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ANNEX 1: Samir Abdulac's interview's regarding the "Kars Kaleiçi: Revitalization of the Ottoman Heritage: Master Conservation Plan".

Rana ZINCIR

Ms Zincir was the first person interviewed during this mission. She provided an introduction to actual and potential major stakeholders from Istanbul who were interested in the revitalization project.

Kars is traditionally more progressive than Erzurum, its regional neighbor. It is considered a pilot city by many Turkish decision makers and its Mayor ranks among the most dynamic. However, major Municipality decisions are only discussed with a small group of councilors. The future opening of the border with Armenia will certainly boost the city economy.

The institutional territorial organization in Turkey involves regions, provinces and cities. Mayors are elected but local elected assemblies have limited powers. The region level has been recently created with support from Europe, but it is still weak.

Anadolu Kültür is an important Turkish foundation that undertakes many projects. It opened an independent arts center in Diyarbakir and it is running Bilgi private university in Istanbul. Its proposal for an arts center in a Kars hammam is on the shelf for the moment due to other urgent priorities.

TESEV is a Turkish social and economic foundation. It often acts as a think tank for the government, but actually has a particular concern for the 3rd sector (civil society, as different from public or private activities).

Ms Zincir organized meetings for us with the Mayor, Mr. Toksöz and Mr. Ekinici as well as a visit to the Fener-Balat rehabilitation project. She also introduced us to Baris Altan, a young architect who acted as a guide and interpreter for us in Istanbul.

Fikret TOKSÖZ

We met Mr. Toksöz at his office at TESEV headquarters. He originally studied economics, presented a master in Public Administration and became a specialist in local governance issues. He was once a *Kaim Makam* and held other positions at the Ministry of Interior. He used to be a Deputy Mayor for Ankara and the Chairman of the Turkish Union of Historic Cities.

He explained to us that the Culture and Nature Regional Preservation Board includes architects, art historians and university members. The government provides the Board with some secretarial assistance but no specific technical manpower. It has to approve any urban plan or building permit and may meet in Kars if needed.

Mr. Toksöz has been contributing to the preparation of the recent July 2004 Municipality Law. This law provides financial incentives devoted to the protection of historic properties. It includes a 10% addition to real estate taxes that is transferred to Province Governors who will allocate them according to criteria prepared by the Ministry of Culture, even to private projects. Another incentive included in this law implies personal or corporate tax exemptions for individual or corporations when they acquire a historical building.

The "Act for the preservation of unmovable cultural entities" was earlier legislation and included a 10% addition on the housing tax as an "aid to the preservation of unmovable entities", transferred to the Municipality to be used for maintenance, restoration and rehabilitation. This act is mentioned in the "Kars Kaleiçi 2004 diagnostic report ("Revitalization of the Ottoman Heritage", Ali Nejat Sert et al, p 84)

The local chamber of architects, local universities and NGOs may attend the sessions of Municipalities' specialized commissions, but they may not vote.

Kars is a partner in the Agenda 21 program. Different City Konseyi were set up for this purpose. A Strategic Plan has to be prepared at regional level and a regional development agency should be set up later.

Kars has become much less isolated. Besides daily flights to Ankara, it also benefits now from several weekly direct flights to Istanbul.

Oktay EKINCI

Mr. Ekinci is the Chairman of the Turkish Chamber of Architects and is originally from Kars although his architectural practice is based in Istanbul. He comprehensively studied the Russian town (285 buildings) of Kars two years ago. For him this is the core of Kars heritage, as ottoman remains are quite limited.

He believes that no practical ideas are coming out so far. The Municipality does not have the budget to wipe out the ottoman district, conserve it, nor rebuild it.

Local residents would not be able to manage boutique hotels, but home pensions (bed and breakfasts) are more within their reach.

As far as he knows, there is no existing architectural and/or typological study of the ottoman residential area.

Mustafa GÖNEN

A comprehensive architectural study allocated to Ali Nejat Sert, to be carried on simultaneously with the Master Conservation Plan, was originally scheduled but not commissioned. Sert's offer

was half as expensive as his competitor's. However, their team suffered from a lack of direction since Mark Goodman passed away about two months ago.

Mr. Gönen used to be a member of Ali Nejat's planning team. On December 8, they made a presentation in Istanbul in front of the Mayor, the Rector and professors from Bilgi University, (Osman Kovala, Oktay Ekinci and Rana Zincir). They didn't receive many reactions or comments.

Traditional dresses as well as Caucasian and Kars Kilims are produced in Kars.

Many detailed analyses and figures are already provided in the Kars Kaleiçi recent report.

Asuman AYDIN, an architect who is originally from Kars, has prepared a study on Russian architecture in Kars. Her husband teaches at Ankara Ghazi University.

Ali Nejat SERT

Mustafa Gönen arranged a meeting with Mr. Sert, Seda Ünlü and Can Kubin at Mr. Sert's office. Mr. Sert, who is in charge of the Master Conservation Plan explained that all *gecekondus* are going to be wiped out above a horizontal line (or ditch) below the citadel where construction did not exist previously before the 1950's. Among an estimated population of 1,600, 1,000 would stay and 600 would be moved out.

The Kaleiçi protected district is not an "urban conservation area", but an "archaeological conservation area". The situation is practically identical.

In the previous plan new roads would cross the existing urban fabric, with no consideration for existing blocks and lots. Thanks to Can Kubin's involvement on the team, the present project is much more sensitive to the existing urban fabric, with the exception of street minimum widths due to traffic regulations. Streets have to be 7 or 10 meters wide according to their importance and construction should be 7 meters distant from the canal axis.

An architectural study of the ottoman neighborhood was originally considered, but has not been undertaken. We were given a set of 3D bird's eye views of the proposed project.

Yeni AKCAY

Though he is a businessman, Mr. Akçay is very well-read regarding Kars history. He stresses the importance of Sayh Ebul-Hassan-I Harakeni, who was the spiritual teacher of Mevlana Celal al Din al Rumi. A kulliyet was built in Kars around his tomb.

Mr. Akçay would like to own an ottoman house and would love to see Kars become a "garden of religions".

Cengis SIKLI

Mr. Sikli is the local representative of a cultural foundation called ÇEKÜL (Cevra ve Kültür Degelimi Koruma ve Tanitma Vakfi). He has no present activities, but is willing to contribute to any future projects.

Israfil PARLAK

Mr. Parklak has been running the Municipality's cultural activities on a voluntary basis for the past 20 years. In particular, he organizes Transcaucasian festivals featuring examples of Turkish, Kurdish, Azeri, Armenian and Georgian poetry, song, music and dance.

Turan ATALAY

Mr. Atalay is the Municipality's Director of Construction. His sector employs a dozen individuals but lacks architects and city planners. The computer models are obsolete. The undertaken activities are slow, but salaries are low as well. After learning new skills many of his employees leave for higher paying jobs outside the Municipality.

In the Kaleiçi neighborhood all inhabitants have access to electricity and water. Those located in the North are probably not provided with a public sanitation system. 42 "*gecekondus*" are located on the highest part above the old ditch. There are 80 lots to the west of the "cultural axis". The Municipality is intending to buy the land and the buildings.

About 205 parcels around the cultural axis would be affected by the renewal project. Mr. Atalay would welcome the implementation of tourist facilities there.

The most recent planning studies are the 1995 development plan and the 2002 conservation plan. As the Municipality is waiting for the new Master Conservation Plan, all building authorizations have suspended. Only small repairs are allowed. A Tourism Master Plan was produced by Turan Barlas in 1990-91.

Mr. Atalay believes that residents will be happy with the proposal to move into new dwellings provided by the mass housing agency. He would also eventually like to remove *gecekondus* located across the river, southwest of the site.

