

2018 RESULTS UNITED NATIONS COMMON DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016-2020



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KOSOVO TEAM



2018: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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—Ulrika Richardson

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A group of children performing Karate Kata in front of the installation dedicated by the UNKT to the SDGs during Dokufest.

FOREWORD



Year 2018 passed in the light of many advancements for Kosovo¹ and bold changes in the UN system.

2018 marked a major stride towards implementation of SDGs for Kosovo. The Assembly of Kosovo unequivocally adopted a Resolution on 25 January placing the Agenda 2030 and SDGs as complementary to the development strategy for Kosovo and EU integration priorities. Another milestone was, later in the year, the establishment of supervisory body at the Assembly level the Council for Sustainable Development.

Also, in 2018 with the SG's Reform of the Development System, the UN Kosovo Team is now better prepared and positioned to deliver results with and for people and institutions in Kosovo, ranging from social inclusion and social protection to rule of law and access to justice, environment and health and human rights. None of the results would be possible without the close and trusted cooperation with the wide range of our local and international partners.

As we advance on 2019, we will initiate the preparation of our next five-year sustainable development cooperation strategy (2021-2025) and we look forward to a close dialogue with all of you to ensure alignment with Kosovo

development, EU integration priorities and other regional and global commitments.

With the SDG resolution, Kosovo is committed to leaving no one behind. The UN Kosovo Team stands ready to reinforce our engagement to make this a reality for everyone in Kosovo. This requires robust engagement of all levels of governance to pull in the same direction but also to produce data that goes beyond averages, to work with the most vulnerable and marginalized to transform lives and provide for equal opportunities for everyone, starting at very early age with girls and boys.

This year, we embarked on a journey to strengthen trust among youth from different communities and ethnic background in Kosovo, and confidence in public institutions as centerpieces of sustaining peace and accelerating social justice, gender equality and socio-economic progress. We look forward to continuing this path with our local and international partners guided by the conviction that without peace, there is no development, and without development, there is no peace.

Ulrika Richardson,
United Nations Development Coordinator

¹ References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)

THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



The Sustainable Development Goals: Leaving no one behind

In 2015, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that promises to eliminate extreme poverty, reduce inequality and create a greener and healthier planet was adopted. With its pledge to leave no one behind, the 2030 Agenda is our boldest agenda for humanity. It encompasses 17 Sustainable Development Global Goals (SDGs) that are interconnected, universal, inclusive and indivisible as they promote human rights and economic, social and environmental sustainability.

The Sustainable Development Goals in Kosovo

The SDGs provide Kosovo with a direct connection to the most important global process of the 21st century with a space to tailor its development efforts with this new universal framework for development that will ensure that no one is left behind.

Kosovo has committed to the Sustainable Development Goals and contributed to shaping this new global agenda. Its commitment began with extensive public consultations conducted with the support of the United Nations Kosovo Team from 2012 to 2015, and continued with an ambitious plan for the integration and implementation of the SDGs, in line with the *National Development Strategy 2016- 2021*, the *Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA)*, and the *European Reform Agenda (ERA)*.

2018
Formalization and
Endorsement.
SDGs structures in place.

2017
Awareness raising
on SDGs.

2016
Data analysis & strategic
alignment of NDS, ERA and
SAA with SDGs.

2015
24 October, launch of SDG
Agenda 2030 on UN day in
Prishtina.

2014
PHASE 2 POST-2015

Consultations with
1,500+ people in
6 municipalities on
accountability tools.

2013
PHASE 1 POST-2015

Reached 9,000+ people
(80% youth Kosovo wide)
Employment and equality
central concerns.
Unleashing full potential
was the future aspiration of
respondents.



2018 was a year marked by important milestones for the Global Goals in Kosovo. With assistance from the UN Kosovo Team (UNKT), the parliament further engaged in building political willingness and accountability by strengthening its role in ensuring that SDGs are effectively mainstreamed into the development planning processes.

The formal endorsement of the Resolution on the SDGs by the parliament of Kosovo, the establishment of the Council for Sustainable Development, led by the Chair of the Committee on Health, Labor and Social Welfare, and the appointment of the Office of the Prime Minister SDG focal points were three landmarks in showcasing institutional willingness to commit to the Agenda 2030.

Data For Development

The ambitious SDGs measurement framework – with 169 targets and 232 indicators- offers an unprecedented statistical challenge, linked to the need to better align data availability and

2018. UNKT / H. Campbell
The establishment of the Council for Sustainable Development within the Assembly of Kosovo in October 2018 also offered the occasion to inaugurate an installation representing the SDGs and aiming at praising the valuable contributions of young people, women and men in Kosovo towards inclusion, innovation and sustainability.

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decision-making cycles. In 2018, through the Rapid Integrated Assessment (RIA) the UNKT has supported Kosovo in understanding the current data availability and the alignment needs between sectorial and inter-ministerial strategies and SDGs targets, with a particular focus on the NDS 2016-2021.

The RIA conducted by the UNKT helped the Strategic Planning Office within of the Office of Prime Minister undertake steps to integrate the SDGs into sectorial policies and programs. Currently close to 40 indicators are aligned with the SDGs, are foreseen to be monitored within the NDS and will be reported on as part of an SDGs Report in the future.

THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REFORM AND THE UN KOSOVO TEAM



DELIVERING ON THE 2030 AGENDA: OUR PROMISE FOR DIGNITY, PROSPERITY AND PEACE ON A HEALTHY PLANET

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In order to better serve the world in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the UN initiated in 2018 an ambitious and comprehensive change process of the UN development system to deliver on Agenda 2030, placing sustainable development at the heart of the United Nations.

The UN reform² is part of a set of major interlinked reforms and aims at strengthening the capacity to generate synergies across the UN development system to deliver greater results for people.

At the core of the reform lays a reinvigorated system of UN leaders on the ground where the Resident/Development Coordinators will have a full time focus on leading UN Teams, and be better resourced to deliver for people and institutions.

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THE UNKT

The United Nations Kosovo Team (UNKT) is composed of 19 United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes active in Kosovo, including FAO, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UN Women, UNDP, UNDSS, UN Environment UNESCO, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNODC, UNOPS, UNV, WHO and the two international financial institutions, the IMF and the World Bank. Internally reinforced by the UN Reform, the UNKT is chaired by the UN Development Coordinator, who leads the team, supports and facilitates coordination of the UNKT members to strengthened delivery of results for children, women and men in Kosovo and to ensure collaboration in a more concerted and harmonized manner.

The UNKT is firmly committed to working for Kosovo, as a trusted partner to institutions and people to help to move forward the Sustainable Development Goals and build a fully inclusive, thriving and sustainable society where no one is left behind.

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² Established by the A/RES/71/279 of the Secretary General on the repositioning of the UN development system

THE UN COMMON DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The *United Nations Common Development Plan 2016–2020* (UNCDP) is the UNKT's five-year programmatic framework that lays out shared strategic priorities as a contribution to address Kosovo's complex development challenges.

The UNCDP is structured around three priority areas:

- **Governance and Rule of Law**
- **Social Inclusion**
- **Environment and Health**

During 2018 - the third year of implementation of the UNCDP - the UNKT has helped achieve relevant results for institutions, children, women and men in Kosovo in each area. This publication presents some of these key results, achieved in cooperation with partners and institutions.



**The United Nations
Common Development Plan 2016–2020**



1. GOVERNANCE AND RULE OF LAW



2. SOCIAL INCLUSION



3. ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

PRIORITY AREA 1: GOOD GOVERNANCE AND RULE OF LAW

Development results to be achieved by 2020



Rule of Law system and institutions are accessible to all and perform in a more efficient and effective way.

Civil society participates more effectively in the design of rule of law reforms and in holding relevant institutions accountable for their implementation.

The authorities of Kosovo manage mixed migration flows more effectively and in line with international standards.



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AND HEALTH**



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ANTI-CORRUPTION

Public institutions have a duty to conduct public affairs, manage public resources and guarantee the realization of human rights free of abuse and corruption.

In 2018, UNDP and UNODC supported Kosovo anti- corruption institutions to better monitor, prevent and fight corruption at central and municipal level.

The UNKT also helped Civil Society Organizations to hold relevant institutions accountable in fighting against corruption through the digital platform www.kallxo.com

The key results achieved during 2018 by Kosovo institutions and partners with UNKT support are:

- Amendments to the Law on the Anti-Corruption Agency drafted.
- Law on High Officials Assets and Income Declarations drafted.
- Action Plan (2018- 2022) for the Anti-Corruption Strategy developed.
- "Politically Exposed Persons Money Laundering Typologies in Kosovo" prepared.



45 Prosecutors and officials accredited in fraud examination and forensic accounting.

100% Of cases timely processed by the Office Disciplinary Prosecutor.

395 Cases of unethical behavior verified and sent to institutions for follow up.

8 TV shows of the *The Prosecution* aired.

391 Reports received through Kallxo.com (out of which 125 followed up with institutions and 20 cases completed).

1,747 Votes received within the Facebook pool for the Anti-Corruption Journalism Award 2018.



**POLITICALLY EXPOSED PERSONS
MONEY LAUNDERING
TYPOLOGIES IN KOSOVO**

**TIPOLOGJITË E PASTRIMIT TË PARAVE
NGA PERSONAT E EKSPOZUAR
POLITIKISHT NË KOSOVË**

**TIPOLOGIJE PRANJA NOVCA
POLITIČKI IZLOŽENIH
OSOBA NA KOSOVU**



2018. UNDP Kosovo

In December 2018, through the “Support to Anti-Corruption Efforts in Kosovo (SAEK)” project supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, and by the Danish International Development Agency, UNDP awarded those courageous journalists that through their impartial and fact-based news stories fought corruption practices in Kosovo, casting a light on a plague that erodes confidence in institutions and robs people, families, and communities of their rights to access public resources.

In the picture, one of the winners, the journalist of Koha Ditore Saranda Ramaj, is thanking the audience after receiving the Anti-Corruption Journalism Prize 2018, awarded for her articles and reportages covering the issue of corruption within the health sector.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

During 2018, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF and UN Women provided support to: improve access to justice; strengthen coordination among Rule of Law institutions; reduce court backlog and prevent statelessness.

With UNKT support, the access to equal rights for women and children were advanced thanks to the amendment of Criminal Code, Family Law and Juvenile Justice Criminal Code.

