Annual Report

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COALITION OF NGOs FOR CHILD PROTECTION
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• Balkan Sunflowers Kosova
• Iniciativa 6
• Kosovo Education for Sustainable Development
• Kosovo Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims KRCT
• Organizata Rinore Akti
• One To One Kosova – Qendra e Këshillimit për Familje
• One to One Children’s Fund
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• PL4Y International
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MISSION

Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection in Kosovo – KOMF, established in June 2011, is a coalition composed of 22 local and international NGOs working in the child protection field, with the joint mission to advocate and protect the rights of children in Kosovo.

The mission of the Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection is protection, respect, well being and advancement of the children rights. This will be achieved through lobbying and advocating to promote and develop the rights of children in accordance with Convention on the Rights of the Child – CRC.
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Child rights in Kosovo are guaranteed by applicable laws and international conventions, but their implementation remains a challenge.

KOMF aims to contribute in the development, monitoring and improvement of the legislation related to child protection as well as contribute toward strengthening the system for child protection through monitoring, analysis, awareness raising and mobilization of central and local level institutions.

During 2016, KOMF was an important stakeholder in key legislative processes for child protection in Kosovo, focused in drafting the Law for Child Protection.

In order to strengthen the child protection system through monitoring, KOMF has published the Child Protection Index which is an independent mechanism for measurement of the country reforms in Child protection area. Being a member of the key mechanisms for child protection, KOMF has raised the awareness of governmental institutions and mechanisms for child protection.

Promotion and protection of child rights with strategic partners, media and public through awareness raising and communication remains one of main KOMF pillars, related to which in 2016, KOMF has had around 400 publications in the media.

KOMF extended with three other members achieving this way the level of 22 members. Aiming to further strengthen the human resources development and organizational development, KOMF undertook an assessment for coalition’s needs and has drafted a development plan for a further development of capacities of KOMF and its members.

KOMF has become part of the international network Eurochild as the first body from Kosovo, aiming to extend its attempts for advocacy to higher instances in Brussels.
AIM OF THE REPORT

This report aims to present KOMF main achievements for 2016.

Results, successes and challenges that KOMF has faced during 2016, are presented in this report.

Except documenting KOMF achievements, this report will also serve as a review for the wide audience in order to get to know more the activities, field of operation and achievements of KOMF organizations.

METHODOLOGY

Report was drafted based on KOMF data for undertaken initiatives, lobbying actions according to the strategic objectives. Among other data, while drafting this report we have also considered documents as:

- Cooperation agreements with various institutions;
- Recommendations directed to institutions;
- Researches and published analysis;
- Public presentations in various media;
- Reports prepared to reflect KOMF work.

Except consulting the documents presented above, a number of consultations were held with KOMF Secretariat in order to reflect in details KOMF achievements during 2016.
KOMF ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2016

CONTRIBUTE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION RELATED LEGISLATION

KOMF has addressed recommendations to the Prime Minister of Kosovo regarding budget allocation for the Draft Law on Child Protection.

Main recommendations addressed were:

- Estimates of the needed budget in the financial declaration of the Draft Law on Child Protection;
- Establishment of a Specific Grant for Social Services within the Law no. 03/L-049 on Local Governance Finance.

KOMF has supported the public hearing for the Draft Law on Child Protection

In cooperation with UNICEF, KOMF has supported the public hearing for the Draft Law on Child Protection held by the Assembly Commission for Human Rights, Gender Equality, Missing persons and Petitions of the Republic of Kosovo.

KOMF, Ombudsman Institution, UNICEF, EU Office and Save the Children have sent a joint letter to the President of the Assembly about the Draft Law on Child Protection, addressing remarks and key gaps regarding:

- Budget cost for the efficient implementation of child protection in a local and central level;
- Integration of the system in order to be more coordinative and responsive for the adequate child protection;
- Institutional ownership related to the implementation of this Law;
- Institutional, social and family responsibility for child protection.

