

# #KosovoClimateAction Campaign



October

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



4 October

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

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

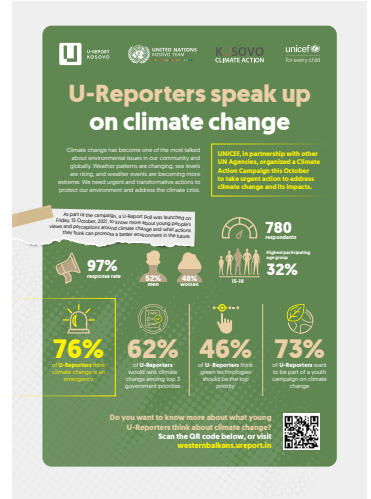


19 October

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

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

For more details, click [here](#).



19 October

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

For more details, click [here](#).



22 October

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

For more details, click [here](#).



29 October - UN Habitat

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

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

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

For more details, click [here](#) and [here](#).

1 November

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

For more details, click [here](#).



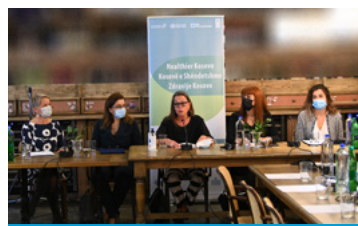
28 October

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

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

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

For more details, click [here](#).



4 November

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

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

For more details, click [here](#).



5 November

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

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

For more details, click [here](#).



October/November

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

Here are the links to our articles: [Article 1](#), [Article 2](#), [Article 3](#).



↘ 11 October, UNICEF  
**UNICEF appoints  
New Head of Agency**

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

For more details, click [here](#).

## Highlights

KOSOVO CLIMATE ACTION  
CAMPAIGN

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↘ 'Fashion Revolution' and 'Don't  
Choose Extinction' event

↘ Local Climate Action Forum in  
Kosovo established

↘ A video message by UNDC

↘ Healthier Kosovo II project  
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↘ Fitore Pacolli participates in  
#COP26 side event

↘ Blog series of Climate action start-  
ed on UN Kosovo Team website

- Ms. Nona Zicherman appointed as  
Head of Office of UNICEF Kosovo



↘ 7 October, UN-Habitat  
**Second phase of the Capital  
Investment Fund for 38 Mu-  
nicipalities Designed!**

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

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

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 25-26 October  
**Drafting of the National  
Development Strategy  
2021-2030 starts with a  
multi-stakeholder meeting**

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

Acting on behalf of the UN Development Coordinator, Maria Suokko, stressed the importance of the alignment between the NDS and the UN Cooperation Framework and the commitment of Kosovo to the Agenda 2030 and its SDGs.

The UNKT has supported the SPO during the process with expertise in the environment pillar as well as technical support, and remains committed to cooperate and continue the support in all key objectives and subareas as well as all cross cutting priorities.

↘ 5 – 8 October, WHO  
**Intra Action Review Mission  
on COVID-19 Management**

Responding to the request of the Ministry of Health, WHO Pristina Office, with support from WHO Balkan Hub, WHO Regional Office for Europe and WHO HQ team, conducted a 4-days (5-8 October) Intra-Action Review (IAR) mission of the COVID-19 response in Kosovo. IAR provides key officials and partners an opportunity to collectively share experiences, identify challenges and document best practices towards improving Kosovo's response.

Following a prioritization exercise, MoH requested to review seven pillars of the strategy, which tackle Kosovo-level coordination, risk communication, surveillance, national laboratory system, infection prevention and control, case management and public health and social measures.

↘ 7 October, UNDP  
**Technical support to NGOs  
to strengthen business  
plans and organizational  
planning**

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

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

For more details, click [here](#).

↘ 6 and 13 October, UNMIK & OHCHR  
**UNMIK and OHCHR Engage  
with OIK and OGG on  
Advancing Human Rights  
for All**

UNMIK and OHCHR continued their engagement and support to the Ombudsman Institution (OIK) and the Office of Good Governance (OGG) to advance human rights for all people in Kosovo, such as on the possible incorporation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into legal framework.

