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THEMATIC GROUP ON CHILD PROTECTION FINALIZES KOMF POSITION ON LAW ON SOCIAL AND FAMILY SERVICES

03 October 2019 - Thematic Group on Social and Child Protection in frame of KOMF has conducted its meeting. During this meeting group members have reviewed KOMF official position regarding the Law on Social and Family Services, by supplementing and preparing it for the process of drafting the above-mentioned Law.

KOMF proposed that the Draft Law on Social and Family Services should address and include below proposals:

- Definition of types of social services, empowerment of services for prevention and reintegration
- Organization of social and family services (empowerment of an open scheme between public and private sector for providing services)
- Integration of social and family services with health and education services
- Development and empowerment of family services and community-based services, reformation of protection forms
- Increasing the quality of services
- Accountability
- Financing of social services
- Measures and sanctions

A PRIME MINISTER FOR CHILDREN

04 October 2019 - KOMF, through a document “A Prime Minister for Children”, addressed toward political parties by reminding them the facts about the situation of children and the need for good governance to address them.

Specifically, KOMF has asked to address key issues for children in Kosovo that require urgent solutions.

KOSOVO REPORT ON INSPIRE STRATEGIES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

07 October 2019 – Childpact has published the Kosovo Report on INSPIRE Strategies to End Violence Against Children. This report was published based on the inputs and observations of seven organisations working in child protection in Kosovo.

Currently there is no national level INSPIRE working group in Kosovo and the INSPIRE strategies are relatively not very familiar within the NGO community. However, the organisations that took part in the mapping the survey conduct activities that directly relate to one or more of the INSPIRE strategies.
THEMATIC GROUP ON EDUCATION DETERMINES ITS ACTIONS ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

08 October 2019 - Thematic Group under Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection in Kosovo – KOMF, has held its next meeting. During this meeting, members have reviewed need assessment report on early childhood, which was drafted after a workshop organized few weeks ago with the aim to identify organizations’ needs in this field. After reviewing results arisen from the report, members continued to discuss about priorities and future steps regarding early childhood.

TRAINING ON EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION WAS CONDUCTED

11 October 2019 - KOMF under the Thematic Group on Education, conducted three-day training on “Early Childhood Intervention” for member organizations of KOMF and partners working in the field of early childhood development. The aim of this training was capacity building in the field of early childhood development in Kosovo. During the training, participants had the opportunity to learn from two experts from partner organisation “Karin Dom Foundation” in Bulgaria on the best practices for early childhood development. Experts from “Karin Dom Foundation” shared with participants information on policies, legislation, system and services regarding early childhood intervention.

KOMF AND KRAYEEN COORDINATED ACTIVITIES ON EARLY CHILDHOOD

30 October 2019- KOMF in partnership with Kosovo Roma Ashkali and Egyptian Early Years Network – KRAEEYN, held a meeting to identify challenges in the field of early childhood. This meeting was held with the members of Thematic Group on Education within KOMF. The purpose of this meeting was to identify the challenges and problems in the early childhood field that will serve to draft the recommendation policy. This policy will serve as a strong advocacy base for KOMF and KRAYEEN to address issues on early childhood development.
**KOMF PRESS CONFERENCE: LESS POLLUTION, HEALTHIER CHILDREN**

18 November 2019 - As part of activities organized to mark the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection KOMF held a Media Conference, where presented a document with data and recommendations on environmental protection in Kosovo. Specifically, this conference was organized by Thematic Group on Health within KOMF, which presented data on the actual situation of air pollution in Kosovo, the damages caused to children’s health and specific recommendations to responsible institutions.

**KOMF HOSTED CHILDREN IN HONOR OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

19 November 2019 - In honor of the 30th anniversary of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection – KOMF, hosted children, parents and professionals in KOMF offices to discuss child rights together. During the visit, KOMF talked with children and parents about children’s rights, their wishes and concerns. Children also had the opportunity to express themselves through games and drawings in the Children’s Book. Apart from the purpose of marking this day, activities of this nature with children are and will remain very important for KOMF, to convey the voice of children to decision makers and Kosovar society.

**KOMF APPEAL ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

20 November 2019 - By marking 30th anniversary of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, Coalition of NGOs for the Protection of Children – KOMF, through the Media, called toward institutions to take all preparatory actions for the implementation of the Law on Child Protection, in order to ensure the protection of children. In June this year, Kosovo for the first time adopted the Law on Child Protection, which aims to protect children from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect or any other form that put children in danger to life, child safety, health, education and development. This law shall enter into force one year after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo. KOMF remains committed to support the social protection reform for children, which guarantees child protection, focusing on vulnerable children: children without parental care, children victims of abuse, children involved in hard labor, children with disabilities, etc.
KOMF PUBLISHES THE MANUAL FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION

29 November 2019 - Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection – KOMF, held the closing conference of the project "Development of Early Childhood Intervention in Kosovo", where published the Manual for Early Childhood Intervention. This manual provides practices and models of other countries as well as guidance on what actions Kosovo needs to take to further develop early childhood intervention.

