



ESTABLISHMENT DECLARATION OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF GREEN CRESCENTS

Addiction shifts from being an individual problem to a social problem being prevalent all over the world. Each year, smoking causes 6 million people's death each year while alcohol-related diseases cause 3.3 million people's death. On the other hand, drug-induced deaths reached almost 200 thousand annually.

In recent years, along with new lifestyles and opportunities brought by technological developments, behavioural addictions like online gaming, gambling, sex, shopping, eating and drinking have begun to negatively affect people's lives.

We, as representatives of Green Crescents in 30 different countries, have initiated International Federation of Green Crescents by gathering in İstanbul on April 6 – 8, 2016 to convey the vision of struggling with addiction to the whole world. We believe that Turkish Green Crescent's centennial experience with addictions will be a role model to all countries in this struggle.

We work by focusing on promoting healthy lives and respecting human dignity and honour to support mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and permanent peace between member countries regardless of race, gender, religion, sect and social class.

Established in Turkey, International Federation of Green Crescents is an international public health platform that accommodates Green Crescents from all regions in the world, that adheres to democratic governance between member countries by basing its works on human rights, international law and basic universal norms.

The Federation and member Green Crescents will develop active collaborations with different social groups, international organizations, Republic of Turkey's Missions, institutions and organizations of the countries they belong. Playing an important role on determining priorities and projects to-be-applied, and on developing capacity for the struggle with addictions, the



Federation will also work for member countries to take more active role in policy development process in international arena.

As International Federation of Green Crescents and member organizations, we will conduct works based on prevention, advocacy, rehabilitation and coordination by using evidence-based methods in the struggle against addiction. Programs will be prepared with multi-faceted approach. We will seek solutions to local problems of member countries, taking local values and cultural characteristics into account. In this context, developing policies for the protection of potential younger generation from addictions in member countries will be among the priorities of the Federation. With these feelings, we wish that Green Crescents of 30 different countries and International Federation of Green Crescents will serve for the benefit of all countries and humanity. And we hereby declare that International Federation of Green Crescents is ready to collaborate with all non-governmental and international organizations in the mission to fight against addictions.

Countries

Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, China (Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region), Cyprus (TRNC), DR Congo, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Georgia, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mali, Montenegro, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Yemen