Unfortunately, the agency has no permanent representative in Kars, although an agreement was reached with the Mayor. When it comes to its own projects, the Municipality is already familiar with passing calls for tender and investigating bid offers. Land is provided by the Municipality to the housing agency in exchange for its involvement.

The Municipality is ready to move to a recently completed, larger and more convenient town hall building. The present one, dating back to the Russian period, would then be turned into a hotel thanks to a BOT (Build and Operate Transfer) procedure.

The Economic Directorate employs about 5 people, and is primarily in charge of price and quality control.

Ali Ihsan ALINAK

Mr. Alinak is the Chairman of the Kars Chamber of Architects which includes 11 members. Six are in private practice, one is employed in Mr. Alinak's office, one belongs to the public sector and three do not practice as architects.

They do not specialize in the restoration of old buildings but would be interested in participating in such a project. Decisions such as these cannot only be made in Istanbul. An architectural office has to be set up in Kars for this project.

The idea of an association of Kars architects and outside specialists seems appealing to him. This would provide an opportunity for capacity building.

Mr. Alinak gave some information on traditional construction techniques, such as terraces supported by a wooden structure and covered by a 40 cm of dammed earth, or masonry using Tugla bricks and rendering with Tasin quality (see drawing detail).

There are 300 to 400 stone-built structures in the Russian neighborhood. However, original Armenian masons are gone. Present ones come from Artvim and Gumusaneh.

Wood is used structurally as well as for decorative purposes. Skilled carpenters come from Artvim, Savset or Yusufeldi. Georgia is also reputed for its carpentry knowledge.

If Mr. Alinak had to prepare a call for tender, he would feel more comfortable dealing with a large construction company rather than individual craftsmen.

Omer BAGCI

Mr. Bagci is in charge of the Public Relations department of the Municipality.

The Mayor was elected with 60% of the vote. Only two members of the Municipal council out of 18 belong to the opposition. The Mayor holds regular meetings with the public and the press about three times a week, and owns one TV channel. Three radio stations belong to his brother. There are also eight local newspapers too.

People usually complain about electricity rates or ask for refunds. As the Kaleiçi project has already been publicly announced by the Mayor, people now frequently ask when it will be implemented and when *gecekondus* will be removed. People are anxious to leave the

neighborhood and the Mayor had to extend to all residents his offer to move to the new mass housing buildings.

The agreement with the agency is for the construction of 570 dwelling units, but this should later be raised to 3,200.

The tourism dimension is a major one in the project. However, no one is asking practical questions about how to participate in an individual tourism project, as if such an endeavor would be out of reach for ordinary citizens.

The mill owner wants to open a café on the riverside and the former Church of the Apostles may be given a cultural function instead of remaining a prayer hall, as it is now. A recent suggestion is to link the citadel to the lower part of the site through a telepheric.

Sengul SEZDIN

Ms. Sezdin was formerly Director of Culture in Artvim (near the Georgian border), before becoming the Province Assistant Director of Culture. She set up a project for the development of traditional weaving crafts in Artvim. The activity was organized in a restored ottoman caravanserail. An older woman taught her skills to younger ones.

There are two sorts of kilims in Kars: Bardiz and Cafcas. The sector is not strong, but it would be easy to find a teacher and repeat the experience Ms. Sezdin had in Artvim. However she has not found enough support in Kars or from Ankara. Would UNESCO provide any help?

Kenan BEKIS

Although Mr. Bekis is the Province Director of Tourism and Culture, he is not a member of Erzurum regional commission for cultural and natural sites. He forwards the reports prepared by the director of the museum to Ankara.

State-owned monuments, including vakf properties, need repairs. The Beylerbey palace's physical condition is dangerous for the schoolchildren. Funding requests have to be addressed to Ankara. Reports concerning private properties are addressed to the regional level. The province Governor may also give a grant to restore a private property.

Previously, entrance tickets to the Ani site had to be purchased in Kars. They are now directly sold in Ani.

Tourism in 2003 was significantly less important than previous years because of the invasion of Iraq.

Categories	Year	Turkish clients	Foreign clients	Total
National hotels	2001	32,553	5,059	37,612

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Municipal hotels		16,776	606	17,392
National hotels	2002	36,350	7,300	42,650
Municipal hotels		17,355	874	18,229
National hotels	2003	21,000	555	21,555
Municipal hotels		18,405	800	19,205

Hotel guests in Kars province (including Kars and Sarikamis)

The province hotels are few, but very recently their number has been consistently increasing.

	Hotels	Rooms	Beds	Restaurants (seats)
KARS	Karabag - 2*	50	85	50
	Simer - 4*	150	300	140
SARIKAMIS	Camkar - 3*	52	109	116

National registered hotels in Kars province – December 2004

Several hotels are under construction in Sarikamis. Some of them will open very soon.

	Hotels	Rooms	Beds	Restaurants (seats)
SARIKAMIS	Dedeman - 3*	78	174	160
	Dokar - 4*	142	312	330
	Topra – 5*	129	318	300

Hotels under construction in Sarikamis – December 2004

Sarikamis ski resort is quickly developing. It may be proposed as a site for the Winter Olympics. There is also a proposal to turn Sarikamis into a National Park.

Berha TIMAR

Ms. Timar is an Agenda 21 elected city council member. There are 16 Agenda 21 commissions devoted to education, culture, environment, women, transport, publications, etc.

Grants provided by the United Nations and through the Istanbul secretariat only cover travel and accommodation expenses.

She chairs the youth commission. They have had many meetings so far, but few concrete projects. As little information is available from the Municipality, she wonders how they can connect with the Kaleiçi rehabilitation project.

Nemire OYGUN

Ms. Oygün is on a visit to Berha Timar and is a member of an association supporting modern life (e.g. human rights, education for girls, help for the disabled). They get grants from private donors, such as Turkcell, HSBC, GM, Lion's Club, etc.

Her association would like to encourage the production of traditional dresses, kilims, plates or woodcrafts. They have willing teachers but lack funding.

Necmettin ALP

Mr. Alp is not only the Kars Museum director, but also the Province Director of Antiquities. He attends Erzurum Commission for cultural and natural sites when it meets in Kars.

The previous museum was located in a former Russian church. The new museum was built in 1981, in one of the city outskirts on the way to Ani. It has a modern design with large spaces. The first floor is devoted to archaeology while the second one includes traditional crafts. However, it is not heated in the winter, presumably because of budget constraints.

We were provided with 2002 and 2003 visitor's statistics. Only the former ones are significant. Turkish visitors seem more interested in the Museum and foreign tourists in the Ani site.

Location	Status	Foreign visitors	Turkish visitors
ANI	tickets	7,830	2,702
	guests	320	790
MUSEUM	tickets	2,769	3,410
	guests	240	910

Visitors to Ani site and to Kars Museum on 2002

There is a Museum week every year in May. On this day, students are allowed to visit the museum for free. Seminars and slide shows are presented in primary and secondary schools. A drawing award is also organized in schools and the best works are presented to the public in the museum hall where we saw them.

Mr. Alp is against the idea of moving his crafts collection to the Kaleiçi district. He points out that a minimum floor area of 2,000 m² is necessary to open a new museum. Moreover, permission from the Ministry of Culture is necessary.

He is interested in the ottoman neighborhood rehabilitation project as he hopes to have the old city walls unearthed and restored. Other digging projects would also be beneficial for a better understanding of Kars' past.

The Museum has good relationships with the French Institute for Anatolian Studies in Ankara and Istanbul. A Ph.D. student, originally from Kars, has been studying Kars architecture at Van University department of art history.

