

**3 May** The Association of Journalists of Kosovo (AJK), in cooperation with the OSCE, the United Nations Development Coordinator's Office, the United Nations Mission in Kosovo and EULEX, marked the World Press Freedom Day. The event organised under the motto 'BLACKOUT MAY', echoed messages for protection of journalists, from unjust prosecution, SLAP suits, impunity for perpetrators of crimes against journalists. This year's motto serves as an urgent call to all institutions to jointly work to improve the state of press freedom and professional ethics. [LINK](#)

**6 May** The second exhibition of the works of young women and girls from Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities was organized in collaboration with Pristina Municipality. These young women and girls from Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities of Mitrovica, Pristina and Fushë Kosova/Kosovo polje have taken art classes while 'Learning English through Art'. The exhibition 'Our Future', which welcomed many visitors, consisted of a strong message of hopes for a better future. This exhibition was part of the 'Return to the (New) Normal' project, funded by the British Embassy in Kosovo in partnership with MPTF, implemented by UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO. [LINK](#)

**During May, the UN Kosovo Team, led by UN Development Coordinator Ulrika Richardson, met with various ministers:**

On **6 May** with Minister of Finance, Labour & Transfers, Mr. Hekuran Murati.

On **11 May** with Minister of Interior, Mr. Xhelal Svečla, [LINK](#)

On **12 May** with Minister of Agriculture, Forestry & Rural Development, Mr. Faton Peci [LINK](#)

On **15 May** with Minister Deputy Prime Minister, European Integration, Development and Dialogue, Mr. Besnik Bislimi [LINK](#)

On **25 May** with Minister of Economy, Ms. Artanë Rizvanolli [LINK](#)

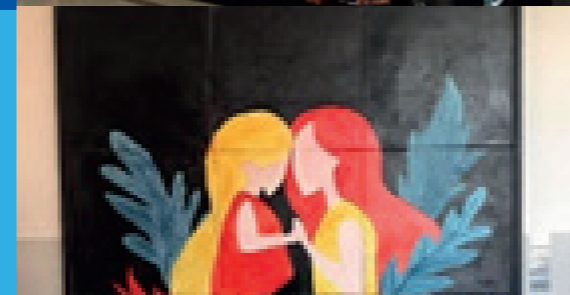
On **25 May** with Minister of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade [LINK](#)

**15 May** Marking the International Family Day, UNFPA rolled out a social media campaign on Family Friendly Policies as part of the project Expanding Choices supported by Austrian Development Agency. The campaign targeted both employers and employees in Kosovo as well as local institutions aiming to raise awareness on paternity leave, gender equality in workplaces, women empowerment and challenging cultural norms and gender stereotypes about the roles of women and men in society. [LINK1](#), [LINK2](#), [LINK3](#), [LINK4](#), [LINK5](#), [LINK6](#)

**27 May** The third batch of COVAX arrived in Kosovo, which follows the 62,400 doses delivered in March and May and brings the total of 100,620 coronavirus vaccines provided to Kosovo<sup>1</sup> through COVAX. COVAX, the global initiative of WHO, UNICEF, GAVI, CEPI financed by key donors such as EU, US, UK, Sweden, Germany, Japan and Canada, aims at ensuring equitable access to vaccines across the world. With this shipment, combined with other sources of COVID-19 vaccines for Kosovo, the rollout of the national deployment and vaccination plan will continue for the defined priority groups, including the elderly. Apart from delivery of vaccines under the COVAX scheme, UNICEF and WHO continue to support Kosovo institutions in the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines, including the training of vaccination teams, provision of critical cold-chain equipment and strengthening the capacity of the Kosovo health care system. [LINK](#)

**31 May** 34 key human rights civil society organizations (CSOs) published their second joint annual report on the human rights situation in Kosovo in 2020 with UNMIK and OHCHR's support. The report, which can be accessed [here](#), was delivered at the end of an inclusive process that brought together civil society actors from different communities. It fills a critical human rights monitoring and reporting gap and now provides recommendations to Kosovo institutions aimed at advancing the realization of human rights in Kosovo, including human rights implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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



