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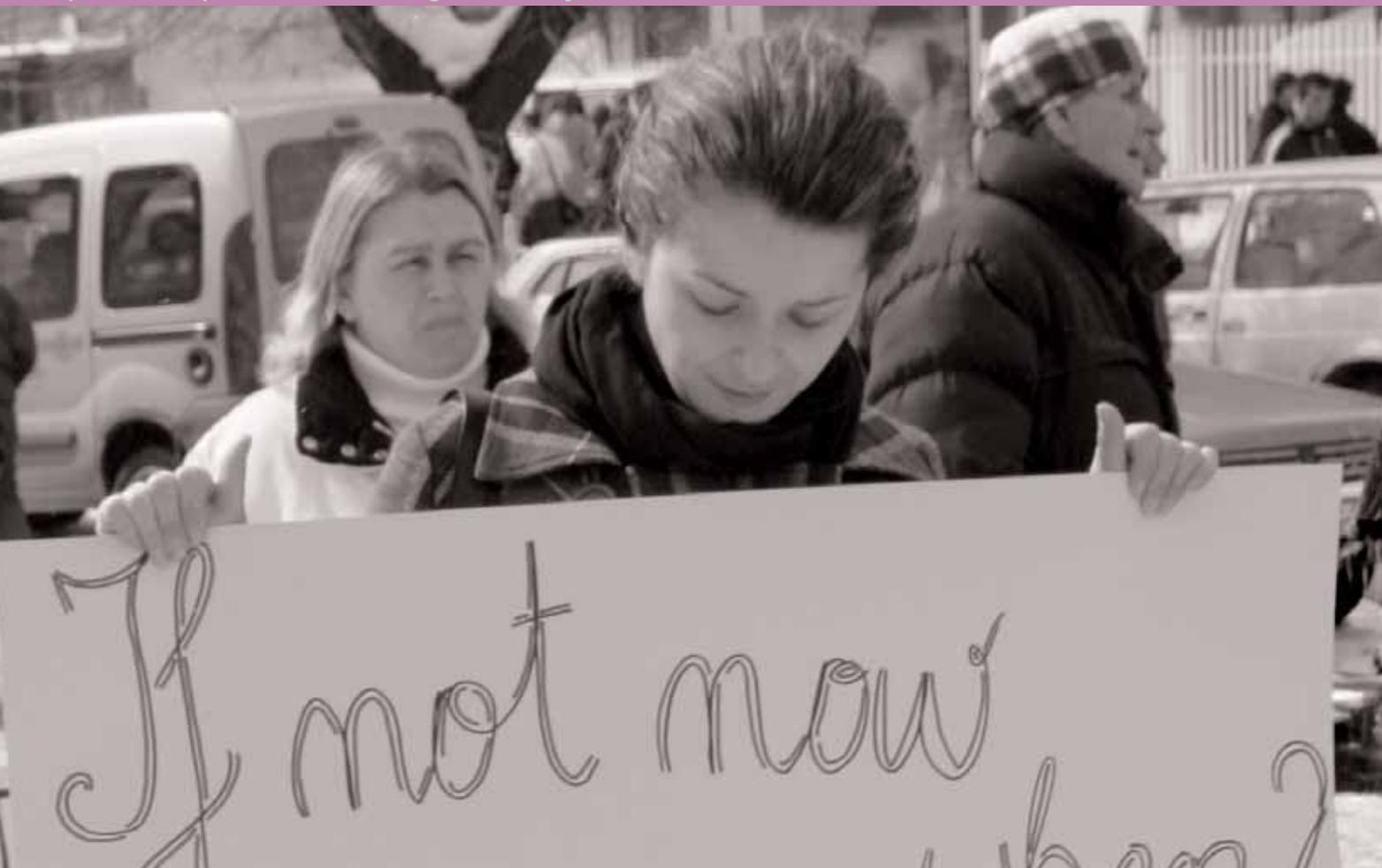
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OUR MISSION

KWN supports, protects, and promotes the rights and interests of women and girls throughout Kosovo, regardless of their political beliefs, religion, and age, level of education, sexual orientation, and ability. KWN fulfills its mission through the exchange of experience and information, partnerships and networking, advocacy, and research.