Arif BAYSAL

We met the Assistant Rector of Kars University, Mr. Baysal, as we heard that training in building rehabilitation techniques may be provided there. Unfortunately the Rector was away at the time of our visit. We were told by Mr. Arif Baysal that the university had departments of economy, fine arts and music. No leaflet was available. Any further questions would have to be written down beforehand and addressed to the Rector.

We were not convinced that this university would be the best place to provide professional training in rehabilitation.

Dursum ERDAGI

We met the Municipality Accountability Director in order to have an overview of the Municipality income and expenses. Mr. Erdagi provided a copy of the last Municipality budget that was translated by Mustafa Gönen (see annex).

There are three types of local taxes:

- Cleaning: 100% goes to the Municipality
- Land: 100% goes to the Municipality
- Building authorizations: 84% goes to the Municipality, 15% to the Central Government and 1% to the directorate in charge of sports.

Municipality buildings are not submitted to the latter tax. The contractor may have to pay it. The Mass Housing Agency may get tax exemption.

Mr. Erdagi confirms that regarding cultural heritage, there are exemptions on built properties and income tax deductions for efforts undertaken to protect it.

Dunyamali DEMIR

Mr. Demir is a technical assistant to the Mayor. The Municipality gives land it owns to the Mass Housing Agency who builds 5-floor apartment buildings. The new dwellings are allocated to residents designated by the Municipality, regardless of their actual title of property.

Government or municipal tapu give the same ownership rights to their holders. Residents keep asking when they will be moved out of the Kaleiçi neighborhood.

Muzaffer KEPENEVCI

The Mass Housing Agency has already produced some 450 apartments in Kars. A down payment is requested from future owners and the rest is paid in 10 years. Buildings are designed according to a model "prepared for the Kars region".

The Municipality and the Agency are presently discussing a protocol of agreement. The Agency will soon publish a call for tender. A recent bid for 753 dwelling units was cancelled. In the long term the Agency may produce up to 5,200 dwelling units in Kars.

Ismet DEMIREL

As a shopkeeper, Mr. Demirel's shop location is strategic, right after the former Church of the Apostles on the way to the school. He would also like to leave the neighborhood, but if the municipality has a tourist development project he would be eager to invest in a small hotel, even with an Ottoman architectural style. He knows of five other persons in the community who would like to do the same. He would, however, need assistance and guidance.

ANNEX 2: Samir Abdulac's Field Visits

Kars

Weather conditions, cold and ice didn't allow us to take a comprehensive tour of the Kaleiçi neighborhood. However, we were able to reach the citadel and walk along the main streets. We particularly enjoyed the panorama from the hill opposite to the citadel. We admired authentic ottoman monuments (bridges, hammams, etc.), but many mosques have lost their authenticity and the Beylerbey palace ruins are unimpressive. Ottoman houses are in very bad condition. Some of them expose a stone and wood structure that is rather unusual compared to other parts of the former empire. Newer one or two-storey houses have a picturesque quality with colors ranging from white to pastel. What are most shocking visually in the Kaleiçi area are the modern facilities. The citadel eventually deserves a specific enhancement project.

We observed several rehabilitated or re-used structures in the Russian city. We even visited an old Russian house being transformed into an eight-room boutique hotel by a local investor. Although it was wintertime, we wondered about the financial viability of the brand new 300-bed Simer hotel.

We were alone when visiting Ani where monuments are a witness to the interrelationship of civilizations. Armenia is so close that Kars might not really benefit from the expected flow of Armenian tourists visiting the site.

Istanbul

We were interested in practical examples of urban physical rehabilitation in Turkey that could be used as positive or even negative references for future projects in Kars. We were able to identify and visit three contrasting ones in Istanbul:

- Ortaköy neighborhood,
- The "French street",
- The Fener-Balat district.

Ortaköy

Ortaköy used to be a small traditional village along the Bosphorus, about five or seven km to the northeast of the Golden Horn. It had a multi-ethnic past of which remains synagogues, churches and mosques, particularly the Büyük Mecidiye Camii built in a baroque style.

Today it is a vibrant and fashionable place with many restaurants, cafés, art galleries and antique shops. On weekends and summer days its narrow streets are filled with thousands of visitors including tourists. Istanbul is a large metropolis and millions of tourists come to visit it. Many facades still have distinct ottoman shapes, but the atmosphere is so cosmopolitan that it could be located in other regions around the Mediterranean.

French Street

Mehmet Tasdiken, a young Turkish businessman, recently bought a whole steep street in the lower part of old Beyoglu. The poor population that lived there received compensation and left the area. The rehabilitation work lasted from October 2002 to July 2004. Architectural character was globally preserved and colors were added. The houses were turned into small hotels and many cafes were opened at ground floor. Some artworks were displayed in public open spaces.

The street plates keeps the original name of "Algiers Street", but istanbulis now call it the "French Street". Employees tried in the beginning to restrict access to the street to clients only, but the Municipality prevented what may have become a privatization of public space. If such endeavors continue, large sections of Beyoglu and Galata may no longer remain residential neighborhoods.

Fener-Balat

The districts of Fener (a former Greek quarter) and Balat (a former Jewish quarter) originally date back to the 5th century AD. They are contiguous and located to the west of the Golden Horn. Both lost their waterfront when a wide strip of construction was razed to be replaced by inappropriate green areas more than 15 years ago.

The study area includes 16.2 hectares, with 1,401 plots and 1,267 buildings. The population numbers about 12,000 inhabitants, with 4.5 inhabitants per household and 750 inhabitants per hectare. Properties are occupied by 60% tenants and 40% owners (including 45% in joint ownership). Many buildings require substantial (13%) or moderate (30%) rehabilitation. Interviewed inhabitants expressed their wish to participate in the rehabilitation of their neighborhood.

During the Habitat conference in 1997, UNESCO and Fatih University emphasized the importance of a large-scale residential rehabilitation project in Fener-Balat. As Istanbul is on the World Heritage list, UNESCO subsidized preliminary studies (1997-1998). An action plan followed with funding from the Municipality and the European Union who allocated 7 million Euros to the project, including 3.85 for housing rehabilitation.

Three sorts of surveys were undertaken:

- an architectural survey,
- a general survey of local community structure,
- a detailed social survey of the inhabitants of each house.

Four separate goals were defined for the Project:

1. Improvement of at least 225 residential buildings with a minimum of comfort (25% of the 902 buildings that require rehabilitation);
2. Establishment of social facilities in the district: mother care education center, post schooling center, center for resocialization of drug addicts;
3. Providing an employment and vocational training activity, such as a craftsmen's house and a technical institute of textiles,

4. Making the district habitable through the improvement of infrastructure, public services and the urban environment.

In 2002 the EU made a call for tender for a service contract to select a technical assistance team (TAT) to manage the program. Meanwhile, UNESCO restored a building in Fener to serve as a "Heritage House", providing community services. It was later used as the office of the Project's local team.

This is where we met Güven Birkan, the Turkish coordinator who complained about the weight of European procedures. A complete folio with very detailed drawings and specifications has to be produced for every single building and a call for tender has to be prepared for each group of 25 buildings.

We were provided with a complete presentation brochure and the web site (www.fenerbalat.org) continues to update its information since last December. This last project is therefore much better documented than the other two and it is the only one that aims at such a high and comprehensive level of architectural and social achievement.

