

25 June The Prime Minister with ministers, UN Development Coordinator and UN Heads of Agencies held the inaugural Joint Steering meeting for the **UNKT's Cooperation Framework 2021-2025**, which articulates the cooperation of the UN development system with partners over a five year period, to achieve progress on Sustainable Development Goals, in line with government priorities. [LINK](#)

9 June UNDP, UNFPA & UN Women published a third assessment conducted in March, which analyses the impact of the pandemic with a strong gender lens and builds on previous assessments from May and November 2020. While the **impact of the pandemic on households and businesses in Kosovo** was still evident in March 2021, some positive trends have formed. Compared to 2020, impact on household income has softened and mental or psychological health reports have decreased. On the other hand, fewer people observed compliance with pandemic measures among their communities. [LINK](#)

18 June On the occasion of World Refugee Day, the UN Refugee Agency, with local and international partners, hosted the inauguration of the refurbished Asylum Center in Vranidoll/I. Highlighting the importance of protecting and assisting asylum-seekers and refugees, the event was attended by the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Head of the EU Cooperation, the UN Development Coordinator, Chief of Mission of UNHCR and members of the diplomatic community. The refurbishment of the centre is funded by the EU Service for Foreign Policy Instrument #EUForeignPolicy. [LINK](#)

1-30 June On the occasion of Parenting Month, UNICEF engaged 75 parents to share experiences of their parenthood. These voices showcased responsible parenting tips and promoted the importance of both parents' engagement in the lives of their children. [LINK1](#), [LINK2](#), [LINK3](#), [LINK4](#)

25 June A first of its kind Symposium on the **Future of Territorial Planning** in Kosovo¹ was convened by UN-Habitat with the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning, and Infrastructure (MESPI). The Symposium was attended by the Prime Minister, the Minister of ESPI, the UN Development Coordinator, Head of UN-Habitat, as well as many local and international experts. [LINK](#)

24-25 June The Food and Agriculture Organization and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, through the Swedish-financed programme 'Support to strengthen sustainable and multipurpose forest management to improve rural livelihoods and address climate change' organized a joint review of the Kosovo Forest Sector. The two-day high-level event brought together stakeholders to discuss and analyse the forest and forestry sector in Kosovo, and to identify opportunities and challenges in forest management, which will contribute to the development of a ten-year strategy. [LINK1](#), [LINK2](#)

30 June The launch of the **Migration Partnership Forum** brought together representatives from central and local authorities, civil society, academia, the private sector, migrant associations, and other relevant stakeholders to jointly address migration issues and advance the achievement of migration-related Sustainable Development Goals.

The Forum explores ways to promote evidence-based policy in line with identified gaps on migration issues in Kosovo. It discusses how migration partnerships can build capacity at local institutions, thereby creating a more resilient infrastructure that supports coordination amongst authorities, international and local organizations. [LINK](#)

During the month of June 2021, UN Kosovo Team said goodbye to the Head of UNICEF office, Mr. Murat Sahin, and to the Head of the WHO office, Dr. Sergy Koryak. Mr. Sahin will be heading UNICEF's operations in Ukraine, while Dr. Koryak is retiring. The UN Kosovo Team wishes them all the best and thanks them for their service and contributions.



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Highlights:

- A UNKT-government steering committee launched implementation of the five year UNKT Cooperation Framework.
- A third assessment of pandemic impact on businesses and households showed some positive trends but less compliance.
- A high-level symposium discussed the future of territorial planning in Kosovo.
- A joint review of the Kosovo Forest Sector will contribute to a ten-year strategy.
- The launch of the Migration Partnership Forum will strengthen coordination.
- World Refugee Day marked through the inauguration of a newly refurbished Asylum Centre.
- Parenting Month market with an online campaign showcasing responsible parenting.



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



2 June UNOPS signed an MoU with the Agency for Vocational Education, Training, and Adult Education to develop a programme aimed at improving knowledge of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) standards. A second MOU was signed aimed at enhancing the capacities of the Labour Inspectorate. The 'Promoting Decent Work through Strengthening OSH Management and Social Dialogue' project is financed by #Sida. [LINK1](#), [LINK2](#)

3 June On International Bicycle Day, UN-Habitat, with the Deputy Mayor of Tirana and other urban mobility experts, shared their experiences on the Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning Online Webinar. On board were many speakers with international and local renown, as well as representatives from Kosovo institutions. [LINK](#)

7 June An event at the Basic Court of Pristina marked the successful completion of intensive training for 78 language professionals in the justice sector under the project 'Building Societal Connections and Support to Reconciliation and Social Cohesion in Kosovo' funded by the British Embassy and implemented by IOM. The project supports compliance with the Law on Use of Languages. [LINK](#)