The key results achieved during 2018 by Kosovo institutions and partners with UNKT support are:

- Revisions and amendments of laws advancing gender equality and women's empowerment such as the Criminal Code and the Family Law.
- New Law on Mediation adopted.
- Juvenile Justice Code and Criminal Code amended and approved by the parliament.
- Action Plan on protection and integration of children in conflict and in contact with law drafted.
- Kosovo Bar Association (KBA) established.
- KBA database created.
- Juveniles sentenced with educational measure are now benefiting from professional services and vocational trainings provided at the open Educational Correctional Center recently established, aiming to ensure proper re-socialization and effective transition from custody to community by providing regular supervision and a continuum of services and aftercare programs.
- Two friendly interview rooms (Special Prosecution Office and Kosovo Police) for Conflict Related Sexual Violence survivors established.



+36% Persons (51.3% men; 48.6% women) benefitted from legal aid services (4,485 in 2018).

0% Of children spending more than 6 months in pre-sentence/ pre-trial detention.



90 Judges, prosecutors and professional staff were trained on the main amendments of the new Law on Mediation.

64 Attorneys increased knowledge on EU best practices and international standards on representation of juveniles during legal proceedings.

+167% Increase of court efficiency.

-22% Reduction of court backlog.



144 Voluntary minority returnees and Kosovo internally displaced persons received legal assistance.

423 Persons at risk of statelessness received legal assistance.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND GENDER EQUALITY

The importance of advancing women's effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life is crucial to achieving gender equality and justice for all.

The role of women as powerful actors in sustaining peace in their communities has been recognised by the groundbreaking UN Security Council resolution 1325, calling for women's participation in peace building.

During 2018, UN Women supported the Regional Women's Lobby for Peace, Security and Justice in South East Europe initiative, aiming at increasing the inclusion of women's perspective in peace processes and reconciliation.

The key results achieved during 2018 by Kosovo institutions and partners with UNKT support are:

- 3 local peacebuilding initiatives in multi-ethnic municipalities of Kosovo brought together women from different communities to increase social cohesion.
- Women politicians from Kosovo and Serbia, members of parliaments, diplomats and civil society representatives from the Western Balkans discussed justice, security and peace issues at 2 regional roundtables and 1 international conference.



2018. Dokufest/ S.Nrecaj

The screening of the documentary Not Your Property, produced by UNMIK and supported by UNKT during Dokufest festival gave the opportunity to a diverse audience to debate about the importance of gender equality as a fundamental tool to prevent gender based violence. The short movie highlights indeed the linkage between access to property rights for women and domestic violence, featuring stories of survivors from across Kosovo's different communities.

ADDRESSING AND PREVENTING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

Although Kosovo's legal framework calls for full equality for men and women, discrimination against women continues, resulting in inadequate protection of several basic human rights guaranteed by law. In 2018, UNDP, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, and UN Women have closely worked with and supported central and local institutions to strengthen their capacities to prevent and address gender-based and domestic violence through reinforced coordination mechanisms and tools. The establishment of referral mechanisms to provide services and support strengthened the institutional capacity to grant access to rights and reparations to the survivors of sexual violence during the conflict.

The key results achieved during 2018 by Kosovo institutions and partners with UNKT support are:

- 7 multi-stakeholder municipal domestic violence coordination mechanisms established (4 in Kosovo's northern and 3 in southern municipalities).
- The first integrated and unified database for cases of domestic violence established in cooperation with Ministry of Justice in the municipality of Gjakova/Đakovica.
- The first Transitional Justice Resource Center in Kosovo established at the University of Pristina. The Centre aims to enhance the role of education on transitional justice gender-sensitive processes.
- Government Commission on the Recognition and Verification of the Status of Survivors of conflict-related Sexual Violence started to provide reparations to CRSV survivors.
- Regional Conference on Access to Justice for Victims of Gender-Based Violence organized by the Ministry of Justice and the Office of National Coordinator for protection against domestic violence supported.
- Secretariat of the Commission on the Recognition and Verification of the Status of Survivors of Sexual Violence During the War in Kosovo established.
- Global workshop organized in Pristina to share experiences and key innovations among practitioners, focused on mutual learning and mapping a way forward for gender-sensitive transitional justice.
- 2 trainings delivered and one guideline developed for journalists on gender sensitive reporting on transitional justice and CRSV.
- Preparation of the report "A Men's Perspective on Gender Equality in Kosovo".



- 120 Persons trained on central database's use.
- 27 SGBV survivors among UNHCR persons of concern identified and assisted.



- 24 Police persons trained on effective police responses to crimes of violence against women.
- 30 Practitioners (prosecutors, investigators and victims' advocates) have been trained and continuously mentored in providing justice to CRSV survivors.

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

From 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, the Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence continue the fight to end violence against women and girls around the world.

In Kosovo, the global campaign was coordinated by UN Women through the Security and Gender Group (involving UN Agencies, international organizations, local institutions and civil society organizations working on gender and security issues).



#HearMeToo
**END VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN
AND GIRLS**

2018. UN Women
A moment of the "safe walk" through Pristina City Park organised by UN-HABITAT and UN Women as part of the *Right to the City for All* project.

To give voice to the slogan #HearMeToo, over 110 events were organised across Kosovo to advocate for an equal society free from gender discrimination and violence.