ANNEX 3: Social Surveys**KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ (35 Interviews)****Interview # 1 of 50**

Gül Taşdemir, 44

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	Bath, WC and Kitchen
Special living arrangements	Free living / No rent
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Parents & 3 children (22 M, 17 F, 15 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Seasonal construction worker
Employment status	Unemployed
Job location & transport	Location changes
Children (school & transport)	Daughter goes to high school on foot
Length of residence	17 years
Previous place of residence	Kars Province– nearby village
Attitude regards the house	Almost like it
Attitude regards the mahalle	Insufficient social infrastructure
Built, bought or rented the house	Use their father's house
Alterations/repairs	Some small repairs
Types of repair/improvements	Insulation of the windows and doors
Cost of improvement	Work undertaken 5-6 years ago
How was it financed?	By themselves
Who did the actual work?	The father
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	~ 500 YTL (depends also son's wage earnings who is currently unemployed)
Major expenditure category?	Food and heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Very Good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Police station, social centre
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	They like their mahalle but they wish they had more facilities around

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 2 of 50**

Rasim Urtanur, 40

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	4
Existing facilities	Bath + WC (together) and very small kitchen (in the corridor near the entrance)
Special living arrangements	Rent
Number of families	1
Number of persons	3
Household composition	Parents & 1 child (13 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Worker – salesman
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	City center
Children (school & transport)	Son goes to secondary school (in the mahalle)
Length of residence	22 years
Previous place of residence	Kars Province – Akkaya county
Attitude regards the house	Likes it
Attitude regards the mahalle	Demands road improvements, parks
Built, bought or rented the house	They rented the house
Alterations/repairs	Undertook urgent minor repairs
Types of repair/improvements	Roof, windows, entrance of the house
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	By themselves
Who did the actual work?	Worker
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	~ 600 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food, heating and schooling
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Very Good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Yes
Improvements desired	Parks and gardens
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mahalles in the city center

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 3 of 50**

Rabia Karaca, 35

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	Bath, WC, Kitchen
Special living arrangements	Living free / No rent
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Parents & 3 children (14 M, 9 F, 6 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Worker
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	City center
Children (school & transport)	Elder children go to school (in the mahalle)
Length of residence	10 years
Previous place of residence	Kars Province – Digor county
Attitude regards the house	Like it
Attitude regards the mahalle	Want parks, improved roads and shops
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Roof
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	By themselves
Who did the actual work?	Worker
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	~ 650 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food and schooling
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Very Good
Joint activities	-
Mutual assistance if any	Yes
Improvements desired	Roads
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass Housing Area

KALEİÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 4 of 50**

Sibel Koru, 21

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3 rooms
Existing facilities	Bath, WC, kitchen
Special living arrangements	They own the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Parents & 2 children (21 F, 19 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Official
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	City center
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	15 years
Previous place of residence	Kaleiçi Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Likes it
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes it but demands more social facilities and training programs
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	Sometimes some small repairs when necessary
Types of repair/improvements	Roof, windows, entrance of the house
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	By themselves
Who did the actual work?	Worker
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	~ 600 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food, heating and schooling
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Very Good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Yes
Improvements desired	Parks and gardens
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mahalles in the city center

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 5 of 50**

Öztürk Yıldız, 40

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	2
Existing facilities	Bath + WC (together), kitchen
Special living arrangements	-
Number of families	1
Number of persons	1
Household composition	-
Number of wage earners	0
Occupation	None. Unskilled.
Employment status	Unemployed
Job location & transport	-
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	7 years
Previous place of residence	Atatürk Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Likes it
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes mahalle and demands more social facilities and financial aid
Built, bought or rented the house	He rented the house
Alterations/repairs	Sometimes some small repairs when necessary
Types of repair/improvements	Windows
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	By himself
Who did the actual work?	Himself
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	~ 300 YTL (pension)
Major expenditure category?	Food and heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Not bad
Joint activities	No
Mutual assistance if any	Yes
Improvements desired	Parks and gardens
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	New residential areas

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 6**

Çetin Gürbüzoglu, 40

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	6
Existing facilities	Bath, WC, kitchen
Special living arrangements	-
Number of families	1
Number of persons	3
Household composition	Parents & 1 child (17 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Carpenter
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	Industry Zone, shuttle bus
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	17 years
Previous place of residence	Akyaka county
Attitude regards the house	Likes the house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes life in the mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	He bought the house
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Added 2 rooms
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	He financed it himself
Who did the actual work?	He did the actual work
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	600-700 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food, heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	-
Mutual assistance if any	Not good, not bad
Improvements desired	Roads and social infrastructure
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Yenimahalle, Bahcelievler Mahallesi

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 7 of 50**

Nazire Dengo, 56

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	5
Existing facilities	Bathroom, WC and kitchen exist
Special living arrangements	They own the house
Number of families	3
Number of persons	13
Household composition	Grand parents (86 M, 81 F) Parents (63 M, 56 F) Son #1 and daughter in law (36 M, 32 F) Grandchildren (13 M, 9 F, 6 M) Son #2 and daughter in law (30 M, 26 F) Grandchildren (4 M, 1 F)
Number of wage earners	3 + 1 (pension)
Occupation	2 Construction Workers and 1 shopkeeper
Employment status	All Employed
Job location & transport	By car, shuttle bus, on foot
Children (school & transport)	By foot
Length of residence	35 years
Previous place of residence	Digor
Attitude regards the house	Likes the house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	Almost rebuilt the house
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Added 3 rooms. Roof, windows
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Themselves
Who did the actual work?	Themselves
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	More than 1000-1200 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food, heating, cigarettes, health, schooling
Relatives living in mahalle	Yes, 2 relatives
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Yes
Mutual assistance if any	If needed
Improvements desired	Improved roads, parks and gardens
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	New residential areas

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 8 of 50**

Orhan Sakman, 52

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	4
Existing facilities	Only WC exists. No kitchen or bathroom
Special living arrangements	They own the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	6
Household composition	Parents & 4 children (26 M, 22 M, 17 F, 15 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Retired and (occasionally employed) sons
Employment status	-
Job location & transport	-
Children (school & transport)	Youngest daughter walks to school
Length of residence	More than 25 years
Previous place of residence	Digor county
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes the house, not enough room, lacking facilities: bathroom and kitchen
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes the mahalle, lacking social facilities, no job opportunities
Built, bought or rented the house	Bought the house
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	Add a room and changed the roof
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Workers
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	400 YTL or even less (?)
Major expenditure category?	Food, heating
Relatives living in mahalle	1 relative
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	More parks, wider roads
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	City center

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 9 of 50**

Yılmaz İkiz, 71

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	4
Existing facilities	WC, bathroom and kitchen exist
Special living arrangements	He owns the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Wife (61 M) Son/Daughter and wife/husband (39 M, 37 F) Granddaughter (17 F)
Number of wage earners	1 + 1 pension
Occupation	Hair dresser, retired
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	City center, on foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	Almost 50 years
Previous place of residence	Akyaka county
Attitude regards the house	Likes the house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	He built the house with his brother
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	He changed the windows
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Themselves
Who did the actual work?	He built the house with his brother
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	700 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food and heating. Also they are sending money to the son who is in the military service
Relatives living in mahalle	1 relative
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	-
Mutual assistance if any	Yes
Improvements desired	Improved roads. More public buildings and facilities such as police station, parks, etc.
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Bahçelievler Mahallesi, Yenimahalle, Halit Paşa Mahallesi

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 10 of 50**

Soner Demir, 30

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	2
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC (together), kitchen
Special living arrangements	He owns the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	3
Household composition	Parents & 1 child (6 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	On foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	7 years
Previous place of residence	Kaleiçi Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes
Built, bought or rented the house	He bought the house
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Roof
Cost of improvement	1000 YTL (last year's figure)
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Workers
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	700 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Child, food, heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Not bad
Joint activities	-
Mutual assistance if any	Not that much
Improvements desired	Playgrounds, parks, kindergarten, social centre
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	New residential area, mass housing

