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Rural Areas in Training Activities on Women's Rights: Case of Turkey

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ABSTRACT The objective of this study is to reveal the social structures of women living in the province of Gumushane and to determine their social position and relations. Furthermore, to determine whether or not they are aware of their legal rights, as well as their state of receiving training on their rights and the effective factors upon their training. The data used in the study was obtained from questionnaires that were applied to 172 women. The raw data obtained from the study were used in the basic descriptive analyses and in the LIMDEP software program, for estimating the probit model. It was determined that women had very low levels of education, 61.0 percent of them did not know where to apply to, in case of domestic violence, they were not supported by their families regarding marital conflicts, and 72.1 percent never considered divorce. According to the regression analysis, the employed women who considered divorce and knew where to apply to regarding this issue had previously received training on women's rights.