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As the US Representative Office of the Republican People's Party (CHP), our efforts to distribute free face masks in Turkey continue. By the end of this week, we will have distributed **125,000 free face masks**. We have provided free masks not only in Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir, but also in cities such as Sivas, Yozgat, Giresun, Zonguldak, Kocaeli, Konya, Karabuk and Diyarbakir.

We urge the **AKP government to stop their ban and restrictions on mask sales**. We will not be able to win the fight against COVID-19 without widespread use of masks. **The government needs to provide free masks to its citizens but also allow its sale**. This will help increase the supply, reduce the prices and result in more widespread use of masks.

Unfortunately, due to the restrictive government policies, there is currently a **black market for masks** in Turkey. This is exactly where a state needs to intervene. The government is not only failing at providing people with masks, it's also preventing the private sector solutions to the problem. This needs to be corrected immediately.

Regards,
Yurter

TOTAL MASK DONATIONS: 123,500 masks

40,000 masks Yurter Özcan
26,000 masks Cem Yolbulan
20,000 masks ODTÜ mezunları

20,000 masks Roqos Bilişim A.Ş.
5,000 masks Mustafa Merç
5,000 masks KSK Construction
2,500 masks Uğur Yıldız
2,500 masks Anonymous
1,500 masks İsmet Odabaşı and friends
500 masks Sevtap Schreffler
500 masks Münire Nilson

TOTAL DISTRIBUTED = 110,000 masks

İzmir Municipality 10,000

Ankara Municipality 20,000
CHP Ankara Branch 10,000
Ankara Leukemia Hospital 2500

CHP İstanbul Branch 40,000
İstanbul Municipality 10,000

CHP Zonguldak Branch 2500
CHP Kocaeli Branch 2500

Konya Ereğli Özgürler village 1250

Yozgat Çayıralan Municipality 1250

Konya Tuzlukçu Municipality 2500

CHP Karabük Branch 2500


CHP Diyarbakır Branch 2500


CHP Giresun Espiye Municipality 1000


CHP Sivas Gemerek Municipality 500
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REMAINING: 13,500 masks




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As the Republican People's Party (CHP) US Representative Office and the Turkish-American community, we started a campaign to produce and distribute 100,000 face masks in Turkey to help with the fight against COVID-19.

<https://twitter.com/yurterozcan/status/1254388450234597377?s=21>

Turkish Government's efforts to provide masks to its citizens through pharmacies have been insufficient and the banning of sales of masks has made many communities in Turkey vulnerable during the pandemic. We hope the AKP government ends these illegal and risky practices soon.


In the meantime, with our campaign we were able to produce 100,000 high quality face masks and they are currently being distributed in Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir by our party chapters. We will continue to help in any way we can until these difficult times are over.

FACE MASK DONATIONS

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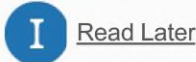
Total: 100,000



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