KOMF has sent the amendments for the Draft Law on Child Protection to the Assembly Commission for Human Rights, Gender Equality, Missing Persons and Petitions

KOMF, Ombudsman, UNICEF, EU Office and Save the Children have sent a written proposal of amendments for the supplementation of the Draft Law on Child Protection, respectively they’ve sent 30 amendments including proposal amendments for the establishment of a specific grant for social services, institutional ownership for law implementation as well as measures and administrative sanctions.

KOMF has contributed to the process of amendment and supplementation of the Juvenile Justice Code, focusing on new chapters of the Draft Law on child protection in conflict with the Law without criminal responsibility as well as protection of children victims and witnesses.
KOMF PUBLICATIONS

KOMF has contributed toward strengthening the child protection system through monitoring, analysis, awareness raising and mobilization of central and local level institutions.

CHILD PROTECTION INDEX

On November 22, 2016, KOMF launched for the first time in Kosovo, the Child Protection Index which is an independent mechanism for the reforms’ measurement in the child protection area, in compliance with UN Convention on the rights of the child (UNCRC). Child protection Index emphasized the way how Kosovo performs in over 600 indicators adapted from the UNCRC official implementation list.

Speakers at this conference were: Prime Minister Isa Mustafa, Ombudsman Hilmi Jashari, Head of EU Office in Kosovo Nataliya Apostolova; German Ambassador in Kosovo Angelika Viets and Head of UNICEF Office in Kosovo James Mugaju.

Index brought evidence on the development of policies, implementation of policies, capacities in service provision, accountability in the child protection system and cooperation level amongs takeholders that work in child protection area in Kosovo. Index has been developed in nine countries of Southeastern Europe and Southern Caucasus and at the same time it provides a comparative approach of the data among them.

Findings of the Index indicate that Kosovo has created a good legislation on child protection but received low scores in service provision, capacities and accountability. Comparative data between countries indicate that Kosovo needs to intervene immediately in the area of children with disabilities and child labor where Kosovo is ranked in the eighth place out of nine countries.
Some of the main recommendations of the Index were:

- Draft financial standards to fund appropriately services and comply with quality standards. Without setting financial standards it is difficult to provide the sustainable and sufficient budget for services.
- Create sustainable, independent mechanisms for monitoring and inspection for quality control of private and public service provision and for licensing administration.
- Create a plan for a sustainable and proper financing of social services all over Kosovo through the establishment of a specific grant for social services.
- Collection of data to define priority issues in child protection area in Kosovo.

Child protection Index was piloted in: Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Georgia, Serbia, Armenia, Kosovo, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**LAUNCHING THE CHILD PROTECTION INDEX IN BRUSSELS**

The Child Protection Index was also launched in Brussels at the European Economic and Social Committee - EESC, in presence of EU representatives, representatives of the civil society, experts and activists in child protection. Index is a mechanism which aims to prevent and eliminate violence, child trafficking, child labor, discrimination and other violations of child rights.
MONITORING REPORT ON EXECUTION OF MEASURES AND SENTENCES FOR MINORS AT THE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

On November 25, 2016, KOMF has published the six-month monitoring report on the execution of measures and sentences for minors at the Correctional Centre in Lipjan. The report has presented findings of the six month period (January- June 2016) monitoring process on the implementation of educational / institutional measures; placement at the educational-correctional institution and imprisonment for minors. Report emphasizes challenges in execution of measures and sentences at the correctional center for minors in Lipjan.

