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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF THE KWN BOARD

Dear fellow activists,

My election as chair of the Board confirmed once again a truth by which the Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) is guided - the truth that our organization belongs to anyone that is willing and believes in equality. We are ending a year which, more than ever, confirms the relevance and necessity of the work of KWN.

We, as activists, need KWN to constructively unveil our will, be together, and have a stronger voice that unstopably requests equality. Above all, the region needs KWN as an example of dedicated work and commitment to equality and justice. Thanks to the unconditional engagement, KWN has already been transformed into an open door to all women and men who want to join the efforts for equality, and what's most important, KWN is the address where suppressed women are heard, treated as entities, recognized and appreciated. During 2017, KWN did not leave the misogyny unchallenged, did not leave killers of women unnamed, did not leave controversy sentences of killers and suppressors pass in silence, and became a continuation of the voice of these women, by not letting the patriarchal system to strengthen. KWN did not let the beating of girls by their relatives to be treated as the next internet sensation. It did not keep silence when women were offended, when their potential was underestimated, when their property that belongs to them was denied and taken away.

KWN, as in the past years, in 2017 as well, openly refused to cohabit with inequality, fighting it actively. We, in 2017 as well, held strongly the position against gender oppression, raising the issue of lack of deserved punishment against those that oppressed. Thus, we became a part of breaking the chain of oppression and kept prioritizing the issue of gender equality at the national level. Thanks to the work of KWN and women and men that believe in equality, the oppressors cannot feel comfortable, at least not so comfortable as they have been feeling till now.

Through numerous ways, such as protests, media presentations, outreach and research, the Kosovo Women's Network continuously remained one step ahead of a myriad of challenges deriving from the patriarchy rooted in every aspect of life of Kosovar society. Although this system is deep-rooted, KWN was firmly engaged to eradicate it, believing in the potential of positive changes and in the union of Kosovar society.

The memory of our activist Dua Dauti-Kadriu motivates us.

Sevdije Berisha, Zejnepe Berisha, Diana Kastrati and all women who were killed and oppressed unfairly everyday, are our voice, and we are their's. Shyhrete Berisha is our courage. Today, more than ever, we remember these women that will never remain silent. We remember the women that lead our work, or request for equality. The women who became a collective memory that the fight for equality shall not be silenced by killings, and that we will strongly offer all our energy that the cases of oppression during 2017 be the last cases.

Cordially,

Besnik Leka

INTRODUCTION

Our vision

The Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) envisions that in the state of Kosovo women and men are equal and have equal opportunities to education, employment, political participation, healthcare and a life without violence

Our Mission

Our mission is to support, protect and promote the rights and interests of women and girls throughout Kosovo, regardless of their political beliefs, religion, age, level of education, sexual orientation and ability. KWN fulfils its mission through the exchange of experience and information, partnership and networking, research, advocacy and service.

Our Strategy

Towards achieving its vision and mission, KWN compiled a Strategy for the period 2015- 2018 (available on our website). Its purpose is to guide KWN's work during this period. The Strategy was compiled in 2014 with the data from KWN's members, Board of Directors, partners and other key stakeholders. KWN's Strategy involves five programmatic areas: I) Building the Capacity of KWN; II) Women in Politics and Decision- making; III) Women's Right to Healthcare; IV) Domestic Violence and Trafficking; and V) Women's Economic Empowerment.

About the KWN Annual Report

Every year, the Network reports to its members, partners and friends about the progress that was made towards achieving the strategic objectives. This initial report was prepared for the Annual Assembly of KWN members and includes information related to KWN activities from 1 January 2017 to 30 November 2017. This year, KWN has decided that this initial report will not be printed contributing to environmental protection, respectively woods. A revised edition will be available early in 2018, along with our audited financial statements. This report is divided into five sections that include the long-term objectives of the network:

- Building the capacity of KWN program;
- Supporting women's participation in politics and decision-making;
- Improving women's access to quality healthcare;
- Decreasing gender-based violence;
- Furthering women's economic empowerment.