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 11 of 50**

Erdogan Kurtbas, 35

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	2
Existing facilities	Bathroom, WC, kitchen
Special living arrangements	He owns the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Parents & 2 children (11 M, 6 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Worker in sugar factory
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By shuttle bus
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	16 years
Previous place of residence	Kagizman county
Attitude regards the house	Likes his house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	He got the house as an inheritance
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Windows
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Workers
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	~1000 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food, heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Yes
Mutual assistance if any	Yes, if any
Improvements desired	Improved roads and infrastructure, natural gas
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	They would like to move to the mass housing area

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 12 of 50**

Nizamettin Çınar, 48

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC together and kitchen
Special living arrangements	He owns the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Parents & 3 children (18 F, 16 F, 13 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Worker in Village Services
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By shuttle bus
Children (school & transport)	16 F and 13 F go to school by foot
Length of residence	23 years
Previous place of residence	Village nearby Akyaka county
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes it
Built, bought or rented the house	He bought the house
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Add one room
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Workers
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	1000 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food and heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Yes sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Yes
Improvements desired	Social centre, job opportunities, police station
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 13 of 50**

Bahar Yolcu, 45

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	4
Existing facilities	WC exists, no bathroom or kitchen
Special living arrangements	They own the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Grandmother (69 F) Brother-in-law (34 M) – occasionally Daughter (21 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Worker
Employment status	Unemployed
Job location & transport	-
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	30 years
Previous place of residence	Yusufpasa Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it, lacking bathroom and kitchen
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes it, it is in bad condition
Built, bought or rented the house	They bought the house
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	They built WC
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Himself
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	500 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating, food
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Not bad
Joint activities	Yes
Mutual assistance if any	Yes, when necessary
Improvements desired	Many things need to change in the mahalle
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 14 of 50**

Ismail Aydeniz, 70

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	2
Existing facilities	Bathroom, WC and kitchen
Special living arrangements	He owns the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	6
Household composition	Wife (67 F) Son/daughter and partner (45 M, 38 F) Grandchildren (16 M, 13 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Baker
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	45-50 years
Previous place of residence	Village in Kagizman county
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it, insufficient number of rooms
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes it, bad and lacking infrastructure
Built, bought or rented the house	He bought the house
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	They changed the roof
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Himself
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	800 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food, heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Yes
Mutual assistance if any	Always
Improvements desired	Improved roads, drainage, sewerage, schools.
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 15 of 50**

Hazal Yildirim, 56

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC together, kitchen exists
Special living arrangements	He owns the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	1
Household composition	-
Number of wage earners	1 pension from her death husband
Occupation	Housewife
Employment status	-
Job location & transport	-
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	35 years
Previous place of residence	Yusufpasa Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Likes her house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	Her husband bought the house
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	He and her son added one room
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Workers
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	300 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food and heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Yes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Better looking mahalle, improved infrastructure
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	New residential areas like Bahcelievler Mahallesi and Yenimahalle

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 16 of 50**

Nadime Özbasaran, 35

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	4
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC altogether, kitchen exists
Special living arrangements	They own the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Parents & 3 children (13 M, 11 M, 8 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Worker
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By shuttle bus
Children (school & transport)	All of them go to school by foot
Length of residence	14 years
Previous place of residence	She came from Kagizman after she was married, her husband's family used to live in this mahalle for a long time (more than 50-60 years)
Attitude regards the house	Likes her house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	Her husband bought the house from his other brothers when it was inherited from his father.
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Repaired façade and roof
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Himself
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	1000 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Schooling, heating and food
Relatives living in mahalle	Yes, 3 relatives of his husband
Relations with neighbors	Yes
Joint activities	Always
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Social facilities are missing, also parks and gardens. Roads are bad
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 17 of 50**

Mercan Yalçın, 37

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	2
Existing facilities	No kitchen. Bathroom & WC altogether.
Special living arrangements	Renter
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Parents & 3 children (11 F, 8 M, 2 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Worker
Employment status	Unemployed for the moment, searching for a job
Job location & transport	-
Children (school & transport)	Elder children walk to school
Length of residence	14 years
Previous place of residence	Atatürk Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes – missing facilities
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes – icy roads, bad sewerage system
Built, bought or rented the house	Rented it
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Small repair in the roof
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Himself
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	400-500 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Schooling, food, heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Not bad
Joint activities	Yes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Improved roads and infrastructure
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing area

KALEİÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 18 of 50**

Nuriye Dastemir, 16

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	4
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC (together), kitchen
Special living arrangements	They rent the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Parents & 2 children (16 F, 11 M)
Number of wage earners	1 (+1) (wife works in cleaning sometimes)
Occupation	Worker
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By shuttle bus
Children (school & transport)	They walk to school
Length of residence	20 years
Previous place of residence	Her parents came to Kaleiçi Mahallesi from Fevzi Çakmak Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes the house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	Rented
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Built WC
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Himself
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	something like 600 YTL or more
Major expenditure category?	Heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No relatives
Relations with neighbors	Yes
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Playgrounds, parks, gardens and good quality roads (now the roads are sloppy and icy during winter, children thus have problems walking to school.
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing area, new houses...

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 19 of 50**

Tülay Çavli, 26

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	4
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC together, kitchen exists
Special living arrangements	They rented the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	2
Household composition	Couple with no children
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Working in a shop
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	5 years
Previous place of residence	Another mahalle in Kars Province
Attitude regards the house	Likes her house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	Rent
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	They isolated the windows
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Himself
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	400 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No relative in the mahalle
Relations with neighbors	Yes
Joint activities	-
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Roads are in bad condition, drainage, sewerage
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	City center

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 20 of 50**

Muazzez Lala, 18

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	2
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC (together), no kitchen
Special living arrangements	They rented the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Parents & 2 children (2 F, 1 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Construction worker during the summer, tries to find something else in winter
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	Depends on Job
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	3
Previous place of residence	Kars city center
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes her house – very cold in winter
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle – bad condition
Built, bought or rented the house	Renter
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Repaired windows and roof
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself using materials he brought from construction
Who did the actual work?	Himself
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	500 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating and food
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Always
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Natural gas, improved roads (now roads are sloppy and icy and there are no parks and gardens).
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing area, if possible

KALEİÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 21 of 50**

Gülten Basak, 50

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC altogether, no kitchen
Special living arrangements	They own the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	2
Household composition	-
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	More than 30 years
Previous place of residence	Fevzi Çakmak Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Likes her house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	They bought the house from the previous owner (who was their landlord)
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Painted the façade, added one room
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Workers
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	750 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating and food
Relatives living in mahalle	Yes 1 relative
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Bad condition roads, sewerage problems
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing area, new residential areas near airport (they have relatives in that district, they like it)

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 22 of 50**

Gülseren Yıldırım, 23

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC (together), no kitchen
Special living arrangements	They rented the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	2
Household composition	Wife and Husband (27 F, 29 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Official
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By shuttle bus
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	9 years
Previous place of residence	Halit Pasa Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it because it is cold in winter and because of its leaking roofs
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle, because of its conditions
Built, bought or rented the house	Renter
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Isolated windows
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Husband
Who did the actual work?	Her husband's brother
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	800 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating, food and health (she has a disease)
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Not so much
Mutual assistance if any	-
Improvements desired	Improved infrastructure. Roads are sloppy and icy. They used to carry water in the past. Now it's better.
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	New neighborhoods

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 23 of 50**

Ayşe Demir, 50

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC (together), kitchen
Special living arrangements	They own the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	2
Household composition	Wife and Husband (50 F, 56 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Official
Employment status	Retired
Job location & transport	-
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	33 years
Previous place of residence	Kagizman
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it because it doesn't have a separate bathroom
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle because it is like a dumpster
Built, bought or rented the house	Her husband built the house when they were newly married
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Added a room
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Himself
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	300 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating and food
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Lots of things has to change in the mahalle in terms of social and physical infrastructure
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing area

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 24 of 50**

Serap Çelikli, 23

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	5
Existing facilities	Bathroom, WC and kitchen
Special living arrangements	Living free / No rent
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Children (4 F, 1 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Worker
Employment status	Unemployed
Job location & transport	-
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	5 years
Previous place of residence	Akyaka
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes, because it's cold during the winter
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	Her husband's family built the house years ago
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	They repaired the roof
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	Himself
Who did the actual work?	Himself
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	n/a
If yes, which part of the house?	n/a
Deterring factors	n/a
What can be done?	n/a
Household expenditures?	? (unemployed and sometimes supported by her father-in-law)
Major expenditure category?	Heating and food
Relatives living in mahalle	Yes, 1 relative
Relations with neighbors	Not bad
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Always
Improvements desired	The conditions in the mahalle are not easy to improve
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	City center, new residential areas...