Both institutions expressed their readiness to closely collaborate to enhance civic space in Kosovo, while UNMIK and OHCHR agreed to work with the OIK to increase its visibility across Kosovo, including in the north, and to further develop Kosovo-specific human rights indicators.

Following the OGG's request, UNMIK and OHCHR also agreed to possibly provide a training for government officials on human rights reporting and engagement with UN human rights mechanisms.



↘ 8 October, UN WOMEN & UNDP  
**Coordination Mechanisms on Prevention of Domestic Violence**

A series of focus groups on the coordination mechanisms in the municipalities of Peja/Peć, Podujeva/o, Suharekë/Suva reka and Dragash/š, were conducted in the framework of the EU funded project 'Response to COVID-19 Emergency and early recovery support' implemented by UN Women in partnership with [UNDP](#).

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

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 9-20 October, UNOPS  
**Workshop on policies and action plans for Occupational Safety and Health**

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

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

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

For more details, click [here](#) and [here](#).



↘ 11 October, UNICEF  
**Advancing Young People Agenda with ADA**

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

For more details, click [here](#).

↘ 8 October, UN Women  
**Support in drafting the new National Strategy against Domestic Violence**

UN Women provided technical support to the Office of the National Coordinator against Domestic Violence/Ministry of Justice, in drafting the new National Strategy against Domestic Violence through a roundtable with civil society organizations. This was supported under the framework of the EU funded regional EVAW programme "Implementing Norms, Changing Minds".

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 18 October, WHO  
**Protocol for SARI VE Survey Approved**

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

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



↘ 11 October, UNDP  
**Restoration Camp for Pristina Clock Tower**

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

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

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

Full story [here](#) and [here](#).

↘ 19 October, UNDP  
**Internship experience with the Kosovo Anti-Corruption Agency**

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

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

For more details, click [here](#).

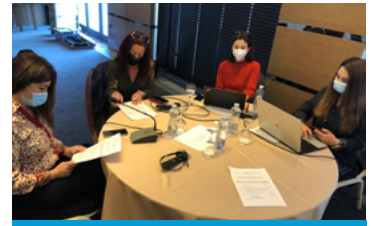


↘ 13 October, UNOPS  
**Renovation of the Morgue Building in Pristina is under-way**

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

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

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 21 October, UNICEF  
**Risk Communication Training on COVID-19 vaccine for staff and partners**

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

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 27 October, UNICEF  
**Blended Learning to Counteract COVID-19 Education Disruption**

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

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 25 October, UNOPS, UN Women, ILO  
**The Task Force on Gender  
Occupational Safety and  
Health (OSH) and Decent  
Work has been established**

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

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

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 25 October, FAO  
**Trainings on Pig Disease and  
Farm Biosecurity continue**

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

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

For more details, click [here](#), [here](#), or [here](#).



↘ 27 October, IOM  
**Meeting for the Balkanistics  
Program as part of the  
Social Inclusion Programme  
(SIP)**

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

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 28 October, UNOPS  
**The Central Vaccine Storage  
Building construction has  
begun**

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

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

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

↘ 30 October, UN Women  
**30 women entrepreneurs  
trained on Occupational  
Safety and Health Standards**

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

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

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

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 31 October, UN Women  
**Workshop on Gender-  
Responsive Budgeting**

UN Women organized a two-day workshop jointly with the Women Caucus, in collaboration with the Agency for Gender Equality on the topic of sharing best practices from the region in advancing Gender-Responsive Budgeting (GRB). The focus of the training was supporting women entrepreneurs, members of Kosovo Women's Chamber of Commerce – G7,

in targeted municipalities to build their knowledge on OSH standards and decent work.

This activity was organized by UN Women, Gender component within the framework of the project 'Promoting Decent Work through Strengthening of OSH Management and Social Dialogue in Kosovo,'

↘ 27 October, IOM  
**Lab Equipment for Gracnica  
Hospital Provided**

- which is implemented by UNOPS and funded by the Sida through the Embassy of Sweden in Pristina.

For more details, click [here](#).

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



↘ 1 October, UNICEF  
**UNICEF Launched the Breastfeeding Week**

The goal of the week-long campaign is to provide some valuable insights on the benefits for mothers and children around breastfeeding and COVID-19 vaccination.

