

1 February Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and UNICEF, in partnership with Microsoft launched the Learning Passport Platform for Kosovo. The aim of the platform <https://shkollat.org/> is to ensure continued access to learning for children and youth whose schools are forced to close due to COVID-19. The platform will also provide key resources to teachers and educators. The platform comes with a digital library that contains 14,000 video lessons covering all subjects for Grades 1 to 9. The platform is also a step to ensure that all children in Kosovo has access to quality education, leaving no one behind. [LINK](#)



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25 February UN Habitat with the Ministry of Economy and Environment (MEE), the 6th Steering Committee of the Inclusive Development Programme brought together the donor Sida and partners from PAX, CBM, Municipal officials from Zvecan and Mitrovica South, Ministry of Local Government with an opening address by the UN Development Coordinator in Kosovo. The Inclusive Development Programme continues to foster multisectoral cooperation at local and central levels and p support spatial planning through participatory and inclusive approaches. [LINK](#)



16 February During two weeks, WHO and UNICEF trained 97 health workers on the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. The trained health workers are now equipped with knowledge and skills to ensure safe and efficient vaccination against COVID-19. [LINK](#)



1 February The Human Development Report 2020 'The Next Frontier: Human Development and the Anthropocene' was launched by UNDP and co-hosted by the Swedish Ambassador in Kosovo, Karin Hernmarck . The key message is for policy makers and civil society to pay attention to the urgency of investing in green recovery, to create a sustainable economy for the future, and to accelerate progress towards the SDGs and EU integration. . To learn more about the 2020 Human Development Report and UNDP's analysis on the experimental Planetary Pressures-Adjusted HDI, visit the following [LINK](#)



Human Development Report 2020

UNDP Kosovo and the Embassy of Sweden in Kosovo
Virtual launch 1 February 2021 | 14:00 - 16:30 CET

11 February UN Women in cooperation with the Network of Women in Academia marked the International Day of Women in Science with a virtual discussion on the topic of "The impact of COVID-19 on Education and Science". On this occasion, professors from different fields along with their students shared their experience and challenges during the pandemic and underlined the importance of including more and girls in science as a means not only to progress on gender equality b ensure that society benefits from the totality of skills of both genders. [LINK](#)



Highlights:

- UNICEF launched the learning passport for Kosovo in partnership with Microsoft and University of Cambridge.
- Together with the Swedish Ambassador in Kosovo, UNDP launched the Human Development Report 2020 'The Next Frontier: Human Development and the Anthropocene.'
- UN WOMEN marked the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11 February
- UN Habitat holds the sixth Steering Committee Meeting of the Inclusive Development Programme
- Close to 100 health workers trained by UNICEF and WHO on COVID-19 vaccine deployment.



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



30 January The EU office in Kosovo and UNDP in Kosovo launched the “Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Intercommunity Dialogue and Social Cohesion” project in a virtual ceremony that took place on 30 January. The project is funded by European Commission’s Instrument Contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP), aiming at building trust between the communities in Kosovo through cultural heritage interventions which promote dialogue, build understanding, and foster a shared sense of ownership of cultural heritage among all Kosovo communities. [LINK](#)



4 February UNDP in Kosovo gathered with representatives from public institutions, businesses, the civil society, and international organizations. The focus of discussion was on how to advance on a ‘whole-of-society’ digital transformation among different stakeholders in a rapidly changing and increasingly complex environment. [LINK](#)

9 February Active Labour Market Programmes (ALMP-II) project of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Kosovo received a recognition from the Kosovo Employment Agency (KEA) for the contribution and efforts provided to support KEA with business continuation activities and successful implementation of the objectives, also through digital solutions during the COVID-19 pandemic. [LINK](#)



12 February Dr. Florian Tille, a technical officer on from WHO HQ, is visiting Kosovo from Feb 12 to supporting the WHO office in Pristina on essential (EHS) activities. He is providing expertise and and Kosovo health authorities on EHS related activities.