KOSOVA WOMEN'S NETWORK ANNUAL REPORT 2006



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear members, partners, supporters, and friends,

As a network, 2006 was an important year for us. First, Kosova Women's Network members adopted a code of conduct, demonstrating a positive model of transparency and accountability for other non-governmental organizations as well as our government. By meeting the high principles within the code, our members will become stronger and thus our network will become an increasingly more powerful voice representing citizens' interests. We are proud to serve our eighty-one member organizations whose achievements in various fields have brought about real change within their communities. Their achievements enrich and strengthen our work as a network.

Second, our network continued to represent women in high level decision-making. If the United Nations and our leaders failed to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security, we did all that was within our power to ensure the resolution was implemented. Even though women were not part of the team negotiating Kosova's final political status, we found an alternative way to share women's perspective on the final status issue. Through the Kosova Women's Network, the Kosova Women's Lobby, the Women's Peace Coalition, and the Regional Women's Lobby we ensured that women's voices were heard throughout negotiations.

Third, in cooperation with our international partners, the network has held decision-makers accountable. As illustrated by the case of Krusha e Vogël, our advocacy has influenced Kosova's elected government and the United Nations Mission in Kosova. The network and its partners have become a power that can question and influence decision-makers.

Now, as our political leaders and international decision-makers remain focused on Kosova's final political status, to be decided in 2007, we have already turned our gaze to the future. Beyond Kosova's political future we envision a society where women have access to adequate healthcare, where women and girls are not subjected to the threats of human traffickers, where women are better represented in decision-making positions within our government, and where people are treated equally regardless of their gender. In 2007, we will continue to work toward our vision, supporting, protecting, and promoting the rights and interests of women and girls in Kosova.

Our members' dedication and hard work combined with support from our local and international partners has enabled the Kosova Women's Network to build a positive image in Kosova, the region, and internationally. We look forward to continuing our cooperation into 2007.

Sincerely,

Igballe Rogova



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear members and friends of the Kosova Women's Network,

It is with great pleasure that I address you with my thoughts.

This was a great year for our network, a year of growth, prosperity, and activism, a year of networking and empowerment. Many more new organizations joined our network, which demonstrates our sustainability and our reputation in Kosovar society.

We have developed into an equal partner of our government; the voices of women articulated through the network cannot be ignored. It is a fact that our strength as a network continually grows stronger.

It has been a year of success. We have worked to raise the capacities of our members through adopting and signing the Code of Conduct, which ensures that our members will have stronger organizational structures, higher efficiency, and greater transparency in finances and working procedures.

Our network is home for organizations of various ethnicities. As women from various backgrounds and communities, we set a positive example of people working together. We are a network of cooperation.

This was a year of not just local but very successful regional networking. We have formed and developed a strong Women's Peace Coalition with women activists from Serbia. We have been actively involved in the Women's Lobby, which consists of women in politics and civil society from the entire region.

All of these activities have made us trustworthy and respected by local and international decision-makers. This gives us hope that we can and we will contribute to positive changes for women in our society, as we continue our struggle toward a gender equal and prosperous society.

With respect,

Naxhije Buçinca



INTRODUCTION



About Us

The Kosova Women's Network (KWN) was first established in 2000 as an informal network of women's groups and organizations from various regions in Kosova. We have since developed into a network that advocates on behalf of Kosovar women, at the local, regional, and international level. Representing the interests of more than eighty women's organizations of all ethnic groups from throughout Kosova, the Kosova Women's Network has become a leader among civil society organizations in Kosova and the region.

Our members give us our strength. Several members have more than ten years experience in activism and community development. They contribute to changes in their communities by focusing on issues such as education, health, public participation, combating violence against women and human trafficking, economic development and support for people with special needs. They provide diverse services to women and men in their communities, including legal aid, counseling, training, and information sharing.

Our Objectives

Following a strategic planning process in 2004, the Kosova Women's Network established the following four strategic objectives for 2005 to 2008:

- o Ensure equal, effective, and active participation of women and girls in Kosova's political, economic, and social development;

- o Advocate for women's human rights in all spheres of life in Kosova;
- o Empower Kosovar women through solidarity and mutual support within Kosovar society;
- o Enhance the participation of Kosovar women's groups and organizations within regional and international networks as well as in advocacy efforts.

