



↘ UNDCO 13—16 September

REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE UN DCO FOR EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA, GWI-YEOP SON VISITED KOSOVO THE UN

Development Coordinator's Office in Kosovo, hosted Gwi Yeop Son, Regional Director for ECA, for a three-day visit. During her visit Ms. Gwi met with Prime Minister, Assembly Speaker, Deputy Prime Ministers and other senior representatives of Kosovo institutions, heads of international organizations as well as Ambassadors and NGO's, followed by field trips and site visits to cultural heritage sites. The visit highlighted the effectiveness of UN reforms in amplifying UNKT's impact for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in Kosovo and define opportunities for further strengthening partnerships, integration, efficiency, and coordination.



↘ UNDP—30 September

TWO HISTORICAL LANDMARKS TO BE RENOVATED

UNDP signed a cost-sharing agreement with the Ministry for Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS) for the refurbishment and restoration of two important cultural heritage sites, Xhafer Deva house in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica and the mosque in Drenoc/Drenovce village in Deçan/Deçani municipality. The activity is part of the 'Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Intercommunity Dialogue and Social Cohesion' project, implemented by UNDP, in close cooperation with MCYS on selected sites, supported by the European Union (EU), Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP).

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↘ UNICEF—9 September

PARTNERSHIPS FOR MENTAL WELLBEING OF CHILDREN

UNICEF and University of Pristina in partnership with the European Union Kosovo signed a new agreement to improve access to mental and psycho-social health services for children. This partnership will enable the direct addressing of the challenges posed by the pandemic situation by increasing the responsiveness of the Child Protection and Education system and ensuring that services are more equitable, inclusive, meeting the needs of the most vulnerable children and their parents. The partnership will generate knowledge on the impact of the pandemic situation on children and families and enable the provision of services with a focus on equality.

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↘ UN Kosovo Team—15 September

PRIME MINISTER KURTI ATTENDS THE UN KOSOVO TEAM ANNUAL RETREAT

A planning workshop of the United Nations Kosovo team was attended by Prime Minister Albin Kurti, Regional Director for Europe, and Central Asia of the United Nations Development Coordination Office (UNDCO), Mrs. Gwi Yeop Son and the United Nations Development Coordinator in Kosovo, Mrs. Ulrika Richardson. The Prime Minister expressed gratitude for the support given to Kosovo by all United Nations organizations operating here, "Last year, United Nations agencies have been at the forefront of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, and we have benefited from their active engagement and close coordination with other partners" said the PM during his speech.

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↘ OHCHR & UNMIK—31 August & 8 September

HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH TO STATISTICS AND DATA COLLECTION

UNMIK and OHCHR were invited to the Working Group for the operationalization of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ombudsman Institution of Kosovo and the Kosovo Agency of Statistics, that aims in developing a human rights approach to data collection and Kosovo-specific human rights indicators. Previously, UNMIK and OHCHR facilitated the development and execution of the inter-agency MoU in January 2020. On 8 September, UNMIK and OHCHR committed to provide expertise and support to the Ombudsman institution for the operationalization of the MoU and in developing Kosovo-specific human rights indicators in relation to the indicators related to the Sustainable Development Goals to monitor the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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↘ UN Kosovo Team—29 September

KOSOVO CLIMATE ACTION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

UN Kosovo Team, with support of British and Italian embassies, launches a series of activities under Kosovo Climate Action campaign, to promote bold, ambitious actions to tackle the Climate Crisis and its impacts. Numerous activities will follow the entire month of October, leading up to the COP 26 UN Climate Change Conference, in Glasgow from 31 October to 8 November 2021.

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↘ WHO—30 September
3rd & 18th August

WHO EUROPE IN KOSOVO TO KICK OFF THE INTRA—ACTION REVIEW

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↘ UNOPS—23 September

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT FOR JUST INCLUSIVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The First Steering Committee Meeting of the "Promoting Decent Work Through Strengthening Occupational Safety Health (OSH) Management and Social Dialogue" project held with key stakeholders, with emphasis set on decent work, human rights-based policies, and strong regulatory mechanisms towards a just, inclusive, and sustainable development. The Steering Committee will continue to be a dynamic space for discussions and addressing challenges that affect men and women in Kosovo. The is UNOPS led joint Programme also implemented by UN Women and ILO, among others, and funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) through the Embassy of Sweden in Pristina, is worth a total of 4 million EUR, implemented within 48 months (started in 2020).