**UNITED NATIONS  
KOSOVO TEAM**



**UN Kosovo Team - In Brief, May 2021**

**Highlights:**

- Joint marking of the World Press Freedom Day to call for improved press freedom and protection of journalists and professional ethics.
- The third batch of COVAX vaccines arrives in Kosovo
- Young women artists from Roma, Ashkali & Egyptian communities exhibit their works with message of hopes for a better future post COVID-19. Anti-Covid-19 platform [www.realitetiri.com](http://www.realitetiri.com) launched to improve cooperation between private sector and citizens in strengthening COVID protection compliance.
- Marking World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development 20 May, IOM and UNMIK presented the achievements of the joint project 'Supporting Comprehensive Language Initiatives'
- 34 key human rights civil society organizations (CSOs) published their second joint annual report on the human rights situation in Kosovo in 2020
- Marking the International Family Day on 15 May, UNFPA rolled out a mini campaign of affirmative fatherhood







**27 May** The anti-COVID-19 platform [www.realitetiri.com](http://www.realitetiri.com), was launched in collaboration with Kosovo Chamber of Commerce, CiviKos Platform, the Gastronomy Association & Ministry of Health LINK. The joint preparations and support from UNFPA, WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, UN Women and UN development Coordinator's Office ensured a successful public launch as well as through major media outlets. The platform uses Smart Tech and public messaging to encourage the gastronomy sector, followed by retail, as well as other sectors, and their client base to respect behavioral measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and accelerate "return to a new normal".

**20 May** On World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, IOM and UNMIK marked the achievements of the joint project 'Supporting Comprehensive Language Initiatives' in cooperation with the Office of the Language Commissioner and the support of British Embassy, presenting to the public the print edition of the largest Albanian-Serbian, Serbian-Albanian dictionary with 40,000 words at the PjeterBogdani Library in Pristina. LINK. This was followed by a **21 May** coordination meeting with language experts from Belgrade and Pristina, with discussions on the topics of revision and upgrade of the online and printed versions of the dictionary, as well as a promotion plan for it. The upgrade further contributes to improved access to official languages in Kosovo for different communities, and consequently to a more cohesive and inclusive society.



## UNKT in Brief

**5 May** UN-Habitat launched a new research project to produce new and necessary data and analysis on social housing needs in Kosovo. UN-Habitat and the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, has started a series of meetings to address housing issues, with the intention to assess the conditions of families and communities in the field of housing. The purpose of this meeting was to get a thorough understanding of the current conditions of social and affordable housing; the number of housing units; housing stocks in municipalities, including the needs and priorities of low-income and marginalized communities; ways to manage adequate housing issues; as well as the degree of informality in different municipalities of Kosovo. Participation included Kosovo President and representatives of various institutions at the central and local level, and other organizations. LINK As a follow up on **18 May** UN-Habitat and the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure met with representatives of banking institutions, real estate agencies and relevant ministries. LINK



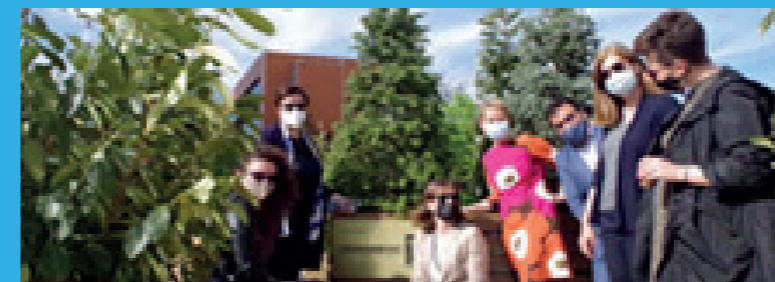
**6 May** The WHO Pristina Office, with WHO Office for Europe and WHE Balkan Hub, provided training on COVID-19 Contact Tracing, for a group of 356 health workers recently hired by the Ministry of Health, financially supported by a loan from the World Bank as part of the project to 'Enhance Health Service Capacities'.

**6 May** Population based Epi-Serological survey on COVID-19 started. Fieldwork is planned to continue in the coming months.