Main findings of the report which greatly affect rights, rehabilitation, education and reintegration of minors are:

- Prolongation of detention as a harmful practice for minors and in contradiction to the Juvenile Justice Code;
- Practice imposition of measures over measures in contradiction with the legislation in force;
- Use of violence as a mean of discipline by the correctional staff at CCL, which is a flagrant violation of minors rights and sanctioned by the criminal code in force;
- Keeping minors with educational measures in a closed type institution which is a violation of minors’ basic rights and in contradiction to the Juvenile Justice Code;
- Lack of individual programs which affects rehabilitation and reintegration of minors;
- Many difficulties in the progress of educational system;
- Total lack of teachers and educational programs;
- Placement of female minors in the same unit with female adults which not only affects the rehabilitation of minors but it can also lead to regression and deterioration of their state since placement in the same unit with female adults is totally out of the physical, cognitive and psychological development context of minors;
- Distrust of minors toward complains system;
- Lack of sufficient professional staff which would work with minors.

Considering circumstances in which educational measures are implemented at CCL, according to the report, this institution does not fulfill the preconditions to achieve the aim for which it was established, respectively rehabilitation and reintegration of minors with measures and sentences, moreover it breaches basic rights of minors. Considering that the new correctional center is near its functionalization, a number of the current system defects can be eliminated.

Problems identified through this monitoring, are analyzed by the working group and are accompanied by concrete recommendations in compliance with the best interest of the child, international standards adapted to Kosovo circumstances, aiming to improve implementation of educational measures and sentencing for minors in order to justify their imposition.
CONTRIBUTE FOR THE PROGRESS REPORT

KOMF has submitted the document prepared as contribute for Kosovo’s Progress Report in these areas: Child rights, Integration of persons with disabilities, social protection, public health policy and education. Among recommendations provided by KOMF as a contribute for progress report, inputs included in the progress reports were:

- Budgeting for the Draft Law on Child Protection;
- Inclusion of a budget for social services within the Law on Local Governance Finance;
- Child Labour;
- Increase financing from MLSW for shelters of children victims of violence and trafficking;
- Inclusion of children with disabilities in the educational system through employment of the professional staff and personal assistants as well as eliminating barriers in transport and access.

KOMF continues to be a referral point not only for local institutions but also for the international ones when speaking of child rights in Kosovo, transforming this way into a monitoring, advocacy and promotion mechanism of child rights in the country.

COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

On April 4, 2016, KOMF and Ombudsman Institute have signed a Cooperation Agreement aiming to protect, monitor and promote child rights in Kosovo. Areas of cooperation are: cooperation in development of researches, analysis and publications related to child rights, cooperation in monitoring public and non-public institutions in respecting and fulfilling the child rights, in compliance with the legislation in force; cooperation in referrals of child rights’ violation cases and non-respecting of procedures during case management as well as joint advocacy for a better implementation and protection of child rights. As a result of this agreement KOMF and IAP have sent joint proposal with amendments for the draft law on child protection and have started a research related to the loss of childrens’ lives in Kosovo.

On October 13, 2016, KOMF has signed a cooperation agreement with the Office for Good Governance, Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and Anti-discrimination. The aim of the Cooperation Agreement is contribution to drafting policies, monitoring implementation of child protection policies, advocacy, encouragement of the social progress and increase of awareness for child protection rights.
KOMF has raised the awareness of governmental institutions and mechanisms for child protection by being member in key mechanisms for child protection.

Based on Governmental decisions or those of respective ministries, KOMF was represented with members at the Interministerial Committee for Child Rights lead by the Prime Minister of Republic of Kosovo, was member of the Kosovo Committee for Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour, where KOMF is represented with three members, member of the Council for Child Protection and Justice, member of the Committee for NGO licensing in the area of social services, member of the General Council for Social and Family Services and member of the Panel for Placing Children without Parental Care in Foster Care and Adoption within MLSW.

Even with the progress achieved until now, KOMF has not yet achieved to be a part of main processes and mechanisms in the area of education and health.
On May 18, 2016, KOMF launched the advocacy platform “Friends of Children”, in a press conference. “Friends of Children” is an advocacy platform that comprises of personalities with a successful carrier in the area of diplomacy, arts, culture, sports etc, which shall help in awareness raising and promotion of child protection all over Kosovo aiming to raise awareness of relevant institutions and wide population on the importance of child protection and long-term investment in children. “Friends of Children” gave their own messages in this press conference.