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Highlights

- ↘ Regional Director of UN DCO for Europe and Central Asia Mrs. Gwi-Yeop Son visited Kosovo
- ↘ UNDP engaged in the restoration of Two historical Landmarks
- ↘ Prime Minister Kurti attends the UN Kosovo Team annual retreat
- ↘ Kosovo Climate Action Campaign Launched
- ↘ UNICEF sings a Partnership for Mental Wellbeing of Children
- ↘ WHO Europe in Kosovo to kick off the Intra-Action Review
- ↘ Occupational Safety and Health Management for Just& Inclusive Sustainable Development



UN WOMEN—3 September
LAUNCH OF THE 'LOCAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT RELATED TO GENDER EQUALITY, GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING, AND ADDRESSING NEEDS DURING THE PANDEMIC.' REPORT

UN Women's report is written under the framework of the UN Women regional programme 'Transforming Financing for Gender Equality towards more transparent, inclusive, and accountable governance in the Western Balkans' funded by Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and with the assistance of IDRA Research and Consulting Kosovo.

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UNDP—3 September
NEW INITIATIVE ON BRANDING KOSOVO'S TOURISM

Representatives of UNDP and the Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade, met on 3 September in a workshop to kick-start the mutual journey towards an informed and innovative branding of Kosovo's tourism. The aim of this consultative workshop with local and international stakeholders was to align efforts on Kosovo's branding as a tourist destination, which is a key pillar of the draft Tourism Strategy, directly supported by UNDP.

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UNHCR—9 September
SUPPORT ON PRIMARY LEGAL SERVICES

Internal Affairs and Civil Registration Agency in Pristina to discuss potential solutions for late birth registration of remaining 44 displaced persons unregistered at birth. Representatives from both delegations reached a mutual agreement that no person shall remain unregistered, and that an adequate legal solution will be provided by the end of 2021.

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UN WOMEN—10 and 16 September
WORKSHOP ON THE NEW KOSOVO STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN ON PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

UN Women supported working group on drafting of the new Kosovo Strategy and Action Plan on Protection from Domestic Violence 2022 - 2026. The workshop organized by the office of the National Coordinator against Domestic Violence/Ministry of Justice with technical support of UN Women under the framework of the EU funded regional EVAW programme 'Changing Minds, Implementing Norms'. LINK On 16 September UN Women organized the Technical Working Group (TWG) Kosovo under the Phase II of the programme 'Eliminating Violence Against Women 'Implementing Norms, Changing Minds' funded by EU. Partners and CSO took turns presentation and discussion of the respective project activities on addressing gender-based discrimination, violence against women and girls and domestic violence.

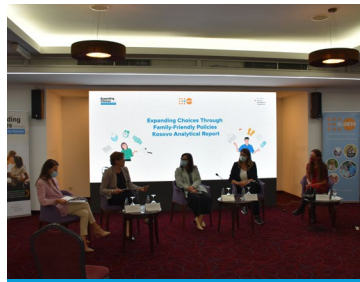
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UN WOMEN—3 September
IMPROVING QUALITY STANDARDS AND ENHANCING PHYSICAL CAPACITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Further to the engagement of supporting Kosovo government in improving quality standards in higher education and enhancing physical capacities of the faculties of the University of Pristina, UNOPS met with the Rector of the University of Pristina, to discuss and coordinate further activities for the construction of the new buildings for the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences and the Faculty of Economics, foreseen in the Technical Faculty Zone.

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UNFPA—21 September
LAUNCH OF THE ANALYTICAL REPORT WITHIN THE 'EXPANDING CHOICES THROUGH FAMILY-FRIENDLY POLICIES' PROJECT

The Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) in cooperation with UNFPA launched an analytical report within the 'Expanding Choices through Family-friendly Policies' project. This report reflects the extent to which Kosovo has harmonized the legal framework with the EU Work-Life Balance Directive, which entered into force on 1 August 2019. This directive has important implications for Kosovo towards parenting, both women and men, as well as to care givers for disabilities and older persons.

