

HASANKEYF SURVEY REPORT¹

Summary

Between February 10 and February 17 2012, Doga Dernegi conducted a survey with the participation of 12 surveyors in Hasankeyf. The survey was conducted to search the impacts of the replacement of locals due to Ilisu dam project and their opinions on the project itself. The main reason to conduct this survey is to better understand locals' views on the replacement project, to assess their desires to move or not to move and the reasons of their preferences; and to explore more of the social life in Hasankeyf and commitments of inhabitants to their place.

The survey was carried out in 313 households and 44 places of business. In total 357 respondents have been surveyed.

67,8% of household owners indicate that they do not want to move to the village that is being built for the replacement and as a reason they have pointed out their love to the city and their attachment to their past.

Profile of Respondents

In this survey 75% of the respondents were female, and 25% were male;

81% are adults older than 26 of age,

32% are illiterate and 29,4% are graduates of primary school,

Illiteracy of women are 42%,

69% were born in Hasankeyf (in the center or in its villages), but the ones who were not born in Hasankeyf have been living there for 17 years and they started to live in the area mostly by way of marriage.

The average number of members in a household is 6,

Half of the participants have an income of 600TL or lower. This income mostly comes from paid jobs, shopkeeping or retirement pensions,

Residents speak Kurdish, Turkish and Arabic at rates of 70% or more,

15% own land, 5% own dividend land,

29,1% indicate that themselves or their family have an experience of living in the caves. 45% of those who have this experience say that they are promised a house in the replacement project,

37% do not know that the whole territory of Hasankeyf is 1st and 2nd degree archeological site,

¹ The whole survey can be found at http://dogadernegi.org/userfiles/pagefiles/hasankeyf-raporlar/Hasankeyf_Arastirma_Raporu.pdf

Tigris Riverside is the area most commonly used for social space 66%,
60% visit social spaces in intervals of 4 months or less.

Locals of Hasankeyf Do Not Want to Migrate

67,8% indicates that they do not want to go the village that is built within close distance,
Attachment to the past, visits to holy places and graveyards are shown to be 90% of the reasons
to not to move somewhere else,

90% see themselves as locals of Hasankeyf,

30% have no idea where to go with the completion of the dam,

66,9% say that the houses DSI² will build are more expensive than the prices they would get for
their current houses,

Almost half (49%) have no idea how to pay the gap between the price they get from the current
houses and the prices DSI asks,

69,2% say that they cannot live in an apartment,

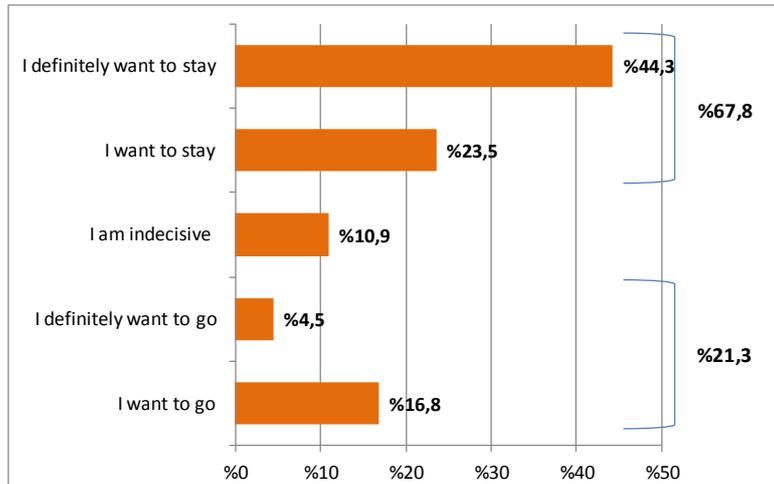
76,2% think that tourists would not visit Hasankeyf if the area is flooded by Ilisu Dam.

Very few people think that there is a possibility for historical artefacts to be transported from the
area. 12% think Tomb of Zeynel Bey could be transported.

² DSI: State Hydraulic Works.

