UN Kosovo Team — In Brief
August 2021

**Highlights**

- **UNDCO & UN Women — 27th - 28th August**
  CELEBRATION OF GENDER EQUALITY & WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT AT THE 13TH EDITION OF PRIFEST
  Pristina International Film Festival celebrated gender equality in discussion with women directors, highlighting success stories of cooperation, support for each other and solidarity, in accomplishing their careers and dreams towards international success. As part of the partnership with PriFest, Development Coordinator’s Office and UN Women supported two debates focusing on the successes of women filmmakers, and the hardships they encountered because of their gender. Despite this, these women break barriers with their successes every day. Further, the debates aimed to transmit the message to the audience that if women are given the space to direct movies, play in movies, produce, and write them, then we will be one step forward to achieving gender equality.
  Read more in these links. Activities of third edition of Biennale are also supported by UNDCO and UN Women.

- **UNICEF — 2nd August**
  LAUNCH OF THE SECOND COHORT OF KOSOVO GENERATION UNLIMITED
  UNICEF with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports marked the Youth Month by launching the second cohort of the Kosovo Generation Unlimited, Internship Programme, which is supported by the Austrian Development Agency. The launch was held in presence of the Prime Minister Kurti, representatives of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, the Austrian Ambassador, Mr. Weidinger, CEO of Raiffeisen Bank, Mr. Wright and 200 young people. Read more in this link.

- **UNOPS — 3rd August**
  4-DAY TRAINING ON ‘SAFETY AT WORK’
  The second round of the ‘Safety at Work’ 4-day training has started with 31 women and men from 26 different companies across Kosovo attending the lectures and the on-site visit prepared by our partners Project for Health and Safety Services and Kosovo Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of this training is to identify and address health and safety issues that workers face and inform on their rights and responsibilities while discussing the benefits of an inclusive and safe working environment. Read more in this link.

- **UNDP — 19th August**
  AUTOSTRADA BIENNALE - CONNECTING CULTURE AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
  Autostrada Biennale supported by UNDP during third edition, showed clearly just how much potential city of Prizren has as a cultural heritage site for sustainable tourism. The city reinvented itself as an open museum through re-functionalization of heritage buildings and examining the relationship between public and private spaces. A city with a rich culture heritage is now hosting 17 exhibition venues starting from the Autostrada Biennale Education and Production Space as the main venue which has been returned to the Contemporary Art Center. Supported by UNDP’s City Experiment Fund Project, Autostrada Biennale will run the capacity building programme for entrepreneurs and artists, which will embrace different topics such as Creative Industry, Arts and Technology and Cross Disciplinary Approach in Creative Industry and will be mentored by relevant artists/entrepreneurs of the respective fields. Click here to watch the video or get updated by our social media posts. Activities of third edition of Biennale are also supported by UNDCO and UN Women.

- **IOM — 22nd August**
  BALKANISTICS IS BACK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRISTINA
  IOM and University of Pristina signed a Memorandum of Understanding, laying down the foundation for cooperation in areas of institutionalization of the learning of official languages in Kosovo, through the establishment of the Language Center and the Balkanistics Study Programme, at the Faculty of Philology. Other areas of cooperation include conduction of research on matters of mutual interest, capacity building, data collection, exchange, development, and implementation of evidence-based policies addressing relevant societal challenges. The Balkanistics Study Programme is initially accredited by for the next 3 years, with maximum 30 students commencing their studies on October 2021. The programme is a four-year bachelor’s degree, aiming to improve cross-linguistic and cross-cultural communication in Kosovo and the Western Balkans. Read more in this link.

- **UNICEF & WHO — 20th August**
  MORE COVAX VACCINES THROUGH US SUPPORT
  UNICEF and WHO through COVAX facility delivered 35,100 out of planned 550,000 COVID-19 doses to Kosovo, received in a ceremony by President Vatic, Prime Minister Kurti, Minister of Health and Social Welfare Mr. Ullazi, UN Ambassador Kossnet, United Nations Development Coordinator, Richardson. Read more in this link.