In this report are presented the achievements and results for 2017 related to each of these programs. The sections that follow include information regarding progress made towards each expected outcome (bold text) and result (italic text). It also reflects on the achievement of the Strategy 2015-2018. This report also contains information about budget, supporters, Board of Directors, Advisory Board, staff, interns, volunteers, members and grant recipients

BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF KWN

The main objective of the KWN's capacity building program is to have a sustainable movement of women in Kosovo. An indicator that KWN has progressed in achieving this objective is that KWN implemented so far 85% of its Strategy for 2015-2018¹.

Moreover, the number of individual KWN members has increased from 53 to 59; and young women and men have taken initiatives towards furthering the movement, demonstrating capacities of future generations to carry on the movement. KWN and the Lobby members for Gender Equality in Kosovo have continued to be very active and loud during this year.

In 2017, KWN had the following goals and results, which contributed to achieving this overall objective, as foreseen by our Strategy.

Solidarity among women-led organizations in Kosovo enhanced

KWN's experience suggests that furthering and maintaining solidarity among women-led organizations is crucial towards building a sustainable women's movement, lest competition undermine efforts towards joint goals. KWN made progress towards achieving this outcome through the following expected results.

KWN members informed of other members' initiatives, KWN activities, funding opportunities and other useful information

KWN organized five bimonthly members' meetings through which 160 various members, partners, and supporters exchanged information; 34 joint initiatives were organized; and information about ongoing activities of KWN and other organizations were received. During meetings, the KWN members played an important role in collaborating to implement KWN's Strategy, as well as monitoring and evaluating KWN's work.

More young women activists involved in KWN

KWN has posted and disseminated information on the Facebook page of FemACT trying to involve young women and men in various activities. KWN has offered practical work for four young women, while voluntary work for 23 young women. This has enabled them to become skilful in organization, research, advocacy, gender mainstreaming in advocacy for human rights and public relations, empowering women's skills of the Kosovo women's movement members.

Strengthened inter-ethnic understanding and cooperation among individuals and civil society groups in Kosovo and Serbia

In addition to building cooperation through regular KWN meetings and joint advocacy initiatives, KWN has provided opportunities for interethnic cooperation to organizations that received grants through the Kosovo Women's Fund and their beneficiaries. During this year our partner organizations Naš Dom (Our Home) & Women's Rural Development Center have been developing the initiative "Improving Local Policies from a Women's Perspective" as well as Open Doors & Ruka Ruci (Dora Dorës) organizations are in the process of developing Initiative: "Empowering Women Activists from the Community to Promote Women's Rights and Gender Equality through Participation, Information and Social Media".

Women in Black Network Serbia organised two-day regional workshop in Skopje in the format of the workshop on the topic of peace, security and justice. During these two days, they discussed the continuation of the Women's Court for alternative justice for crimes committed against women during the 1990s

¹ The exact percentage of implementation of the KWN Strategy for 2015-2018 will be updated in the final report in 2018.

Improved organizational capacity of KWN and its members towards long-term advocacy and sustainability of the network

A sustainable movement of women can not exist without its members who keep alive the movement. Therefore, KWN constantly supports its members in advancing their capacities. Workshops, mentoring sessions and the Kosovo Women's Fund have supported KWN members in advancing their organizations.

KWN, its members, and their work more visible to potential partners, women activists internationally and potential supporters

KWN regularly promoted the work of its members via the KWN website, Facebook page and monthly e-newsletter *Kosovar Women's Voice*. KWN increased its Facebook followers from 8,620 in 2016 to 15,686 in 2017. KWN's 'FemACT' Facebook page has 811 followers. KWN also manages the 'Lobi për Barazi Gjinore' [Lobby for Gender Equality] page, which now has 1,857 followers. Also, KWN continues to use other social media, such as Twitter, for which the number of followers has increased from 594 to 641 and Instagram which saw an increase of followers from 669 to 807. This year the KWN website had 11,114 page views, 17,250 sessions and 11,114 users. KWN regularly wrote articles about KWN members in its monthly newsletter *Kosovar Women's Voice*, which reaches hundreds of people around the world. KWN in 2017 sent 27 reactions /press releases:

1. KWN joins the world "Women March" march (19 January);
2. The first comprehensive report on access to healthcare in Kosovo (1 February) will be published tomorrow;
3. Rogova speaking at "NATO talk" in Brussels (9 March);
4. KWN asks for Police Investigation in the Last Scandal of Gynecology Clinic at UCCK (8 April);
5. KWN condemns the threats to Arbana Xharra (12 April);
6. Kosovo justice promotes killings: Only 12 years imprisonment for the murderer of Zejnepe Berisha (12 April);
7. Justice For Zejnepe (13 April);
8. Request for establishment of the Governmental Commission for Recognizing and Verifying the Status of Persons raped during the Kosovo Liberation War, sent to Kosovo Prime Minister, Mr. Isa Mustafa, from Kosova Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims, Kosovo Women's Network, Medica Kosova, Medica Gjakova and Center for Promoting Women's Rights (13 April);
9. Medica Gjakova organizes Conference "Empower Women, Now" (10 May);
10. KWN strongly condemns violence against Arbana Xharra (13 May);
11. KWN calls for equal gender representation on lists of candidates from political entities (25 May);
12. KWN calls: Vote for Women! (6 June);
13. European Parliament discusses violence against women in Kosovo and the region (7 June);
14. The Kosovo Women's Fund will allocate € 99,842.35 to 31 women-led organizations (9 June);
15. KWN asks Mr. Beqa to apologize for the insulting statement against Mrs. Mimoza Kusari - Lila (15 June);
16. KWN invites citizens to seek justice for Zejnepe (2 August);
17. KWN - telegram of condolence for the death of Mr. Bajram Rexhepi (21 August);
18. KWN strongly condemns the violence against Vitore Stavilec (29 August);
19. KWN, dissatisfied and disappointed with the number of women representatives in the new government: "Where are women" (11 September);
20. Rogova attends the Second Annual Meeting of the NATO Advisory Panel on Resolution 1325 (3 October);
21. Launching the Publication: Budgeting for Agriculture and Better Rural Development (9 October);

22. Response following the visit of NATO Deputy General Secretary Rose Gottemoeller to Kosovo, for which visit the women's rights activists learned through the media. Rogova calls on NATO to ensure that in the future all high level delegations hold formal meetings with women's rights activists during regular working hours and with full media coverage, demonstrating publicly that women's voices are relevant to all political and security issues only "women's issues" (28 October);
23. KWN launches Policy Paper: Kosovo's Progress in Approximating its Laws with EU Laws on Gender Equality (7 November);
24. KWN launches Budgeting Report on Improving Gender Equality in Diaspora Programs (16 November);
25. Instead of a commemoration, A Special Friend (19 November);
26. Another woman dies of domestic violence (24 November);
27. Women of Lobby for Gender Equality in Kosovo dissatisfied and disappointed with the number of women representatives in the new government (27 November).

KWN has tried to have all publications and many of the information published on the Internet (often lacking translation funds) available in three languages: Albanian, English and Serbian.

More members better able to fundraise, plan effectively, run organizations and undertake effective advocacy initiatives

During this year, KWN through the Kosovo Women's Fund has allocated a total of 27 grants for its 31 member organisations. Of these, four Grants in Partnerships for Change (up to € 8,000) were allocated to 8 organizations that worked in partnership and 23 Individual Advocacy Grants (from € 3,000 to € 4,000) were allocated to organizations individually. "Partnership for Change" Grants have boosted co-operation among member organizations, enabling organizations from different regions of Kosovo to join forces and empower their initiatives by advocating together. For example, Medica Kosovo in partnership with the "Djepi i Buzqeshjes" carried out the initiative "Supporting the access of self-supporting mothers affected by war to agricultural subsidy programs" as a result of which up to now 10 women applied for subsidies from Gjakova Municipality, of which a woman benefited a greenhouse and motocultivators, six other women benefited moto cultivators as well as a woman received beehives and other accessories.

The main KWN supporters for this year were the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the European Union Office in Kosovo, which together contributed to the KWF in amount of € 99,842.35.

