

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK OF MIGRATION FOUNDATION

Individual or mass movements from one settlement to another or from one politically-defined territory to somewhere else due to economical, social or political reasons are defined by 'migration' phenomenon.

Migration phenomenon can occur within the borders of a political territory as well as beyond national borders. Migration which takes place within the national borders of a political territory is defined as internal migration; whereas migration which goes beyond national borders are defined as international or transnational migration.

Internal and international migratory movements can be classified by another criteria: how immigrants make their decision regarding migration and how they approve migration decision. Making decision and approval processes are used for naming migration types. If migration is decided by immigrant subjects voluntarily, this type of migration is defined as voluntary or optional migration.

If a group or a part of a population decide to immigrate as a result of oppression or persecution, migration decision is imposed on immigrant subjects by force against the subject's will,

external factors such as natural, social, economic, cultural and psychological conditions of a territory make the life impossible for inhabitants; if external conditions of territory eradicate all possibility of a sustainable humane life, this type of migration is forced migration. Forced migration can occur within the national borders of a country, as well as across international borders.

Migration has always played a crucial role in foundation processes of Ottoman Empire and Turkish Republic, as well as in shaping social, economic, cultural, psychological and ecological characteristics of Mesopotamia which includes Anatolia. Moreover, there are still a lot of significant problems caused by migratory movements. In this regard, although public is primarily responsible for fighting with the consequences and problems of migration, it is also one of the main responsibilities of all citizens and especially of civilian-democratic institutions. Migration Foundation was established in Mersin city in Çukurova region in order to realize civilian-democratic citizen sensitiveness and participation within the above-mentioned theoretical framework.

Working Fields of Migration Foundation

Based on its founding principles and working perspective, Migration Foundation focuses on 3 main working and research fields as such:

- Women
- Children
- Ecology

Migration Foundation's Works

Migration Foundation's works can be classified in 4 main points:

- Preparation of research projects
- Preparation and realization of application projects
- Opening of social service centers
- Promoting sustainable individual and social life support services
- Research Projects of Migration Foundation

Between 1997 and 2003, Migration Foundation made following research and studies in order to determine the scope, reasons and consequences of voluntary and forced migrations, and to prepare database for studies and application projects aiming at immigrants.

An Overall Evaluation on Internal Migration in Turkey (1935-1997 Period)

Forced Migration, Social Peace, and Integration (Mersin city example)

Forced Migration Report, Results, and Suggestions (Mersin city, Adanalıođlu Town)

Forced Migration, Problems Caused by Forced Migration, and Solution Suggestions (Mersin city, Adanalıođlu Town and Human Catastrophe in Vedat Dalokay Vegetable-Fruit market in Adana city, Bykşehir Municipality)

Health Problems of Immigrants and Solution Suggestions

Problems and Expectations of Immigrant Woman

Migration and Child Criminality

Migration and Children Working on the Street

Application Projects of Migration Foundation

Based on its research projects, Migration Foundation had prepared and realized following projects with local, national and international collaborations in order to create example models on the solutions of immigrants'problems.

Mother and Child Training Project

Migration, Civil Rights, Citizenship, and Law Project

Women Health House Project

Training and Vocational Counseling & Guidance for Immigrant Woman Labor Force, and Multi-purpose Counseling and Training Services for Immigrant Woman

Media and Public Relations Project

Migration, Rehabilitation and Decarceration of Children Working on the Street Project

Migration, Health Polyclinic Project

Migration and Child Project

Employment of Immigrant Young Ladies, and Amendment of their World-Views Project

After carrying its work and projects in Mersin city until 2010, Migration Foundation Center was removed to Diyarbakır city. Migration Foundation focuses on 3 main research and working fields , namely “Women, Children and Ecology.” After research and debates, Migration Foundation recognized that projects in Diyarbakır city related to Women and Ecology issues are in a sufficient level and effective, whereas studies regarding Children issues are less than enough, not efficient and remained limited. In this regard, Migration Foundation decided to carry its projects primarily on children groups which are influenced by human migration most intensively.

Although Migration Foundation plans to carry its projects and works primarily on children who are influenced by migration, Foundation's projects are not limited to them; but include all children. Projects being talked about focus on finding appropriate solutions to problems of children in developmental age.