Friends of Children are:

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<td>Ms. Rona Nishliu</td>
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<td>Mr. Alban Selimi</td>
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<td>Ms. Eliza Hoxha</td>
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At the closure of the launch event, Friends of Children have symbolically signed the declaration of their commitment within the platform. Diplomatic persons, well-known personalities and businesses in frame of “Friends of Children”, have been provided with the “fact sheets” document on child rights.
DONATION FOR CHILD DIALYSIS IN KOSOVO

On July 27, 2016, the hemodialysis service for children of the Pediatric Clinic has received a donation of medical materials from the company Meditech L.L.C, through KOMF.

During the handover ceremony, except the general director of the University Clinical Center of Kosovo Dr. Curr Gjocaj, other persons present were Mrs. Angelika Viets, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kosovo, Ms. Donjeta Kelmendi, KOMF Executive Director and Mr. Agron Sadiku, Executive Director of Meditech L.L.C.

Lacking the medical material in Kosovo, children were forced to receive these services in Tirana, increasing thus their own expenditures. Value of the donation was 13,000.00 EUR and was dedicated to three children that are being treated in hemodialysis.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REACTIONS OF KOMF FOR INSTITUTIONS THAT WORK IN PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

On March 30, 2016, KOMF organized a press conference on the violence against children in schools and sexual abuse of pupils. That is why 34 concrete recommendations for child sexual abuse were sent to public institutions, schools, municipal Directorates of Education, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Kosovo Police, Courts, Kosovo Prosecution, Judicial Council, Legal Office within the Prime Minister’s Office etc. regarding the improvement of the situation.

KOMF has expressed its deep concern related to violence and abuse, attack and sexual harassment of primary and secondary school pupils in Kosovo.

Only for the period January – March 2016, 130 cases of bullying and sexual harassment of pupils were presented and confirmed by respective institutions. KOMF considers such acts as unacceptable requiring an immediate reaction from all institutions.
PRoMOTIOn OF CHIlD RIGHTS THR oUGH MEDEIA

Toward achievement of the third objective for promotion of Child Rights through media, KOMF has had around 400 media publications in 2016. Publications in media have included media communications, reactions, open letters, published opinions, organized events, press conferences, articles, media presentations etc.

In 2016 KOMF has reacted together with Ombudsperson regarding the institutional negligence in child protection, as well as appealed with Democracy in Action (DnV) to not exploit children in the electoral campaign in Skënderaj.

Issues promoted through media for the wide public were: child poverty and social assistance scheme; the right of the child to health care; delays in medication supply for children in UCCK; specific grant for social services; school dropout; protection of abandoned children; adoption procedures; violence in schools; Protection of the rights of children with disabilities; protection of children from hazardous forms of labor; early marriages; the right of the child to a family; protection of children from drug abuse; domestic violence; institutional negligence; foster care for children without parental care; protection and reintegration of minors in conflict with the law; education process for minors at the Correctional Center in Lipjan; imposing criminal sanctions and double measures for minors by the courts; prevention of physical punishment of children; smoking children; child privacy; prevention of exploitation of children in electoral campaigns.

Note: In this reporting period, the media coverage of KOMF has increased with 90%, compared to last years.
ANNUAL AWARDS FOR JOURNALISM IN THE CHILD PROTECTION AREA

On December 21, 2016, KOMF in cooperation with and financially supported by UNICEF, distributed annual awards for journalism in the child protection area in Kosovo.

The Committee that comprised of Evliana Berani – journalist, Eglantina Kraja Bardhi – psychologist and Imer Mushkolaj – journalist, after the assessment of journalistic stories that have applied in the competition, has distributed awards as follows.

Journalist of Zëri, Alban Selimi, was awarded the prize for the best article written in 2016 for child rights, with title “Clinic where children become blind” published in “Zëri” in February 2016. The prize was delivered by the Ombudsman, Hilmi Jashari.