- **PRISTINA**
  THE UNIVERSITY OF PRISTINA
  On behalf of UNKT, the UNDCO, UNICEF and UN Women joined the celebrations for the 20th anniversary of their joint quest to increase volunteering opportunities for the youth in Kosovo. Moreover, on the occasion of the 20th Edition of PriFest, Development Coordinator’s Office and UN Women supported two debates focusing on the successes of women filmmakers, and the hardships they encountered because of their gender. Despite this, these women break barriers with their successes every day. Further, the debates aimed to transmit the message to the audience that if women are given the space to direct movies, play in movies, produce, and write them, then we will be one step forward to achieving gender equality.

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- **UNHCR**
  HEAD OF UNHCR AND OSCE MEET PRIME MINISTER
  UNHCR Chief of Mission, Mr. Ardua and OSCE Ambassador Davenport, had a productive meeting with Prime Minister Kurti. Mr. Ardua expressed readiness to continue providing support and expertise to the government, in line with the needs of the government and within the scope of UNHCR. Read more in this link.

* References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)
UN-Habitat — 4th August

‘NO LEGAL IDENTITY - NO EXISTENCE’, - AN INSIGHTFUL STORY

UN-Habitat continues promoting legal registration of stateless persons, by publishing a human-interest story. In the story of ‘No Legal Identity - No Existence’, we get to meet the Kadrija family from the village of Tetnjen/Trensk, Peja/Pec municipality. Despite challenging and poor conditions, the family remains happy and hopeful - especially in their quest to establish a legal identity for Ana so that she can complete the civil registration for their lovely daughters. Read more in this link.

WHO — 4th - 11th August

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE STAFF TRAINED ON CONTACT TRACING

WHO supported a series of training for the staff of the Primary Health Care entities on Contact Tracing. Starting in July, trainers of the Institute of Public Health, finalized in August with two sessions in Pristina. Covered all regions of Kosovo, the objective of the training was to identify, assess, and manage people who have been exposed to probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases to prevent onward transmission using the Go.Data platform installed on tablets provided by WHO.

UNICEF — 4th August

FREE LEGAL AID TO VULNERABLE GROUPS CONTINUED SUPPORT / NEW PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT MUNICIPALITIES

UN-Habitat initiates new partnerships for inter-municipal and inter-community capital investments with Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Local Government Administration. The Inclusive Development Programme Capital Investment Facility gives all communities a chance for concrete improvements to improve livability, social cohesion and inter-communal cooperation. UN-Habitat’s Head of Office, Mr. Siddique and his associates met with the Minister of Local Government Administration, Mr. Krstajic and Minister of Finance, Labor and Transfers, Mr. Murati, discussing a new partnership to increase support for all municipalities through co-financing of capital investment projects. For the first time, projects will be proposed directly by citizens in all municipalities and then evaluated by a professional panel based on clear and transparent criteria.

UNOPS — 19th August

WORKSHOP ON MECHANISM FOR INCREASING SOCIAL DIALOGUE

UNOPS organized Occupational Safety and Health-Osh Project workshop that brought together project partners to discuss mechanisms for increasing social dialogue that will contribute to improvement of safety and health at work for all women and men. Through group discussions, presentations and exchange of information, partners understood the achievements of the first year of project implementation and reflected on the activities for the next year which will contribute to the project goal of promoting fair and decent working conditions through strengthening of OSH Management and Social Dialogue in Kosovo. This project is implemented by UNOPS and is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) through the Embassy of Sweden in Pristina. Read more in this link.

UNICEF — 10th August

 Routine Vaccination of Children Continues Along with COVID-19 for Adults

UNICEF conducted a field trip in Gjakova/Gjakovica with the Director, Head of the Belgian Diplomatic Office in Kosovo, Mr. Sassuoli, to witness vaccination against COVID-19, routine immunization of children and participation of children in early childhood education center in Brezic.

