

CIU-WEC NEWSLETTER

CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CENTER



International Women's Day CIU-WEC Women and girls under a state of emergency

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The 8th of March is an international day that recognizes the anniversary and celebrates the significant impact that women have had throughout history and their ongoing growth. The objective is to speed up the process of gender equality and to increase the empowerment of women on a global scale on both the local and the international level. This year, the Women Empowerment Center at Cyprus International University celebrated the 2023 International Women's Day with a three-day booth campaign on campus. The event was arranged with the goal of generating donations in sympathy with the recent earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria.

Due to the increased likelihood that women and girls will be disproportionately affected during times of crisis, it is essential to get an awareness of the different ways in which the impact can be mitigated and women and girls can be supported in overcoming these challenges.

We witnessed CIU students on campus make substantial contributions to the donations that were gathered to give feminine hygiene products for the victims of the earthquake in order to assist in improving the overall health and wellbeing of women and girls.

As a component of a schooling system that seeks to create a gender-just society, WEC is crucial in giving voice to the historically oppressed gender. Over the past two years, CIU-WEC has helped more than 20 young Afghan girls regain access to an education they were denied. The center makes consistent efforts to engage a sizable population of female students at the university, preparing them to take advantage of the opportunities presented by a dynamic global economy. Women and girls in crisis situations face unique obstacles, such as learning to adjust and stay strong. CIU-WEC provides psychological assistance and a safe space for these girls to acquire all the help they need, in addition to encouraging their participation in relevant seminars and conferences, to ensure their success.

UPCOMING WEC WORKSHOP

This workshop, co-curated by the CIU Psychology department, will enable students to understand and quantify the extent to which women and girls are affected in a crisis situation using a case study of the recent Turkey/Syria earthquake. The goal of this workshop is to find a long-term solution to the severe impact on women and girls affected.