At the launching of the campaign, the Mayor of Pristina, the Ambassador of Sweden and the Ambassador of Italy joined UNKT for a "safe walk" through the City Park in Pristina and in lightning up paths previously declared unsafe, thus calling the attention to the importance of gender-sensitive urban design and calling for safer cities for all citizens, particularly women and girls.



MANAGEMENT OF MIXED MIGRATION FLOWS

UNKT promotes and protects the rights of people fleeing violence and persecution. UNKT and its partners support the right to voluntarily return to Kosovo in a dignified manner and relentlessly advocate for the rights to access durable solutions for those still displaced by the conflict.

As a result of IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR, and UNOPS joint work, during 2018 central and local authorities have strengthened their capacity to manage the return process and the reintegration of repatriated persons, and to ensure that asylum procedures be in line with international standards.

The key results achieved during 2018 by Kosovo institutions and partners with UNKT support are:

- Law on Asylum and Law on Amending and Supplementing Law on Foreigners adopted.
- Strategy for Sustainable Reintegration of Repatriated Persons 2018-2022 and the Action Plan developed with the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- Manuals for Standard Service Reintegration Package designed.
- Government Contingency Plan for Mixed Migration Flows updated.
- IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix programme made operational for Kosovo (www.globaldtm.info).
- Construction of Merdare and Mutivoda crossing points started.



- 100%** Of 595 asylum seekers in need of international protection referred to adequate protection mechanisms and processes.
- 500** Migrants registered on the IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix.
- 105** Displaced families received house (re)construction in Kosovo.
- 90** Families assisted with harmonised packages and 50 with income generation support.
- 563** Additional repatriated women and men have better skills, employment prospects, and income opportunities as a result of measures delivered by MLSW and Employment Agency.



2018. UNOPS Kosovo
In the picture, the crossing point of Merdare.

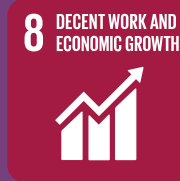


2018. UNHCR/A. Llapashtica.
Children and youth expressed their solidarity with refugees as they joined the celebrations organised by the Ministry for Communities and Returns in collaboration with UNHCR and Play International on the occasion of the World Refugee Day. The international advocacy day was also the occasion to engage Kosovo people with the global UNHCR campaign to protect and respect the rights of those who are forced to flee. Over 340 persons signed the petition #WithRefugees, asking that every refugee child has access to education, every refugee family can find safe shelter and refugees can work or learn a skill to provide for their families.

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PRIORITY AREA 2: SOCIAL INCLUSION

Development results to be achieved by 2020



Education and employment policies and programmes enable greater access for decent employment opportunities among youth and women.

Women in Kosovo increasingly enjoy their economic rights.

Social protections policies and schemes enable greater benefits and access to social services to the most vulnerable groups.



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ACCESS TO DECENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN

Based on the latest Kosovo Statistical Agency's data, the employment rate in Kosovo is the lowest in the region, and far below the EU's.

The overall unemployment rate is very high at 29.6%. The most affected seem to be young people, with a youth unemployment rate at 55.4%, and women, with an unemployment rate at 33.4% and inactivity rate at a staggering 81.6%.

In light of this, during 2018, ILO, UNDP, UNV, and UN Women have focused their efforts in strengthening the capacity of central and local authorities to enable greater access to decent employment opportunities for youth and women, thus benefiting over 2,800 persons through employment policy measures.

The key results achieved during 2018 by Kosovo institutions and partners with UNKT support are:

- Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare new Sectorial Strategy 2018-2022 and Action Plan on Youth Employment 2018-2020 developed.
- Labour Market Information System operational and accessible online.
- Territorial Employment Pacts (TEPs) in 4 municipalities advanced their implementation based on locally-designed & validated service lines.



2,835 Persons (38.8% women; 24.1% youth) benefited from employment policy measures.



261 Micro & small rural enterprises (42% women-led) operating in sub-sectors such as berry production, beekeeping, milk and dairy, and vegetable production have been upgraded through equipment, tools, & training service packages.





Shemsije Mala 46, from Viti/Vitina, found her calling after she was awarded with the Active Labour Market self-employment programme (ALMP) – a measure that supports the unemployed to develop their own enterprises with a start-up grant and training services.

Through a two-week intensive training, Shemsije and other candidates received the necessary guidance on how to start and run a successful business and, as a result, she launched her business and started designing and producing mostly female clothing, ranging from bridal attire to evening dresses.

Today, Shemsije is involved with other ALMP programmes. However, this time, not as a beneficiary: she recruited other unemployed young women to help with her business, thus becoming a mentor who teaches the craft of sewing and tailoring to her employees.

2018. UNDP/ A. Pireva

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“I truly believe in Karma. If the goodness is sown, goodness is returned. When positive things are made, I believe that returns well. The ALMP grant helped me have my own business and made me independent. In the same pattern, I am trying to give back to the community by hiring these young girls and providing instructions to them so they can become independent.”

– Shemsije Mala

PROMOTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES

Child poverty is a violation of children rights, and in Kosovo there are still 20% of children living in poverty. Moreover, despite the level of investment, quality of education continues to be inadequate and is not tailored to current market demands.