The Journalist of Klan Kosova, Arjeta Dragaj, was awarded the best TV reporting broadcasted in “Klan Kosova”, with the title “Frauds of NGOs which aimed humanity”. The award was given by James Mugaju, head of the UNICEF office in Kosovo.

The Journalist of Koha Ditore, Dardane Neziri received the second best article award, published in Koha Ditore with the title “Teacher from Lipjan suspected for sexual harassment of his pupil”. The award was delivered by Petrit Tahiri, Secretary of the Boeard of KOMF.

RTK Journalist, Edona Musa received the award for the second best TV show, published on June 1 at RTK, elaborating the child trafficking topic. The award was given by Gani Lluga, President of KOMF.

AWARENESS RAISING VIDEO ON CHILD PROTECTION

Within the advocacy mission toward child rights, KOMF has produced an awareness raising video on protection of children and respect of their rights in Kosovo.

This video aims to raise the awareness of the wide public and public institutions about our obligation for child protection.

Video was launched in May 15 which is also the International Family Day.
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KOMF EMPOWERMENT

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

During 2016, KOMF was extended with three other members reaching this way the number of 22 members. The new members are:

- Kosovo Center for Rehabilitation of Torture Survivors - KRCT
- Center for Advanced Studies - FIT
- PL4Y INTERNATIONAL
THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS

Thematic Working Groups were established within KOMF. TWG are organizational structures that consist of member organizations which are part of these groups in compliance with their profile, aim and expertise.

TWG enable the exchange of experiences and best practices between members; sharing difficulties, challenges and possible solutions, they enable the identification of joint values between members; Drafting policies, advocacy platforms and proposals for influencing child protection policies and they also enable empowerment of member organizations.

*Main areas of Thematic Working Groups are:*

- **Child Protection**
- **Education**
- **Health**
- **Development of the Coalition**
SELECTION OF THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

During 2016, KOMF has organized the Meeting of the General Assembly where it has selected the new member of the Executive Board. The new Executive Board members are:

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MAIN DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

KOMF has organized the meeting of the General Assembly attended by all coalition member organizations. Main Decisions of the General Assembly were:

- A continuous monitoring of Law contrary to ad hoc practice and development of more analysis and researches.
- Implement an independent assessment in order to assess achievements, stagnations and proposals for the improvement of KOMF objectives’ achievement.
- Establish cooperation with the Ombudsman and sign a cooperation agreement.
- Drafting terms of reference for the function of thematic groups so that members will have a clear way of their functioning and define priorities based in areas and their expertise.
- Compile an annex document of the internal regulation on the membership contribute of coalition members. This document would define the reason for which the budget created from the membership fee will be used and at the same time would also define the reporting method.
NEED ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE COALITION

Aiming to further strengthen the development of human resources and organizational development of Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection in Kosovo, KOMF performed a need assessment in close coordination and with the support provided by UNICEF.

Main objectives of the assessment were:

- Provision of a short review of social-economic, political-cultural, legal environment and context in which NGOs act;
- Evaluation of KOMF current capacities toward programmatic and financial sustainability;
- Documentation of lessons learned during the existence of KOMF 2011-2016 and during the period of need assessment;
- Based on the need assessment, identification and proposal of a real and applicable strategy (short-term and midterm) for the further capacity development which will contribute to KOMF sustainability in the future.

This evaluation report emphasizes coalition needs its empowerment and internal organization and aims to serve as a guide of the coalition for the short term and long-term development. Implementation of recommendations from the evaluation report remains one of the highest priorities of KOMF.
CHILDPACT STRATEGY 2016 - 2020


Main objectives of ChildPact will include implementation of the second phase of Child Protection Index; Advocacy on Index findings and empowerment of national coalitions as well as securing the ChildPact sustainability.