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 25 of 50**

Ahmet Erdogan, 40

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	1
Existing facilities	Shop (No WC etc.)
Special living arrangements	He owns the shop
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Children (12 M, 9 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Unemployed
Job location & transport	He lives and works in the same mahalle
Children (school & transport)	On foot
Length of residence	14 years
Previous place of residence	Village nearby Kars city centre
Attitude regards the house	Likes his shop even though it's small
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	n/a
Alterations/repairs	No
Types of repair/improvements	n/a
Cost of improvement	n/a
How was it financed?	n/a
Who did the actual work?	n/a
Problems encountered	n/a
How were they resolved?	n/a
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	-
Household expenditures?	600 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating and schooling
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Very good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Always (he usually gives on credits for the poor)
Improvements desired	Infrastructure improvements (now roads are icy in winter and dusty in summer).
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	City center

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 26 of 50**

Mahmut Bekinkaya, 45

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	1
Existing facilities	Shop (there is WC inside his shop)
Special living arrangements	He rents the shop
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Parents, 2 children (17 F, 14 M) & grandmother (72 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	He lives in the same mahalle
Children (school & transport)	Son walks to school, daughter graduated from high school
Length of residence	More than 50 years
Previous place of residence	Akyaka
Attitude regards the house	Likes his shop
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	No
Types of repair/improvements	n/a
Cost of improvement	n/a
How was it financed?	n/a
Who did the actual work?	n/a
Problems encountered	n/a
How were they resolved?	n/a
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	-
Household expenditures?	500 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating, schooling and food
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Not bad
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Social activities, sports fields, parks and gardens needed to be done
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	New residential areas

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 27 of 50**

Seyfettin Koç, 49

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	1
Existing facilities	Shop (No WC etc.)
Special living arrangements	He owns the shop
Number of families	1
Number of persons	6
Household composition	Parents & 4 children (15 M, 13 F, 11 M, 6 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	He lives and works in the same mahalle
Children (school & transport)	Elder children walk to school
Length of residence	35 years
Previous place of residence	Kagizman
Attitude regards the house	Likes his shop
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle (for his children) because of its poor conditions.
Built, bought or rented the house	n/a
Alterations/repairs	n/a
Types of repair/improvements	n/a
Cost of improvement	n/a
How was it financed?	n/a
Who did the actual work?	n/a
Problems encountered	n/a
How were they resolved?	n/a
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	Waiting for the municipality's resettlement project, but he is going to move his house and shop in any case.
Household expenditures?	800 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating, schooling, food and other expenses
Relatives living in mahalle	1 relative
Relations with neighbors	Not good, not bad
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Roads, infrastructure, social facilities are needed
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	City centre, new residential areas, mass housing

KALEİÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 28 of 50**

Mikail Yildirim, 69

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	1
Existing facilities	Shop (there is WC inside his shop)
Special living arrangements	He owns the shop
Number of families	1
Number of persons	3
Household composition	Parents & 1 child (29 F – widow)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	He lives in the Sukapi Mahallesi. On foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	Resident for over 40 years. Shop owner for 9 years
Previous place of residence	Sukapi Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Likes his shop, but doesn't like his house in Sukapi Mahallesi
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes Sukapi, likes Kaleiçi because it is in better condition
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	No
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	No need
Household expenditures?	400 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No relatives
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Not that much
Improvements desired	Both Sukapi and Kaleiçi mahallesi have to be reorganized and redesigned.
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	City center

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 29 of 50**

İsmet Demiral, 52

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	6. 1 (shop) + 5 (rooms upstairs in the same building)
Existing facilities	Shop has a WC. House has a kitchen and a bathroom
Special living arrangements	He owns the shop and the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Parents & 3 children (16 M, 13 F, 6 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	He lives and works in the same mahalle
Children (school & transport)	By foot
Length of residence	Nearly 40 years
Previous place of residence	Kars
Attitude regards the house	Likes his shop and house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes his mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	Yes or No
If yes, which part of the house?	Heating system
Deterring factors	Municipality's resettlement project
What can be done?	Nothing, if he is going to be relocated
Household expenditures?	800 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No relatives
Relations with neighbors	Very good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Infrastructure should be improved, new social facilities and more green areas.
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	City center

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 30 of 50**

Soner Inaltekin, 75

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	2
Existing facilities	No WC or kitchen, bathroom exists
Special living arrangements	Her son rented the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Mother with her son (49) and his wife (42) and grandson (21)
Number of wage earners	1 + 1 (the son works with his father)
Occupation	Shopkeeper, selling cheese and honey
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	On foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	Almost 60 years
Previous place of residence	Kagizman county
Attitude regards the house	Likes her house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	Yes
If yes, which part of the house?	Add one room
Deterring factors	They don't have a building permit
What can be done?	Nothing
Household expenditures?	-
Major expenditure category?	Heating and food
Relatives living in mahalle	No relatives
Relations with neighbors	Very good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Improved infrastructure. Roads, sewerage system is in bad condition.
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Halit Pasa Mahallesi, city center

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 31 of 50**

Leyla Aladag, 30

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	2 rooms
Existing facilities	WC & bathroom (together), kitchen
Special living arrangements	They rented the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	2
Household composition	No children
Number of wage earners	2
Occupation	Both of them are workers
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	Woman by shuttle bus, man by foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	11 years
Previous place of residence	Digor
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes her house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	Nothing because they are renters and want to move.
Household expenditures?	650 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating, food
Relatives living in mahalle	No, all of them are in Digor
Relations with neighbors	Not good, not bad
Joint activities	-
Mutual assistance if any	Little
Improvements desired	Many things have to change in this mahalle
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	New residential areas

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 32 of 50**

Nilgün Güven, 42

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	2 rooms
Existing facilities	WC & bathroom (together), no specific kitchen
Special living arrangements	They are living free / No rent
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Parents & 2 children (20 M, 16 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shoemaker
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By foot
Children (school & transport)	16 M goes to school by foot
Length of residence	Nearly 20 years
Previous place of residence	Yusufpasa Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes her house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	There is no money to do anything
Household expenditures?	
Major expenditure category?	500 YTL
Relatives living in mahalle	Heating, food, schooling
Relations with neighbors	1 relative
Joint activities	Good
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Sometimes
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	New shops, parks, playgrounds, police station
	Other good mahalles