While the enrollment in primary and lower secondary education is almost covering everyone (95.6%), existing data show relatively low levels of enrolment of children into early childhood education.

During 2018, UNICEF, IOM and WHO have contributed to the strengthening of central and local authorities' capacity to grant greater inclusion of girls and youth in education by promoting a human rights-based approach for children rights and by providing integrated social protection services for children, with a particular focus on the most marginalized categories.

The key results achieved during 2018 by Kosovo institutions and partners with UNKT support are:

- Concept Document on Social and Family Services developed by the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare.
- "Effects of social Assistance on Children" report prepared and validated.
- Minimum Standards of Social Services for different categories of children developed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (minimum standards for children on asocial behavior; for children with disabilities; for abused neglected and exploited children; on foster care and minimum standards on kinship care).
- In-service teacher training programme for child-friendly municipal governance system scaled up in 7 additional municipalities.
- Early warning systems at central and municipal levels (including schools) to prevent, respond, and monitor dropout cases, strengthened in 30 municipalities.
- Albanian-Serbian language learning online platform launched.
- 11 campaigns to advocate for prevention of conflict and bullying among peers conducted.
- Situation Analysis of Children with Disabilities in Kosovo conducted.
- Strategy on Children's Rights, Advocacy Action Plan on Children with Disabilities, and Community Based Rehabilitation Programme and Children with Disabilities inclusive legislation developed.
- Teachers' manuals on comprehensive sexuality education based on WHO Standards for Sexuality Education in Europe for pre-university education grades I-XII developed.



- 2,500** Boys and girls (6th to 9th grade) increased knowledge of prevention of conflict and bullying among peers.
- 2,000** Girls and boys, 260 teachers and 132 parents increased their knowledge and understanding of bullying.
- 606** Children's economic conditions placed under kinship care and foster care increased.
- 60** Social workers and municipality trained on capacity to respond to needs of children without parental care and provision of foster care services.
- 72** Children placed in foster care.
- 67** CBR staff from Community Based Rehabilitation trained on how to apply the Bio-psycho-social model for disabled children.
- 502** Children with disabilities benefited by advanced child-centered and professional services.
- 13** Parents of children with disabilities actively participated and benefited from peer to peer groups.



- 1,000** Children at risk of school dropout identified and supported through the Early Warning System of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.
- 800** Prevention and Response Teams towards Abandonment and Non-Registration established to prevent, profile, manage, respond and to monitor the cases of dropout in schools.



2018. UNICEF/ Gafic
Little progress has been made on the rights of persons with disabilities and their integration into society remains a challenge due to limited support, inadequate health services and poor access to existing services.
UNICEF is advocating for Kosovo to ensure that children with disabilities can attend public schools along with their peers.

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PRIORITY AREA 3: ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

Development results to be achieved by 2020



The authorities of Kosovo have enhanced mechanisms for evidence-based planning and monitoring of environmental impacts in health.

The authorities of Kosovo have improved coverage of quality and equitable essential health care services for Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Reproductive Health and Non-Communicable Diseases.

More people adopt behaviors that are healthy and that increase resilience to potential threats from environmental pollution, disasters and climate change.



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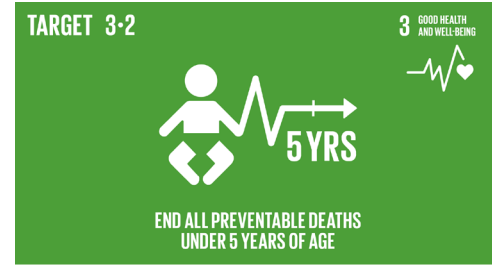
HEALTH

In 2018, WHO helped raise attention to quality health care services for everyone and supported the on-going Health System reform.

UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO assisted regional and local health authorities to strengthen primary and secondary healthcare level and continued to raise awareness about the importance of early childcare, sexual reproductive health and rights, sexually transmittable infections/HIV and family planning.

The key results achieved during 2018 by Kosovo institutions and partners with UNKT support are:

- Inter-ministerial dialogue on role of health in inclusive and sustainable growth organized.
- Self-assessment of Essential Public Health Operations conducted.
- Draft of Strategic Action Plan on Mother, Child and Reproductive Health supported.
- Draft of policy Leave no child behind in health of the Ministry of Health supported.
- Strategic Action Plan on Immunization endorsed by the Ministry of Health.
- Revision of Law on Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights initiated
- Home visiting capacities of local authorities strengthened and expanded in 15 municipalities.
- Cervical cancer screening programme expanded in the Municipality of Prizren.
- "First 1000 days of child's life" campaign conducted to raise awareness of the benefits of improved family practices on breastfeeding, immunization, feeding and child development.
- Awareness of Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) conducted through social marketing, peer education, theatre based education and social media.
- Online training on virtual contraceptive consultation developed and accredited by Ministry of Health.



6,000 Children <3 years old and 1,700 pregnant women provided with young child well-being services through home visits.

1,684 Persons are aware of importance of childcare, feeding and development during the first 1000 days of child's life.

170 Health professionals in primary health were trained on comprehensive child development approach.

130,000 Children timely immunized and protected from preventable diseases (100% DTP3 vaccine coverage).



20,000 Youth informed about Sexual Reproductive Health.

302 Health professionals and Red Cross Kosovo volunteers increased their capacities on Minimum Initial Service Package for reproductive health in crisis situations.