KOMF: INSTITUTIONS MUST IMPLEMENT THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

03 December 2019 - By marking the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection in Kosovo – KOMF, is urging institutions to guarantee protection, inclusion and implementation of the rights of all children with disabilities. Children with disabilities in Kosovo live in difficult situation and do not enjoy their rights to education, health and social welfare. It is estimated that only 10% of children with disabilities benefit from health, social and educational services. Out of 43,000 children with disabilities, only 5,300 of them are enrolled in public schools in Kosovo. Meanwhile, 38,000 children with disabilities are left out of school.

THEMATIC GROUP ON EDUCATION DRAFTS THE RECOMMENDATION POLICY ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

05 December 2019 - Thematic Group on Education within KOMF, in partnership with KRAEEYN held the second meeting to draft a recommendation policy based on identified problems in the field of early childhood. The document describes the current situation regarding early childhood development and provides an overview of some of the priority areas for intervention and implementation policies as well as recommendations on how to address them. Given that MEST is a leading institution for early childhood policy development, this policy will be addressed not only to MEST but also to other co-responsible ministries such as MLSW and MoH. This policy will also serve as a strong advocacy base for KOMF and KRAEEYN to address early childhood development issues.
KOMF AND PARTNERS HARMONIZE THE POSITION ON THE LAW ON SOCIAL SERVICES

05 December 2019 - Organization for Children without Parental Care – OFAP and KOMF organized a two-day workshop for the unification of the position on the Law on Social and Family Services, between KOMF, Ombudsman Institution, Association of Kosovo Municipalities, Association of Centers for Social Work. In this workshop was presented the position of the Thematic Group on Child Protection within KOMF, for the Law on Social and Family Services, where the main points and recommendations of this position were discussed. KOMF, Ombudsman Institution, Association of Kosovo Municipalities, Association of Centers for Social Work validated a common official position, with the aim of raising the common voice for incorporating these recommendations into the Law.

KOMF AWARD ANNUAL PRIZES FOR JOURNALISM AND “FRIEND OF CHILDREN” ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

23 December 2019 - Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection in Kosovo – KOMF, in partnership with SOS Children’s Villages in Kosovo, Organization for Children without Parental Care – OFAP and KMOP, through the “Joint Action for Decentralization” project funded by European Union and managed by the European Union Office in Kosovo, held today the ceremony of annual awards for journalism and “Friend of Children” acknowledgments, in the field of social protection and decentralization of social services, with focus on children’s rights in Kosovo.

The annual awards 2019 in the field of journalism were awarded as follows:

- Journalist Adelina Ahmeti from BIRN/Kallxo.com with a set of three articles: “Takimi i mësuesit me fëmijët Kosovarë të kthyer nga Siria dhe Iraku”, “Sfidat e deradikalizimit me fëmijë” dhe “Sfidat e integrimit në arsim për fëmijët e kthyer nga Siria”.
- Journalist Ardita Rashiti from T7 with the topic “Humbin vitin, përjashtohen nga shkolla 58 nxënës”.
- Journalist Besnik Krasniqi from Koha Ditore with the topic “Rikthim në kasolle”.
- Journalist Blerta Ahmeti from Klan Kosova with the topic “Pedofilia, Kosova pa dosje”.
- Journalist Kaltrina Rexhepi from RTK with the topic “E drejtë e kufizuar”.
- Journalist Leonida Molliqaj with the topic “Gjuetarët e mbeturinave; Grumbulluesit e shfrytëzuar të skrapit në Kosovë”.

KOMF awarded the acknowledgments “Friend of Children” for individuals or entities who have contributed to the protection and social services and child protection.

Annual acknowledgments “Friend of Children 2019”, were awarded as follows:

- Meridian Express Company
- Foster family from Gjakova Bore dhe Zef Dedaj
- Kosovo Manufacturing Club
KOMF SUPPORTS THE DRAFTING OF THE LAW ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection – KOMF has supported the workshop of the working group for drafting the Law on Early Childhood Education. In addition to supporting workshops for drafting of the Law on Early Childhood Education, KOMF in cooperation with KRAEYN is currently finalizing a recommendation policy on early childhood development, which will be submitted to MEST, MLSW and MoH. This policy will serve as a strong advocacy tool to address priority issues for intervention in the field of early childhood development.
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KOMF member NGOs, are:

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