



## **A Survey about resilience of Turkish People to a Potential Disaster**

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As it is known, some of the cities in Turkey have experienced such disasters as earthquake; flood and they are continuing to experience. After all these disasters, it takes a long time for a city to recover itself. In this period, the people living in that city are important factors to use this time more effectively. For this purpose, this paper is prepared using a survey in order to evaluate and comment on the resilient capacity of the society in Turkey.

This paper, which is composed of ten questions of survey, covers basic questions that the individuals should apply in the stages of mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery which are among the cycles of a disaster such as if they have disaster plans or policies, if they are capable of applying first aid, also their knowledge about the golden hours term. Some questions are asked in order to obtain opinions of individuals about the options to fix the resilience problem. This survey has been carried out among the people who live in different cities and various occupations and also belongs to different socio-economic groups, in Turkey. This study indicates whether Turkish citizens are resilient to a potential disaster or not.

The survey has been implemented to 100 people using the telephone and the internet. According to the survey, Turkish people are not resilient to a potential disaster. Only 20% of the society is aware of the concepts of being resilient, other 80% is lack of training and knowledge to a potential disaster. Reasons to absence of preparedness, and mitigation are listed as being not educated and financial difficulties. Although the disasters that experienced in Turkey, the society have short-time awareness but then, it disappears in process of time rapidly after disaster.