

**23 November** UNOPS signs an agreement with Ministry of Health on procurement of medical equipment and infrastructure interventions needed to increase health capacities for the fight against COVID-19. € 14.3 million soft loan funds provided by the World Bank. [LINK](#)

**25 November** The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women marks the launch of the '16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence & campaign. This year, in Kosovo<sup>1</sup>, the launch of the 16 Day Campaign was marked by a joint EU-UN and the Mayor of Gjakova (Đakovica). The delegation of EU Special Representative, UN Development Coordinator, UN Women, UNDP, IOM and the Mayor jointly visited the "Safe House" shelter for survivors of domestic violence and the bakery owned by the shelter, during which the importance of support for the survivors was emphasized, especially now during COVID-19, when their economic empowerment is at a high risk. Next, was a visit to IOM's beneficiary, a young tailor from the Egyptian community who operates a store in the Old Bazaar of Gjakova/Đakovica. With a grant she received from the EU Community Stabilization Programme III, an EU-funded program, implemented by IOM, she managed to expand her existing business which her father established in 2012 and increase the quality and quantity of her clothes production, using various types of fabrics. The visit finalized at the Terzi and Tabak Bridges, which were lit in orange by EU and UNDP, to mark the first day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign. The 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based violence stretch from 25 November until 10 December with more than 100 events organized The event calendar can be found here: [LINK](#)

**20 October** On World Children's Day, more than 350 people participated in the online launching event of Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 6 organized by the Agency of Statistics and UNICEF joined by Prime Minister and UN Development Coordinator. The new information arising from MICS provides an opportunity for Kosovo Institutions and international agencies to target resources and development assistance more accurately and effectively. This will be critical especially now, as Kosovo responds to and mitigates the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children. MICS 6 in Kosovo is implemented by Agency of Statistics in partnership with UNICEF, and supported by the Ministry of Finance, the Government of Luxemburg, UNFPA, UN Women, the UN Development Coordinator's Office, and the Millennium Foundation Kosovo. [LINK](#)

**25 November** EU Special Representative, and UNDP Resident Representative, signed an agreement on "Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Intercommunity Dialogue and Social Cohesion" project of € 2 million, to continue cooperation in this area over the next two years.



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### Highlights:

UNOPS and Kosovo Ministry of Health sign an Emergency COVID-19 Project financed by World Bank loan TO HELP STRENGTHEN RESPOND TO covid-19.

Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 6 launched by UNICEF together with the Prime Minister and UN Development Coordinator on Universal Children's Day

UN marks International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women AND The launch of the 16 Days of Activism together with the EU Special Representative, UN Development Coordinator, UN Women, UNDP, IOM and mayor of Gjakova/Đakovica.

UNDP and EU sign Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Intercommunity Dialogue and Social Cohesion Project

<sup>1</sup>References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

## UN Kosovo Team Spotlight

**12 November** Marking the World Town Planning Day, UN-Habitat and the Ministry of Economy and Environment signed a Memorandum of Cooperation for the Inclusive Development Program. This memorandum marks the continuation of the journey with the central government and the continuous commitment towards creating the best possible living conditions for all citizens and efforts to guarantee sustainable development. [LINK](#)

**12 November** UN-Habitat and Partners have positively assessed the proposed capital investment project in municipality of North Mitrovica with members of the Review Panel comprised of Ministry of Economy and Environment (MEE), Ministry of Local Government Administration (MLGA), Swedish Development Cooperation (SIDA), PAX, CBM and UN-Habitat. Site Visits to the seven partner municipalities have preceded the second stage of positive assessment of the project proposals within the Capital Investment Facility (CIF). CIF component is implemented within the Inclusive Development Programme by UN-Habitat, PAX, CBM and funded by the Government of Sweden. [LINK](#)



**17 November** The International Design Competition for the Central City Square of Rahovec/Orahovac is now closed! More than 80 architects, urbanists, and architectural and urban design studios from 36 countries around the world submitted their ideas and proposals for the Central City Square of Rahovec/Orahovac. The winners will be announced on 12 December. The Competition is financed by the Municipality of Rahovec/Orahovac, implemented with the technical support of UN-Habitat. [LINK](#)

