

TR Policy Recommendations – Türkiye (Equal Futures Project)

No.	Recommendation	Objective	Actions	Stakeholders	Expected Impact
1	Empower Youth and Women in Public Life	Increase participation of young people and women in policymaking and civic leadership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish youth and women councils in municipalities. Offer leadership and advocacy training programs. 	Ministry of Family and Social Services, Ministry of Youth and Sports, municipalities, NGOs.	Enhanced representation and voice of youth and women in local and national governance.
2	Strengthen Legal and Institutional Frameworks for Gender Equality	Ensure full alignment with international standards (CEDAW, Istanbul Convention principles).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update national gender equality laws and strategies. Reinforce the institutional capacity of gender equality commissions. 	Parliament, Presidency Directorate on Women's Status, ministries.	More consistent and enforceable equality policy framework.
3	Address Gender-Based Violence and Protect Victims	Eliminate violence against women and strengthen protection systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand access to shelters, hotlines, and legal aid. Train police and judiciary in survivor-centered approaches. 	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, NGOs, local governments.	Improved safety, protection, and justice outcomes for survivors.
4	Promote Equal Access to Education and Employment	Increase girls' school attendance and women's labor market participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentivize girls' secondary and tertiary education, especially in rural areas. Provide childcare and flexible work options. 	Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Labor, private sector.	Higher education completion rates and employment participation for women.
5	Advance Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship	Support women's access to finance, markets, and training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand microfinance, business grants, and incubation programs. Strengthen public-private partnerships promoting women's entrepreneurship. 	Ministry of Treasury and Finance, business chambers, development agencies.	Increased number of women-owned businesses and improved economic inclusion.
6	Foster Inclusive and Equality-Oriented Education	Embed equality values in curricula and teacher training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate gender equality and diversity education in school programs. Train teachers and administrators on inclusive pedagogy. 	Ministry of National Education, universities, teacher unions.	Reduced gender stereotypes and improved equality awareness among students.
7	Enhance Data, Research, and Evaluation on Equality	Strengthen evidence base for national equality policies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect disaggregated data on gender, region, disability, and socio-economic status. Fund academic research on social inclusion and equality. 	TÜİK (Turkish Statistical Institute), universities, ministries.	Stronger data-driven policymaking and accountability mechanisms.
8	Encourage Media and Cultural Transformation	Use media to challenge stereotypes and promote equality narratives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support equality-focused media content and awards. Conduct public campaigns featuring diverse role models. 	Ministry of Culture and Tourism, RTÜK, media organizations.	Shift in public perception; reduced gender bias in cultural representation.
9	Support Local Equality Hubs and Civil Society	Strengthen grassroots capacity for equality initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund community centers and CSOs promoting gender and youth equality. Facilitate partnerships between municipalities and NGOs. 	Ministry of Interior, municipalities, NGOs.	Increased local ownership of equality programs; improved outreach in underserved regions.

10	Ensure Monitoring, Evaluation, and Accountability	Improve coordination and oversight of equality implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish an inter-ministerial equality taskforce with civil society input.• Publish annual equality progress reports.	Presidency Directorate on Women's Status, ministries, NGOs.	Transparent and measurable progress on national equality commitments.
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