609,600 Condoms were sold through social marketing and 15,760 condoms with thousands of IEC materials were distributed for free during different outreach youth activities.



2019. UNICEF/ A.Aliu

Less than half of the women (44%) from Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities in Kosovo put their newborns to the breast within one hour of birth.

During 2018 the practice of breastfeeding was promoted across communities as part of the first “First 1000 days of child’s life” campaign conducted to raise awareness of the benefits of improved family practices on breastfeeding, immunization, feeding and child development.





2017. UNICEF

Parents cuddling and sharing love with their child while being supported by a nurse, who conducts regular home visits in Municipality of Gjilan/ Gnjilane. Home visits are proved to be a pivotal tool to improve health and well-being of at risk children and of the most vulnerable families, to build trust between nurses/social workers and communities and to strengthen municipal family medicine systems.

For those families who have limited access to health services, the home visiting programme brings assistance directly to people's homes, enabling families to receive counselling on health-related issues, including immunization, breastfeeding, education and early stimulation, injury prevention, responsive and sensitive parenting and maternal health.



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

During 2018, UNDP continued to strengthen the capacity of central and local institutions, CSOs and communities to prepare for, respond to, prevent and mitigate natural disasters, in line with international Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The key results achieved during 2018 by Kosovo institutions and partners with UNKT support are:

- Environmental assess in Malishevë/ Mališevo completed.
- Development of the new web application AMEGISPORTAL to improve coordination and enable better emergency response planning.
- DRR baseline on Gender Disaster Risk Reduction, Conflict Prevention and Climate Change vulnerability and risks defined through baseline study findings (participants were 41% Female, 59% Male, 26% non-majority populations, 4% people with disabilities)t.
- Regulation for establishment of Search and Rescue Exercise for Civil Aviation drafted.



600 People from 100 families (+90% women participation vs 2014) exposed to educational information on disaster risk reduction through a community drill in Pejë/Peć.

659 Primary school students in Zubin Potok benefited from 2 disaster risk reduction prevention projects.

6400 People improved their DRR awareness through campaigns implemented in 16 municipalities, (mark of DRR international day, 112-day, DRR video clips, implementation of community drills, etc).



SENDAI FRAMEWORK

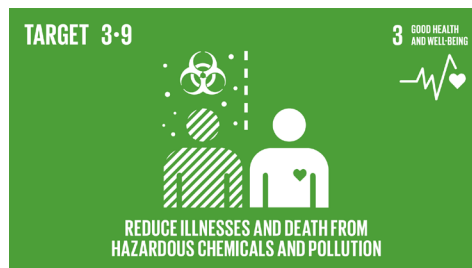
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2015-2030

IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ON HEALTH

During 2018, UNDP, WHO and UNV worked with central and local institutions to raise awareness on the impact of environmental pollution on health working with central and local institutions, and by directly engaging communities.

The key results achieved during 2018 by Kosovo institutions and partners with UNKT support are:

- Environmental Health is included in the Health Sector Strategy 2017-2021.
- Staff at National Institute of Public Health trained on assessing the impact of air pollution on health.
- Online awareness raising and advocacy campaign #EcoKosovo2 developed: a photo and video competition where social media users were provided an opportunity to create and share their own messages about environmental protection.
- As part of the joint UNDP/WHO/UNV project *Healthier Kosovo*, supported by the Government of Luxembourg, co-design initiative on problems and solutions regarding impact of air pollution on health implemented in cooperation with the Pristina University.

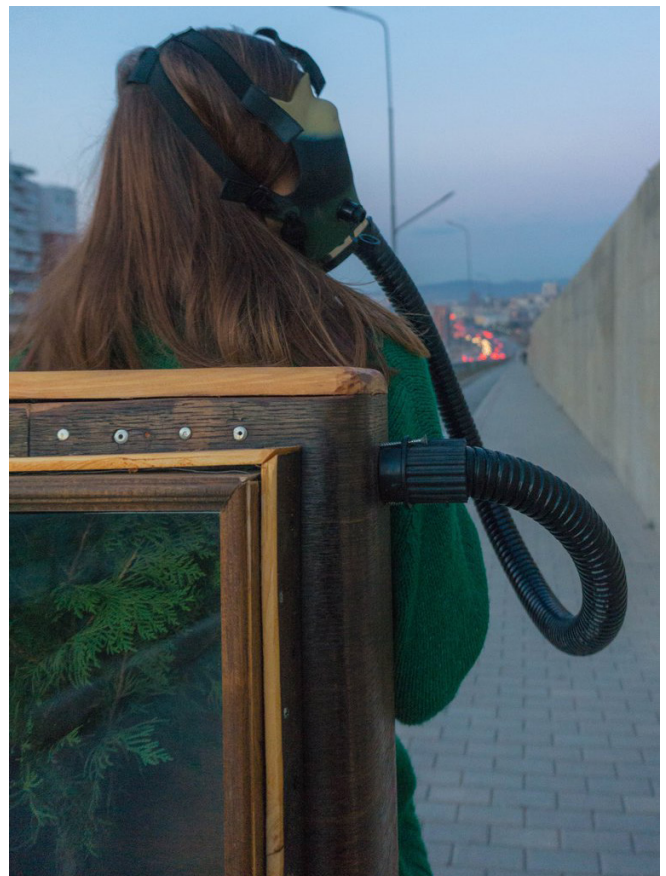


2018. UNV/ A. Pireva
Volunteer students from Pristina University now know how to monitor the level of air pollution under the *Healthier Kosovo* project.



