

To: WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC)

15/05/2025, Bornova

Dear Sir/Madam,

As the Mayor of Bornova, I am honored to reaffirm our strong commitment to building a healthy, safe, inclusive, and age-friendly city that embraces all generations. Ensuring that every citizen has equal, fast, and easy access to healthcare services guided by a profound respect for the right to life is among our top priorities.

Within this scope, the Home Care Services delivered by our Health Affairs Directorate have reached 4,600 individuals as of 2024, through a dedicated team of professionals including doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, and dietitians. These services are not limited to physical support, but are carried out with a holistic approach that promotes the active participation and psychological well-being of our elderly residents. By involving family members in the caregiving process, we encourage a culture of solidarity and strengthen intergenerational ties.

At our Healthy Aging Center, we offer physiotherapy services, arts and crafts activities, hobby gardens, and exercise programs that enhance both the physical and emotional health of our elderly citizens. Additionally, in our rural neighborhoods, mobile health services have been launched to ensure greater accessibility serving as a key example of our community-based approach to care.

In line with our 2024–2029 Strategic Plan, we are continuously expanding the scope of our healthcare services, prioritizing elderly individuals and disadvantaged groups. Our efforts aim not only to provide physical support but also to foster social inclusion, psychological support, and improved quality of life driven by a municipal philosophy centered on human dignity.

We implement all these services with the vision of “Being the Voice of the Voiceless”, and in full alignment with the fundamental values of the Republic of Türkiye.

Through this letter, I hereby express the commitment and active participation of Bornova Municipality in the World Health Organization Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

Sincerely,


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Mayor of Bornova