

We appreciate Turkey's commitment to and ownership of the Agenda 2030 at the international level, with its second VNR. We regret, however, not being able to see the full VNR report sooner. Unfortunately, it is not possible to say that this ownership and commitment are translated into national and local context, and the report is not congruent with realities we, as feminist CSOs, observe on the ground. While we were a part of the first step of report preparation, we see now that our inputs were not reflected in Turkey's report.

As explained in the report, steps for realization and monitoring of SDGs within Turkey has been interrupted. The national sustainable development indicator set prepared covers only 1/4th of the UN SDG Indicator set. Furthermore, a structured, stakeholder inclusive, well-resourced national SDG mechanism has not yet been established.

The legislation in place, regarding gender equality and women's human rights, is comparatively comprehensive in Turkey. Yet, the policy integration and implementation is severely delinked from legislation, and attacks on the existing rights persist. Access to and enjoyment of these legislative rights by women and girls is getting more difficult day by day, and structural backsteps are taken, due to oppositional discourses and political statements. This creates a de facto anti-gender equality context. Therefore, we ask:

1. What is planned to eliminate this de facto context and ensure progress on all SDGs from a gender equality and human rights perspective?
2. When will a structured and funded SDG implementation, monitoring and review mechanism be founded in Turkey? What efforts, if any, are undertaken to include diverse, independent civil society in the entirety of these processes?
3. What is concretely planned to ensure the integration to the society and access to services of vulnerable groups of women and girls, refugees, people with disabilities, etc., with a rights - based approach?