



The Human Rights Foundation of Turkey (HRFT), established in 1990, is a non-governmental and non-profit organisation providing treatment and rehabilitation services for torture survivors and documenting human rights violations in Turkey. The HRFT grew out of the necessity to further promote the prevention of torture in Turkey where grave human rights violations left thousands of people tortured and traumatised. The establishment process of the HRFT was launched by the Human Rights Association together with the Turkish Medical Association and founded in accordance with the Turkish Civil Code. The military coup in 1980 alone claimed hundreds of lives and left thousands of torture victims. Under these conditions, where universal human rights principles are suspended and violated, the HRFT was established with the aim of putting the human rights guaranteed by international conventions into practice at home and contributing to the struggle against torture and other human rights violations.