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 33 of 50**

Neval Tekin, 46

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3 rooms
Existing facilities	WC, bathroom and kitchen
Special living arrangements	Renters
Number of families	1
Number of persons	3
Household composition	Parents & 1 child (17 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	26 years
Previous place of residence	Ardahan
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes her house since the roof leaks
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle because it lacks infrastructure
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	Yes
If yes, which part of the house?	Roof
Deterring factors	
What can be done?	Future of the project
Household expenditures?	?
Major expenditure category?	400 YTL
Relatives living in mahalle	Heating, food
Relations with neighbors	No
Joint activities	Good
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Always
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Improved physical and social infrastructure
	Mass housing

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 34 of 50**

Kivanc Ertan, 27

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	2 rooms
Existing facilities	WC & bathroom altogether, kitchen
Special living arrangements	He rented the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	3
Household composition	Parents & 1child (3 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Worker
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	5 years
Previous place of residence	Kars city centre
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes his house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	He is a renter and he is thinking of moving
Household expenditures?	450 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating, food
Relatives living in mahalle	No, he has relatives in Kars
Relations with neighbors	Very good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Recreational and social facilities, sports field
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	New residential areas

KALEIÇİ MAHALLESİ**Interview # 35 of 50**

Semih Duran, 36

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3 rooms
Existing facilities	WC, bathroom and kitchen
Special living arrangements	No rent (it is his father's house)
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Parents & 2 children (10 F, 7 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Official
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By shuttle bus
Children (school & transport)	By foot
Length of residence	11 years
Previous place of residence	Kagizman
Attitude regards the house	Likes his house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Likes mahalle
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	Yes
If yes, which part of the house?	Windows
Deterring factors	He will do it this summer
What can be done?	-
Household expenditures?	500 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Schooling, heating, food
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Improved roads and infrastructure
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing, city center

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Çetin Dilaver, 32

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	Bathroom, WC, kitchen
Special living arrangements	He owns the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Parents, 2 children (11 M, 6 F), & grandmother (62).
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Electrician
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By foot
Children (school & transport)	11 M goes to school by foot
Length of residence	22 years
Previous place of residence	Near Sukapı Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Likes his house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes because of insufficient garbage collection and bad quality of roads
Built, bought or rented the house	Bought it from another family
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	Added a room
Cost of improvement	?
How was it financed?	He financed it himself
Who did the actual work?	Workers did the actual work
Problems encountered	Illegally built
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	Yes
If yes, which part of the house?	He is thinking about changing the roof
Deterring factors	He is expectant about the municipality's plans for the mahalle
What can be done?	-
Household expenditures?	400 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating, cigarettes, food, schooling
Relatives living in mahalle	1 relative
Relations with neighbors	Good, not bad
Joint activities	-
Mutual assistance if any	If necessary
Improvements desired	Lots of things have to change in the mahalle
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing area

SUKAPI MAHALLESİ**Interview # 37 of 50**

Gülşen Turhan, 49

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	Bathroom, WC and kitchen exist
Special living arrangements	They own the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Parents with Son (25) his wife (20) & son (2)
Number of wage earners	2
Occupation	Father is an official, son is a worker
Employment status	Both of them are employed
Job location & transport	Father by shuttle bus, son by foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	22
Previous place of residence	Digor county
Attitude regards the house	They don't like it so much
Attitude regards the mahalle	Social facilities are lacking
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	No clear future of the mahalle
Household expenditures?	~750 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating, baby needs, food
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Very good
Joint activities	No
Mutual assistance if any	They help if needed
Improvements desired	Improved social and physical infrastructure
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Kars city center

SUKAPI MAHALLESİ**Interview # 38 of 50**

Ali Rıza Topçu, 42

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	4
Existing facilities	Bathroom, WC and kitchen exist
Special living arrangements	He owns the building
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Parents, 1 Son (15), & grandfather (70)
Number of wage earners	1 + 1 (pension)
Occupation	Teacher
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By shuttle bus
Children (school & transport)	On foot
Length of residence	15 years
Previous place of residence	Halitpasa Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Likes the house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes the mahalle, insufficient facilities
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	No clear future of mahalle
Household expenditures?	900-1000 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Schooling, heating, food, sending money to one of his daughter studying in Van.
Relatives living in mahalle	Yes, 2 relatives
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	For sure, if it is needed
Improvements desired	Social and cultural facilities, improved physical infrastructure
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mass housing area

SUKAPI MAHALLESİ**Interview # 39 of 50**

Aliye Sinir, 38

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	4
Existing facilities	Bathroom, WC and kitchen
Special living arrangements	They own the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Parents, Daughter (8), Son (12), & Grandfather (71),
Number of wage earners	1 + 1 (pension)
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	On foot
Children (school & transport)	Both of them go to school by foot
Length of residence	12 years
Previous place of residence	Atatürk Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it because of the house conditions (insufficient insulation and poor sewerage)
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle since it is not likely to get natural gas (because of the slope), and since it will never be improved
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	They want to move to the city center
Household expenditures?	500-600 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Health, food, heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Seldom
Mutual assistance if any	If needed
Improvements desired	Many things
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	City center or new residential areas

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Hasan Basboga, 44

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	WC and bathroom, no kitchen
Special living arrangements	They own the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	6
Household composition	Parents & 4 children (15 F, 12 M, 9 M, 6 F)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Driver
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By car
Children (school & transport)	On foot
Length of residence	20
Previous place of residence	Village nearby Kars city centre
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it because it has no kitchen
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes it because of it poor sewerage and icy roads
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	Yes
If yes, which part of the house?	Kitchen
Deterring factors	Waiting for municipality's decision
What can be done?	?
Household expenditures?	200 YTL (not persuasive)
Major expenditure category?	Heating, food
Relatives living in mahalle	1 relative
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	-
Mutual assistance if any	If necessary
Improvements desired	Infrastructure
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	They would like their mahalle to look like new residential areas

SUKAPI MAHALLESİ**Interview # 41 of 50**

Fahrettin Kalkan, 45

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	4
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC (together), no kitchen
Special living arrangements	Renter
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Parents & 2 children (13 F, 10 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By foot
Children (school & transport)	On foot
Length of residence	8
Previous place of residence	Üçler Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it because it lacks a kitchen and because of its WC, small rooms and insulation problems
Attitude regards the mahalle	Insufficient infrastructure
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	Renter
Household expenditures?	400-450 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Schooling, heating, food
Relatives living in mahalle	-
Relations with neighbors	Very good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Not so much
Improvements desired	Infrastructure
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Livable neighborhoods

SUKAPI MAHALLESİ**Interview # 42 of 50**

Onur Dogan, 33

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	1
Existing facilities	Shop (No WC etc.)
Special living arrangements	He rents the shop
Number of families	1
Number of persons	4
Household composition	Parents & 2 children (7 F, 3 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	
	Employed
Job location & transport	By foot
Children (school & transport)	On foot
Length of residence	19 years
Previous place of residence	Kagizman county
Attitude regards the house	Complains of bad quality of construction
Attitude regards the mahalle	Complains of insufficient roads and poor sewerage
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	There is no future for the mahalle
Household expenditures?	~400 YTL
Major expenditure category?	School and heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Yes
Mutual assistance if any	Yes
Improvements desired	Wider roads
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	New settled districts

SUKAPI MAHALLESİ**Interview # 43 of 50**

Hasan Adigüzel, 44

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	1
Existing facilities	Shop (No WC etc.)
Special living arrangements	He owns the shop
Number of families	1
Number of persons	5
Household composition	Parents & 3 Children (15 F, 13 M, 5 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	By foot
Children (school & transport)	On foot
Length of residence	25 years
Previous place of residence	Fevzi Çakmak Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes it because of its icy roads, insufficient water and sewerage problems.
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	It doesn't make any sense to do anything
Household expenditures?	~500 YTL
Major expenditure category?	School, food and heating
Relatives living in mahalle	Yes, 1 relative
Relations with neighbors	Very good
Joint activities	Yes
Mutual assistance if any	Yes
Improvements desired	Better looking buildings, infrastructure
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	City center

