Certificate of Appreciation

To whom it may concern,

We would like to recognize the outstanding contribution, effort, and dedication of Bengünur Baş to our team as a volunteer research assistant for the CoronaNet Research Project. Bengünur was active with our project from 2020-09-14 to 2021-12-10 and, in that time, coded and updated policy information for Turkey and Italy. Without the support of our dedicated RAs, such as Bengünur Baş, we would not be able to sustain our pace of policy documentation which, to date, counts more than 100 thousand policies from virtually every country in the world.

The CoronaNet Research Project is working to gather comprehensive and global data on government responses to the COVID-19 crisis. This work includes gathering information about which governments are responding to the coronavirus, toward whom policies are targeted (e.g. other countries), the types of policies enacted (e.g. travel restrictions, banning exports of masks) and their timing and duration. For more information, see www.coronanet-project.org.

Bengünur has been a country expert for Turkey and Italy. This role involves researching and creating a comprehensive overview of government policies enacted in Turkey and Italy as well as collecting and entering new and updated policy information related to COVID-19. Becoming a country expert requires passing a series of trainings on how to code data in the CoronaNet database, which uses a custom Qualtrics survey instrument, keeping up with policy coding on a weekly basis, and attending weekly country- or regional coordination meetings as well as project-wide meetings.

In addition to being a country expert, Bengünur took on the following additional roles within CoronaNet:

- Data Science Analyst: The work of data scientists at CoronaNet consists of the technical management of the rapidly evolving policy dataset as well as managing the technical infrastucture needed to keep CoronaNet running smoothly. The data science team further works to identify opportunities for leveraging the data for research and analysis by both internal and external parties. Membership requirements for the data science team include prior coding or analytics experience, having strong problem-solving skills, creativity, and the ability to work with different data architectures.

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate our thanks to Bengünur Baş for supporting these important and time-sensitive collection efforts and for being part of the CoronaNet community.

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