

**3 December** The Prime Minister, Avdullah Hoti and UN Development Coordinator, Ulrika Richardson with the presence of the UN Kosovo<sup>1</sup> Team Heads of Agencies, Funds and Programmes, exchanged letters of endorsement for the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2021-2025. [LINK](#) The UNSDCF represents a collective cooperation of the UNKT Agencies, Funds and Programmes to, together with local institutions and partners, address development gaps and challenges jointly identified, including in the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.



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**15 December** UNHCR marked 70 th anniversary by launching a video produced in cooperation with the Forum for Development and Multi-ethnic Collaboration [LINK](#), and by concluding a social media campaign with cards from prominent UN officials and partners in Kosovo [LINK](#)



**Highlights:**

The UN Cooperation Framework 2021-2025 endorsed by the Prime Minister through exchange of letters with the UN Development Coordinator in the presence of UN Kosovo Team Heads of Agencies

**18 December** The joint #ForTheSakeOf (#përhatër, #zarad) Campaign to strengthen the prevention and fight against COVID-19, was launched in the presence of the United Kingdom Ambassador to Kosovo, Minister of Health Director of Institute of Public Health and the UN Development Coordinator with representatives of UN Agencies (UN Women, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO and UNDP). The Campaign, funded by the UK Government and UN Secretary Generals MPTF COVID-19 Fund, includes social media content, outdoor installations and animations, and aims at raising awareness for the need to respect measures against spread of COVID-19 by the population. [LINK](#).



UNHCR marks 70 th Anniversary with social media quote cards and by giving New Year gift pack for children

**18 December** Marking International Migrants Day, this year the United Nations Kosovo Team launched the local United Nations Migration Network (UNMN) to ensure coordinated UN Kosovo Team-wide support to the Kosovo authorities in reaching the objectives of Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and implementing relevant policies. [LINK](#)



#ForTheSakeOf Campaign launched funded by UK Government and the UN COVID MPTF

Launching of Local UN Migration Network in Kosovo

Sustainable Development Council held its first meeting at the Assembly of Kosovo

**17 December** The Sustainable Development Council of the Assembly of Kosovo came together for their first meeting, to review the progress made through the many projects and activities during the past year, with more than 30 online participants live and online. The Council agreed on the way forward with new activities in contributing to the advancement of the SDG's and the 2030 Agenda. [LINK](#)