#ECOKOSOVO

Over 1.7 million persons were reached out through the #Ecokosovo2 advocacy campaign, which gathered more than 500 photo submissions and 30 videos. Above the winning picture by Getoarba Prokshaj and, on the right, a frame of the winning short video by Rinor Ramadani.



JOINT ADVOCACY

In 2018, the UN strengthened its commitment to step up efforts to work with and for young people, launching the “UN Youth Strategy” also known as #Youth2030 .

The #Youth2030 seeks to ensure that every young person is empowered to achieve their full potential; and to recognize young people’s agency, resilience, and positive contributions as agents of change while leaving no one behind.

Being over 40% of the Kosovo population below 18 years, children and youth represent a key agent to peace, development and social change for the Kosovar society. Therefore, creating environments where young Kosovars can learn more about the Global Goals was one priority for UNKT, since only the engagement and commitment of future generations will ensure long-term social change.

During 2018, UN Agencies have joined their voices with local and international partners to promote human rights and advocate for the creation of a more inclusive, sustainable future in Kosovo and, along with local institutions, civil organizations, and private sector explored multiple avenues for tackling the most pressing issues hampering social and economic development in Kosovo and to bring the SDGs to life.



2018. UNFPA
A group of girl football players after a game organized by UNFPA to mark the International Girl Child Day.





PROMOTING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The vibrant cultural scene of Kosovo gathers every year hundreds of young girls and boys from different communities. The summer season is particularly rich in events and opportunities of dialogue and cultural exchange, like the a-world class documentary Dokufest – held every August in Prizren –; the innovative Dokutech, a spin off of Dokufest to promote youth empowerment by bringing together individuals and tech talent with top-tier international future makers, executives and thinkers; or the animation festival Anibar.

During the 2018 edition of Dokufest, which involved over 25,000 visitors, UNKT raised awareness of the importance of joining forces to achieve a sustainable global change and build an equal and inclusive society through an innovative mirror installation, through which people could experience a parallel SDGs-achieved reality. Looking at their reflected image in the mirrors, they could see themselves

2018. Dokufest / C. Lahnahti

One of the volunteers that made possible the complex organization of the Dokufest is projecting herself as police officer in her fight against gender-based violence.

live in a world of equal opportunities for men and women, free from poverty and discrimination, or where natural resources are protected and preserved.

This year’s edition of Dokufest also raised importance of gender equality and women’s empowerment through panel discussions, performances and a special installation on SDG 5.





2018. UNV/ A. Pireva
Students from Pristina University engaged on air pollution theory of co-design organized by UNDP, UNV and WHO as part of the joint project Healthier Kosovo.



2018. UNMIK.
In 2018, for the second year in a row, UNKT joined UNMIK in organizing the Youth Assembly: the biggest platform in Kosovo encouraging youth inter-ethnic dialogue and cooperation on issues of mutual concern. Brought together under the theme “Youth Power: Building Peace and Security Together” and supported by the invaluable contribution

of a multi-ethnic team of volunteers of the UN Youth Task Force, over 200 young leaders from all ethnic communities (60% young women and 40% young men) attended the two-day event exchanging experiences and reflecting on more efficient youth-driven solutions to the wide array of issues facing Kosovo youth. Participants were also

encouraged to develop youth-led trust-building initiatives and solutions to address the most pressing issues faced by their communities: out of all proposals, UNICEF and UNDP awarded five small-scale grants to projects in the area of confidence building, women empowerment and prevention of GBV and intercultural learning through critical thinking, photography and artisanal arts.



OUR SDGs CHAMPION

During 2018, Uta Ibrahim, the first woman from Kosovo to climb Mount Everest, joined UNKT in their pledge to help Kosovo achieve the Global Goals and became, early 2019, the first UNKT SDGs Champion.

Thanks to her courage and commitment for an inclusive society and a clean environment, Uta represents a strong woman role model, to whom the youth of Kosovo can look upon. In particular, the UNKT engaged her to reach out young girls and boys to promote SDG 5 and SDG 13 with messages of peace, empowerment of women and youth, of environmental protection and development. The partnership started with her involvement on the occasion of the World Population Day with UNFPA, it continued by promoting the natural beauty of Kosovo with UNDP, and it culminated in her appointment as UNKT SDGs Champion.

2018. F. Ibrahim

"I have chosen to promote SDG 5 Gender Equality and SDG 13 Climate Action, as I most passionate about these two out of the seventeen. Word of the wise says that there is no other more important competition that the one you have with yourself. As a mountaineer, I am aware of that. The mountain sometimes looks like it has the upper-hand, but in the end it will be conquered. It all depends on the will. I say this from my experience. So, please, never stop believing and working towards your goals."

– Flutra (Uta) Ibrahim





PARTNERING WITH THE MEDIA

Journalists and media play an essential function in achieving the SDGs. They role - privileged from one side, as they are able to get the attention of society, but also charged with heavy responsibility – is recognized by the Sustainable Development Goal 16, attesting the right to access information and the freedom of speech.