**6 May** ReLOaD's sustained path in bridging the dialogue between municipalities and CSOs in Kosovo. For the past four years, UNDP and EU have collaborated through a regional initiative 'Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans' (ReLOaD) project and Kosovo was part of it. The project aim was to strengthen participatory democracy and the EU integration process by empowering civil society to actively take part in decision-making and by stimulating an enabling legal and financial environment for civil society. Since 2017, the ReLOaD project has worked closely with five competitively and transparently selected municipalities (Istog/k, Kamenicë/a, Lipjan/Ljiplan, Viti/na and Zvečan/Zvečan), as well as with 38 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), towards greater civic engagement in decision-making and improvement of local service delivery. LINK



**7 May** UN-Habitat and UNDP donates the 'Urban Garden' to Pristina University. The 'Urban Garden' was originally placed at Skanderbeg Square as part of marking the 'Earth Day' 2021. This symbol of a greener more sustainable future will now be available for students and visitors at the university campus. The 'Urban Garden' highlights the importance of greenery in urban settings and the role of greenery and trees in combating air pollution and improving wellbeing of residents. [LINK](#)



**7 May** The Head of UN-Habitat Office, Omar Siddique, met with the Swedish Ambassador to Kosovo Ms Karin Hernmark Ahlmy. Sweden is a longstanding partner to UN-Habitat globally and has supported UN-Habitat in Kosovo for 15 years. Continued support for Inclusive Development for the Kosovo municipalities and the improvement of the environment were discussed. [LINK](#)



**11 May** The UN Women met with Ombudsperson discussing joint actions in line with the latest Ombudsperson Institution strategy, to promote the SDGs and make gender equality and women's empowerment a reality for all women and girls. [LINK](#)

**12 May** UN-Habitat contributes with the visioning journey for the municipality of Zubin Potok/Zubinpotok Mapping of visions of the municipality's priority areas along with definition of concrete objectives and activities followed and presented, and finalized with articulated Vision, goals and activities for the Municipality of Zubin Potok/Zubinpotok. All these outcomes are driving towards structuring of the Municipal Development Plan for Zubin Potok. [LINK](#)

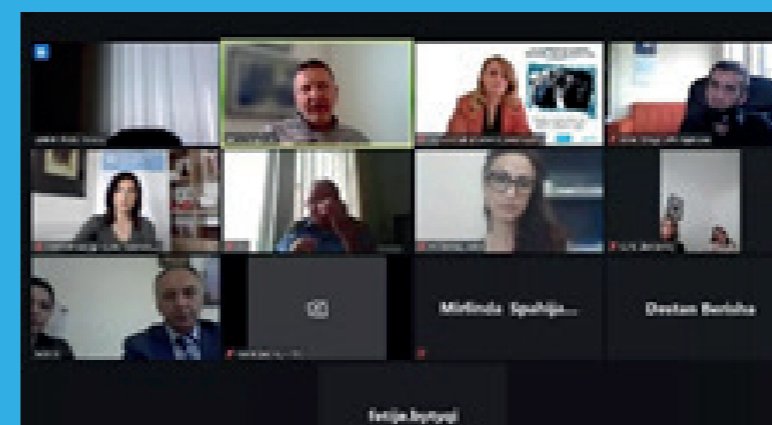
**14 May** Municipality of Zubin Potok/Zubinpotok signed a memorandum of cooperation with the Community Building Mitrovica (CBM) for the installation of air quality monitoring equipment (IQair) within the 'Inclusive Development Program' of UN-Habitat. This memorandum was reached in the framework of the Inclusive Development Program, implemented by UN-Habitat Kosovo, in cooperation with PAX and CBM and aims to strengthening efforts to find sustainable solutions for reducing air pollution in Kosovo. [LINK](#)

**18 May** Launch of the Kosovo Youth Study 2020, seeks to contribute to the understanding of the attitudes, perspectives, and challenges of young people in Kosovo regarding the topics of migration, education, employment, inter-ethnic relations, and views about the future of Kosovo. This study is commissioned by UNDP in Kosovo and is intended to offer UNKT agencies and national and international stakeholders' information and analysis that can help them gauge the progress made in addressing youth issues, assess past and ongoing efforts, lessons learned and develop policy responses. To this end, this report follows up the 2018 Youth Study and compares new data collected through a survey and focus groups conducted between November and December 2020. The Youth for Kosovo project was supported by the Peacebuilding Fund and is jointly implemented by UNDP, UN Women Kosovo, Unicef Kosovo Programme and UN Volunteers. [LINK](#)