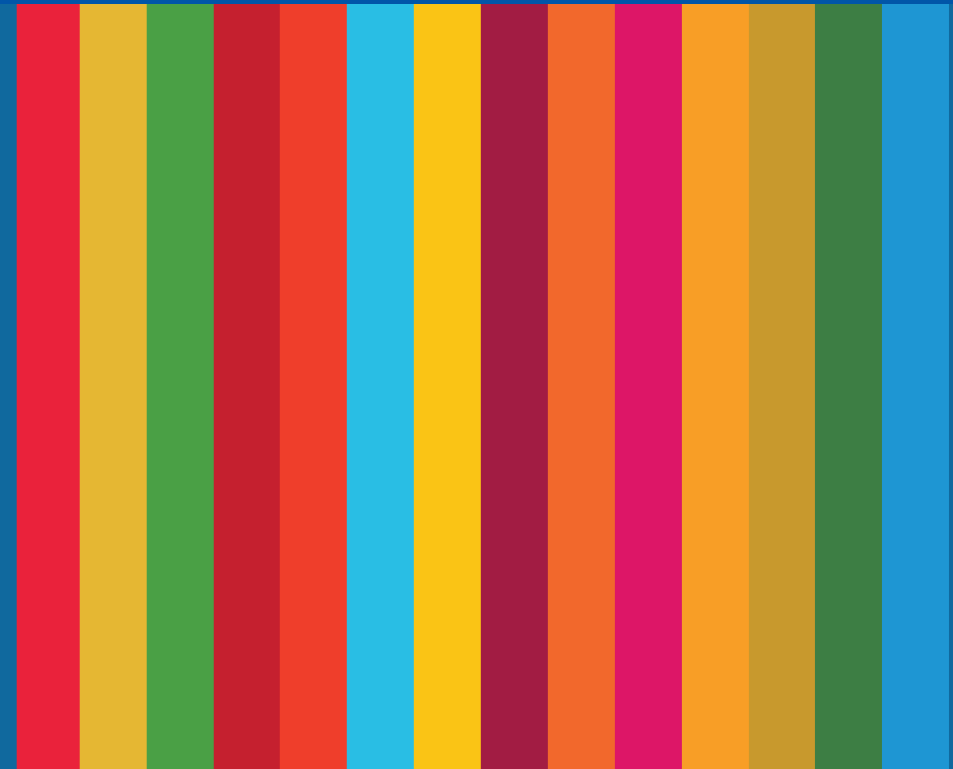


16 Days of Activism successfully concluded with more than 90 activities all over Kosovo

**15 December** Coordinated by UN Women, the 16 Days of Activism Campaign concluded successfully with more than 90 activities by broad range of actors and partners all over Kosovo. In a final act, the Philharmonic Orchestra of Kosovo joined its forces supported by UN Women through a final music piece. [LINK](#)



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





**2 December** 500 young people can conduct internships in 53 different businesses because of the Kosovo Generation Unlimited project implemented by UNICEF in Kosovo, funded by the Swedish Development Agency (SIDA) and supported by the Government of Kosovo. The launching event of Kosovo Generation Unlimited brought together 400 participants, including youth interns, public institutions, private sector, and representatives from the Swedish Development Agency (SIDA) and the Embassy of Sweden in Kosovo, the UNICEF Generation Unlimited Secretariat in New York and UNICEF's Regional Office colleagues. The aim of the project is to create the largest young people's movement to support the recovery efforts of private sector enterprises, central and local level institutions, and young people in Kosovo.

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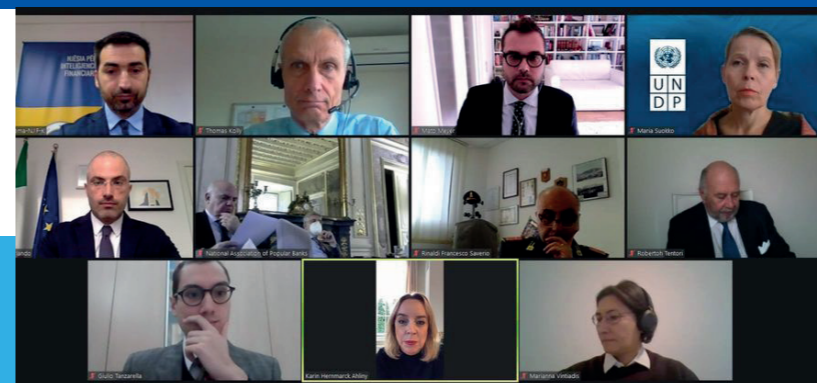


**3 December** IOM and Mamusa/e Mayor sign a contract for the restoration of an elementary school in this Municipality, improving the conditions for 725 Students. The activity is part of the EU-Community Stabilisation Programme IV (EU-CSP IV) project which is funded by the European Union and implemented by IOM. The rehabilitation process of the school entails replacing of internal doors and entrances, replacing hall lights, plastering, and painting the damaged parts of internal facilities. The initiative is a joint project with the Mamusa/e municipality.

