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FORWARD

Health reforms have either been debated or implemented in almost all nations. Turkish health system and policies reforms are not exempted from this trend. However, some health reform initiatives are successful, while others fail. So what are the main reasons for this situation? In order to find a sound answer to this question this book analyses the health reforms attempted in Turkey.

We believe that our book fills an important gap in health-care reform discussions, and hope that you enjoy it.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Bağ-Kur	Esnaf ve Sanatkarlar ve Diğer Bağımsız Çalışanlar Sosyal Sigortalar Kurumu (Social Security Organisation for Artisans and the Self-Employed)
EHMA	European Health Management Association
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EU	European Union
EVIPNet	Evidence Informed Policy Network
FYDP	Five Year Development Plan
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GERF	Government Employees Retirement Fund
GHI	General Health Insurance
GHIS	General Health Insurance System
GNAT	Grant National Assembly of Turkey
GPA	Graduate Point Average
G20	The Group of Twenty
HL	Health Literacy
HLS-EU	Health Literacy - European Union
HLS-TR	Turkish Health Literacy Survey (TR-HLS)
HTP	Health Transformation Programme
HPBs	Health Policy Books
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund

IOM	Institute of Medicine
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MoH	Ministry of Health
MoLSS	Ministry of Labour and Social Security
R&D	Research and Development
RPP	Republican People's Party
Sağlık-Sen	Sağlık ve Sosyal Hizmet Çalışanları Sendikası (Health and Social Workers Union)
SAPs	Structural Adjusted Programmes
SIO	Social Institution Organisation
SİODER	Sağlık, İnovasyon ve Organizasyon Derneği (Health, Innovation and Organisation Association)
SPO	State Planning Organisation
TMA	Turkish Medical Association
TOBB	Türkiye Odalar ve Borsalar Birliği (The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey)
TÜBA	Türkiye Bilimler Akademisi (Turkish Academy of Sciences)
TÜSEB	Türkiye Sağlık Enstitüleri Başkanlığı (Health Institutes of Turkey)
TÜSPE	Türkiye Sağlık Politikaları Enstitüsü (Turkish Institute for Health Policies)
UAP	Urgent Action Programme
TOBB	Türkiye Odalar ve Borsalar Birliği (Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of

	Turkey)
WB	World Bank
WHO	World Health Organisation
%	Percent

