeşil Işık Yak” project is dedicated to promoting the sustainable use of natural resources and fostering a culture of renewable energy and sustainability. The initiative comprises various modules, including Teacher Training Programs and Energy Workshops.

Through teacher training programs organized in collaboration with Provincial Directorates of National Education, the aim is to raise teachers' awareness on climate change, sustainable development, and renewable energy, enabling them to guide future generations.



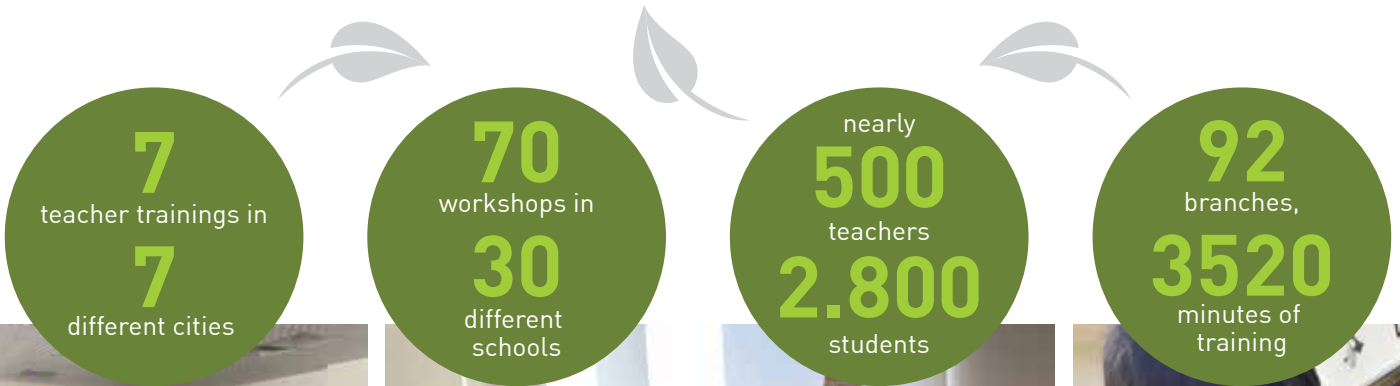
Energy Workshops, was designed to raise awareness among 3rd and 4th grade students about clean energy, introduce basic concepts related to renewable energy, wind energy, and sustainability through various interactive activities. These workshops give students the opportunity to experience how electricity is generated from wind energy by building wind turbine models. The activities help students develop design-oriented thinking skills and contribute to raising a more informed and impactful generation on sustainability issues.

As part of the project, which began its field organization in December, the 2023-2024 academic year plan includes conducting seven Teacher Training sessions across seven different cities and hosting 70 workshops in 30 schools. The **“Geleceğe Yeşil Işık Yak”** project aims to reach 500 teachers and 2,800 students by the end of the academic year, fostering greater environmental awareness and sustainable practices.

The first step of the project was taken in Kırşehir, home to Geycek Wind Energy Plant owned by Polat Enerji. The Teacher Training, held on the evening of Thursday, December 14, was attended by 100 primary school teachers from various schools in Kırşehir. After completing the training, approximately 400 students from 3rd and 4th grades participated in the Energy Workshops on December 20-21. With their curious and excited expressions, these students lit a hopeful green light for the future.

After Kırşehir, the program is set to be completed in other cities including Balıkesir, İzmir, Manisa, Nevşehir, Yalova, and Niğde as part of the 2023-2024 academic year schedule.

2023-2024 academic year in numbers:



Collaboration with Koruncuk Foundation

Education Mobilization
for Girls in
**the Earthquake-
Affected Areas**

Support application
for education for
more than
100 girls



Polat Foundation has partnered with Koruncuk Foundation to support girls in earthquake-affected areas who face challenges in accessing education.

Through this collaboration, the Polat Foundation and the Koruncuk Foundation have provided assistance to girls affected by the earthquake in the districts of Samandağ, İskenderun, and Defne in Hatay.

With the coordination of the Polat Foundation and support from local authorities, an application for education support was submitted to the Koruncuk Foundation for more than 100 students aged between 10 and 18 in the Samandağ, İskenderun, and Defne districts of Hatay on July 17, 18, and 19, 2023.

Collaboration with the Nesin Foundation

Polat Foundation has signed a collaboration protocol with Nesin Foundation, which supports children aged 3-11 from Anatolia who lack access to reading resources but have a strong desire to read. Together, the foundations are continuing their partnership in the earthquake-affected region, particularly in Hatay, providing in-kind aid and support, as well as organizing workshops and events to empower and inspire the local community.