7 June Cryptocurrency money laundering is an emerging threat globally and here in Kosovo. UNDP, together with Kosovo's Financial Intelligence Unit, discussed how to identify money laundering and terrorist financing criminal schemes involving the use of virtual currencies with law enforcement agents and private sector stakeholders. [LINK](#)

8 June UN Women and Kosovo Police presented a 'Handbook on Gender-Responsive Police Services for Women and Girls Subject to Violence,' which will provide relevant and practical guidance for responding to VAWG in a gender-sensitive manner for police and justice institutions. [LINK](#)



Combatting Cyber Crime (C3K)

8 June Ten security professionals completed an intensive three-day programme that will enable them to effectively handle post-breach consequences by reducing the financial and reputational impact of incidents. This training was made possible through the generous financial support of the Norwegian Embassy. [LINK](#) **14 June** Ten ICT officials completed a four-day online training on the C3K framework including cyber incident management. [LINK](#) **28 June** UNDP and the Kosovo Academy of Justice offered a two-day workshop for judges and prosecutors on detection, investigation, and prosecution of cybercrime through the Combatting Cyber Crime (C3K) Project. [LINK](#)

On 14 June, UNDP joined a high-level visit with the EU and Croatian Ambassadors, the UN Development Coordinator, the Minister of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, a representative from the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, and local representatives for a visit to Janjevo/ë, a small town with a fascinating history, ethnic diversity and extensive tourism potential. In partnership with the EU and the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, UNDP will support the protection of Janjevo/ë's rich and diverse cultural heritage and its socio-economic revival. [LINK](#)

16 June The Project Approval Committee of IOM's EU - Community Stabilization Program IV approved 50 additional individual efforts and 5 community projects to be supported in the following months.

16 June UN Women, the Embassy of Italy and the Ministry of Justice organized a joint event aimed at addressing the needs of survivors of Domestic and Gender-Based violence in all COVID-19 economic recovery plans, bringing together ambassadors, Kosovo and international institutions, and the Deputy Minister of Justice/National Coordinator against Domestic Violence. Inspired by the Italian Presidency of the 2021 G20 and the G20 Agenda for 2021, the event was a follow-up to a May 2021 plenary session of the G20 Alliance for the Empowerment and Progression of Women's Economic Representation jointly chaired by Italy and UN Women in Kosovo. Representatives of licensed shelters were present to sell products by survivors. [LINK](#)





17 June UN Women and the Association of Journalists of Kosovo trained 20 journalists and 25 university students to accurately report on Gender Responsive Budgeting and implemented a joint campaign ‘Reporting Week for Gender Responsive Budgeting’. [LINK](#)

17 June Health workers hired by MoH and financially supported by a World Bank loan were trained in diagnostic COVID detection methods by Dr. Golubinka Boshevaska of WHO’s Balkan Hub. This was the fifth session of several more.

18 June As part of the UN Women Programme ‘Implementing Norms, Changing Minds’ in the Western Balkans and Turkey funded by the European Union The Network of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Women’s Organizations of Kosovo launched a report on the implementation of requirements of the Istanbul Convention on early marriages. [LINK](#)

18 June Mitrovica North Municipality wants to become a world class ‘university city’ as envisioned in its upcoming municipal development plan. UN-Habitat is supporting this vision by hosting a neighbourhood-based planning deliberation to leverage investment in partnership with the Faculty of Technical Sciences. The UN-Habitat Head of Office met with the Dean of the Faculty to mark this new partnership. [LINK](#)

18 June In honour of International Refugee Day, the Kosovo Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims, an implementing partner of UNHCR, published ‘Meet My Soul’, a book with photographs of the eyes and messages of asylum seekers and refugees in Kosovo. The book was promoted at a discussion with KRCT executive director Rushiti, head of UNHCR Erol Arduć and author Malisa Zymberi at KultPlus Gallery. [LINK](#)



20 June UNFPA, with the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) launched a Teachers’ Manuals on Comprehensive Sexuality Education for primary and secondary education. [LINK](#)



22-24 June UNDP teamed up with platforms Fight or Flight, Common Store, and Dyvo Lab to discuss the global fashion industry and highlight the importance of conscious design and production. During a three-day responsible fashion workshop at the Innovation and Training Park in Prizren, participants used unwanted clothes and deconstructed and re-designed them. Through this process of ‘up-cycling,’ creators gave these clothes a new life. Participants will be able to sell their designs in the Common Store. [LINK1](#), [LINK2](#)