18 February UNHCR jointly with local authorities, Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and FDMC visited the social house buildings in Shtërpçë/Strpce providing durable solution for IDPs in collective shelters. the project was cofounded by EU and MCR. The project provided durable solution for internally displaced persons in collective shelters. [LINK](#)



18-19 February Kosovo Safety and Security Project (KSSP) continued with a series of capacity development sessions on firearms investigations for police officers focusing especially on the legal framework on SALW (small arms & light weapons), local and international cooperation in the field of IAT (Illicit Arms Trafficking) through the Firearms Focal Point (FFP)/International Law Enforcement Cooperation Unit (ILECU). Since 18th of February 2021, the KSSP staff in close cooperation with the Kosovo Police Training Department initiated a series of two days capacity development in Regional Police Directorate Prishtinë/Priština Prizren, Gjilan/Gnjilane, Pejë/Peć, Mitrovica South and Mitrovica North and Gjakovë/Đakovica. [LINK](#), [LINK2](#), [LINK3](#) .

22-26 February UNDP’s KSSP project conducted a 5-day training on Common Integrated Risk Analysis Model (CIRAM 2.0) for border police analysts with the aim to assist the law enforcement agencies to prepare effective IAT (Illicit Arms Trafficking) risk analyses. The CIRAM 2.0 promotes a common understanding of risk analysis while simultaneously explaining how this tool can contribute to greater coherence in the management of border crossing points as well as green border surveillance. [LINK](#)

February 26 ILO conducted a workshop with the relevant Ministries and social partners to validate the final comments on the draft Occupational Safety and Health Strategy 2021-2026. This activity was organized as part of the SIDA funded project, “Promoting Decent Work through Strengthening OSH Management and Social Dialogue in Kosovo” which is managed by UNOPS in partnership with the ILO.



2 February UNFPA Launched a video on COVID-19 informing pregnant women / lactating mothers on practical advice during pregnancy, risk adequate treatment, breastfeeding process and other recommendations for safeguarding their health COVID-19. [LINK](#)



February 5 The IOM Coordinator, Habib Habibi participated on RTK Morning Show to talk about migrant protection and assistance amid COVID-19 challenges. He also highlighted the communication strategy in raising awareness against migrant stigma among resident population, as part of the project 'Addressing COVID-19 Challenges within the Migrant and Refugee Response in the Western Balkans', implemented by IOM and UNHCR (funded by European Union's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace). [LINK](#)

05 February Women asylum seekers participated in a first class of yoga organized by UNHCR partner KRCT - Kosova Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims at the Asylum Centre near Pristina. [LINK](#). On **08 February**, handicraft jewellery making class was held. These activities are funded by the EU Service for Foreign Policy Instruments within the project 'Addressing COVID-19 Challenges within the Migrant and Refugee Response in the Western Balkans'. [LINK](#)



6 and 11 February A total of 32 participants benefited from IOM trainings, in Han të Elezit/Elez Han and Pristina Obiliq/Obilić. This form of blended online and off-line training is being held for the first time due to precaution measures brought on by the #COVID19 pandemic. Participants, parents and adults learned and discussed about their own empowerment and gained important skills to meaningfully engage with youth, leading to the strengthening of parent community networks. **February 19** IOM supported the photo exhibition at Prizren's Technical High School '11 Marsi' featuring the amazing artwork created by students of different ethnic communities. Students of Albanian, Turkish and Bosniac ethnicities came together to deliver a unique exhibition featuring photographs themed 'Violence'. The support was provided by IOM through the regional project & Providing support to youth in local communities in the Western Balkans, supported by the Government of United Kingdom and is being implemented in 10 municipalities throughout Kosovo. [LINK](#) The events are part of the regional project & Providing support to youth in local communities in the Western Balkans & funded by the Government of the United Kingdom implemented in 10 municipalities throughout Kosovo.



10 February Mr. Siddique, Head of UN Habitat Of held a keynote speech on the International Virtual Symposium: 'Cities in the Balkans, Development Challenges, Processes and Content, in line with EU trends or not?' organized by UBT – Higher Education Institution and endorsed by ISOCARP - International Society of City and Regional Planners. He talked about UN-Habitat's contribution to Supporting Sustainable, Effective and Inclusive Municipalities in Kosovo, by showcasing several completed and ongoing projects from the UN-Habitat portfolio. [LINK1](#) & [LINK2](#)

11 February Celebrating women scientists fighting the pandemic in different parts of the world, IOM engaged more than 100 girls in solving problems with technology through the Tech Heroes program. Tech Heroes is supported by the British Embassy Pristina and implemented by IOM and Akademia j-Coders.