Protection and Promotion of Salda Lake's Cultural Heritage Project

Polat Foundation has sponsored the production of films to be featured across various media platforms, aiming to promote the region and contribute to a sustainable future.

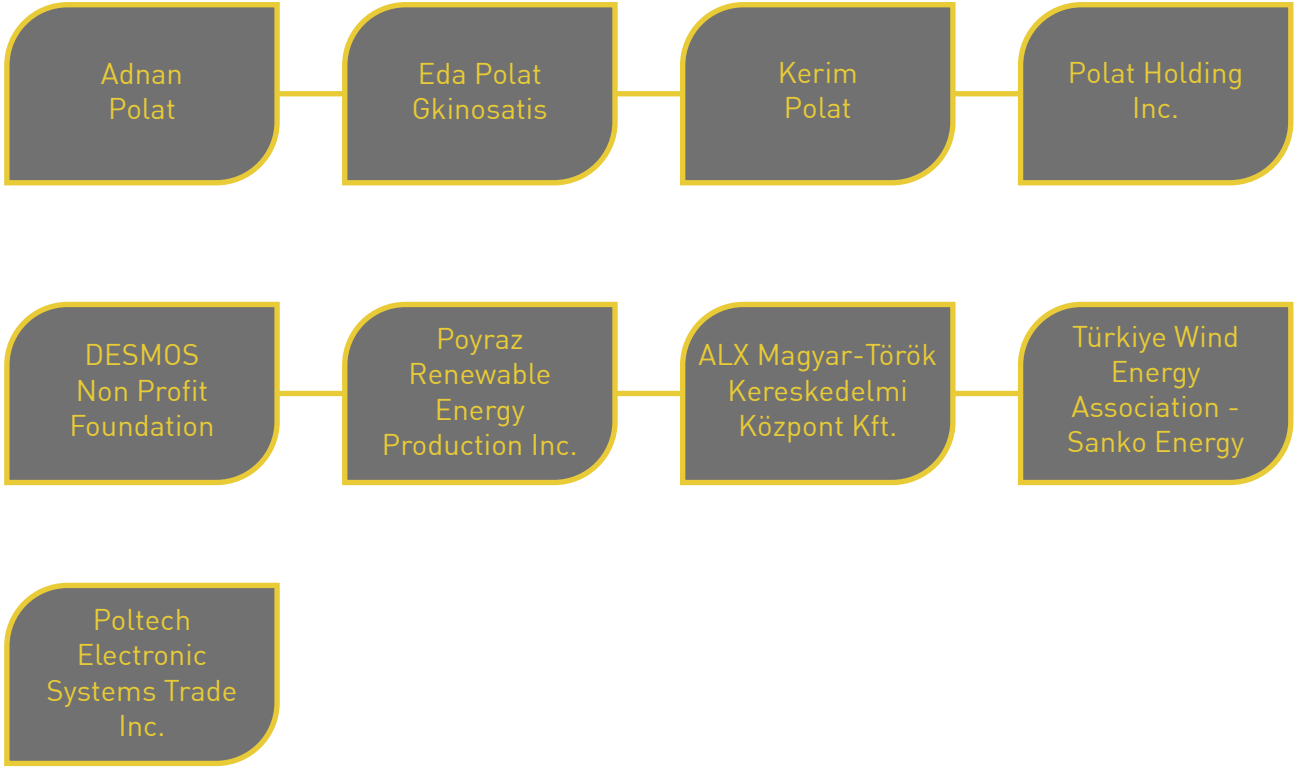
Salda Lake, recognized for its ecological significance, has been placed under protection by the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change of the Republic of Türkiye to combat threats such as groundwater depletion and urban development. The foundation is actively supporting ongoing efforts to raise awareness about this critical issue.

FMV Işık Schools Collaboration

FMV Işık Schools is an institution dedicated to contributing to national education with the mission of raising "First, Good People." Through the collaboration of the Polat Foundation and FMV Işık School's teachers and administrators, New Year gifts prepared by students and their families were delivered to children affected by the earthquake in Hatay.

On December 30 and 31, these gifts were distributed to the students of Selim Tevfik Eskioçak Anatolian High School in the Defne district, Karaçay Primary School, and children of all ages residing in Polatköy Container Settlement in the Samandağ district.





We would like to thank all Polat employees who contributed devotedly to the activities of Polat Foundation in its first year of establishment.





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