Our Supporters

We are proud to consider our supporters among our strongest partners. Not only do they offer moral support and financial backing for our work, but they also actively involve us in their strategic planning and work as donor organizations. Their support enables us to continue our work as a network, as well as serve the interests of citizens. Our supporters include:

Global Fund for Women
Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
Urgent Action Fund

Our Partners

The relationships that we have developed with various organizations in Kosova and abroad are essential to our work as a network. We consider crucial the support and solidarity offered by our partners in 2006. Our partners include:

The Advocacy Project
Autonomous Women's Center Belgrade (Serbia)
Association for Women's Rights in Development (Canada)
Center for Women War Victims (Zagreb, Croatia)
Council for Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms
Heart and Hand Foundation (U.S.)
Kohavision Television (KTV)
Network of East-West Women
Office for Good Governance, Human Rights, and Equal Opportunities
Open Society Institute - New York
One World
Radio Television Kosova (RTK)
Radio Television 21 (RTV21)
Urgent Action Fund (U.S.)
Gender Alliance for Development Center (Tirana, Albania)
Women in Black Network (Serbia)
Zene Zenama (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

About this Report

The past year was marked by important changes in Kosova and the region. As Kosova entered into negotiations concerning its final political status and women were ignored in these peace processes, we mobilized, combining efforts with other women's groups in the region to demand women's voices be heard during these important processes. Thus, our work as a network expanded to include both grassroots activism and international advocacy. Our report reflects the importance we placed on international lobbying in 2006, discussing first our efforts toward implementing United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325.

Also, significant for our development as a network, in 2006 we became the first network of not-for-profit, non-governmental organizations in Kosova to adopt a code of conduct. The *Kosova Women's Network Ethics and Accountability Code* sets high standards of transparency and accountability for our members. The second section of this report describes this and other efforts to strengthen our network, locally and internationally.

The third section of the report recounts our advocacy efforts in 2006 that successfully led to change. Overall, this report serves to inform our members, partners, supporters, and friends of our activities and achievements in 2006. If you seek additional information about our past programs, current activities, or members, please contact us or visit our website: www.womensnetwork.org.



IMPLEMENTING UN RESOLUTION 1325

Six years after the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) on Women, Peace, and Security little has changed. While the resolution calls for greater involvement of women in conflict resolution and peace-making efforts, women continue to be marginalized within the United Nations and in post-conflict decision-making processes. Although the United Nations governs Kosovo, it has failed to involve women in decision-making. Notably, despite advocacy efforts on behalf of the Kosova Women's Network and its many local and international partners, not a single woman was included in the UN-brokered negotiation process for Kosovo's final political status. In 2006, much of our energy as a network was focused on advocating for UNSCR 1325 to be implemented and thus for women to be included in Kosovo's final status negotiations. Our network joined forces with partners in Kosovo and the region to make women's voices heard during this important process.



Women's Peace Coalition Conference "Women, Peace and Security," Struga, Macedonia, September 2006



Forming the Women's Peace Coalition with Women from Serbia

Among our most significant efforts, the Kosova Women's Network cooperated with Women in Black Network Serbia to form the Women's Peace Coalition on 7 May. The coalition, comprised of activists from Kosova and Serbia, seeks to make women's perspectives more visible in the political affairs of Serbia and Kosova. Striving toward just and sustainable peace, the Women's Peace Coalition works for the inclusion of women in peace-building processes as equal partners. Founded on women's solidarity, it is an independent citizens' initiative that crosses national, ethnic, and religious borders, barriers, and divisions. The coalition has received ongoing support from the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

In its first major action, the coalition issued a statement to inform Kosova's final status negotiations on preservation and protection of cultural heritage sites in Serbia and Kosova. In a letter to the negotiation teams, the coalition stressed the need to identify and preserve cultural sites like churches, mosques, and cathedrals from physical degradation and political exploitation. "Cultural sites are linked to the cultural heritage, history and communities of all ethnic groups, and thus all ethnic groups have the right to share, preserve and protect these heritage sites," the statement said. Throughout 2006, the Women's Peace Coalition wrote letters to and met with key decision-makers, namely UN Secretary General Envoy in Charge of the Negotiations on the Future Status of Kosova President Martti Ahtisaari. Thus, the coalition has contributed to the implementation of UNSCR 1325 by making women's voices heard in peace processes.