As part of UNICEF 75, a group of 75 breastfeeding mothers were mobilised and 75 home visiting mothers were organised to raise importance of breastfeeding by sharing important messages about breastfeeding and COVID-19 vaccination.

Over 400,000 people were reached through UNICEF social media channels.

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 12 October, UNFPA, UNDCO & WHO  
**Pink October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

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

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

For more details, click [here](#).

↘ 12 October, UNFPA, UNDCO & WHO

UNFPA, UNDCO, together with the Ministry of Health lit the Ministry building in pink for four days, with a view to raising awareness on prevention and early detection as crucial, lifesaving measures. The following are the links: [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), and [Link 3](#).

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

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 8 October, UNICEF  
**Postal Stamps “Get Vaccinated - Save Lives!” Published**

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

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 16 October, FAO  
**World Food Day 2021**

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

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

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

For more details, click [here](#) and [here](#).

19 October, UN-Habitat  
**Report on ‘The consequences of the Covid-19 on the sector of Spatial/Urban Planning, Construction, Legalization, & Housing’ published.**

This rapid assessment report presents the various difficulties facing the local institutions, mainly Urbanism Directorates during the pandemic, in order to understand the eventual implications on the processes and products related to the urban/spatial planning, construction, legalization, and housing. The findings will be an important tool for UN-Habitat and other relevant organizations and institutions to better identify the measures required to minimize the difficulties faced by municipalities in Kosovo.

For more details, click [here](#).



↘ 11 October, UN Women and UNDCO  
**Marking International Day of the Girl**

UN Women and UNDCO marked the International Day of the Girl jointly with the President [Vjosa Osmani](#), Ulrika Richardson, UN Development Coordinator, and Rita Knudsen, Prime Minister's wife, who visited the girls' football team [KFV “Pristina”](#), highlighting the importance of challenging gender norms and breaking gender stereotypes everyday

For more details, click [here](#).



22 October, UN Women  
**Support for Women with Disabilities/ Marking White Cane Safety Day**

UN Women, and the Office of Prime Minister, supported the Committee of Blind Women in Kosovo in organizing an empowering event, which gathered the Deputy Prime Minister Emilija Redžepi; Ombudsperson, Naim Qelaj; Director of the Office for Good Governance, Habit Hajredini, and UN Women Head of Office, Vlora Tuzi-Nushi, as well as representatives from the civil society. This event highlighted the need to support women with disabilities in decision-making, through their inclusion in the labor market, capacity building and empowerment, and COVID-19 recovery frameworks. For more details, click [here](#).

↘ 10 October, WHO  
**Marking World Mental Health Day 2021**

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

For more details, click [here](#).

↘ 12 October, UNFPA  
**Marked the International Girl Child Day**

UNFPA, Peer Educator's Network-PEN and K10 coalition marked this day through a motivational speaking event on the topic of ‘Digital generation. Our generation’.

The participants were eager to listen to the success stories of Vesa Morina (coding professor at UBT College) and Aida Sopi (CEO of Tentene) who encouraged young girls to follow their dream career. At the end participants were given discount coupons to buy books and one of Pristina's main bookstores.

For more details, click [here](#).



19 October, FAO  
**Development of the Methodology for Drafting Multi-purpose Forest Management Plans**

The FAO Forestry Program, funded by the Swedish Embassy, is supporting the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development to develop a methodology for drafting multi-purpose management plans.

The first version of this plan was presented during a meeting between FAO experts and the professional staff of the Forestry Department in the MAFRD of the Forest Agency.

These plans aim to support Kosovo institutions in meeting international obligations and to contribute to forest management in line with general practices in European Union countries.

For more details, click [here](#) and [here](#).

1 October, UNOPS

## Improvements to Hospital Intensive Care Units for stronger COVID-19 response

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



15 October, UNDP

## Donation to the Mobile Clinic

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



14 October, UNICEF

## Delivery of Tablets for Children - Equal Learning Opportunity

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



15 October, UNDP

## EU-CSP IV Continues the Delivery of Agriculture, Transport and Logistics Assistance

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

For more details, click [here](#).

29 October 2021, IOM

## Return and Reintegration in Kosovo Programme V (EU – RRR V)

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