UNICEF — 15th August

LAUNCH OF 6 YOUTH VOLUNTEERING CAMPAIGNS

UNICEF in partnership with the Austrian Development Agency, and through the IPKO Foundation, launched 6 Volunteering Campaigns with young people which will support them in promoting environment protection and quality education via http://volunteerat.org.

UN-Habitat — 19th August

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR AND HEAD OF UN-HABITAT MET WITH PRIME MINISTER KURTI ON FUTURE PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIES

UN-Habitat identifies future programmatic priorities with Prime Minister, Minister of Environment and Minister of Finance to focus on inter-community trust building, investing in sustainable municipal infrastructure and scaling up access to social housing. Key topics included the continued technical assistance to municipalities for participatory spatial planning, fostering trust building through inclusive local governance approaches, scaling up capital investments aimed at inter-community municipal infrastructure investments and a comprehensive approach to delivering social housing.

UN-Habitat — 30th August

GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABILITY URBAN MOBILITY PLAN

UN-Habitat published guidelines for ‘Developing and Implementing a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan’ in Kosovo’s municipalities. This is based on the EU’s guidance ‘The National Guidelines on Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning (SUMP)’, which takes on a fresh and forward-looking approach for a relatively new field of action by municipalities and their partners in Kosovo. The aim of this publication is to provide guidance on developing sustainable urban transportation systems while considering existing guidance from the EU and real experiences from implementing SUMPs in Mitrovica South and North Municipality. Read more in this link.

UN-Habitat — 5th August

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UNDP — 17th August

CONTINUED SUPPORT / NEW LEGAL AID TO VULNERABLE GROUPS

UNDP continues to provide free legal aid to vulnerable groups through the Humanitarian Assistance Project (HAP) project, funded by the European Union Kosovo Office, in partnership with the Agency for Free Legal Aid. Legal expertise and access to justice to families in need and vulnerable groups, is provided through the Mobile Clinic bearing the slogan ‘For You, With You’ started mid-August with field visits to remote areas across Kosovo. The Municipality of Obilic was the first that received the support and more than 50 cases have been legally assisted through official and legal procedures. Additionally, the mobile clinic has conducted awareness campaigns with local authorities, residents, and partners. As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect vulnerable groups, having direct and easy access to services, contributes to reducing potential health risks as well. Read more in this link.

UNESCO — 13th - 15th August

WORKSHOP ON SHARING CULTURES AND LANGUAGES

UNDP in partnership with the Youth Association Gracanica NGO organized a workshop on ‘Finding Common Words’. 30 young participants (20 women and 10 men) from Albanian and Serbian communities interacted, learned, and identified the common words that are shared between both languages and cultures. The aim was to increase their knowledge of cultural similarities, shared values and to socialize with one another in transcending cultural barriers. The activity is part of the ‘Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Transcending Cultural Barriers. The activity is part of the ‘Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Transcending Cultural Barriers. The activity is part of the ‘Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Transcending Cultural Barriers. The activity is part of the ‘Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Transcending Cultural Barriers. The activity is part of the ‘Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Transcending Cultural Barriers. The activity is part of the ‘Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Transcending Cultural Barriers. The activity is part of the ‘Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Transcending Cultural Barriers. The activity is part of the ‘Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Transcending Cultural Barriers. The activity is part of the ‘Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Transcending Cultural Barriers. The activity is part of the ‘Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Transcending Cultural Barriers. The activity is part of the ‘Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Transcending Cultural Barriers.
UN-Habitat publishes the report from the International Competition for the Central City Square of Rahovec/Orahovac. The International Design Competition for Central City Square of Rahovec/Orahovac was organized within the programme “Leading Urban Change” in Rahovec through revitalization of the Central City Square. The process was initiated in 2019 and it aims to promote urban regeneration and inclusive public space development through inclusive, transparent, and innovative planning and design methods. Read more in this link.

The Ministry of Health to support a safe and timely delivery of COVID-19 vaccines. These refrigerators will be used by Family Medical Centers for storing COVID-19 as well as vaccines for routine immunization. Read more in this link.

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