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11 February Children at Asylum Centre near Pristina like games and through them develop new abilities. UNHCR partner organization KRCT - Kosova Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims holds regular activities with asylum seekers children to make fun and help them to strengthen their creativity. This time, children learned how to mix paints and express themselves through decorating art by making craft magnets. [LINK](#)

15-25 February UNFPA launched a TV & social media campaign promoting videos of physical activity for elderly people as the most vulnerable category of our society impacted by lockdown and curfews. These videos contain easy physical exercises that can benefit both the body and mind if they are performed regularly. The videos have been dubbed in Albanian and Serbian. [Video 1 Alb](#), [Video 1 Srb](#), [Video 2 Alb](#), [Video 2 Srb](#), [Video 3 Alb](#), [Video 3 Srb](#), [Video 4 Alb](#), [Video 4 Srb](#), [Video 5 Alb](#), [Video 5 Srb](#).

February 20 IOM Chief of Mission Anna Rostocka met Prizren Mayor Mytahir Haskuka discussing program activities as well as forthcoming projects such as support to building a playground to a local kindergarten. Rostocka also met with Deputy Mayor for Communities Memnuna Ajdini.

24 February UNHCR and partner organizations KRCT - (Kosova Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims) and CRPK - (Civil Rights Programme Kosovo) met with asylum seekers at ab Asylum Centre near Pristina to share parctices of those that are in process of integration in Kosovo and the new arrivals. Officials of the Asylum Centre participate to the focus group meetings and provide their expertise. The focus group activites with asylum seekers youth and children are funded by the EU Service for Foreign Policy Instruments within the project Addressing COVID-19 Challenges within the Migrant and Refugee Response in the Western Balkans. [LINK](#)



12- 23 February UN-Habitat visited seven partner municipalities Zvečan-Zveqan, Mitrovica/ë North, Leposavić-q , Zubin potok/Zubinpotok, Skenderaj/Srbica, Mitrovica/ë South, Vushtrri-Vučjitrn. Mr. Siddique, Head of UN-Habitat met with respective mayors and formalized the Cooperation Agreements for implementing the proposed capital investment projects. This visit marks start of implementation phase of Capital Investment Facility (CIF) with the goal of developing practical infrastructure that improves the lives of citizens.

12 February UN-Habitat brought the Mitrovica Region Monitoring Team-MRMT together to raise awareness on the important issue of air pollution which continues to impact all communities. Kosovo ranked as the world's 30th most polluted, in the list of 98 countries and regions. [LINK](#)



Community Outreach and Assistance Delivery

February UNOPS has delivered: 100.000 COVID-19 PCR Testing Kits and other material to IPH, including 300.000 PPE (Protective Suits, Surgical Medical Mask, Gloves nitrile, superior, powder free, googles, protective FFP2 respiratory masks, FFP3 respiratory masks); 15 Critical Care ICU Ventilator, CPAP- High Flow worth; and 200.000 Aspirators Catheter with Vacuum Control.

IOM, funded by the European Union Office in Kosovo, co-financed by the Ministry of Communities and Return (MCR) through, the EU-CSP-IV Program provides support to 38 municipalities in Kosovo: **1 February** donated 1000 emergency backpacks for distribution to migrants and three laptops which will be used for registering incoming migrants, to the Border Department of the Kosovo Police [LINK](#) **1 February** The municipality of Istog/Istok received 30 waste containers.

LINK 2 February IOM together with Klinë/Klina municipality agreed to invest and install new energy efficient streetlights.. [LINK](#) During February, a farmer from the town of Podujeve/o [LINK](#); a farmer from Donja Brnica/Bernicë e Ulët. [LINK](#); four farmers from Prizren and Suharekë/Suva Reka [LINK](#); and two farmers from Çabër/Çabra village of Zubin Potok Municipality [LINK](#) received farming equipment. A carpenter from Ranilug/Ranillug municipality [LINK](#); a dentist from the Bosnian community in North Mitrovica [LINK](#); a young accountant from in Ferizaj/Uroševac [LINK](#); a returnee to Skenderaj/Srbica municipality [LINK](#); and a small-scale meat processor in the Podujeve/o [LINK](#), received much needed equipment that will help them expand their work. **9 February** 120 children from Albanian, Egyptian, Roma, and Ashkali communities, who attend day-care at the kindergarten and preschool institution Ganimete Terbeshi in Gjakovë/Djakovica, are enjoying the newly furnished facilities and playground of their pre-school institution. [LINK](#)