KOMF PART OF EUROCHILD NETWORK

On November 15, 2016, KOMF became part of Eurochild network. KOMF is the first body from Kosovo to become part of Eurochild. Eurochild remains one of the most powerful networks for child protection in Europe.
DONORS

European Commission

UNICEF

Botschaft der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
Pristina
### HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN-KOSOVO

Hope and Homes for Children–Kosovo has provided sheltering assistance for 22 children from all over Kosovo. Out of 22 assisted children, 15 returned to their biological families with the decision of the foster care body.

For all assisted children, 24 hours services were provided based on an individual evaluation; all children have access to services as: shelter, food, clothing, health care, psychological / psychiatric session, education in community, psycho-social programs, life skills, recreational activities.

### YOUTH ORGANIZATION AKTI

Youth Organization Akti has organized a three day training with 25 teachers of primary schools of Fushë Kosova Municipality and Obiliq with the topic: “Approach and care of children with special needs in the educational process”.

Akti has organized meetings with 70 school pupils on the topic: “Violence in schools and use of social networks”.

Akti has organized the debate “How much is the Law on young people being enforced in municipal levels” with 25 young participants from Municipality of Obiliq and Fushë Kosova.

“Safety and young people in the community”, is another activity organized together with local institutions for safety in Fushë Kosova Municipality, including 100 young people from rural areas of this municipality.
### ORGANIZATION FOR CHILDREN WITHOUT PARENTAL CARE - OFAP

During 2016 organization for children without parental care – OFAP has continued the support for the development of foster families all over Kosovo (with the support of Amici dei Bambini Italia and Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare in Kosovo) providing support with professional teams for all Centers of Social Work, respectively for 100 children without parental care.

OFAP has provided professional advising for 10 parents of foster families through the Advisory Center for foster families and children in foster care.

OFAP has raised the awareness of the public regarding foster care for children without parental care.

In 2016 the awareness raising of Kosovo population was done through media, informing 1000 residents in total, with 45 phone calls to interested families for information.

Four interested families for foster care are in the preparation process of needed documents.

OFAP continues to support the Collegium for Health and Social Welfare within Association of Kosovo Municipalities, for the implementation of social services strategy 2014–2016 which defines that one of the priority investments in each municipality is supporting the foster care development.

OFAP has organized a celebration at the end of year, with 45 foster families and children in foster care.

### TERRE DES HOMMES

During 2016, Terre des homes (Tdh) has extended the successful model of Case Management Round Tables in 7 new Municipalities.

Tdh has provided trainings for professional development and increase of capacities for 428 professionals that work in the child protection area.

Aiming to increase economic opportunities, Tdh has supported 32 vulnerable families through Activities for Income Generation where an increase of incomes and empowerment of these families, was reported.

48 mothers and fathers have participated in the parenting program increasing this way their parental skills, which has a positive effect in the welfare of their children and their protection.

Tdh has organized psycho-social activities as well as awareness raising activities in order to facilitate the reintegration process in schools and communities for children that have returned from other states, with a total of 1,303 children that have participated.

Moreover, Tdh has organized additional classes after school and educational support for 381 children. Considering children that have participated in the VoRAE organization centers (implementation partner of this project) the number goes over 1000 children that have benefited from this activity.
**SAVE THE CHILDREN IN KOSOVO**

During 2016, in the area of Child Protection, 870 children and 858 adults were outreached. SCiK is focused in the positive discipline where mechanisms of violence reporting were built and 25 workers of various sectors were trained (teachers, psychologists, social workers and probation service workers) as facilitators in the Positive Discipline in Daily Parenting. At the same time 91 parents were trained on positive methods of raising children in order for them to gradually avoid physical and emotional punishment.

In 2016, in the area of Child Rights Governance, a research called Zëri ynë was launched with 1588 youngsters from all over Kosovo, of ages 12-16 and have expressed their opinions in topics as: violence, harassment, education / tuition fees, their rights, their future etc. It’s important to emphasize that children were included in the process of drafting school texts and for the first time they have been included in the process of drafting the governmental strategy for child rights (2016-2020).

