October

British Embassy, Italian Embassy and other local and international partners joined forces with UN Kosovo Team, to raise awareness on #KosovoClimateAction. The #KosovoClimateAction campaign leading up to COP26 was followed by a set of advocacy activities during the months of October and November.

For more details, click here.

22 October

A dedicated activity on climate change and youth was organized at ‘Mihal Grameno’ school in Fushë-Kosovë/o polje, which included tree planting and student climate art exhibition.

For more details, click here.

29 October - UN Habitat

Local Climate Action Forum in Kosovo established at the initiative of UN Habitat, 28 non-governmental organizations from all over Kosovo have become part of a joint forum for action on climate change.

The forum was established on October 29, 2021, a few days ahead of COP26, marking World Cities Day.

Members of the forum jointly published a statement, requesting from the local and central institutions to act and address climate change issues through a multilevel and multistakeholder approach.

For more details, click here and here.

1 November

UNDC through a video message as part of the Local Climate Action Campaign, targeting primarily youth, advocates on the importance of protection of nature, green production & consumption.

For more details, click here.

4 October

An event on Marking of World Habitat Day 2021, bringing together the President, Prime minister, and members of its ministers’ cabinet, heads of international agencies in Kosovo, Members of the Assembly, artists, civil society activists, academia, was organised by UN-Habitat. Over 3000 people joined the event in person and online through social media channels and Live Broadcast of local news agencies. For more details, click here and here.

During the event, an MoU was signed between UN-Habitat and the Ministry of Local Government Administration on the implementation of the new capital investment program in 38 municipalities. For more details, click here and here.

19 October

Co-organised with British Embassy, Italian Embassy and Development Coordinator’s Office, a documentary Breaking Boundaries: The Science of Our Planet by Sir David Attenborough, screened at Kino Armata theatre, brought together civil society, experts, activists, and numerous people interested in climate action.

The screening was followed by a discussion with representatives from civil society, academia with a Q&A session focusing a lot on local responses to combating climate change.

For more details, click here.

28 October

‘Fashion Revolution’ event launches UNDP’s global campaign ‘Don’t Choose Extinction’ as part of the UNDP global campaign, but also part of the ongoing Kosovo Climate Action, the Embassy of Finland, Embassy of Sweden, in partnership with the Swedish Institute.

Don't Choose Extinction', and the ‘Fashion Revolution’ event on sustainable fashion aimed to highlight the importance of decreasing environmental pressure and raise awareness on the need to step up ambitious climate action, green economy, and sustainable development.

Frankie the Dino video for the UNDP Global Climate Campaign is available in English, Albanian, and Serbian: FB posts are here and here. The event was followed by a panel discussion of representatives of Kosovo start-ups in circular economy.

For more details, click here.

4 November

Healthier Kosovo II project launched, funded by the Embassy of Luxembourg in Kosovo.

Building on the Healthier Kosovo I success, the project will introduce Park Foundations: A collaborative platform enabling communities, municipalities & local businesses to work together in protecting & developing green areas.

For more details, click here.

5 November

Facilitated by the UN Habitat Office in Kosovo, Fitore Pacolli member of the Kosovo Assembly and chair of the Committee on Environment, participated as a speaker, in the side event organized in the margins of the #COP26 facilitated by UN-Habitat Office in Kosovo, and co-organized by UN Environment Programme and ITU International Telecommunications Union.

The participants sent messages on the need for more space for local solutions on climate change and the SDGs.

For more details, click here.

29 October - UNICEF

UNICEF published the results from U-report on how to tackle the climate crisis were also launched, and the results were also promoted in social media.

For more details, click here.

October/November

Three articles published, starting blog series on UN Kosovo Team website on the topic of climate action.

Here are the links to our articles: Article 1, Article 2, Article 3.
Second phase of the Capital Investment Fund for 38 Municipalities Designed!

UN-Habitat, the Ministry of Local Government and Administration and the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, and PI gathered in a workshop to work together on conceptually designing the proposal for the second phase of the Capital Investment Facility (CIF 2), which will be open to all 38 municipalities.

Through this programme, the local government will be supported into developing a bottom-up approach capital investment project, including focus on climate responsive municipal infrastructure and processes. Throughout the process, the community will be an active stakeholder on identifying, designing and monitoring their implementation.

For more details, click here.

Drafting of the National Development Strategy 2021-2030 starts with a multi-stakeholder meeting

The Strategic Planning Office (SPO) within the Office of the Prime Minister of Kosovo hosted the first Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue (MSD) entitled: Way forward – National Development Strategy of Kosovo 2030, on 25-26 October 2021. The objective of the meeting was to open a discussion space on Kosovo challenges in the development segment.

