

**SMOKE-FREE INSTITUTION PROJECT OF THE
CANCER REGISTRY CENTER (KİDEM)
İzmir Provincial Directorate of Health**

The Province where the Project is Implemented
İzmir

Unit Responsible for the Implementation of the Project
İzmir Cancer Registry Center (KİDEM)

Collaborated Organizations and Institutions
İzmir Governorship

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Name of the Project

Smoke-Free Institution Project

Target and Aim of the Project

Clarifying the conditions to establish “smoke-free institutions” and arrange the inspection and certification procedures of this process with a view to keeping on the current agenda the adverse effects of cigarette smoking and tobacco usage on human health, raising public awareness on this particular issue and drawing attention to its economic dimensions either by direct aspects such as the money spent for cigarette and / or by

diagnosis and treatment expenditures incurred due to the diseases caused by cigarette.

Target Population

The employees working in all private and public organizations in İzmir province

The Factors that Caused the Launching of This Project

According to the data of İzmir Cancer Registry Center (KİDEM), lung cancers constitute 21.6% of all cancers (37.2% in men and 4.9% in women) (1996-2000). The most frequent cancer in men is lung cancer. Also urinary bladder and larynx cancer at high percentages, which have been attributed to smoking, ranks among the first four cancers in men. 48.2% of cancers observed in İzmir province are associated with smoking. It is estimated that the current low percentage in women will increase in the decades to come due to the tendency of the increase in smoking addiction.

Cigarette and tobacco addiction is responsible for cardiac, vascular and lung diseases that occupy the first rank among the causes of death in Turkey.

Basic Studies Conducted in the Scope of the Project

(Preliminary studies, the number of people reached and all activities, etc will be identified in details)

In September 2005 “Regulation on Smoke-Free Institutions” was prepared and submitted to the Governorship. Upon the consent of the Governorship the regulation was distributed to all private and public organizations in İzmir province and sent to the Ministry of Health for information.

The Concrete Target and Outcomes Expected / Obtained from the Project

The concrete target expected from the project is to attach due importance to the struggle against cigarette smoking and to minimize the incidence of cancer and other diseases caused by cigarette and tobacco using by raising awareness in all public and private organizations throughout the province about the harmful effects of cigarette.

Materials Developed in the Scope of the Project

Regulation on Smoke-Free Institutions
Smoke-Free Organization Certificate

Monitoring and Evaluation Method of the Project

After making preliminary preparations, private and public agencies that are entitled to fulfill the criteria defined in the scope of Smoke-Free Institution apply to KİDEM in İzmir Provincial Health Directorate to get a “Smoke-Free Organization Certificate.” The applications are evaluated through conducting on-site inspections and the organizations that meet the conditions required by the regulation are granted their certificates.

Intermediate Results of the Project

Within the framework of the project, 42 private and public institutions and establishments applied to get Smoke-Free Organization Certificate. After the evaluation process, 38 of them were given a Smoke-Free Organization Certificate. Among these organizations, there are 21 education institutions, 5 health institutions, 9 public institutions, 2 newspaper representation offices and 1 private sector establishment.

Studies Done / to be Done for the Sustainability of this Project

Inspections are made at certain intervals, randomly, spontaneously or upon complaint to determine whether the organizations given Smoke-Free Organization Certificate continue to meet the required conditions.