**3 & 4 December** UNDP Climate Promise project organized a high-level webinar for representatives from Technical Secretariat of the Kosovo Climate Change Committee, working group of the Kosovo National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), as well as representatives of the Sustainable Development Committee, on 'Green House Gas-GHG reduction and long-term decarbonisation strategies' following methodologies and examples from the region. This will help to guide Kosovo on the right path in strengthening capacities for setting up more ambitious targets for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction, advance implementation of climate actions and their alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It will further facilitate access to the necessary financial and technical support and help Kosovo to achieve green recovery, low-carbon development, and climate resilience. [LINK](#)

**8 December** UNDP Kosovo and #Women4Cyber Albania launched a virtual roundtable event where advocates for women's active participation in the digital sectors exchanged views and agreed on an action plan to support women against cyber violence. [LINK](#)

**9 December** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Kosovo through its Support to Anti-Corruption Efforts in Kosovo (SAEK III) project organized a virtual webinar on enhancing compliance and anti-money laundering measures with experts from the Italian private sector with participation of more than 150 people. [LINK](#)



**9 December** UNOPS, in cooperation with UN Women, and ILO launched the "Promoting decent work through strengthening Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) management and social dialogue". The project is supported by the Embassy of Sweden in Pristina/ SIDA - Styrelsen för Internationellt Utvecklingssamarbete. [LINK](#)

**11 December** UNDP/EU held a webinar discussion on Kosovo's draft Law on Financing of Political Entities with political parties and civil society. Parties should support a strong law that ensures transparency, accountability, and effective enforcement, in line with Venice Commission opinion. This represents a key commitment Kosovo undertook under the European Reform Agenda. The roundtable covered issues of effective enforcement, accountability, transparency and ensuring that the law is in line with the opinion issued by the Venice Commission. It is important that everyone's voice is heard so that the public is ensured that information on donations and spending is easily and timely accessible and independently checked and verified. [LINK](#)

**12 & 13 December** Over the weekend, YIHR KS in cooperation with NGO Sokrat supported by UNDP Kosovo, organized a two-day webinar 'Youth as Human Rights Defenders' with young people from the Serb community in Kosovo on the concept of human rights, including the legal and institutional mechanisms in Kosovo that protect and guarantee the rights and freedoms of non-majority communities.

**14-18 December** WHO Pristina jointly with WHO Balkan Hub, organized a series of training of trainers (ToT) sessions on surveillance, contact tracing, IPC and laboratory diagnostics for the Institute of Public Health staff. The goal of the trainings was to increase regional capacities on COVID management, by equipping the Institute of Public Health epidemiologist and microbiologist with knowledge and skills so that they can organize, facilitate, and deliver subsequent trainings to the IPH staff at the regional and municipality level.

[LINK1](#), [LINK2](#), [LINK3](#)



**15 December** UNDP launched the Global Human Development Report. H.E. Karin Hernmarck, Ambassador of Sweden in Kosovo and the UNDP Resident Representative 'The Planet in Our Hands' on the ground-breaking 2020 Human Development Report 'The Next Frontier: Human Development and the Anthropocene'. [LINK](#)

**16 December** Marking the 20th anniversary of #UNSCR1325, UN Women supported by the Regional Women's Lobby in Southeast Europe, held an online Conference 'From Fragility to Empowerment: 20 years of Women, Peace and Security Agenda' Conference. UN Women Europe and Central Asia Regional Director, Alia El-Yassir made opening remarks. [LINK](#)

**21 December** UNDP, in support to Kosovo Judicial Council and Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, jointly with clerks of the Basic Courts and Basic Prosecution Offices, presented the updates in the Law on Mediation as means of increasing their knowledge and practical skills on initiation of the procedure, internal rules and procedure on mediation referral, case records, and dialogue techniques.



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## **Risk Communication and Communication for Development**

**1 December** The Archaeological Park, across the National Museum in Pristina turned orange as UNDP continued with the activities to mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign. The Park is the fourth cultural heritage site

**2 December** Continuing with the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign, UNDP turned the White House in Prizren orange. Present at the event were UNDP Resident Representative and EBRD Head for Kosovo, and their host Mytaher Haskuka, Mayor of Prizren municipality.