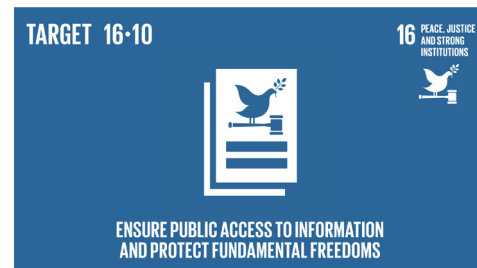
The UNKT worked with media as a strong partner in ensuring Kosovo citizens are informed and engaged with societal developments and supported journalists in their daily advocacy work against inequality, corruption and social injustice.

During 2018, in partnership with the Association of Kosovo Journalists the UNKT promoted capacity building of media through training on gender-sensitive reporting on transitional justice, on the role of media in preventing gender-based violence and,

2018. UNKT/ H. Campbell

The photo journalist Jeton Sopa receives the award for the category of Best Photography with his picture denouncing the living conditions of a homeless family of eight in Pristina, which was published on the news portal Indexonline.

thanks to the engagement of the Shorenstein Center from Harvard Kennedy School, on dynamics behind misinformation and disinformation.





2018. UNDP

On the occasion of the 16 Days of activism campaign, the Kosovo Football Federation decided to spread the important message of preventing and combating gender based violence during the high visibility UEFA Nations League match between Kosovo and Azerbaijan. Thanks to a partnership between UN Women, UNDP and the pivotal engagement of the Security and Gender Group, strong messages to break the silence and stigma behind GBV were shared with around 32,000 football fans.

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International and regional partners

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Charles University of Prague
Council of Europe
EULEX
European Union Office in Kosovo
Government of Finland
Government of Great Britain
Government of Israel
Government of Luxembourg
Government of Switzerland
Government of USA (Department of Justice)
KFOR
Millennium Challenge Corporation
Open Society Foundations
OSCE
Swiss Development and Cooperation
The Partnership Initiative
USAID

NGOs

Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture
Aktiv
Association for Peace Kosovo
Association of Business Directories
Association of Certificated Auditors and Accountants of Kosovo
Association of Journalist of Kosovo
Association of Religious Communities
BIRN
Butgem (Bursa, Turkey)
CACTTUS
Caritas Kosova
Catholic Community of Kosovo
CEED Kosovo
CEELEX
Centre for Promotion of Women's Rights
CIVIKOS
Civil Rights Programme Kosovo
Coalition of NGOs for Protection of Children - KOMF
Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Developing Together
Domovnik
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Fortesa
Forum for Development and Inter-ethnic Collaboration
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Kosovo Bar Association
Kosovo CSR Network
Kosovo Democratic Institute
Kosovo Disability Forum
Kosovo Gender Study Centre
Kosovo RAE Women's Network
Kosovo Rehabilitation Centre of Torture Victims

Kosovo Women's Network
Kosovo-Live
Lawyers Association Norma
Lens
Local Development Fund
Let's Do it Kosova
Let's Do it Peja
Medica Gjakova
Medica Kosovo
Mediterranean Information Office for environment Culture and Sustainable Development
Millennium Foundations Kosovo
Orthodox Community Of Kosovo
Peer Educators Network
Red Cross of Kosovo
Sabor in Gracanica Shelter Liria
Safe House Gjakova
Sinergjija
Svet Andela

Kosovo institutions

Agency of Gender Equality
Agency of Civil Registration
Anti-Corruption Agency
Asylum Center
Border Police
Centers for Social Work
Commission for the Recognition and Verification of Conflict related Sexual Violence Survivors
Assembly of Kosovo and its respective Committees
Committee for Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade, Industry and Regional Development
Committee for Education, Science, Technology, Culture, Youth, Sports, Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare
Committee on the Rights, Interests of the Communities and Return
Council for Sustainable Development
Women's Caucus
Green Caucus
Department for Reintegration of the Repatriated Persons
Domestic Violence Coordination Mechanisms in Gjakove/Dakovica Municipality
Employment Agency of Kosovo
Employment Management Information System
Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
Financial Intelligence Unit
Forensic Accounting and Financial Fraud Certification
Government Authority on Migration
Group for Legal and Political Strategy
Health Information System
Hydro-Meteorological Institute
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Inter-ministerial Water Committee on Environmental Health
Judicial Council and Prosecutorial Council
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Kosovo Chamber of Commerce
Kosovo Economic and Social Council
Kosovo Employment Fund

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Kosovo Judicial Council
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Kosovo Police
Kosovo Prosecutorial Council
Kosovo Statistical Agency
Labour Inspectorate
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Mediation Centers (Prishtinë/Prishtina, Gjakovë/Dakovica and Ferizaj/Urosevac)
Mediation Commission
Millennium Foundation Kosovo
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Ministry for Internal Affairs
Ministry of Agricultural Forestry and Rural Development
Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport
Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
Ministry of Finance
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Municipality of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica North
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Municipality of Prishtinë/Prishtina
Municipality of Prizren
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National Committee on Maternal Audit
National Institute of Public Health
National Steering Committee
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Office of Domestic Violence National Coordinator
Office of National Coordinator
Office of Prime Ministers
Office of the Disciplinary Prosecutor
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