23 June The Minister of Communities and Returns and the Mayor of Mitrovica North agreed to construct four new public green spaces in Mitrovica North through the UN-Habitat Capital Investment Facility co-financed by the Embassy of Sweden. [LINK](#)

23 June Kosovo university students participated in an online cybersecurity training, culminating in a ‘Capture the Flag’ competition, organized by UNDP in cooperation with Women4Cyber Albania, Telelink Business Services, and IPKO Foundation. bug Hunters, a team of three students from Mitrovica, were awarded with tablets and remote internships with Women4Cyber Albania for their innovative approaches to protect networks and information systems. [LINK](#)

23 June UN Women with UNMIK, on this year’s UN Global Open Day entitled ‘Towards an Inclusive Recovery: Advancing Women’s Meaningful Participation in Decision-making during the Covid-19 Pandemic’, provided a platform for women and men from different sectors of society to discuss and highlight the importance of women’s meaningful participation in the development of policies to address and recover from the pandemic. [LINK](#)



24 June UNICEF, with the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, visited the vaccination sites at “1 Tetori” Hall, where they met young passionate volunteers and thanked them for their efforts in support of health workers during the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. [LINK](#)



25 June Ministers, state secretaries and heads of anti-corruption agencies from six Western Balkans governments expressed their political adherence to the Regional Anti-corruption and Illicit Finance Roadmap for the Western Balkans during an event organized by UNODC in Ohrid, North Macedonia, in partnership with the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative. The high-level event included Kosovo's ministers for justice and internal affairs. This commitment is a significant step forward to align the jurisdictions in the region with international anti-corruption standards and to operate more effectively. The UNODC Regional Programme for Southeastern Europe is funded by the UK and Germany and is undertaken in the context of the Berlin Process. [LINK](#)



26 June A first training on the identification of natural monuments was held by UNDP in partnership with the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning, and Infrastructure, Club Alpine Pristina, and Kosovo Environmental Protection Agency for more than 30 hikers, climbers, cyclists, runners, and nature explorers. COVID-19 has severely impacted the Kosovo tourism sector but has also offered the opportunity to accelerate recovery through greener, more sustainable ecotourism practices such as mapping out and creating access to natural monuments. [LINK](#)

18 June A virtual UNICEF PONDER workshop equipped adolescent girls and boys with the ability to understand and filter messages in mass media. As a result of a great partnership with stakeholders, overall, 4,965 adolescents developed their critical thinking skills in media literacy, marked by an event in the presence of the UN Development Coordinator, the Austrian Ambassador, and the UNICEF Head of Office. [LINK1](#)

30 June UN-Habitat signed an MoU with the Environment and Spatial Planning Committee of the Assembly of Kosovo, creating a framework for stronger policy action and joint collaboration on sustainable urban development, spatial planning, housing, mobility, and local climate action policies and legislation to meet the Sustainable Development Goals and New Urban Agenda. [LINK](#)



June 30 UNOPS and the government of Kosovo signed a 5.4 million Euro agreement funded via a World Bank loan to support the Ministry of Health through the procurement of essential drugs and supplies to combat COVID-19 and to strengthen the capacity of the health sector. [LINK](#)



Risk Communication and Communication for Development

5 June To mark World Environment Day, UN-Habitat under the slogan 'Green Cities in Motion' organized several activities aimed at raising citizens' awareness of the role they can play in protecting the environment. [LINK](#)

7 June FAO and WHO marked Food Safety Day under this year's theme, 'Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow', stressing that production and consumption of safe food has immediate and long-term benefits for people, the planet, and the economy. WHO and FAO messages were translated and shared on social media. [LINK](#)

10 June The Kosovo Occupational Safety and Health Profile is now published! This publication is prepared by ILO and is part of the OSH Management Project financed by Sida and implemented by UNOPS. It provides an overview of information on the current OSH situation in Kosovo, assesses gaps in the OSH system, and identifies priority areas for action. [LINK1](#), [LINK2](#)

20 June UNICEF marked Father's Day by engaging decision-makers, donors, and partners to share the importance of fatherhood in the lives of children. [LINK](#)

20 June UNFPA marked Father's Day in Pristina's main square by organizing the 'Father's Festival' where young fathers participated with their children and competed in various competitions, including changing diapers, ironing, and pushing baby trolleys in order to challenge parenting stereotypes in our society. [LINK](#)

21 June A UN Women initiative brought together artists from the region. As part of the #MuralsforEquality campaign, 'What you sow, you reap!' is the theme of a mural in Ferizaj by Lebibe Topalli, raising awareness on equal property and land rights. The street art will also be exhibited online at the Generation Equality Forum organized by UN Women. [LINK](#)