**17 November** – Marking the 20th anniversary of UNSCR 1325 UN Women, in partnership with EU and UNMiK helped organise “Women Leaders - a personal perspective” - an online event, that provided a platform to discuss with national and international women at decision-making levels about their personal experiences on enabling factors to their meaningful participation in decision-making, spoilers that hindered their effective engagement and lessons learned. This event included participants of the ‘Women in Politics. Confidence, Influence and Effective Leadership. Ensuring Gender-responsive and Inclusive Political Dialogue Processes’ initiative. Present at the event were also Vjosa Osmani, Acting President, Pia Stjernvall, Finnish Ambassador, Ulrika Richardson, UN Development Coordinator, Edita Tahiri, former Kosovo Chief negotiator of the EU-facilitated Belgrade-Pristina dialogue, and many more prominent women. [LINK](#)

**20 November** Association of Journalists of Kosovo organized the “Journalists on the Frontline” Awards Ceremony, supported by UN Women through UN Peacebuilding Fund, in cooperation with the OSCE Mission in Kosovo. UN Women Head of Office Vlora Tuzi Nushi, announced the winner of ‘Women’s Empowerment Journalism prize’ Ms. Donika Lamaxhema for her article: ‘Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Women’s Invisible Lives in Society’s Outskirts.’ [Event LINK](#) and winning article [LINK](#)



**24 November** UNHCR in partnership with Jahjaga Foundation organised a virtual meeting with youth from different communities from Prizren, with panellists Ms. Atifete Jahjaga, former President, Ulrika Richardson, UN Development Coordinator, Erol Arduç, UNHCR Chief of Mission and Mr. Mytaher Haskuka, Mayor of Prizren. Topics discussed include the challenges during the COVID pandemic, education, and job opportunities. Youth returnee from Turkish and Bosnian communities and respective receiving community from Prizren Municipality focused on equal opportunities for the youth of all communities, especially in education and employment. [LINK](#)



**25 November** Inspired by daily online platform calls, UNFPA supported the creation of an online play, in cooperation with talented team of young artists from the Serbian community in Kosovo. The play ‘Broken rib’ discusses topics of violence and mental abuse in a relationship caused by a dominant male partner. The play is charged with emotions and it was very well received by the online public. [LINK](#)



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**26 November** UNDP's Kosovo Safety and Security Programme-KSSP organised a webinar on Women, Peace and Security as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign, titled: 'Role of Women in Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Control' to discuss how to strengthen women's role in peace-making and conflict prevention efforts. Participants include champions in the field of Women, Peace and Security: Atifete Jahjaga, the former President of Kosovo; Clare Hutchinson, NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security; Pia Stjernvall, the Ambassador of Finland to Kosovo; Ariana Qosaj Mustafa, the Chair of Kosovo Women's Network, and Daniel de Torres, Director of Small Arms Survey, who shared their insights on the critical role of women in SALW control.

**27 November** UNDP's Support to Anticorruption Efforts in Kosovo-SAEK held its second anti-corruption webinar on unpacking the oversight arsenal which explored the full range of investigative tools, when and why to use them, and strategic options to minimize risk and taught how a watchdog & 'voice' can be stronger than its 'teeth'. UNDP within the frameworks of the Project has organized up to date, a series of webinars on best global anti-corruption practices addressing different topics with examples from countries such as Latvia and Hong Kong. UNDP SAEK III is supported by Switzerland (SDC) and Sweden (SIDA). [LINK](#)

#### Guard dogs vs watchdogs

##### Guard dogs have "teeth"

- Use force
- Arrest, prosecute, sanction suspects
- Compel reforms

##### • Watchdogs use "voice"

- Use pressure
- Investigate and issue reports
- Recommend reforms



Watchdogs bark



Guard dogs bite

**27 November** UNHCR supported development of the new website which includes updated information on COVID-19 and the latest statistics of the Institute of Public Health, as well as informs asylum seekers about the asylum system in Kosovo, information about provision of assistance and prospects of integration. The website is developed as part of the EU funded project by the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments "Addressing COVID-19 Challenges within the Migrant and Refugee Response in the Western Balkans" implemented by IOM and UNHCR. The content also includes guidelines and measures taken by institutions in Kosovo on prevention from COVID-19. This platform is managed by Civil Rights Program - Kosovo (CRP/K). [LINK](#)