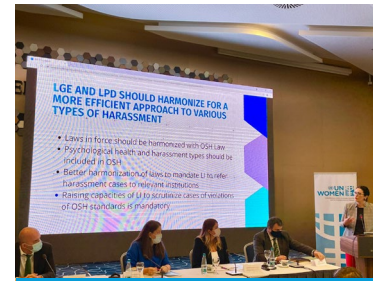
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UN WOMEN—3 September
PLANTING TREES TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

IOM's Prevention of Violent Extremism Programme unit in cooperation with Community Liaison Points (CLPs) of Kodra e Trimave-Pristina, supported by UK Government - planted Linden and Pine trees in schoolyards of 7 primary schools and 1 high school.

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UN WOMEN—3 September
LAUNCH OF THE 'GENDER MAINSTREAMING: A NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR DECENT WORK AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH' AND 'OSH PROFILE AND DECENT WORK: GENDER EQUALITY PERSPECTIVE'.

UNDP's City Experiment Fund (CEF) project started its cooperation with Autostrada Biennale to enable entrepreneurial engagement for young creatives through interactive sessions. These activities will bring together youngsters and creatives of different disciplines, coached and mentored by experienced artists and entrepreneurs on developing their business skills as well as increasing their capabilities on how to reach new markets and audiences. A session dubbed 'Culture as a resource of Economic Development', conveyed strong messages for youth on bringing values to sustainable living, cooperating across creative disciplines and building tech and entrepreneurial skills in creative industries

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UN-Habitat—23 September
THE FUTURE OF TERRITORIAL PLANNING IN KOSOVO

UN-Habitat and the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, published the report on the Symposium of the Future of Territorial Planning in Kosovo, which presents the existing challenges, recommendations about their potential solutions based on good regional and global practices, as well as political commitments towards sustainable territorial/spatial development in Kosovo.

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UNICEF—24 September
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MUNICIPALITY OF DRAGASH/Š EXTENDED

UNICEF signed and extension of MoU with the municipality of Dragash/š, continuing partnership on ensuring inclusive services for all communities and children with developmental delays through established community based Early Childhood Development Center.

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UNHCR—24 September
FOUR TRAININGS ON STRENGTHENING KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION

UNHCR, Ministry of Internal Affairs - Department for Reintegration of Repatriated Persons and Integration of Foreigners, and Civil Rights Program – Kosovo CRP/K, organized four training sessions with local authorities from the Municipal Office for Communities and Returns, Center for Social Welfare, Regional Coordinators for Integration and Employment Office. The purpose of the trainings is to strengthen the knowledge and information on the 'Implementation in practice of the Regulation on Integration 09/2019, as well as harmonization in the integration of foreigners at the local level'. These trainings are developed in the framework of the EU-funded regional IPA II project 'Regional Support to Protection Sensitive Migration Management in the Western Balkans and Turkey.

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UNICEF—27 September
UNICEF, U.S EMBASSY AND USAID VISIT THE VACCINATION SITE IN PRIZREN

A visit at the vaccination site in Prizren was an opportunity to witness vaccination against COVID-19 and express gratitude and appreciation to frontline professional healthcare workers, who have been working tirelessly in the fight against COVID-19.

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UN—Habitat 29 September

SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION (SARI) SURVEY

Municipal Assembly of North Mitrovica adopted the 'Public Participation Plan in the Decision-Making Process' – a strategic document developed with the support of the Inclusive Development Program in partnership with UN-Habitat, PAX, and Community Building Mitrovica. In this manner, the municipality reaffirmed its commitment to increasing transparency and accountability in local decision-making, and its intention to implement an important plan for citizens' inclusion.

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UNDP—30 September

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES ON THE RISE

UNDP partnered with the Municipality of Pristina and Manifesta Nomadic Biennale 14 in supporting the creative industries in the city, taking multidisciplinary approach in addressing urban problems, but also enabling the city to leverage the potential of these industries to generate economic activity. The three parties will work together in restoring and adapting the Hivzi Sylejmani Library in Pristina which will be used as the HQ of the city's interdisciplinary creative lab, established by Manifesta, portan plan for citizens' inclusion.