**20 May** Rule of Law: The World Café marked the closing of a 5 month programme, in which youth exchanged ideas and proposed solutions for common challenges in their communities – related to language rights, non-majority rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and women's rights. This event was organized by Youth Initiative for Human Rights - Kosovo (YIHR KS), in cooperation with NGO Sokrat, with presence of UNICEF UNDP staff aptly titled 'Youth as Human Rights Defenders', it brought together young people from all communities in Kosovo expected to become human rights defenders and act as agents of change for the future! [LINK](#)

**21 May** IOM Kosovo organized Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration-AVRR Training for the main counterparts: MIA Kosovo/Division for Return and Readmission, Directorate for Migrants and Foreigners, Asylum officials, UNHCR, KRCT and CRP/K and local NGOs. The Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration aimed to provide knowledge for the return and reintegration procedures, objectives and challenges faced by in organizing the return of migrants. Training organized in the framework of the European Union-founded programme 'Regional Support to Protection-Sensitive Migration Management in the Western Balkans and Turkey' Phase II. [LINK](#)





**21 May** UN-Habitat held the first Online Webinar on Sustainable Spatial Planning in Kosovo Together with Facebook followers UN-Habitat held the first online Webinar for Sustainable Spatial Planning in Kosovo, including experiences from world-renowned planners, such as Mr. Frank D'hondt, of ISOCARP. [LINK](#)

**21 May** UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, held a joint protection monitoring mission with the authorities in Vërmica/Vermice Border Crossing Point. The aim of the meeting was to continue the constructive partnership and cooperation in the area of effective management of asylum seekers and refugee protection within the mixed migration context; identification of the needs and concerted advocacy efforts to address the main gaps and strengthen the overall system. Participants of the meeting included UNHCR Chief of Mission and the team, Border Police high officials and UNHCR's partner organizations Civil Rights Programme Kosovo. The authorities welcomed the meeting and appreciated long-term coordination with UNHCR and its partners. [LINK](#)

**21 May** UN-Habitat held the 'On-the-job' training on Geographical Information System for the staff of Municipalities of Mitrovica South, Vushtrri/Vučjitrn and Skenderaj/Srbica. The staff of the municipalities have continued on-the-job training on Geographical Information System-GIS, as part of the project 'Creating the GIS-based spatial database component'. The officers had the opportunity to migrate/update the spatial data collected from different spatial planning processes in the municipalities. The training session has been organized by UN-Habitat Kosovo and partner Company ŽGeo&Land Kosova. [LINK](#)

**24 May** UNHCR Chief of Mission hosted the Commander of the NATO-led KFOR Mission. The two discussed areas of possible cooperation and expressed mutual appreciation for the excellent collaboration around awareness raising for displaced persons and international protection of asylum seekers and refugees. [LINK](#)

**24 May** UNICEF and the Municipality of Dragash/Dragaš signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the 'Child Friendly Municipality initiative' as a call for inclusiveness and accountability for children. 'Child Friendly Municipality initiative' promotes the vision that children in the municipality of Dragash/Dragaš will have the opportunity to play, learn, and grow in a safe, sustainable and inclusive community. UNICEF and Municipality of Dragash/Dragaš agreed to further improve the lives of children, youth and their families through policies, advocacy, and capacity development programmes for early childhood, inclusive education and child protection, health and nutrition, youth empowerment and innovation. [LINK](#)

**24 May** UNICEF Office in Kosovo and Austrian Development Agency extended the partnership in the amount of EUR 500,000 to institutionalize and consolidate innovations for youth in Kosovo. Since 2012, Austrian Development Agency and UNICEF have partnered together in Kosovo to empower young people to be agents of social change. This long-term strategic partnership annually reached around 7,000 young people who have been equipped with 21st century skills and exposed to experiential learning opportunities. The programme has been successful in contributing to the skills building of young people in three main areas such as: social innovation and entrepreneurship, social advocacy, and critical media literacy skills. [LINK](#)



**UNITED NATIONS  
KOSOVO TEAM**



**UN Kosovo Team - In Brief, May 2021**







**24 May** IOM Kosovo in partnership with SOS Children's Village Kosovo organized a series of roundtables with community engaged such as: municipal education directors, Kosovo police, high school representatives, teachers, and parent. The aim of these events was to discuss challenges and gaps in managing irregular migration of youth and minors in the targeted municipalities: Pristina, Malishevë/Mališevo, Skenderaj/Srbica, Rahovec/Orahovac, Suhareka/Suva reka, Gjakovë/Đakovica, Prizren and Mitrovica south. Participants from these regions assessed the current situation while identifying effective responses to the phenomena of migration of unaccompanied minors from Kosovo toward the European Union (EU) Member States. These events were supported technically and financially by UNICEF Kosovo Programme.[LINK](#)