**2 December** UN-Habitat has been working in Kosovo since 1999. A short video describes major engagements and achievements of UN-Habitat in Kosovo for over two decades. See Facebook [LINK](#) YouTube [LINK](#)

**2, 12 & 14 December** UN-Habitat supported International Design Competition for the Central City Square of Rahovec/Orahovac. Jury Panel of the Competition spend days in the municipality, hosted by the Mayor, and the Director for Urbanism, Planning and Environmental Protection [LINK](#). On 12 December the results for the competition were announced [LINK](#). On 14 December, all community members in the municipality of Rahovec/Orahovac were invited to attend the exhibition and vote the preferred project proposal for selecting the Community Prize of the International Design Competition for the Central City Square of Rahovec/Orahovac. See more in the link [LINK](#)



**9 December** As part of the 16 Days against Gender Based Violence Campaign, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Kosovo produced an awareness raising video on cyber threats specifically targeting women and girls! [LINK](#)

**9 December** UNDP marking International Anti-Corruption Day, joined forces with partners from Embassies of Sweden, Switzerland and Italy as well as ombudsperson to launch a video, promoting a more transparent, accountable, corruption zero-tolerant society with equal gender representation! [LINK](#)

**10 December** House Museum of Father Shtjefën Gjeçovi, a historic site in Janjevë/Janjevo was turned orange last evening, on the last day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Violence campaign. Deputy Head of EU Office, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, UNDP Resident Representative, and municipal representatives were present at this event to symbolically mark the closure of the global 16 Days of Activism campaign to raise awareness on the gender-based violence. On 16 December UNDP launched a video Turning Orange Kosovo's Cultural Heritage Sites from the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. [LINK](#)

**10 December** On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day IOM, the British Embassy in Pristina and KoSSev broadcasted a story on KoSSev portla of persons displaced during the Yugoslav wars who have found temporary shelter in the municipalities in the north of Kosovo. [LINK](#)

**10 December** The Security and Gender Group-SGG coordinated by UN Women, released a Note To Press, signed by all SGG partners, at the end of the 16 days of Activism Campaign calling for concrete actions to respond to the "shadow pandemic" of violence against women and girls [LINK](#).

**14 December** #ecokosovo team published a final message 'When Earth talks, listen!', inviting all to reflect on the importance of a green and healthy environment and understand the crisis that Earth is going through. #ecokosovo's call to listen to the planet, is a message which perfectly mirrors the framework of the Human Development Report 2020 Launched on 15 December. Watch the message by acting President H.E. Vjosa Osmani: [LINK](#)

**17 December** Chief of IOM Mission in Kosovo was a guest on the morning show on RTK1 talking about International Migrant Day and the Launch of the local United Nations Migration Network. [LINK](#)

**29 December** IOM printed additional materials for the online attendees of the Albanian and Serbian language courses, and delivered them all over Kosovo. For more see video [LINK](#) in Albanian [LINK](#) in Serbian

**29 December** UN Women supported the video promoting the 'Call the Police' (Lajmero Policine/ Prijavi Policiji) app that facilitates fast communication with community, individuals, and the police. [LINK](#) of the video in Albanian and [LINK](#) of the video in Serbian language.

**31 December** UN Women in cooperation with University of Pristina published a call for Essay Competition on UNSCR 1325 titled 1325AndBeyond. Eligible for participation are all currently Bachelor program students, and the deadline is 29 January 2021. For more information see [LINK](#)



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## Community Outreach and Assistance Delivery

**1 December** UNICEF and the British Embassy distributed more than one thousand packages and kits consisting of masks, hand sanitizers and other necessary protection tools for children and teachers. The assistance aims to also support families as much as possible in providing conditions to protect their children throughout the essential education process.

**10 December** Two families from the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian (RAE) community returned to their place of origin in Fushe Kosove/Kosovo Polje Municipality after having been displaced in Novi Sad, since year 1999.



**10 December** UN Women in presence of UN Development Coordinator delivered food and hygiene packages to women and girls, and their families from the Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian communities in Pristina, as part of our project "Gender-Responsive Approaches and Efforts to Combat the COVID-19 Outbreak in Kosovo" funded by Embassy of Canada. [LINK](#)

**15 December** UNDP's Kosovo Safety and Security Programme (KSSP) supported the border police by upgrading its technical capacities with three state of the art explosive and drug detectors to be used at the border crossing points and the green border lines to effectively detect illicit arms trafficking through a system which provides images from spaces where it is difficult for the human vision to penetrate, such as tanks, double-walls, or other concealment places.