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UNDP 17 September

CITY EXPERIMENT FUND

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UNDP September

THE SUPPORT TO ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS IN KOSOVO (SAEK) PROJECT TRAININGS AND A REPORT LAUNCH

The latest report, Understanding Beneficial Ownership and Legal Arrangements for Combatting Money Laundering, produced by SAEK III project, will serve as a valuable tool for proactively combating complex financial maneuvers used to hide illicit proceeds from corruption and other offenses, and ultimately return that money to public funds.

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Risk Communication and Communication for Development



UNHCR—7 September
MARKING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1961 CONVENTION OF STATELESSNESS

UNHCR, Ombudsperson Institution in Pristina and Civil Rights Programme organized a conference on the topic 'Leave no one behind – importance of the establishment of the legal identity and access to rights.' The event gathered relevant authorities, municipalities, international organizations, civil society, and persons of concern to discuss challenges in establishing a legal identity, good practices, potential solutions, and recommendations to further reduce the number of unregistered persons. Ombudsperson from North Macedonia was present, contributing with his experience and concrete recommendations.

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IOM—17 September
SUPPORTING CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION THROUGH SOCIAL INCLUSION PROGRAMME (SIP)

IOM supported the re-accreditation process of the Balkanistics Study Programme within the Faculty of Philology, University of Pristina. The Balkanistics Study Programme is a four-year bachelor's degree and aims to improve cross linguistic and cross-cultural communication in Kosovo and the Western Balkans region. The programme will offer great opportunities to students for a prospective career journey due to a high demand for skills taught in this programme, in the region.

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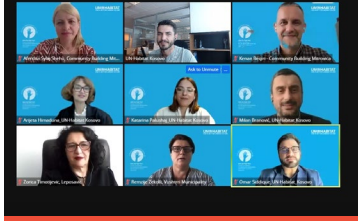
UN-Habitat—21 September
UN-HABITAT IS ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION FORUM IN KOSOVO

UN Habitat published a call for project proposals for NGO's on Climate Action. The world is facing a climate emergency and fast action now is needed to prevent the most severe disruption from climate change. 2021 is the year we need to join the global coalition committed to net zero emissions, including countries, cities, regions, businesses, and financial institutions.



UNDP—27 September
MARKING WORLD TOURISM DAY THROUGH A GREEN HUB PROGRAM

UNDP presented the Green Hub Program (GHP) in response to the significant pandemic setback of the tourism sector in Kosovo. The program aims to help the recovery of this sector, while supporting its transition towards environmental sustainability. Together with VentureUP and Sustainability Leadership Kosova, the GHP strives to empower businesses willing to go green by offering a multitude of capacity-building opportunities towards innovation and digitalization of services and infrastructures. The program also incubates several eco-friendly ideas from talented students with an aptitude and skills for future successful ecological tourism enterprises.



UN—Habitat 30 September
MARKING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY

In the International Day of Democracy, UN-Habitat has held the webinar on citizens' participation in the process of adoption and implementation of local regulations and other instruments of public policies on the municipal level in Kosovo, as an integral part of participatory democracy.
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UNICEF—23 September
VIDEOS ON PROMOTING VACCINATION FOR SAFE REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

To support the safe opening of schools, UNICEF and Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation developed four videos promoting vaccination of teachers and safe reopening of schools in times of COVID-19. VIDEO1, VIDEO2, VIDEO3 and VIDEO4.



WHO—3-30 September
WHO'S MESSAGES ON RAISING AWARENESS ON PREVENTABLE DISEASES

3 September, social media messages shared on Cervical Cancer prevention and treatment. [Read more in this link](#)
21 September, social media messages shared on World Alzheimer's Day 2021 [Read more in this link](#)
Two posters related to back2school translated into Albanian and Serbian languages, printout by WHO in 5,000 copies and distributed among the schools, a part of joint activities of WHO and UNICEF, a week before the schools starting.