Health and Nutrition area is the newest topic of work at SCiK. During 2016 a total of 1681 children and 915 parents have benefited from awareness raising actions and trainings in: breastfeeding, diabetes, family planning, personal hygiene, vaccination etc.

**SOS CHILDREN’S VILLAGES**

Program of SOS Children’s Villages focuses in the child development in a warm family environment. This program is continuing this year as well with provision of direct services through two approaches: Alternative care for children without a parental care implemented through three units: short term care for babies provides alternative care for 22 children in total, 10 of which have gone for adoption; Long-term care in SOS family provides children without parental care a home and a family and prepares them for an independent life.

SOS Family has provided care for 9 other youngsters and for the time being SOS family takes care of 36 children without parental care. House of Youth and Semi-independent Living Program are continuation of the Alternative Care program providing care and services for children and youngsters over 14 years old. At the house of Youth and Semi-independent living program, there were 25 young people. This year 5 students have continued studying. Youngsters of the House of Youth have opened an NGO - Youth Invest, and they have won the Start Up Social Venture Social Workshop award. During the year, 3 youngsters of the House of Youth have opened a small business for decorations called “Decorations by my hand” enabling and engaging a number of young people in this business.

Prevention of child abandonment is implemented through two units: Unit of Family empowerment which this year supported 604 children and 168 families. Through various psycho-social, educational and advocacy activities during the year we made sure that children have access to essential services which secure their wellbeing; Support for parents in increasing parental capacities and their independence by guaranteeing that they protect and care for the welfare of their children.
PLAY INTERNATIONAL

PLAY International promotes social inclusion, inter-ethnical dialogue and child rights through sports. That is why PLAY is used as a powerful tool for education and empowerment of youngsters.

Through “Sport4Youth” project, in 2016, over 70 new volunteers from 12 municipalities, including North, were trained as sport animators; over 3000 children from 7 municipalities (including 45% girls) have benefited from activities. Through project “Sport4All”, 17 local NGOs benefited from the financial and technical support to develop sport inclusive projects during 2015 and 2016. Supported projects aim to increase integration of most vulnerable groups including women and girls, minority communities and disabled persons.

PLAY International cooperates closely with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Kosovo Olympic Committee, Faculty of Sports and Physical Culture and local level institutions in respective municipalities and partner NGOs.

CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM IN KOSOVO (CRP/K)

CRP/K is an organization that provides free legal assistance and counseling for returnees, asylum seekers, displaced persons in Kosovo, persons at risk of statelessness and persons who are considered to be vulnerable in realization of their civil rights.

In 2016 four refugees from Croatia have received free of charge legal assistance.

In 2016, 307 asylum seekers have benefited from the CRP/K legal assistance.

In 2016, 482 persons at risk of statelessness have benefited from legal assistance provided and 26 court cases were initiated at the Basic Court including Department for Administrative Issues where we mainly deal with cases of verification of fatherhood/motherhood whereas 4 of them were successfully completed.

Supporting civil registration, CRP/K has organized 6 workshops with participation of various local institutions but also international experts in this area.

CRP/K has assisted around 179 displaced persons and returned voluntarily. Mainly the focus was in solving property disputes where we have around 40 beneficiaries from the legal assistance which have concluded their property disputes thanks to the help given by CRP/K.

In continuation CRP/K has initiated 3 court cases whereas two cases initiated in previous years were solved with success.

CRP/K is always a part of working groups on the reforms of legislation in areas in which it acts.

CRP/K implements a number of monitoring and advocacy activities drafting recommendations and other documents which aim to improve the situation of persons and aimed groups.

CRP/K is a co-implementer of the regional project “TRIPLE A”, which aims access to information, advises and active help.
**KOSOVO ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

- Kosovo Organization of Parents of Disabled Children - OPFAKKOS has organized the Election Assembly in its branches and at the central level.

- OPFAKKOS has made researches / registration of disabled members still unregistered. During 2016 they organized meetings in municipalities aiming to advocate for the protection of children with disabilities.