**30 November** UNICEF in partnership with Ministry of Health, provided 165,000 doses of seasonal influenza vaccine, which is 60 % more than previous years for Kosovo. 120.500 doses are delivered, while 40.000 are to be delivered in the weeks to come. UNICEF provides high quality and cheaper vaccines for many countries and territories from manufacturers pre-qualified by the World Health Organization. [LINK](#)

**November** WHO within the framework of the Healthier Kosovo project supported by Government of Luxembourg, is supporting Institute for Public Health-IPH to carry out assessments of environmental conditions in 10 schools in Kosovo. WHO has donated the necessary samplers and sensors, prepared the questionnaires, and provided the necessary trainings to the IPH staff. More similar assessment are planned to be conducted which will provide useful insight of the conditions in the schools, allowing decision makers to design needs based interventions. [LINK](#)

**November** WHO, UNICEF and Ministry of Health are working together to establish a proper system for the supply and disbursement of the COVID-19 vaccine. All the necessary preparations and mechanisms are being built in Kosovo to ensure flawless deployment of the vaccines once received.

## Risk Communication and Communication for Development

**4 November** UNICEF in partnership with USAID developed five informative videos on promotion of protection measures. The videos are being broadcast widely in main TV channels and via social media reaching general population. [LINK1](#) [LINK2](#) [LINK3](#) [LINK4](#) [LINK5](#)

**November** UNICEF supported the design and printing of 1,000 posters in Albanian and Serbian language distributed to 222 schools in seven municipalities. The materials are developed based on the feedback received from school directors and in response to the need to reinforce the dissemination of information of COVID-19 prevention in schools.

**12 November** UNDP in cooperation with NGO Action for Mothers and Children, and in coordination with the Institute of Public Health and Ombudsperson Institution, launched the awareness campaign called #dashniekujdes (#LoveAndCare) to combat the discrimination and stigma related to COVID-19 patients. [LINK1](#) [LINK2](#) [LINK3](#)



**17 November** IOM Chief of Mission, Ms. Anna Rostocka, and UNHCR Chief of Mission in Pristina, Mr. Erol Arduç appeared as guests on RTK 1 Morning Show, informing about wider public on the work of UN Agencies in Kosovo in supporting asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and other vulnerable people amid COVID-19 pandemic as well as the activities related to the support provided by the MPTF COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund.



**25 November** UNDP and the EU organised the lighting in orange of the Terzi and Tabak Bridges on the occasion of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. The lightening of iconic buildings around the world in orange is a key part of the “16 Days of Activism” Campaign. Orange colour symbolizes a bright future without violence against women and girls. On November 25 th , throughout Kosovo, many buildings and cultural heritage monuments were lit up in orange, including the Assembly Building, Ministry of Justice, Cathedral in Pristina, European Union Office Building, the Bill Clinton Street and more. Kosovo is a part of the global “16 Days of Activism” campaign for several years now through the UN Women Office in Kosovo, which co-ordinates the campaign through the multi-stakeholder Security and Gender Group (SGG).

**26 November** UNHCR and NGO Advancing Together join the campaign of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence by publishing a promo video. [LINK](#)

**27 November** As part of 16 days of activism, UNFPA Kosovo together with SIT-Centre for Counselling, Social Services and Research launched the Fathers’ Festival, to promote positive parenting and the engagement of men in raising children. This goal is to raise awareness for the importance of engagement of fathers in bringing up children and fighting against the patriarchal mind- set in Kosovo society. [LINK](#)

**27 November** UNDP turns Ulpiana orange continuing the 16 Days of Activism campaign. Video prepared as part of the “Inter-community Dialogue through inclusive Cultural Heritage Preservation” project, funded by the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP / EU) in 2019. [LINK](#)



**16 November** WHO translated and adapted a series of awareness raising materials related to COVID-19 and seasonal fluË “My Hero” storybook and the video. The book is being distributed to schools with the assistance of Institute of Public Health. [LINK](#) to the book and [LINK](#) to the video

**18 – 24 November** WHO with the support of the Development Coordinator’s Office marked World Awareness Antimicrobial Week by disseminating poster and infographics translated and adopted to Kosovo context and shared with partners and media. Head of Kosovo Office Mr. Sergy Koryak appeared in the interview on the show ‘Aktualitet’ on RTK1 discussing Antimicrobial misuse.

