As a candidate for Mayor, make the commitment that children will be a priority in the municipal governing policies!

Children in Kosovo represent 30% of the total population.

Municipalities, based on the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, have clear legal obligations to promote rights and ensure the protection of every child within its jurisdiction. It’s time to turn these commitments into concrete results for children!

What can you do for children?

Municipalities have full and exclusive competencies, in terms of local interest, while respecting the standards set out in applicable legislation to a) providing public primary health care; b) providing public services to the family and other social services for children, such as care for vulnerable children, c) providing public education in preschool, primary and secondary education, and d) promoting and protecting children’s rights.

Municipalities should have the necessary budget to finance their competencies.

10.7% of children in Kosovo are involved in work whereas 6.8% of children work in hazardous conditions. 61.4% of children up to the age of 14 have suffered from psychological and physical violence. 90% of children with disabilities do not benefit from health, education and social services.

As a Mayor of your municipality, you can make a difference by putting the rights and well-being of children at the center of the municipal program.

You can also make the change by ensuring that existing child protection policies are implemented in your municipality.

You can advance the protection of children’s rights by systematically integrating child protection issues in all sectors, initiatives and public debates in your municipality.
With the mandate of the Mayor, comes the responsibility!

Make your municipality with governance that respects and protects the rights of a child!

This means:

- Active involvement of children in issues that affect them, considering the views of children themselves in municipal decision-making processes.
- Allocating the necessary budget for the implementation of the legislation on protection and well-being of children in the Republic of Kosovo.
- Developing and implementing an all-inclusive municipal strategy to create child-friendly municipality, based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Increasing the quality of education and ensuring inclusion and access to education, prevention of school dropout and prevention of violence in schools.
- Creating concrete plans for enhancing the quality of health services.
- Improving social protection for all children in need of institutional protection, including children without parental care, children with special needs, children in poverty, abused and neglected children, children victims of exploitation and trafficking, children involved in hazardous labour etc.
- Data researching and prioritization to determine the dominance of various issues within the municipality. These data should include the exact number of children in the municipality, the number of children with disabilities, children engaged in hazardous work, children victims of violence, children victims of abuse with narcotic substances, etc.
- Establishing adequate access and inclusive facilities for rehabilitation, education, health care and recreational services for children with disabilities.
- Creating or strengthening of sustainable, responsible and independent monitoring and inspection mechanisms for quality control of service delivery in the areas of education, health & welfare and social services.
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