- OPFAKKOS has organized the mini-Olympics KOSOVA-2016, where 163 sport competitors have competed in 13 disciplines while the general number was over 250 children and their companions.

- OPFAKKOS sent for five days rehabilitation at Banja e Killokotit, a group of 15 children with disabilities.

- They have also sent to Durrës 50 children with disabilities, with the aim of rehabilitation for a period of 10 days.

**KOSOVO CENTER FOR REHABILITATION OF TORTURE SURVIVORS KCRT**

- Within the Sector of Rights and Advocacy, KCRT undertook nearly 40 visits in institutions where persons deprived from freedom are kept (correctional centers, detention centers, police stations, mental health centers). Nearly 30 monitoring reports with respective recommendations were drafted and were shared with respective authorities.

- Two annual national conferences and one regional conference were held in order to advocate for advancing human rights in these institutions. 70 persons have benefited through concrete legal assistance, advises and legal representation.

- Advocacy materials such as brochures and informational letters on detention and promotion of alternative measures in Kosovo were drafted and shared with relevant institutions (Courts and correctional institutions).

- KCRT has actively participated in working group meetings for drafting the Strategy for Execution of Criminal Sanctions during 2016.

- Within the Rehabilitation Sector KCRT has successfully advocated until the commission for recognition and verification of the status of victims of sexual violence, as civil victims of the war in Kosovo, was achieved. Moreover, with KCRT Contribution sublegal acts for Law enforcement were issued regarding the status and rights of martyrs, invalids, veterans, KLA members, civil victims and their families.

- KCRT has organized campaigns and debates for awareness raising of the public and institutions, for the enforcement of this Law in Kosovo.
# DAY CARE CENTER - PEMA

PEMA is a non-governmental organization in Kosovo, licensed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare which cooperates with central authorities, local institutions and other organizations to provide community based social services for children with disabilities and abandoned children. Its vision is that all disabled children with disabilities and those with special needs have access to specialized services of a high quality and be completely integrated in the society.

PEMA has created and developed four daily specialized centers, in four municipalities (Prizren, Pejë, Gjilan and Ferizaj) where 350 children are regular followers of four centers in weekly regular basis.

PEMA has provided: Psychosocial / rehabilitation services and advises for children with disabilities and children from other vulnerable categories through Day Care Centers; Psychological Advises for parents / caretakers of children in need; awareness and empowerment of parents to advocate and lobby on child rights; Raising awareness and mobilizing relevant state authorities in a local and national level; raising awareness of service providers and other actors in issues of protection and rights of children; Increase participation of children and all groups that are more exposed toward the breach of children rights.

# CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES-CAS

Center of Advanced Studies – CAS in cooperation with Save the Children has implemented the project “Promotion of the safe and responsible Use of Internet from the side of children III”. The main goal of this project was to increase the awareness of a safer internet use as well as protection of children from potential risks in internet.

CAS Center has marked the International Day of Safe Internet, has launched a TV animation that describes some of the internet risks, has held lectures with 300 children members of Municipal Assemblies of Children for safety in internet, has trained 35 children (Training of Trainers), has facilitated and monitored trainings of peers with 350 children and has compiled and done a research with 1,300 children from 14 schools participating in a project in the 7 biggest towns of the country. CAS Center has had around 10 presentations in national TV stations.

CAS Center in cooperation with the American Embassy in Pristina has implemented the project “Youngsters together against corruption”. This project has focused on pupils from primary and secondary schools in the municipality of Prizren, Vushtrri, Obiliq and Viti which have been included in various activities to increase the awareness and inclusion of youth in fight against corruption. CAS Center has organized 4 forums (one for each town) where pupils have had the possibility to debate with representatives of institutions which fight corruption actively. Project has achieved to include directly around 230 children and indirectly around 6000 children.

On the International Anti-Corruption Day, CAS Center has organized a conference to mark this day.
SUMMARY OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2016

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