ÜÇLER MAHALLESİ (7 Interviews)**Interview # 44 of 50**

İskender Kuyumcu, 63

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	5
Existing facilities	Bath & kitchen, (WC is outside and shared)
Special living arrangements	He owns the building
Number of families	4
Number of persons	9
Household composition	1 grandfather, 1 grandmother & 3 more families (they are all the sons of the grandparents) One of the families has one daughter (5 F) The other two are newly married.
Number of wage earners	1 + 3
Occupation	Grandfather is retired. The other 3 sons are seasonal construction workers.
Employment status	Unemployed or seasonally employed
Job location & transport	-
Children (school & transport)	No children going to school yet
Length of residence	More than 25 years in this mahalle
Previous place of residence	Grandfather was born in Kars city centre
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it because it doesn't have sewerage
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes it because of difficult access during winter and because its roads are all icy and very steep
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	Yes
Types of repair/improvements	They made an extension and added one more room
Cost of improvement	They undertook the improvements a long time ago so it is impossible to give a figure
How was it financed?	By themselves
Who did the actual work?	The sons did the actual work
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	Yes
If yes, which part of the house?	They need to insulate all the windows and change the whole leaking roof.
Deterring factors	No clear future of the mahalle and no money
What can be done?	-
Household expenditures?	~ 500 – 700 YTL. During winter it is even more
Major expenditure category?	Mainly heating esp. during winter and food
Relatives living in mahalle	Friends but not relatives in the mahalle
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	When necessary they help their neighbors
Improvements desired	Improved roads, social facilities
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Mahalles around city center

ÜÇLER MAHALLESİ**Interview # 45 of 50**

Leyla Ayağlar, 42

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	WC outside – bathroom very small – almost no kitchen
Special living arrangements	He rents the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	3
Household composition	Grandmother (67 F) living with his son's family
Number of wage earners	1 (taking rent – this is the only money they get)
Occupation	-
Employment status	Unemployed (45 M)
Job location & transport	-
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	24
Previous place of residence	Kars – village nearby Kars centre
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes house, because of WC outside, no kitchen, etc
Attitude regards the mahalle	No sewerage system, garbage and pollution
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	No
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	They are waiting for resettlement in the new residential area.
Household expenditures?	150-250 YTL (and 100 YTL more for the rent)
Major expenditure category?	Food and heating
Relatives living in mahalle	Two relatives of the husband
Relations with neighbors	Very good, they like their mahalle
Joint activities	Often
Mutual assistance if any	Yes
Improvements desired	Social facilities – job opportunities
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Anywhere except other places like this one, that is neighborhoods with better physical infrastructure.

ÜÇLER MAHALLESİ**Interview # 46 of 50**

İsmet İsvarlar, 60

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	3
Existing facilities	No bathroom, no WC
Special living arrangements	He owns the building
Number of families	1
Number of persons	1. His wife died. His children migrated to Istanbul.
Household composition	-
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Works in coffee shop
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	On foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	35
Previous place of residence	Fevzi Çakmak Mahallesi
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it because of the roof and windows
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes it because of its icy roads, and poor sewerage and water supply systems.
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	He wants to go to the mass housing district, so he won't put any money into improvements.
Household expenditures?	300-400 YTL. His son also sends some money.
Major expenditure category?	Heating
Relatives living in mahalle	Yes, one brother.
Relations with neighbors	Not bad
Joint activities	-
Mutual assistance if any	For sure
Improvements desired	If any improvements, he would like to see water supply and sewerage systems improvements.
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	South Kars (newly built Kars)

ÜÇLER MAHALLESİ**Interview # 47 of 50**

Mustafa Çevikkal, 75

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	6
Existing facilities	WC and bathroom (together), small kitchen
Special living arrangements	Living free / No rent
Number of families	1
Number of persons	6
Household composition	Grandparents (75 M, 68 F) Grandchildren (23 M, 17 F)
Number of wage earners	1 + 1 (pension)
Occupation	The son (45 M) works in a shop
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	On foot
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	23 years ago
Previous place of residence	Village nearby Ardahan city centre
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it. No sewerage
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislike it, because it's dirty, has no sewerage system and no public facilities.
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	High cost of improving the house. (From the interview it can be understood that he might improve once he has enough money)
Household expenditures?	~ 400 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food and heating
Relatives living in mahalle	-
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Sometimes
Improvements desired	Sewerage and roads
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Faikbey or GAMP (city center)

ÜÇLER MAHALLESİ**Interview # 48 of 50**

Havva Kuyumcu, 43

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	4
Existing facilities	No WC. They have bathroom and kitchen
Special living arrangements	They own the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	6
Household composition	Children (22 F, 19 F, 18 F, 15 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Driver
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	On foot or by his service
Children (school & transport)	15 M goes to school by foot
Length of residence	25 years
Previous place of residence	Village in Selim county
Attitude regards the house	Dislikes it. No WC, bad quality of construction
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes it. Lacking Sewerage, bad roads.
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	-
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	They don't have enough money to improve the house.
Household expenditures?	~ 450-500 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Heating
Relatives living in mahalle	Relatives in Kars city center
Relations with neighbors	Very good
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	Yes
Improvements desired	Almost everything in the mahalle needs to be rebuilt
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	Apartments

ÜÇLER MAHALLESİ**Interview # 49 of 50**

Alişan Korkmaz, 80

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	7
Existing facilities	Bathroom & WC (together) and kitchen exist. 2 of the rooms are used as storage.
Special living arrangements	He owns the house
Number of families	1
Number of persons	3
Household composition	One daughter (37 F, widow)
Number of wage earners	1 pension
Occupation	-
Employment status	Retired
Job location & transport	-
Children (school & transport)	-
Length of residence	More than 60 years
Previous place of residence	Akyaka county
Attitude regards the house	Likes the house
Attitude regards the mahalle	Dislikes mahalle because of its icy roads that impede going out during winter and because it has no sewerage.
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	No
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	Yes
If yes, which part of the house?	Repair the roof, because it leaks a lot.
Deterring factors	No money
What can be done?	He doesn't know
Household expenditures?	250-300 YTL
Major expenditure category?	Food and cigarettes
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	No problem with the neighbors
Joint activities	Sometimes
Mutual assistance if any	No
Improvements desired	Improved Roads and sewerage
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	City center

ÜÇLER MAHALLESİ**Interview # 50 of 50**

Ahmet Ergün, 34

n/a: no answer

Number of rooms	1
Existing facilities	Shop (No WC etc.)
Special living arrangements	He owns the shop
Number of families	1
Number of persons	3
Household composition	Child (7 M)
Number of wage earners	1
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Employment status	Employed
Job location & transport	-
Children (school & transport)	On foot
Length of residence	12 years
Previous place of residence	Sarikamis
Attitude regards the house	Not enough space
Attitude regards the mahalle	Bad conditions
Built, bought or rented the house	-
Alterations/repairs	No
Types of repair/improvements	-
Cost of improvement	-
How was it financed?	-
Who did the actual work?	-
Problems encountered	-
How were they resolved?	-
Think of improving the house	No
If yes, which part of the house?	-
Deterring factors	-
What can be done?	People in the mahalle will be resettled
Household expenditures?	300-400 YTL
Major expenditure category?	School and heating
Relatives living in mahalle	No
Relations with neighbors	Good
Joint activities	Yes
Mutual assistance if any	Yes
Improvements desired	There is no need when they are going to be resettled.
Which neighborhood do you want your mahalle to look like?	City centre