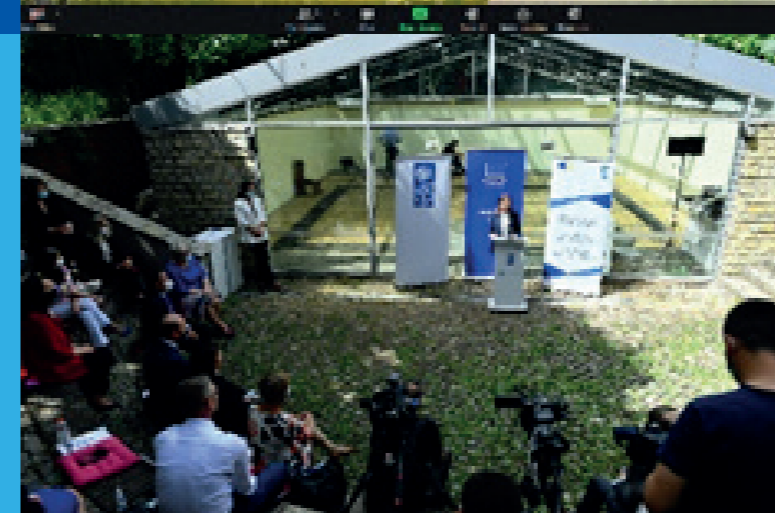
**24 May** IOM Kosovo in partnership with SOS Children's Village Kosovo organized a series of roundtables with community engaged such as: municipal education directors, Kosovo police, high school representatives, teachers, and parent. The aim of these events was to discuss challenges and gaps in managing irregular migration of youth and minors in the targeted municipalities: Pristina, Malishevë/Mališevo, Skenderaj/Srbica, Rahovec/Orahovac, Suhareka/Suva reka, Gjakovë/Đakovica, Prizren and Mitrovica south. Participants from these regions assessed the current situation while identifying effective responses to the phenomena of migration of unaccompanied minors from Kosovo toward the European Union (EU) Member States. These events were supported technically and financially by UNICEF Kosovo Programme.[LINK](#)

**24 May** The EU-funded Humanitarian Assistance Project (HAP) project implemented by UNDP is reinforcing the Centres for Social Work across Kosovo with 40 UN volunteers/social workers for the next 12 months and supporting 7,500 vulnerable families living in extreme poverty by providing monthly vouchers for food, hygiene, and other essential items for the next six months. The joint action was launched earlier today on 24 May in the presence of TomášSzunyog, Head of EU Office in Kosovo and EU Special Representative, Hekuran Murati, Minister of the Ministry of Finance, Labour and Transfers, Maria Suokko, UNDP Resident Representative for Kosovo, and other EU, UNDP, UNV, and Kosovo institutions representatives. Read more: [LINK](#) and watch Fjolla Raifi, the HAP project manager, on KTV morning programme: [LINK](#)

### Kosovo Safety and Security Programme (KSSP) supporting Kosovo institutions with a series of specialized trainings.

**3 May** a week-long specialized training with certification, on Computer Hacking Forensic Investigator (CHFI) started. It provided a detailed methodological approach to computer forensic and evidence analysis. It was a comprehensive course covering major forensic investigation scenarios that enables the participants to acquire necessary hands-on experience on various forensic investigation techniques and standard forensic tools necessary to successfully carryout computer forensic investigation leading to prosecution of perpetrators. This specialized training was made possible thanks to the generous financial support of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

Same day, UNDP and its security sector team hosted KFOR Commander, MG Franco Federici and updated on UNDP Kosovo's efforts in supporting safety and security in Kosovo, including Small Arms Light Weapons (SALW) control and cybersecurity.[LINK](#)







**17 May** 10 security professionals have started another week-long, certified, hands-on training, to expand their skills to uncover the security and cyber threats that their institutions are vulnerable to and on 18 May, in close cooperation with Kosovo Police Cyber Crime Investigation Sector and the Training Department begun a 5-day training on internet enabled crimes and cybercrime investigations in which 20 cybercrime investigators, representing all Regional Police Directorates, learned about advanced cyber investigation methods and how to achieve an optimal information security through prevention and detection.[LINK](#)