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3 February UNHCR has delivered IT equipment for Remote Interviewing as well as supporting items for Psychosocial activities to the Asylum Centre near Pristina. The activity is part of a joint project by UNHCR and IOM, and is funded by the European Union Service for Foreign Policy Instruments: 'Addressing COVID-19 challenges within the Migrant and Refugee Response in the Western Balkans'. [LINK](#)

IOM's EU-funded Return and Reintegration in Kosovo-phase V (EU-RRK V_ project working to ensure that returnee families enjoy a smooth and efficient reintegration process, carried out the following activities during the February 2021:

4 February A total of 26 families received 'harmonized assistance packages' in the municipalities of Shtërpçë/Štrpce, Kamenicë/Kamenica, Graçanicë/Gračanica, Rahovec/Orahovac and Obiliq/Obilić. [LINK](#)



24-26 February 10 formerly displaced families in the municipalities of Rahovec/Orahovac, Fushë Kosovë/ Kosovo Polje Graçanicë/Gračanica, and Novobërd/Novobordo received assistance in the form of 'income Generation Packages' from IOM. [LINK](#)

4 February UN-Habitat Kosovo, together with a consortium of partners joined forces to address the issue of defining the border of the historical area of the city of Vushtrri. [LINK](#)

9 February UN-Habitat Kosovo convened a workshop in partnership with the Association of Kosovo Municipalities' Collegia for Spatial Planning to discuss new findings from research on the 'Consequences of COVID-19 for spatial planning, construction, legalization and housing', assessed joint progress in the implementation of the 2020 work plan as well as new priorities for the Collegia in 2021. [LINK](#)





12 February UNHCR, the European Union Kosovo and the UN Development Coordinator visited Asylum Centres in Magura, Lipjan/ Lipljan Municipality and Vranidoll in Pristina Municipality and handed over a set of equipment for virtual interviews for the interview room in asylum centre in Magura. This donation is funded by the European Union Service for Foreign Policy Instruments through the project 'Addressing COVID-19 challenges within the Migrant and Refugee Response in the Western Balkans'. [LINK](#)

16 February UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency Mission in Kosovo donated two laptops to Ministry of Internal Affairs. This donation will support the processing of applications for the status of stateless persons, in department of Citizenship, Asylum and Migration. [LINK](#)

18 February UNICEF and Open Data Kosovo-ODK launched the Connect-ed Kosova Tracking System, helping to bridge the digital divide among girls and boys in Kosovo. The platform is available to match the needs of children by offering them digital devices and matching them with donors. [LINK](#)

19 February ILO presented to the UN Community the US DOL global funded project 'Measurement, Awareness-raising and Policy engagement project to accelerate action against child labour and forced labour (MAP16)'.

19 & 20 February Forty-five young people (25 women and 20 men) from various communities and cities across Kosovo learned about economic and social rights, with a particular focus on the pandemic's socio-economic impact. NGO Youth Initiative for Human Rights in Kosovo held a storytelling camp in Pristina as a part of the project 'Protecting economic and social rights during and after the COVID-19 pandemic' supported by OHCHR and UNMIK. [LINK](#)

21 February, IOM, British Embassy UNMIK are working together in promoting multilingualism and its importance for Kosovo society. Over 55000 users improved their language skills through the VocUp methodology for learning Albanian and Serbian languages. On the occasion of Marking the International Mother Language Day, IOM, the British Embassy and UNMIK delivered books at the Kosovo Academy for Public Security (KAPS), as well as shared 4 short social media videos containing interviews and messages from VocUp beneficiaries on the importance of learning languages: Alfred, Ivana, Melida, Shukrije.

22 February UN Women launched the 'Learning English Through Arts' classes for young women and girls from Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities. This activity is part of the joint project of the UN Kosovo Team's 'Return to (New) Normal in Kosovo: Strengthening resilience through a safe and inclusive return to normality in health and education in the wake of COVID-19', supported by the British Embassy in Pristina. [LINK](#)

22 February UN Women supported by the British Embassy in Pristina, in cooperation IPKO Foundation, distributed 220 laptops to young women and girls from Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities to facilitate their online learning during the COVID19 pandemic. The activity is part of the \$2.5 million project entitled 'Return to (New) Normal in Kosovo...' implemented by UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization. [LINK](#)

24 February UNICEF conducted a joint visit with Japan Embassy Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Mitsunori OGA-SAWARA to mayor of Gjakova. They explored ways of collaboration for narrowing the digital divide. [LINK](#)

