

# POLEN TEXTILE SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER



## OUR MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

Social Responsibility Project:  
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FSWW works with grassroots women groups at local level.

One of the biggest challenges in textile industry is the waste part. The total waste rate of the industry is around %85 which is in a decline hopefully with the increasing sustainability awareness among the brands and the producers.

Pre-consumer waste is easier to manage compared to post-consumer textile waste. But, even pre-consumer textile waste differs from fabric clips to excess fabrics and therefore requires different waste management approaches.

We are happy to announce that we have donated 822 metres of our excess fabric to FSWW (Foundation for the support of Women's Work) which is a non-profit and non-governmental organization, established in 1986 with the aim of supporting low income women groups to improve the quality of their lives.

We also would like to take the opportunity to wish all our clients and partners a Happy New Year! You've all been instrumental to our success over the past 12 months. Let's make the next 12 even better!

# FSWW – Foundation for the support of Women's Work

*The FSWW works with 60 formal and informal grassroots women groups all over Turkey.*

The Foundation for the Support of Women's Work (Kadın Emeğini Değerlendirme Vakfı - KEDV), has been working since 1986 to empower women most subject to inequalities and to overcome poverty. With this mission, KEDV has a range of programs which support the efforts of low-income women to improve their lives and strengthen their leadership in local development. KEDV also supports the establishment of women's cooperatives and joint businesses organized and managed by grassroots women, and enhances and sells products from these economic initiatives.

In addition, KEDV establishes childcare centres to increase low-income families' access to child care services, and supports women so that they play an active role in their neighbourhood's development, building resilient neighbourhoods, and in having a voice in the decisions that affect their lives. Through its programs, KEDV reaches thousands of women and children every year across Turkey.



## FSWW Programs:

- Early Child Care and Education Programs
- Individual and Collective Capacity Building Tools
- Economic Empowerment Programs

Through its Economic Empowerment program, the foundation recently started to run NAHİL Upcycling Park which is a FSWW initiative that aims to both support women's entrepreneurship and raise awareness of solidarity, environmental pollution and waste among the people of the city by reintroducing consumption waste into the economy through the hands of women.

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*'Goodness is the opportunity to be good to people who have lost hope.'*

*- Suna Yılmaz Social Responsibility Project Leader*



*Dear Polen Sanayi Tekstil Dış Tic. A.Ş.,*

By supporting our foundation with your donation,  
you have contributed to the social and  
economic empowerment of women.

KEDV has been working with low-income women  
since 1986 to empower them to transform their  
lives and societies to become a world  
free of inequality and poverty.

*Thank you for sharing this dream with us.*



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