**25 May** KSSP, through the CPIAT project, in close cooperation with the police investigations department and the training division, begun a 5-day advanced training on firearms investigations for 30 police investigators from all regional police directorates. The training was focused on the use of special investigative measures in the field of IAT and cooperation with law enforcement units locally and internationally in effective investigating the smuggling of drugs, immigrants, counterterrorism, etc. The CPIAT project is supported by Auswärtiges Amt, UK Home Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Netherlands), Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway and the EU European External Action Service - EEAS, EU Neighbourhood & Enlargement through UN's Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap Trust Fund.[LINK](#)

**26 May**, 10 security professionals have started Certified Network Defender Course with the aim to adapt impregnable cyber defense practices that not only proves effective in responding to a network attack but stops them before they happen. This is an adaptive security strategy addressing network breaches in a post-pandemic world and it was made possible through the generous financial support of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), in the framework of UNDP's Combatting Cyber Crime (C3K) Project in Kosovo as was the two day training, on 26 & 27 May, in which 16 Kosovo Police women investigators and officers acquired knowledge on how to conduct cybercrime investigations and obtain digital evidence from ICT, which must be valid and reliable to ensure its admissibility in a court of law.[LINK](#)

**27 May** UNICEF is coordinating with CRS Network commenced the third cohort for placing interns in private sector, and other institutions, financed by Austrian Development Agency is open for youth 16-24 years old. They can register and apply for internship-on-internship platform. Kosovo Generation Unlimited (K-GenU) is the multi-sectorial approach for the needs of young people in Kosovo. 'K-GenU' identifies and brings together young people and links them with private sector, institutions, civil society organizations to join hands in recovery efforts of society following COVID-19. As a result, 500 young people benefited from internships opportunities that were offered through K-GenU, 191 out of them got employed after they passed through internship experience.



**27 May** UN Women Kosovo participated in a panel discussion related to the findings of the 2021 report '2021 Public Perceptions of gender equality and violence against women in Kosovo' by Kosovar Gender Studies Center 'part of the panel. This study was drafted within the framework of the UN Women Project titled 'Ending Violence against Women: Implementing Norms, Changing Minds' programme, funded by the European Union. [LINK](#)

**27 May** The Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Profile of Kosovo was launched at the tripartite meeting held on 27 May 2021 in Pristina and it was attended by representatives from ILO, UNOPS, Sida, Ministry of Finance, Labour and Transfers, Labour Inspectorate, Trade Union Federation, representatives of Civil Society and other stakeholders. This document will serve as a useful source of information for policymakers, government officials, workers, employers, and OSH practitioners who aim to follow and monitor OSH developments, and to set the basis for preparing an improved OSH system in Kosovo.

OSH Profile has been prepared by the ILO in the framework of the project 'Promoting Decent Work through Strengthening OSH Management and Social Dialogue,' which is managed by UNOPS and funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) through the Embassy of Sweden in Pristina.







**28 May** With UN-Habitat support, Municipality of Zubin Potok/Zubinpotok adopts its first 'Citizen Participation Plan' strengthening their commitment to increase the quality of citizen participation in local decision-making with support of the Inclusive Development Program in partnership with PAX and CBM. [LINK](#)

**28 May** Visit to Suharekë/Suva reka and the Innovation & Training Park in Prizren. UNDP's senior management and representatives visited the Municipality of Suharekë/Suva rekato discuss with mayor and municipal officials environmentally sustainable local development & inclusive growth. On the same day, an inspiring visit to the Innovation & Training Park ITP Prizren took place, discussing possible collaboration in the areas of ICT, agriculture & food processing, and creative industries, including tourism.[LINK](#)

## Risk Communication and Communication for Development

**5 May** World Hand Hygiene Day marked with WHO social media messages in local languages, with the support of Development Coordinator's Office on UNKT, MoH, IPH and UCCK channels. [LINK1](#),[LINK2](#)

**7 May** Screening of 'Urban Roots' documentary. The Urban Roots documentary, showing the emergence of urban gardens in postindustrial cities, was brought to the local community in Mitrovica North by UN-Habitat Kosovo and 7 Arte.[LINK](#)