September marked a historical moment for sustainable peace in Kosova, Serbia, and the region. The Women's Peace Coalition held a three-day conference on "Women, Peace and Security" in Struga, Macedonia to bring visibility to the work of women peace activists in creating stable and just peace in the region. The conference occurred parallel to the official negotiations on the final status of Kosova. In a joint statement, sixty Kosovar and Serbian women's peace activists concluded that peace in the region is not possible without the active participation of women. Further, they supported the independence and territorial integrity of Kosova as a civil state with a functional legal system. They also demanded that the needs of all citizens, women and men, form the basis for peace and security in Kosova; that the relevant institutions adopt a concept of human security, especially from a gender perspective, according to UNSCR 1325; and that women be included in all decision-making processes at all levels.

Opposing official politics that bring divisions and conflict, the Women's Peace Coalition made plans to continue building trust, women's solidarity, and mutual support toward the creation of lasting and just peace in the region.



During the conference, the coalition created a one-year action plan. The plan called for increased dialogue between women of all ethnic groups from Serbia and Kosova through encounters and discussions about security for vulnerable groups, Kosova's final political status, and women's involvement in decision-making. Women-led organizations with similar missions in Serbia and Kosova made plans to hold more networking and joint activities. Organizations also planned to further support women's human rights, especially reproductive rights. The numerous agreements reached among the Serb and Kosovar participants during the conference demonstrated how negotiation processes surrounding Kosova's final status missed opportunities for peace by failing to involve women.

In a historic moment, Women in Black Network Serbia representatives apologized for the crimes and terror committed in their name by the Serbian regime against Kosovar Albanians. The apology of Women in Black Network Serbia was broadcast on Radio Television Kosova, marking the first public apology made for crimes committed against Albanians during the war. Activists noted the importance of official apologies in the healing process as a necessary prerequisite for sustainable peace. In 2007, the coalition will continue its cooperative efforts to make women's voices heard in peace processes as per UNSCR 1325 as well as continue to promote peace and cooperation between people in Serbia and Kosova.

Issuing Joint Statements with Women Leaders in South East Europe

Another important initiative that began in 2006 was the Regional Women's Lobby for Peace, Security, and Justice in South East Europe. Together, women politicians and civil society representatives formed the lobby on 15 July to advocate for the advancement of lasting peace and stability in the region. The lobby is also committed to advancing the implementation UNSCR 1325.

A member of the lobby, the Kosova Women's Network Executive Director joined leading women from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosova, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia to issue statements to President Ahtisaari in which they requested full implementation UNSCR 1325 in final status negotiations. In their statements, covered by media throughout the region, the lobby also called for a peaceful and comprehensive resolution to Kosova's political status and condemned violence in the Middle East.

Even if women were not included on the negotiation team, representatives of the lobby met with key decision-makers including President Ahtisaari, making women's perspectives heard, as per the resolution.



Continuing the Pressure: The Kosova Women's Lobby

Complementing the efforts of the Women's Peace Coalition and the Regional Women's Lobby, the Kosova Women's Lobby continued to advocate for women's involvement in the final status negotiations. On 8 March 2006, the Kosova Women's Network cooperated with the Kosova Women's Lobby to organize a demonstration where women announced, "We Want Power, No More Flowers," in front of the national theatre in Prishtina. Famous Kosovar singers and actors performed songs and skits written for the occasion, which focused on UNSCR 1325 and the importance of involving women in talks concerning Kosova's final status.

Passers-by received printed materials about UNSCR 1325 thanks to support from UNIFEM. Following the event, participants hung a banner outside the Kosova Parliament building that stated, "Resolution 1325 guarantees us the right to participate in final status talks." The banner hung for months, reminding decision-makers that they had still failed to include women in negotiations and thus failed to implement the resolution. Radio Television 21 highlighted the demonstration in a thirty-minute special on UNSCR 1325.

In preparation for the protest, Kosovar women activists and local organizations wrote a letter to local and international decision-makers demanding women's inclusion in the team negotiating Kosova's final political status. The letter was read at the protest and sent to President Ahtisaari, the United Nations Security Council, United Nations Mission in Kosova, KFOR, negotiation team, Kosova government, and others. Women politicians and activists from Albania also sent letters of support.



Monitoring UNSCR 1325 Implementation

In addition to these efforts to implement UNSCR 1325 in relation to Kosova's final status negotiations and regional peace processes, the Kosova Women's Network has cooperated with Zene Zenama to develop a research framework for monitoring the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in Kosova and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Considering the presence of the United Nations in both countries, activists saw a unique opportunity for monitoring the degree to which the resolution was implemented in countries governed by the United Nations.