Acting on behalf of the UN Development Coordinator, Maria Suokko, stressed the importance of the alignment between the NDS and the UN Cooperation Framework and the commitment of Kosovo to the Agenda 2030 and its SDGs. The UNKT has supported the SPO during the process with expertise in the environment pillar as well as technical support, and remains committed to cooperate and continue the support in all key objectives and subareas as well as all cross cutting priorities.

For more details, click here.

Technical support to NGOs to strengthen business plans and organizational planning

Sixty NGOs were trained to enable them to develop their business plans as part of the licensing process in line with administrative instruction requirements. This will ensure they have the needed qualifications to continue providing social and family services to the most vulnerable groups.

The trainings were conducted during the week of 7 October as part of Humanitarian Assistance Project (HAP) funded by European Union Kosovo and implemented by UNDP Kosovo.

For more details, click here.

UNICEF appoints New Head of Agency

Committed to advancing child rights and young people agenda and working towards an inclusive & sustainable future with equal opportunities for all children in Kosovo, Nona Zicherman joined UNICEF Kosovo Programme as the new Head of Office.

For more details, click here.

marking of world habitat day 2021 - start of campaign

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8 October, UN WOMEN & UNDP

Coordination Mechanisms on Prevention of Domestic Violence

A series of focus groups on the coordination mechanisms in the municipalities of Peja/Pec, Podujevo/o, Suhareki/Suva reka and Dragash/s, were conducted in the framework of the EU funded project ‘Response to COVID-19 Emergency and early recovery support’ implemented by UN Women in partnership with UNDP.

Participants of the focus groups included representatives of different institutions and ethnic groups, where they could share their concerns regarding DV, discuss their challenges, and express their desire and need to further increase and develop their capacities.

For more details, click here.

11 October, UNICEF

Advancing Young People Agenda with ADA

UNICEF hosted a joint field trip with Ms. Petra Oberberger and Austrian Development Cooperation, as a strategic donor on advancing young people agendas in Kosovo, providing opportunities to support modern, digital tools and measures to improve the school-to-work transition.

For more details, click here.

11 October, UNDP

Restoration Camp for Pristina Clock Tower

A 12-day long Restoration Camp with 16 participants at the Clock Tower in Pristina started on 11 October. The camp was a hybrid of lectures and practical work, aiming to teach students about the importance and preservation materials and techniques of cultural heritage built heritage. The final product was the restoration of three elements in the Clock Tower, which included: a) Cleaning of external walls, repointing the stones, reinforcing the walls, and restoring the windows cornices; b) Cleaning the brickwork in the inner walls, restoring the damaged bricks, and repointing them; and c) Reconstructing the timber staircase.

On 14 October, the camp welcomed a visit from Minister of Culture, Youth, and Sports Hajrulla Çeku and Minister of Local Government Administration Elbert Krasniqi who met with young professionals who were preparing for their careers in cultural heritage protection.

The camp was organized by UNDP & CHWB Kosovo as part of the EU-funded project and by the municipality of Pristina for the Tower Clock.

Full story here and here.

13 October, UNOPS

Renovation of the Morgue Building in Pristina is underway

UNOPS team met with the director of the morgue Dr. Rina Limani and pre-clinical institution personnel to discuss the project implementation process and the progress achieved with the renovation works. Through this intervention, UNOPS is supporting the institutions in their efforts to enhance the operational capacities of the Ministry of Health and improve the infrastructure through the provision of specialized equipment and renovation of medical facilities.

This project is financed by Kosovo institutions through a World Bank loan and is expected to be finalized by mid-November 2021.

For more details, click here.

9-20 October, UNOPS

Workshop on policies and action plans for Occupational Safety and Health

UNOPS is supporting the Ministry of Finance, Labour and Transfers (MFLT), specifically the Department of Labour and Employment to develop policies and action plans. During a 2-day workshop with project partners, stakeholders, and beneficiaries, needs and expectations of the ministry were presented, and project plans were unfolded aiming to further strengthen the coordination and encourage participation and engagement of all.

The purpose of this activity is to harmonize and align work plans of the project partners with those of the ministry to ensure sustainability of the project results and support the implementation of labour rights to create a decent working environment for all.

“Promoting decent work through strengthening occupational safety and health (OSH) management and social dialogue” is implemented by UNOPS and funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) through the Embassy of Sweden in Pristina.

For more details, click here and here.

18 October, UNICEF

Protocol for SARI VE Survey Approved

Development of the protocol for SARI VE survey is completed and approved by the Ethical Committee of Physician Chamber of Kosovo and WHO. The SOPs and other supporting documents have been created.