Opinions on DSI Ilisu Dam and the Changes It Will Bring

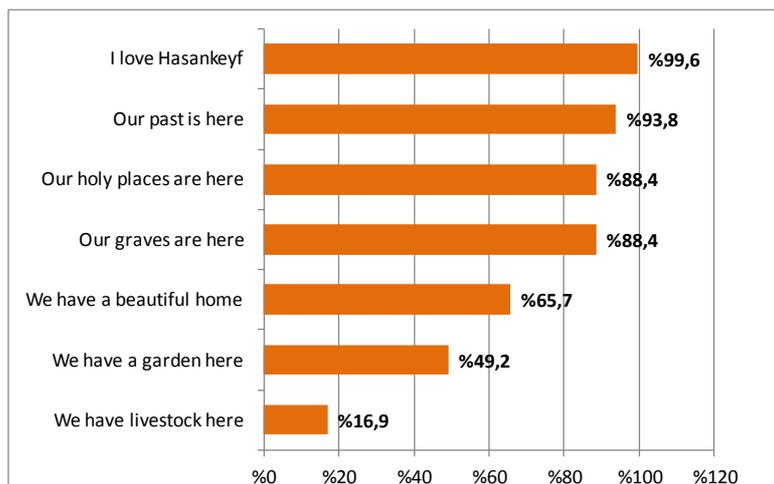
Figure 1. Preference for moving to the village that is built 3 km away from Hasankeyf due to DSI Ilisu Dam



A significant majority of respondents say that they do not want to move to the village that is being built within close distance (67,8%). In total, 44,3% of the respondents “definitely” want to stay.

Majority of those who were not born in Hasankeyf but tell that they are from Hasankeyf, and those who developed their social life on Hasankeyf’s historical and natural properties, do not want to move from their current places. 21,3% of the respondents prefer to move from the area.

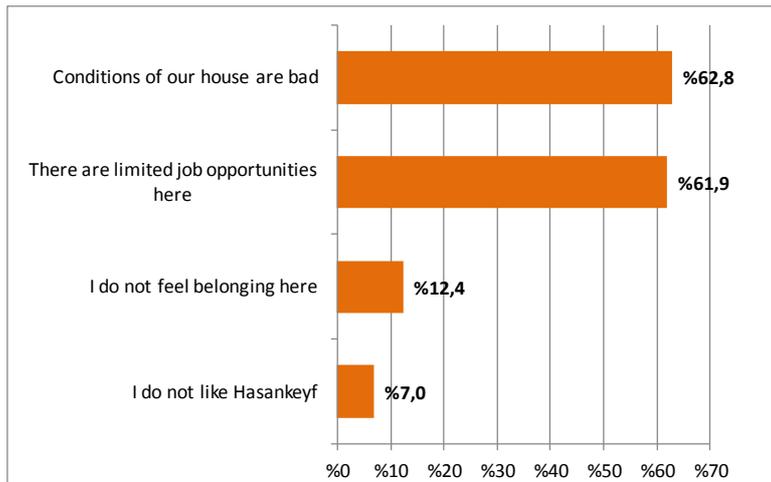
Figure 2. Reasons They Want to Stay in Hasankeyf



242 respondents who say they want to stay in Hasankeyf, emphasize they love Hasankeyf. Most of the respondents adopt this view. More than 90% say that their past is Hasankeyf, so they do not want to leave.

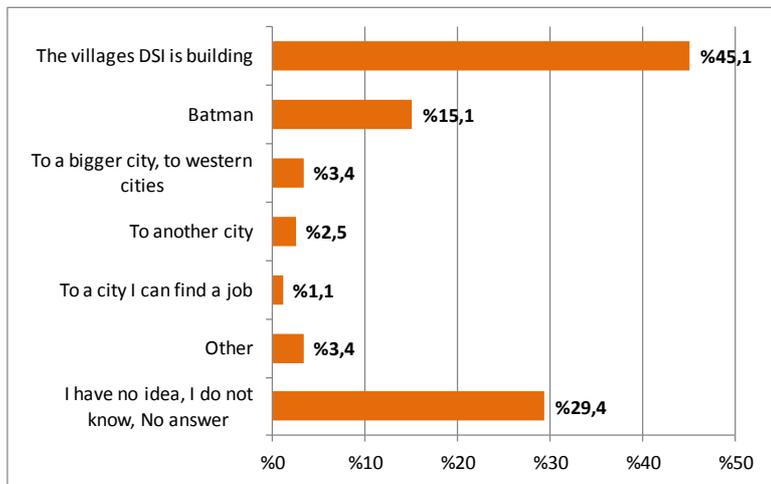
Attachment to the past, holy places and graveyards are 90% of the reasons for those who want to stay in Hasankeyf.

Figure 3. Reasons They Want to Move



76 respondents who want to move from Hasankeyf due to the construction of Ilisu Dam show the main reasons as poor conditions of their houses and unemployment. Their needs are necessities. So, even though they are attached to Hasankeyf, their difficulties of living increase their desire to move.

Figure 4. Places to be Moved with the Completion of Ilisu Dam and Houses Being Flooded



30% do not know where they will go after the completion of the dam.

22% say they will move to Batman or another city, bigger towns than they live now.

Those who say that if they are forced out from their current houses, they will move to the village DSI is building. They state that the reason is their love and attachment to Hasankeyf and they would prefer to live close by.