Community Outreach and Assistance Delivery



UN-Habitat—15 September
RENOVATION OF THE FIRE STATION IN ZVEČAN/ZVEÇAN, STARTED!

This project is of great importance for the whole community. When done, the fire-fighters, will be able to provide an adequate response to the increasingly frequent problems with fires and other natural disasters. The project is funded by UN-Habitat, the Ministry for Communities and Returns and the Municipality of Zvečan / Zveçan.

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UNHCR—15 September
RSD INTERVIEW ROOM

With UNHCR assistance, the asylum procedures continuation during COVID-19 situation will be maintained also by remote interviewing modalities through videoconferencing. The newly established RSD interview room at the Ministry of Internal Affairs will enable virtual RSD interviews with the asylum seekers in both asylum centers, Magure/a and Vranidoll/Vrani Do. The intervention is part of the support of the EU Service for Foreign Policy Instruments 'Addressing COVID-19 Challenges within the Migrant and Refugee Response in the Western Balkans'.

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UNFPA—20 September
SUPPORT TO AFGHAN EVACUEES

UNFPA through its implementing partner Red Cross Kosovo delivered 200 dignity kits for the Afghan evacuees who recently fled Afghanistan and came to Kosovo. This swift response was also coordinated with the NATO Joint Force Command Naples.



UNOPS—20 September
UNOPS INFRASTRUCTURE TEAM IN ACTION

Supporting the vaccination process, UNOPS is moving forward with the construction of the Central Vaccine Storage Facility. In light of preserving the environment, trees on site are being transferred safely to a better location, paving a secure way for construction to start. The engineers are ensuring the proper application of the safety and health rules on site while briefing the team on the daily tasks. This project is funded by the Ministry of Health through a Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) loan, aiming to enhance the operational capacities of the Ministry of Health in their efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 and strengthen the capacities for implementation of the vaccination program.

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UNDCO—23 September
SUPPORT TO THE YOUNG & RISING GIRLS OF KFV 'PRISTINA'

Girls from the Pristina Football team proudly wear their first team outfits branded with the UN Kosovo Team logo. These young girls have fun while playing as well as find strength and hope in the game of football. UN Kosovo Team is a proud supporter.

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UNICEF—23 September
DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL HYGIENIC KITS AND FAMILY HYGIENIC PACKS

30 school hygienic kits and 500 family hygienic packs distributed to Serbian populated areas by UNICEF supporting the safe, healthy, and smooth opening of new school year. Schools should be the last to close and the first to open!

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UNOPS—24 September
SUPPORT ON STRENGTHENING THE HEALTH SYSTEM

UNOPS started the work for expansion of the internal network of medical gases and upgrading 414 hospital beds in six regional hospitals, starting with the Hospital in Vushtrri/Vučitrn. In support of the local economy and increase of employment, the work will be implemented through two local contractors under the direct management and supervision of UNOPS and is expected to be completed in three months. This is a part of Kosovo Emergency COVID-19 Project worth 2.1 million EUR, aiming to enhance the capacities of the public health facilities, funded by the government of Kosovo through a World Bank loan.

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IOM—28 & 29 September
EU- COMMUNITY STABILIZATION PROGRAMME IV (EU-CSP IV)

IOM aiming to support the improvement of the socio-economic situation of non-majority communities provided medical equipment to Mamushë/Mamusa Main Family Health Center (MFHC) to help its patients take necessary precautions so stay healthy! Medical equipment will serve for the early diagnosis of approximately 10,000 patients per each month of multi-ethnic Mamushë/Mamusa community. LINK On the other hand, Pranvera and Albina two talented and hardworking professional tailors also benefited from the 'Tailoring services and clothes production' individual project. Both women were provided with industrial equipment to help expand their mass clothes production with little cost, enable to compete in the labor market rates and empower them in their entrepreneurial journey.

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IOM—30 September
RETURN AND REINTEGRATION IN KOSOVO PROGRAMME V (EU - RRR V)

In anticipation of winter, EU-RRK V Programme supported 17 new beneficiary families in 5 different municipalities, with firewood. This is part of Harmonized Assistant Package (HAP) for each beneficiary family along with the delivery of newly constructed houses. LINK

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