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QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OF INTERVIEWS February / March 2012

- Partner: BARTIN İL MİLLİ EĞİTİM MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ

- Target group: Parents

1. Analysis of local context concerning labor market and social policies

According to the researches about the families in Bartin, it is seen that most of the families that live in the city center are aware of the labor market opportunities and social policies. They follow every improvement in education or in social life. The importance that parents give their children is increasing day by day. In actual, they want to be informed about every movement, success and fail of their children at school.

Unfortunately, that is not the same for the families in districts. They have many problems like finding a job and problems in agriculture and animal breeding or family problems. So they can't make time for their children, which affect them negatively. Moreover, they have leave their children in hometowns with their grandparents, which is a different problem caused by the labor market opportunities.

2. Beneficiaries' knowledge about labor market opportunities

In Bartin, there isn't enough work opportunities. If people work for the governmental intuitions there is no problem. They have a standard life level. But if not, men have to get jobs that need physical strength to make enough money to live especially his wife doesn't work. Also it is really hard to find this kind of job. Many people work at the textile and shoe factories for the sake of a little money for very long hours. On the other hand, especially the Youngs work without insurance.

Bartin has many rural areas which are far far away from the city center, which means people have to pay nearly 25% of their salaries for the transportation. Because this reason, they live their hometowns and go to bigger cities with the hope of earning money. By the way, parents leave their children with grandparents or at the dormitories. It creates huge amount of problems both for parents and children.

3. Language skills and qualifications of beneficiaries

Thanks to the studies that Bartin Public Education Centre has carried on, nearly all the people are literate. People who are illiterate are already retired or over 60.

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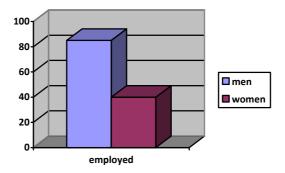


Education level of Bartin is getting higher day by day owing to the Bartin University. People have more opportunities than they had in the past. Most of people couldn't go to the university because of financial and family problems. But now, everyone has the chance of higher education.

There are many kinds of courses to make people qualified like shoe-making, heavy equipment, hair-dressing etc. Also with the help of handcraft courses, many women learn traditional handcrafts and they sell their products. That's a great contribution to the family budget.

4. Level of social and working inclusion of beneficiaries

To find a job is one of the major problems in Bartın. It's a small city with many districts, which creates many problems like limited work opportunities, transportation problems and low salaries.



According to the research, 85% of fathers are employed while just 40% of mothers are unemployed. The rate of women's employment is high because many women in the rural areas work at home. They grow vegetables, they make handcrafts and sell them in the bazaar.

5 Life quality level of beneficiaries as well as their professional satisfaction

With the changes in social life and technological developments, life quality of people has increased.

Life quality of parents who live in rural areas is as good as parents' who live in city center. But in the remote parts, people don't have many opportunities like cultural activities or they have financial problems because of the unemployment. So the rate of migrating to the big cities is very high, which shows that people are not satisfied with the life quality in the remote areas.

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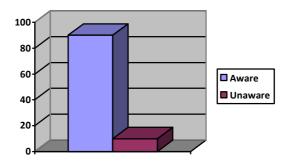


6 Level of beneficiaries' satisfaction of community services: strengths and weaknesses identified

In Bartin, there aren't enough nongovernmental organizations. Possible ones are always in coordination with the families. Moral and material support is provided by the community services. But more active organizations are needed.

7. Level of beneficiaries' awareness concerning their social and political empowerment.

Owing to the studies that governmental organizations and nongovernmental groups carry on, level of parents' awareness are getting higher. Government supports parents and many organizations try to help them in order to come over the problems they have.



According to the research implanted to parents, 90% of parents stated that they know what to do or which organizations to apply in case of problems in their social and political problems.