23 June The Internet (In)Security documentary, part of the Careful on the Internet campaign implemented by UNDP and funded by the Norwegian Embassy, was launched at Kino Armata, followed by a discussion on Kosovo's efforts to fight cybercrime, bringing together experts, civil society, internet users, and representatives from police and prosecution. [LINK](#)

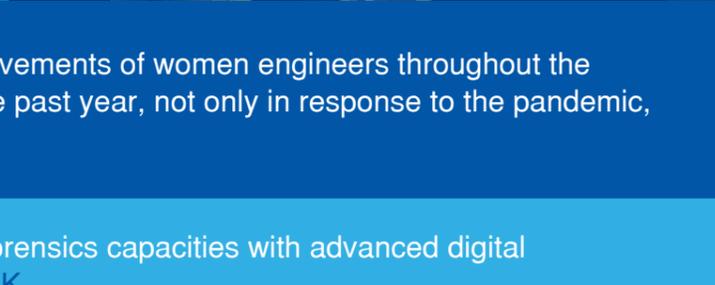
23 June UNOPS marked International Women in Engineering Day by emphasising the outstanding achievements of women engineers throughout the world. The UN Family is proud of the work that UNOPS Kosovo women engineers have been doing for the past year, not only in response to the pandemic, but also to support our mission towards Building a Better Future. [LINK](#)

26 June UNOPS delivered forensic software to support the Kosovo Forensic Agency in upgrading their forensics capacities with advanced digital technology. This activity is organized within the framework of the UNMIK Justice Support Programme. [LINK](#)

5 June Marking World Environment Day during Kosovo Sustainable Development Week 2021, UNDP and Innovation Centre Kosovo launched the first-ever Food Waste Challenge in Kosovo. Food loss and waste are major sources of environmental pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, with up to 20% of food served in Kosovo restaurants left uneaten. Ten gastronomy businesses were selected to go on a three-week journey of food waste management. The data collected will be the first of its kind to inform economically and environmentally friendly policies in Kosovo. [LINK](#)

12 June This year, UN Women with She Inspires and the Municipality of Pristina, marked Global Wellness Day through a pilates session at Don Bosko School to highlight the importance of physical and mental well-being for women and girls. [LINK](#)

14 June Five NGOs, Anibar, EC Ma Ndryshe, The Ideas Partnership, Mlada Aktivna Gracanica, and Ecociety, won grants for the promotion of intangible #CulturalHeritage in the framework of UNDP EU-funded project 'Cultural heritage as a driver for intercommunity dialogue and social cohesion.' Several activities will be implemented, with a focus on social cohesion, intercultural literacy, and cultural assets mapping.



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Community Outreach and Assistance Delivery

3 June IOM, EU - Community Stabilisation Program IV delivered a finalized constructed multifunctional sports field Xhemajl Kada Elementary School in the Pejë/Peć municipality, a multi-ethnic school attended by Albanians, Egyptians, Roma, and Bosniaks

7 – 11 June UNMIK and OHCHR, in partnership with the Missing Persons Resource Center, delivered food and hygiene packages, as well as personal protective equipment, to families of missing persons from all communities across ten municipalities (62 women, 58 men). [LINK](#)

11 June WHO donated 9,500 Cepheid test cartridges to the Institute of Public Health in May-June 2021, funded by the British Embassy. Cepheid tests can provide rapid COVID-19 results and will be used with existing machines available in Pristina, Prizren, and Peja/Peć.

19 June WHO continues with messaging on the importance of basic preventive measures. [LINK](#)



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Kosovo Safety & Security Programme (KSSP) handovers

23 June UNDP, through Kosovo Safety and Security Programme, supported the Kosovo Border Police with equipment to combat illicit arms trafficking and control small arms and light weapons at border crossing points and green border lines. The equipment includes hand-held devices that will help with the detection of explosives and narcotics. The project is funded by the German Embassy Pristina through UNDP's SALW Funding Window.

29 June UNDP handed over two sets of specialized equipment for detecting explosives and narcotics to the Kosovo Police Investigation Department via its CPIAT project supported by Germany, the UK, the Netherlands, Sweden, France, Norway and the EU through the UN's Western Balkans #SALW Control Roadmap Trust Fund.

28-29 June UNOPS' handover of CCTV equipment to Rahovec/Orahovac and to Viti/Vitina municipalities marked the successful completion of a project for the provision and installation of cameras and workstations. [LINK](#)

30 June UNOPS delivered a set of laptops and promotional materials to the Association of Women in Kosovo Police to support its activities by strengthening capacities to improve outreach. [LINK](#)