Following preliminary research on the resolution's implementation conducted by the two organizations in 2005, they met Sarajevo in June with support from UNIFEM to create a joint monitoring framework in consultation with experts. In 2007, the two organizations will use this framework to monitor women in decision-making (especially women's participation in constitutional changes and in Kosova final status negotiations); women's human rights (violence against women, including domestic violence, trafficking and women raped in war); integrating a gender perspective into national security systems and United Nations peacekeeping operations; and reporting by the Secretary-General to the Security Council on progress toward gender mainstreaming in peacekeeping missions (UNSCR 1325, article 17). The report will be submitted to the United Nations with recommendations for further implementing the resolution.

In the meantime, activists sent a "Report on the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 in Kosova" to the United Nations in New York on 30

March 2006. The report sought to "inform the UN of events and activities undertaken by local organizations and their supporters in relation to the overall implementation of UNSCR 1325 in Kosova" since 2001. Local activists took the initiative to compile the report after the United Nations Mission in Kosova "overlooked or disregarded local initiatives toward the resolution's implementation in its reports to the United Nations." The report attempted to "fill any voids in information." The Kosova Women's Network will continue to monitor UNSCR 1325 implementation in cooperation with its member organizations and regional partners in 2007.

Raising Awareness about the Resolution

We know that in order for UNSCR 1325 to be implemented, citizens, political leaders, and especially representatives of the United Nations require a better understanding of the resolution and how to implement it in their work. Therefore we have dedicated much time and energy to increasing awareness locally and internationally about the resolution and how it can be used. The Kosova Women's Network Executive Director has spoken with high level decision-makers about the resolution. For example, she attended a conference on gender and conflict organized by the Austrian Development Agency on 7 April in Vienna. "Women need to be involved in democracy building," she told international leaders and diplomats. The Kosova Women's Network stressed that implementing UNSCR 1325 is essential for inclusive democratic processes and that failing to include women would jeopardize future stability in Kosova.



STRENGTHENING AND SUSTAINING THE NETWORK

Networking has given us power. Through networking our member organizations have found moral support and solidarity, which has empowered them to continue to influence change in their communities. Through the network, they have united in coalitions to influence public policies related to gender equality, women's reproductive rights, domestic violence, and the trafficking of human beings. By networking with activists and women's organizations in the region, we have made women's voices heard in the negotiations on Kosovo's final status. Networking in the region has also empowered us to challenge donor policies with which we do not agree and/or that do not empower us to influence change in our communities. Indeed, we believe networking has given us the power to make our voice heard. Thus, we have worked to further empower our members and staff to become stronger as a network.



Kosova Women's Network Annual Meeting, December 2006, Prishtina.



Strengthening the Network

In 2006, we further strengthened our network, as well as cultivated partnerships with activists and organizations in the region. Our bimonthly meetings continued to provide a space for women activists to forge partnerships, receive updates on Kosova Women's Network programs, exchange information and experiences, and initiate joint activities. Our members also continued to be involved in strategic planning and evaluation of our work through our annual membership meeting. Following the annual meeting, members identified three focus areas for the network in 2007: empowering women in politics and decision-making, combating the trafficking of women and girls, and advancing women's health.

Local and international government leaders, activists, non-governmental organizations, and friends remained informed about our activities through our quarterly newsletter, "Kosovar Women's Voice," in Albanian, Serbian, and English languages. Our website also has a new look thanks to the efforts of Barbra Bearden from the Advocacy Project who helped improve the website to better serve the needs of our members, partners, and community. Our website, www.womensnetwork.org, includes information about our advocacy efforts, member organizations, organizational history, as well as links to research publications.



Launching a New Ethical and Accountability Code

Among the most exciting developments for us as a network, in 2006 we became the first network of non-governmental organizations in Kosova to adopt a code of conduct. Our members acknowledge that transparency and accountability are qualities non-profit, nongovernmental organizations must possess in order to demonstrate to citizens, partners, and donors that they work in service to the public. Therefore, all eighty of our member organizations consulted in the drafting process and then signed the new *Kosova Women's Network Ethics and Accountability Code*, agreeing to meet the high standards of transparency and accountability within the code by December 2008. The code includes six basic principles: Mission and Program, Good Governance, Human Resources, Financial Transparency and Accountability, Civic Responsibility, and Partnerships and Networking. During 2007 and 2008, the Kosova Women's Network will provide individualized and group support to members toward implementing the code. Thus, the code will help members build their capacity as organizations toward a more sustainable future. Fulfilling the principles within the code will make them stronger organizations, so they can secure public trust and better support for their future work. By empowering our members, we will gain strength as a network. In addition, by establishing clear standards for our members, we set an example for other non-governmental organizations and can continue to demand accountability and transparency from Kosova's governing authorities as well.