The questionnaires were created on REDCap platform and ready to be used. Study sites have been visited. Preparation for the training of the data collectors, interviewers and laboratory staff is ongoing.

For more details, click here.

19 October, UNDP

Internship experience with the Kosovo Anti-Corruption Agency

Uresa, Bardha, Sara, and Florian — four aspiring jurists — told us their story of how they found a way to develop themselves professionally while doing their fair share of work in the fight against corruption.

The four jurists just finished their 9-month internship at the Kosovo Anti-Corruption Agency as part of the Support to Anti-Corruption Efforts in Kosovo III (SAEK III) project, funded by Swiss Development & Cooperation (SDC) and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

For more details, click here.

21 October, UNICEF

Risk Communication Training on COVID-19 vaccine for staff and partners

With support of USAID, UNICEF implemented a two-day training on risk communication, community engagement and demand for the uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine, with staff and partner.

For more details, click here.

27 October, UNICEF

Blended Learning to Counteract COVID-19 Education Disruption

UNICEF announced a new education partnership with the Embassy of Netherlands to Reimagine Education and better harness the power of innovation and technology through blended learning for children whose education was disrupted by COVID-19.

For more details, click here.
The Task Force on Gender Sensitive Standards of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) and Decent Work has been established

The main goal of this Task Force is to advocate for coordination and cooperation between government institutions, CSOs, trade unions, private sector, and gender activists to promote gender sensitive standards of OSH and decent work for all.

This initiative is organized by UN Women within UNOPS Project ‘Promoting Decent Work through Strengthening of OSH Management and Social Dialogue in Kosovo,’ which is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) through the Embassy of Sweden in Pristina.

For more details, click here.

Trainings on Pig Disease and Farm Biosecurity continue

FAO has finished delivering a series of trainings at various locations in Kosovo on detecting and preventing African swine fever (ASF) in pig farms. The disease was first detected in 2019 in Serbia, when the first case was registered in the Western Balkans region. As the disease is still present in Kosovo, there is an ongoing risk of spreading the disease to neighboring WB countries and areas.

Four trainings in different locations were held, reaching 47 pig farmers and 12 private veterinarians. The training materials were developed by FAO experts and were adapted to local circumstances and delivered by Jeton Muhaxhirin, FAO field activity expert. Photo credit: ©FAO/Luis Tato

For more details, click here, here, or here.

30 women entrepreneurs trained on Occupational Safety and Health Standards

Around 30 women entrepreneurs have been trained in basic Occupational Safety and Health Standards.

The focus of the training was supporting women entrepreneurs, members of Kosovo Women’s Chamber of Commerce – G7, in targeted municipalities to build their knowledge on OSH standards and decent work.

This activity was organized by UN Women, Gender component within the framework of the project ‘Promoting Decent Work through Strengthening of OSH Management and Social Dialogue in Kosovo,’ which is implemented by UNOPS and funded by the Sida through the Embassy of Sweden in Pristina.

For more details, click here.

Workshop on Gender-Responsive Budgeting

UN Women organized a two-day workshop jointly with the Women Caucus, in collaboration with the Agency for Gender Equality on the topic of sharing best practices from the region in advancing Gender-Responsive Budgeting (GRB). The focus of the training was supporting women entrepreneurs, members of Kosovo Women’s Chamber of Commerce – G7, in targeted municipalities to build their knowledge on OSH standards and decent work.

This activity was organized by UN Women, Gender component within the framework of the project ‘Promoting Decent Work through Strengthening of OSH Management and Social Dialogue in Kosovo,’ which is implemented by UNOPS and funded by the Sida through the Embassy of Sweden in Pristina.

For more details, click here.

Meeting for the Balkanistics Program as part of the Social Inclusion Programme (SIP)

Students of the Balkanistics Program were officially welcomed by the Dean of the Faculty of Philology, Prof. Dr. Lindita Sejdiu-Rugova and the Coordinator of the Language Centre, Ms. Jehona Xhaferi. Admitted students received an onboarding on the programme objectives while visiting the Balkanistic’s classroom and facility.

For more details, click here.

The Central Vaccine Storage Building construction has begun

UNOPS has continued progress on the construction of the Central Vaccine Storage Building for the Ministry of Health, to ensure that the site safety information is communicated in a clear, accessible format for all. The initiative includes also the excavation of the building foundation.

To date, UNOPS has established the Safe Systems Works at the site through the installation of temporary electrical fixtures, installment of site safety barriers and poles, safety signs, welfare facilities, and pedestrian pathways.

The initiative aims to promote the uptake of UNOPS good practices and promote the Ten Golden Rules of the site set-up while making sure that health and safety rules and standards are followed by all.