**November** WHO has also adapted materials related to mask wearing for children and developed posters related to seasonal flu and vaccination. Distribution is on process.

**November** UNICEF in cooperation with health authorities and NGO partners at municipal level, launched a door to door campaign to deliver catch-up immunization services, targeting communities, children and families for any immunizations that they may have missed during the lockdown earlier in the year. [LINK](#)

## Community Outreach and Assistance Delivery

**12 November** UNFPA Kosovo delivered to the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare nearly 40,000 items of personal protective equipment PPE. The equipment will protect 350 health care providers and support staff working in institutions elderly care, as well as 270 elderly and people with disabilities living in them. This amount of equipment is sufficient for the next 3-4 months. UNFPA delivered 25 laptops to the Centres for Social Work, in order to support social workers in response to Gender-Based Violence - GBV, enable easier management of these cases and support the shelters. [LINK](#)

**16 – 27 November** IOM is distributing 475 m<sup>3</sup> of firewood to 95 vulnerable families – beneficiaries of the EU Return and Reintegration in Kosovo phase V (EU-RRK V) project, implemented by IOM, funded by the EU Office in Kosovo, co-financed by the Ministry of Communities. The assistance is part of the Harmonized Assistance Packages (HAP) to beneficiaries. A total of 488 family members in 11 municipalities will receive 5 m<sup>3</sup> of much needed firewood per family. [LINK](#)



**17 November** IOM helped seven displaced families from Kosovo-Serbian community to return to their place of origin in Kosovo, respectively in Istog/k municipality after years of displacement in Serbia through the assistance provided by the EU-Return and Reintegration Programme in Kosovo phase V (EU-RRK-V). Reintegration into Kosovo society after years of displacement is a challenging process. Thus, to further alleviate this process, these families are initially assisted with food, non-food and firewood items as well as income generation assistance. The EU-RRK – V, is an EU funded Programme, co-funded by the Ministry of Communities and Returns, and implemented by International Organization for Migration (IOM) which supports the return and reintegration process for displaced persons in 12 Kosovo municipalities.

**24 November** UNDP, through ALMP project, in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, handed over much-needed packages of equipment to jobseekers allowing them to start their own businesses. These beneficiaries are among 136 repatriated jobseekers in Kosovo supported this year.

**24 November** Let's do it Kosova and Kosovo Olympic Committee launched a 10-year long campaign on planting 1.8 million trees in Kosovo. UN Development Coordinator stressed that the UN Kosovo will support the campaign as it corresponds with the Decade of Action of Agenda 2030. Together with the rector of University of Pristina, famous judoka Olympic gold medallist from Kosovo, Ms. Majlinda Kelmendi, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development and others, we planted 18 symbolic trees near the Rectorate of University of Pristina.



**25 November** UNDP and UNV supported Kosovo Assembly with digital tools, to ensure secure and reliable virtual meetings and initiatives, so the Assembly can continue its legislative mandate in any conditions. This contribution is part of the UNDP/UNV “Support Kosovo Institutions with swift and innovative solutions to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic” project funded by the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF). [LINK](#)

**November** WHO Pristina continued to support IPH to transition to the Go.Data platform by donating 8 laptops and 1 server to IPH. Go.Data is a tool for monitoring, collecting, and analysing COVID-19 data in a more efficient way.

**20 November** UNDP's Kosovo Safety and Security Programme (KSSP), through the 'Support to Countering Illicit Arms Trafficking – Border (CIAT)' project supported the border police by upgrading its technical capacities with five new state-of-the-art endoscopes. The endoscopes will further increase the efficiency and effectiveness of border police officers in detecting illicit arms trafficking, ammunition and explosives, and increase the confiscation levels. The project is funded by the government of the Federal Republic of Germany. [LINK](#)

**30 November** UNFPA Kosovo in cooperation with Red Cross supported 275 elderly people with food, hygienic items, medication, clothing, and psychosocial support. [LINK](#)



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