Building Regional and International Networks

Part of our strength as a network comes from the relationships we have forged with like-minded organizations and activists around the world. We continue to build our international network of partners and friends, as it gives us the power to push for change. One such partnership is with the Global Fund for Women, which visited with our network members in 2006. A Global Fund for Women representative exchanged information with members, discussing common priorities and goals. Our members also learned more about the support available from the fund.

Through networking we share experiences with others. In June, Kosova Women's Network representatives attended a regional conference in Pogradec, Albania titled "Gender Equality in Decision-making," organized by "Unë Gruaja" (I, Woman) organization and supported by Kvinna till Kvinna. In preparation for the elections in Albania, we shared our experience in Kosova with women from Albania and Macedonia, providing examples of campaigns that could help them increase the number of women in decision-making posts. Then, in October, we were pleased to host a delegation of three women from Georgia. The networking meetings supported by Kvinna till Kvinna provided a space for women activists from Georgia and Kosova to learn from each other's experiences.

In October, Luljeta Vuniqi represented the Kosova Women's Network at an International SARE (Network of Women in Basque) meeting entitled "Women Generating Peace" organized by the Basque Women's Institute



(Emakunde) in San Sebastián, Spain. The meeting served as a forum for discussing equal opportunities for men and women, paying tribute to women activists and creating new networks. The organizers hoped to learn from other women activists' experiences in conflict situations and peace negotiations. During the meeting, Luljeta Vuniqi spoke on "Women Building Coalitions," providing examples from the women's movement in Kosova and the newly formed Women's Peace Coalition. The Women's Peace Coalition that joined women activists from Kosova and Serbia provides an example of how women can put aside ethnic and geographic boundaries to advocate for women's involvement in peace processes and common political platforms. Aside from the official program, Luljeta Vuniqi, Stasa Zajevic from Women in Black Network Belgrade, and a representative from Israel met with the parliamentary group for human rights in Vitoria's parliament.



By sharing experiences with activists from Albania, Macedonia, Georgia, Spain, and the world, we have exchanged ideas for our future work as activists, organizations, and international movements.

Through networking we also learn from others. For example, during a workshop entitled "Demystification of the EU & Gender Equality," organized by UNIFEM Central and Eastern Europe in November in Skopje, Macedonia we received concise and up-to-date information about European Union accession processes as well as on legislation, programs, and policies of the European Commission for 2007-2013 that focus on advancing gender equality. At the same time, we networked with thirty other gender equality advocates from the governmental and non-governmental sectors in Macedonia, Kosova, Montenegro, and Albania. The new knowledge gained through the workshop will help us develop strategies toward gender equality as we begin European Union accession processes.

Through networking we build regional coalitions against trafficking and corruption. Kosova Women's Network representatives joined approximately thirty other non-governmental organizations from Kosova and Macedonia at the International Organization for Migration's second regional partners' meeting as part of its "Counter-trafficking: Prevention and Capacity Building in Kosova and Macedonia" project. A Kosova Women's Network representative was the keynote speaker at this meeting entitled, "The Role of NGOs Networking Together." During the meeting, Kosovar and Macedonian organizations shared experiences, discussed obstacles faced in their fieldwork, and rec-

ommended actions for addressing obstacles. The Kosova Women's Network will continue to cooperate with other organizations in the region in our fight against human trafficking.

A Kosova Women's Network representative also joined approximately fifty other representatives from the government and non-governmental organizations to establish the Kosovar Coalition against Corruption. The Kosova Women's Network representative spoke on "The importance of building coalitions - the experience of Kosova Women's Network" at the "Seminar on Transparency and Anti-corruption" organized by UNDP in Prizren in December. Our network has been among the loudest voices publicly condemning corruption within the government. Through this coalition, we hope to empower and cooperate with other organizations interested in holding governing authorities accountable and transparent to the citizens who have elected them.