Lab Equipment for Gracanica Hospital Provided

The equipment was delivered to Gracanica Hospital in order to increase the centre diagnostic capacities. As part of the initiative, WHO Pristina Office provided a number of supplies, equipments and reagents to address the lab testing needs and capacities.
8 October, UNICEF

Postal Stamps “Get Vaccinated - Save Lives!” Published

UNICEF and the Ministry of Health and Post of Kosovo joined forces to promote “Get Vaccinated - Save Lives” postal stamps with the aim to increase the importance of COVID-19 vaccine among breastfeeding and pregnant mothers, teachers and young people.

For more details, click here.

11 October, UN Women and UNDCO

Marking International Day of the Girl

UN Women and UNDCO marked the International Day of the Girl in conjunction with the President Vjosa Osmani, Ulrika Richardson, UN Development Coordinator, and Rita Knudsen, Prime Minister’s wife, who visited the girls’ football team KFV “Prishinta”, highlighting the importance of challenging gender norms and breaking gender stereotypes everyday.

For more details, click here.

16 October, FAO

World Food Day 2021

With the theme ‘Our actions are our future- Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life’, FAO celebrated the World Food Day 2021 across 150 countries of the world.

Hundreds of events and outreach activities brought together governments, businesses, NGOs, the media, and general public.

They promoted worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure healthy diets for all. UNDCO provided support to FAO to promote the activities on World Food Day.

For more details, click here and here.

12 October, UNFPA, UNDCO & WHO

Pink October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month

For the Breast Cancer Awareness Month UNFPA together with JETAA/Vita and K10 coalition developed an awareness raising TV spot, which was promoted through main Kosovo TV stations as well as social media.

The TV spot features a survivor breast cancer and urges women to do their check-ups in order to prevent breast cancer.

For more details, click here.

12 October, UNFPA, UNDCO & WHO

UNFPA, UNDCO, together with the Ministry of Health lit the Ministry building in pink for four days, with a view to raising awareness on prevention and early detection as crucial, lifesaving measures.

The following are the links: Link 1, Link 2, and Link 3.

Also, with the help of WHO, additional awareness messages were shared as part of the global campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness Month on 15, 18 and 25 October.

For more details, click here.

10 October, WHO

Marking World Mental Health Day 2021

Messages localised to Kosovo have been shared for World Mental Health Day. The theme for this year is “Mental health care for all: let’s make it a reality”.

For more details, click here.
1 October, UNOPS
**Improvements to Hospital Intensive Care Units for stronger COVID-19 response**

The works at Vushtrri/Vučitrn Hospital to upgrade 47 Intensive Care Unit beds with direct feed of medical gases and other renovation of the rooms are almost complete. UNOPS and contractors are now commencing works in Pejë/Peć and Gjakovë/Dakovica as part of the work in six regional hospitals across Kosovo that will aim to increase the capacity to around 450 beds by December. This intervention, will ensure major upgrades to the hospital medical rooms with safety and health quality standards. For more details, click here.

15 October, UNDP
**Donation to the Mobile Clinic**

The Humanitarian Assistance Project (HAP) funded by European Union and implemented by UNDP, donated equipment to the Agency for Free Legal Aid for the #ForYouWithYou Mobile Clinic to digitize a database containing details of supported social and legal cases, during field visits. Starting in Obiliq/Oblilic in August, the mobile clinic is currently in Viti/Vitina, to continue visiting remote areas in Kosovo and provide free legal services and advice to vulnerable groups. For more details, click here.

14 October, UNICEF
**Delivery of Tablets for Children - Equal Learning Opportunity**

UNICEF, Raiffeisen Bank and the Ministry of Education supported Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality by equipping children and families with technology devices by donating 194 tablets to children in Gjilan/Gnjilane towards providing equal learning opportunities for every child. For more details, click here.

15 October, UNDP
**EU-CSP IV Continues the Delivery of Agriculture, Transport and Logistics Assistance**

IOM travelled to Prizren, Pristina, Vushtrri/Vučitrn, Pejë/Peć, Ferizaj/Uroševac, Rahovec/Orahovac, Deçan/Dećane, Suharekë/Suva reka and Istog/K to provide 11 beneficiaries with agriculture tools such as transporting services, vegetable cultivation and production tools. For more details, click here. In addition to this activity, EU-CSP IV programme provided Kamenicë/Kamenica Infirmary with important technical diagnostic devices and instruments for early detection of Covid-19.

For more details, click here.

29 October 2021, IOM
**Return and Reintegration in Kosovo Programme V (EU – RRK V)**

House handover for one of the beneficiaries after its construction and finalization took place, in municipality of Obiliq/ć.

For more details, click here.