**9 May** UN Women marked Europe Day, highlighting the partnership between UN Women and European Union as a vital partner in the mission to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment. With the EU Gender Equality Strategy and its External Gender Action Plan III, as well as its crucial role in the Generation Equality Forum, the EU continues to lead by example. Part of the quote card were EU Special Representative in Kosovo also Gender Advisor at European Union Kosovo. [LINK](#)

**26 May** UNDP published Life in the Frontlines- astory about a wonderful Kosovo woman, a medical doctor, who has had hardly any days off in more than a year, because she makes sure that patients are able to breathe and get better once infected with COVID-19. The director of the Infectious Diseases Clinic in Pristina, Dr. Lindita Berisha, has dedicated herself to this fight. [LINK](#)



**29 May** Commemorating the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, Young peacekeepers from UNMiK and Young Peacekeepers from Unite Youth Task Force joined the Deputy Special representative to the Secretary General, and other UN entity representatives in an outdoor discussion event. [LINK](#)

**31 May** World No Tobacco Day marked with a mini advocacy campaign with materials provided by World Health Organization drawing attention to the harmful effects of tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure and discourages the use of tobacco in any form. Themed 'Commit to Quit', this year's WHO's World No Tobacco Day campaign focuses on providing people with the tools and resources they need to quit and succeed in their attempt. The WHO press release, social media tiles and video was translated into local languages and shared with media and social media. [LINK1](#), [LINK2](#), [LINK3](#),[LINK4](#).



## Community Outreach and Assistance Delivery

**May 6** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UNOPS through the UNMIK Support Programme, has supplied and installed the Disinfection tunnel at the Detention Center in North Mitrovica. The Disinfection Tunnel will be used by the detention center staff to ensure an effective, appropriate, and responsible response against the spread and impact of COVID-19 outbreak.

**18 May** The Security and Gender Group issued a statement in relation to the alleged sexual harassment/assault involving primary school-aged children and called for concrete actions to protect children. The Security and Gender Group strongly condemns the alleged sexual harassment/assault involving primary school-aged children at a primary school in Pristina. These alleged acts have first become public through a video that has been circulating for the past couple of days in digital news portals and social media. The SGG called upon relevant institutions to take effective measures and handle this delicate case with utmost priority in order to ensure zero tolerance on sexual harassment, and the safety of children throughout their day-to-day activities including during their school hours and especially in and around school facilities. [LINK](#)

**May 19** The UNOPS team has presented to the Ministry of Health the preliminary designs for the vaccine storage project. The design has considered the sustainability, gender mainstreaming, energy efficiency and access for people for disabilities aspect. The design has also taken into consideration all WHO guidelines. The preliminary design was approved by the Ministry and construction of the new facility will begin soon. The Vaccine Storage Project is financed by the Government of Kosovo and will serve to hold and manage the COVID-19 Vaccines as well as provide refrigerated vehicles for regional distribution.

**20 May** During the month of May, IOM's EU-Community Stabilization Program activity supported five women with necessary equipment to start up their own bee keeping/honey production businesses. [LINK](#) ON 19 May EU-CSP-IV supported the newly built city library of Ranilug/Ranillug with computers, printers, bookshelves, tables, chairs, and document cabinets. [LINK](#)

**20 May** Minister of Communities and Returns visited IOM's EU-RRK-V beneficiary in Kamenicë/Kamenica for the firsthand information on project activities as well as the needs of returnees and IDP's in Kosovo. [LINK](#)

**20 May** WHO is acquiring 9,500 Cepheid test cartridges to donate to the Institute of Public Health. Tests are considered to be the best rapid results tests, detecting up to 4 pathogens (including detection of SARS-CoV-2, Flu A, Flu B, and RSV) in approx. 40 minutes. These tests will be used with the existing Cepheid GenXpert machines available in Pristina, Prizren, and Peja/Peć. The first batch of these tests has arrived on 12th May 2021, and the remaining is expected to arrive in the first week of June 2021.

**24 May** In the framework of the Kosovo Emergency COVID -19 Project, the work for the Rehabilitation of Radiology Clinic in General Hospital of Ferizaj started on May 24, 2021. This UNOPS implemented project was designed based on the requirements of the Hospital in Ferizaj for Radiology department renovations, and Adaptation of the new CT scanner and is being financed by the Government of Kosovo.



UNITED NATIONS  
KOSOVO TEAM



UN Kosovo Team - In Brief, May 2021