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Population: 4.321.000 2 m Altitude:







## **Project Details**

School Name: Bornova Vocational

Training Center

**Project Name:** Think Before Throwing, Recycle without Throwing, Support



### Purpose

We aimed to raise awareness about plastic and other wastes that cause environmental pollution in our school and in enterprises, and reuse plastic bottle wastes, which are the cleaning problems of our school and workplaces. Thus, we wanted to create financial opportunities for children in need with the income we obtained from the plastic wastes we collected.

#### Audience

The target audience of our project consisted of apprentice students in our school, teachers of our school and other schools, school employees, residents of the neighborhood, enterprises cooperating with our school, and all entities affected by plastic and other wastes around us.

**100** apprentice students and **3** teachers worked for the project;



- Income was provided for **Z** children in need,
- 50 kg of plastic bottles were collected,
- Awareness-raising study was carried out on **2,250** people,
- 100 thousand liters of water were saved.

### **Collaborations**

**Otokoç İzmir Ford Authorized Service** 

100 Persons

**Toy Construction Equipment Service** 

25 Persons

**Bornova Chamber of Auto Mechanics** Tradesmen and Craftsmen

1050 Persons

have worked to raise awareness of project stakeholders for environmental pollution and recyclable materials caused by plastics.



We have prepared boxes for the collection of pet bottles and plastic wastes used in our school and in the companies.



We mobilized those around us to collect pet bottles and plastic waste. We also aimed to set an example for our circle by collecting plastic bottles and plastic waste.



In particular, we discussed the issue of disposable plastics by making business visits. We explained the environmental pollution caused by plastics and carried out awareness-raising activities to use the plastics in use as many times as possible.



With the income from the collected plastics, we carry out financial support activities for children in aiming to strengthen muscles to meet around the common good.



#### What Do Beneficiaries and Implementers Think About the Project?



During the project, we have noticed the extent of damage caused by plastic waste in our schools and in the companies to nature.



In fact, we have seen how what we think of as garbage contributes to the economy.

We realized how much the garbage affects the natural life if we do not recycle.

We thought about how much plastic waste we have produced. It also harms nature to return these wastes to the economy. I wish there was a way to completely remove all single-use plastics from the system.



#### Recommendations for Implementation and Development of the Project

- Conducting studies to question the waste mentality
- Discussion of options for utilization of plastic waste
- Addressing the global and local consequences of the plastics problem
- Performing "reduction" works in order to avoid waste