Through networking, we also encourage new generations of potential activists. Therefore, Kosova Women's Network activists often meet with students from the University of Prishtina and European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization based in Venice, Italy. We discuss with students Kosova's current political situation, the status of women in Kosova, and the unique methods the Kosovar women's movement has used in our efforts to reach a more gender equal society. Students have told us that they learned more about Kosova and activism from our members than from the other often high level local and international political leaders whom they have met on their study visits.

Recognizing Successes

The hard work and dedication of activists in the Kosova Women's Network and its member organizations has not gone unnoticed. On 15 October, World Rural Women's Day, the Kosova Women's Network was proud to organize a ceremony to present Marte Prenkpalaj from Has region with an award for Women's Creativity in Rural Life. She was recognized along with thirteen other laureates chosen by the Women's World Summit Foundation. Hundreds of citizens, government officials, and activists attended the ceremony, recognizing Marte Prenkpalaj's fifteen years of dedicated grassroots activism, which has contributed to change in her region. The award ceremony included monologues and songs performed by famous personalities.

In December 2005, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) also awarded Kosova Women's Network representatives who participated in the USAID Participant Training Program in summer 2005.





ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

By strengthening our network of organizations and building our international network of partners and supporters, the voice of the Kosova Women's Network continually grows stronger. Government representatives have publicly recognized our power to influence change. Citizens have thanked us for vocalizing their concerns in the media and pressuring government officials to meet citizens' needs.



In 2006, one of our most effective advocacy efforts publicly criticized the behavior of the United Nations Mission in Kosova (UNMIK) police. Statements and press releases issued by the Kosova Women's Network and the Kosova Women's Lobby brought international condemnation of the violence committed against the people of Krusha e Vogel village by UNMIK police. On 25 May 2006, a UNMIK police convoy transporting Serbian former residents of Krusha e Vogel had arrived in the village unannounced. When UNMIK police refused to let local women talk to the former residents, the women blocked the convoy from entering the village. In response, the UNMIK police forcibly removed women from the road using riot batons and tear gas. The women retaliated with stones, and the convoy left, throwing teargas at women and children as they exited the village.

Three men and thirty-three women were admitted to the hospital and twenty-two children were treated for injuries resulting from tear gas. Within hours of the incident, Kosova Women's Network representatives were at the scene taking statements from citizens. Their statements exposed the truth beyond official UNMIK police reports and local government statements, which originally called the violence an "ethnic incident." Citizens emphasized that they reacted against UNMIK police violence, not against Serbs. UNMIK has since issued statements condemning police violence and its failure to inform local institutions of the visit. The advocacy effort reached the highest levels of the United Nations and the Kosova Women's Network received responses from activists and organizations around the world. As a result of Kosova Women's Network and Kosova Women's Lobby efforts, UNMIK issued a public apology and members of the Kosova assembly condemned the police violence.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

In 2007, we will continue to strengthen our network, both inside Kosovo and internationally. Network members will work to further implement the *Kosova Women's Network Ethics and Accountability Code*, and we will do everything in our power as a network to support them, providing individualized mentoring and group training as needed. Through our public relations department we will also work to further publicize members' work.

In addition to strengthening our own network, we will continue to further cooperation with partners internationally. Through the Women's Peace Coalition and Regional Women's Lobby for Peace, Security, and Justice in South East Europe will continue to bring together women from Kosovo, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Albania. Together, we will advocate for the implementation of UNSCR 1325 through action-based research, active public relations, and meetings with key decision-makers.

In Kosovo, our members have identified three priorities for 2007: empowering women in political decision-making, combating trafficking of women and girls, and women's health. Kosovo Women's Network members have established working groups to strategize and carry out activities dealing with these issues.



Empowering Women in Politics & Decision-making

In 2007 everything will start anew in Kosovo. The United Nations Security Council will make a new resolution on Kosovo's political status. A new election system will be adopted, and a new government will be elected. As a network, we will work to empower voters to hold their new representatives accountable, further educating citizens about the power of their vote.

As a network, we are pleased that the new election law will maintain a thirty percent quota for women's representation in the government. However, as of 2006 the government only had one woman minister. As a network we want to see more women in decision-making positions within the government. Therefore we will work closely with women in politics, supporting them in securing higher positions in municipal and national governments and encouraging them to be a voice for women in governmental decision-making.