**15 December** Municipality of Novobërdë/Novo Brdo Municipality together with representatives of the Ministry of Communities and Returns, and IOM's Return and Reintegration in Kosovo phase V (EU-RRK V) project staff formally inaugurated the 'Rehabilitation of the road and construction of culvert in villages of Stanishor/Stanišor, Kufcë e Epërme/Gornje Kusce, Prekovc/e' project in Novobërdë/Novo Brdo Municipality. The IOM EU-RRK V project is funded by the EU Office in Kosovo, co-financed by the Ministry of Communities and Returns (MCR) and implemented by IOM in 11 municipalities throughout.

**16 December** UNDP and UNV donated to the Agency for Information Society IT tools and equipment which will strengthen the digital infrastructure, guarantee uninterrupted running of vital processes such as payments, transfers, email communication, virtual meetings, monitoring cyber-attacks, thus securing the functionality of the institutions.

**17 December**, UNICEF with the support from the British Embassy provided 1,020 schools and 1,770 teachers with hygiene packs and teachers' kits. Additionally, children with disabilities were supported with 800 tablets to facilitate distance learning. [LINK](#)





**21 December** UN Women delivered much needed laptops for the DV Shelters, through the generous support of Embassy of Canada. Support to shelter services during #COVID19 is essential to continue their duty of care for VAW survivors and to remain accessible, especially to those most likely to be left behind. [LINK](#)

**22 December** UN Women with the presence of the UN Development Coordinator delivered beehives to the Pristina Shelter, through the support of the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund for COVID-19 Response and Recovery (MPTF). Survivors of DV/GBV will also receive training to develop beekeeping skills enabling their economic sustainability and reintegration into the society. [LINK](#)

**23 December** UN Development Coordinator together with UNHCR in Kosovo delivered 100 gift packs to the Center for Children in the Street Situation in the Pristina Municipality managed by the Terres des Hommes [LINK](#)



**23 December** UNDP's Kosovo Safety and Security Programme (KSSP) handed over the Dashboard/TABLEAU data visualization platform, which is an information management tool, to the Kosovo Police Investigation Department to be used at the local, regional, and central levels to conduct proper tracks, analysis and visually present key performance indicators, the metrics, and key points of the data, to monitor crime trends in general.

**23 December** Amateur boxer and former multiple medal-winning champion from Pejë/Pec municipality, Arlinda Muça a young Roma who is becoming a leading example of success among her small community, is also beneficiary of IOM's EU-Community Stabilization Program Phase IV, which supported her new business by providing boxing and fitness training equipment.



**25 December** Durak Maliqi and Mehmet Mehmeti are two beneficiaries of IOM's EU Community Stabilization Program Phase IV (EU-CSP-IV) assistance in Shtime/Štimlje municipality. They were provided with construction equipment to help their companies offer improved services. They both lacked important tools for working in the building and construction business. Maliqi and Mehmeti were pleased to receive the new professional tools and equipment, expressing that this support will inevitably help their construction companies grow and increase their working capacities. The project is funded by the European Union Office in Kosovo, co-financed by the Ministry of Communities and Return (MCR).

**28 December** UNHCR delivered new technical appliances for asylum seekers at Asylum Center in Magure/a near Pristina as part of the project 'Addressing COVID-19 Challenges within the Migrant and Refugee Response in the Western Balkans' implemented by IOM and UNHCR, EU Service for Foreign Policy Instruments. [LINK](#)

**30 December** UNHCR Office of Chief of Mission in Pristina in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sports, has donated 100 gift packs to children of Roma, Ashakali & Egyptian communities, IDP, returnee and from host community, in Ferizaj/Urosevac Municipality. [LINK](#)