The Kosovo Women's Network working group plans to support cooperation between women in civil society and women in politics; build cooperation between political parties, institutions, etc.; exchange information with women in the parliament, government, political parties and other structures; support regional experience exchange through conferences and roundtables; hold regular meetings with the Office for Gender Equality in the Prime Minister's Office; and monitor political processes in Kosovo. Task force members include: Igballe Rogova, Arjeta Rexha, Violeta Shehu, and Luljeta Vuniqi.

Trafficking of Women and Girls

The trafficking of women and girls continues to be a problem in Kosovo. Network members will create a network of organizations addressing trafficking, which will focus on prevention and providing direct help to victims of trafficking. Organizations working with trafficking victims will provide direct help, and organizations specializing on awareness-raising will conduct campaigns toward prevention. The Kosovo Women's Network working group will also advocate for municipal and national governments to establish standard procedures for addressing trafficking. Task force members include Teuta Abrashi, Belgjzare Muharremi, Shemsije Seferi, Naime Sherifi, and Sevdie Bunjaku.

Women's Health

The Kosovo Women's Network task force will focus on the health of women with disabilities, women affected by war, and elderly women. The group will create a network of organizations with similar interests; provide trainings and advice related to health; advocate for institutional support for all health services; and push for local institutions to support member organizations' work. The working group's main goals are to organize campaigns to raise awareness about women's health and advocate for the implementation of legal mechanisms that protect women's health. The group will focus especially on fighting breast cancer, which has become a major health concern for women in Kosovo. Task force members include Ajshe Nuhiu, Drita Vukshinaj, Feride Rushiti, and Zamira Hyseni.



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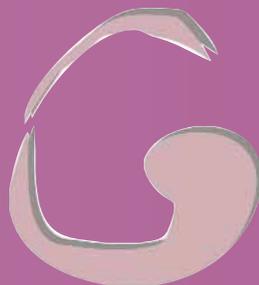
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We have audited the costs and supplementary financial data of Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) expresses in EUR, for the period January-December 2006. These financial statements and supplementary financial data are the responsibility of the project's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the aforementioned financial information based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the reporting forms are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the reporting forms. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the proper accounting and reporting of the data on the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial information present fairly, in all material respects, the costs as of Kosovo Women's Network December 31, and the results of operations in accordance with International Standards of Accounting and Kosovo Standards of Accounting.

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Licensed Auditor
Prishtine
18 March 07



DONATORS	UNIFEM	SDC	KTK	RBF	TOTAL
Income (Donations)	37,981.00	12,000.00	32,512.00	23,381.79	105,874.79
Local income					200.00
Total income					106,074.79
Expenses					
Salaries	4,700.00	7,000.00	15,400.00	5,600.00	32,700.00
Pension Contributions			1,446.00	257.65	1,703.65
Office Supply	128.30	645.25	1,435.11	637.85	2,846.51
Bank charges			20.00		20.00
Equipment			576.00		576.00
Transport expenses	163.28	196.00	1,453.55	1,380.94	3,193.77
Power expenses		1.50	173.30		174.80
Telephone credit	120.00	105.00	945.00	220.00	1,390.00
Telephone expenses	315.86	394.33	1,184.66	37.21	1,932.06
Internet			1,259.30		1,259.30
Office rent			3,132.60	1,400.00	4,532.60
Car maintenance	460.00	515.00	819.95	140.00	1,934.95
Web page maintenance		300.00	200.00	200.00	700.00
Audit	1,000.00	500.00			1,500.00
Artistic performance expenses	300.00		1,364.00	1,085.00	2,749.00
KWN Program Activities Membership & events	21,716.66	288.00	189.80	3,718.75	25,913.21
Annual meeting			924.00		924.00
Translation	2,771.00	100.00	463.00	865.00	4,199.00
Activity related expenses	527.00				527.00
Cleaning expenses			1,090.50		1,090.50
8 March activity	1,580.00				1,580.00
P.C Computer (donation)	1,019.00		205.23		1,224.23
Consulting & editing services				2,586.00	2,586.00
Rent for Bimonthly meetings		230.00	230.00		460.00
Publishing of annual report				2,070.00	2,070.00
Publishing of quarterly newsletter				1,304.00	1,304.00
KWN honoring member event	3,180.00			1,152.30	4,332.30
Ngo accounting program		1,725.00			1,725.00
TOTAL	37,981.10	12,000.08	32,512.00	22,654.70	105,147.88

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