From the autumn of 2012 to 30 November 2017, as a result of the initiatives of various members, 17,004 persons, including persons with disabilities, persons from rural areas, persons of different ethnicities (Turks, Gorani, Serbs, Roma, Ashkali, Egyptians, Bosniaks and Albanians) young and retired, have benefited.

In 2017, KWN staff members provided 1,143 mentoring sessions to grantee beneficiaries from the KWF via e-mail, telephone and one-on-one meetings. The 7-member Grant Review Committee has also contributed to the advancement of the capabilities of members by examining each application and providing practical advice. This has helped KWN members to submit better applications to the KWF and other donors.

Further on, by November 30, KWN members, supported by KWF, achieved the following results:

- Ation for Mothers and Childdren launched the initiative "Advocacy for Extending the Information Curriculum at the Women's Health Information Centers and staff training at the Center" by advocating with representatives from the University of Prishtina, Faculty of Medicine, to establish continuous cooperation between AMC and University through engagement of students in AMC projects. Furthermore, through advocating for the Head of the Department of Maternal and Child Health at the Ministry of Health, postnatal depression was integrated into the education curriculum in the Classes for Mothers.
- "Psikoterapeutët në Veprim" carried out the initiative "Empowering Women Victims of Sexual Violence and Torture during the Kosovo Conflict in the Gjilan Region" through which 30 survivors of

sexual violence were identified in the Gjilan Municipality. Advocacy meetings were also carried out by officials of local institutions as well as with officials of the Employment Office in Gjakova Municipality, wherein 11 survived women of sexual violence were employed.

- Qendra Kosovare për Studime Gjinore initiated the initiative "Gender Equality towards EU Membership" by advocating officials of the Ministry for European Integration and officials from the Municipality of Prizren. These meetings allowed raising the awareness on the application of gender sensitive policies. QKSGJ also drafted the guideline "Gender Equality in the Kosovo EU Membership Process - Advocacy Guide", which the Ministry of European Integration and the Municipality of Prizren expressed their commitment to use this guide.
- Alpha Institute carried out the initiative "Protection of Human and Women Imprisoned in Kosovo Rights Through Their Socialisation" by holding 6 trainings with 20 women imprisoned in Lipjan Correctional Institution on topics such as: communication skills, conflict resolution skills, overcoming frustrations, stress and overcoming it, emotional processing, phobias and ways of overcoming them..
- Lawyers' Association Norma carried out the initiative "Empowering Women through Increasing Transparency of Institutions" where requests for review of closed property and inheritance cases in four basic courts in Prizren, Ferizaj, Podujeva and Gracanica were sent to the Kosovo Judicial Council and the Chamber of Notaries. Based on these reviews, data, problems and difficulties faced by women during the realization of their property rights have been analyzed. Based on the data collected from the review, the report on the findings that was presented at the roundtable was compiled. In addition to these, 300 women and girls from the municipalities: Prizren, Ferizaj, Podujeva and Gracanica were informed regarding their property rights and inheritance.
- NGO Bliri carried out the initiative "Be part of and help prevent century diseases" by advocating at the Main Family Medicine Center in Drenas Municipality and providing gynecological services as well as free mammograms for 28 women and girls. In addition to this, 20 informative meetings were held during which 263 women and girls from the Municipality of Drenas were informed about their health rights and the importance of health care.
- NGO Rona carried out the initiative "Advocacy for the Empowerment of Women Farmers in Malisheva villages" through which 125 women from the Municipality of Malisheva became aware of their rights and opportunities for profit and financial support for the development of households for agriculture. As a result of this initiative, 11 women have taken the liberty to open small family businesses with the cultivation of medicinal plants as well as the processing of fruits and vegetables.
- Iniciativa e Grave Association carried out the initiative "Time for a New Political Spirit" by holding informative meetings in 5 villages of Dragash Municipality regarding the importance of women and girls participation in municipal decision-making processes wherein 150 women and girls from this Municipality attended. As a result of this initiative, 36 women and girls from this Municipality joined the various political parties.
- Handikos Mitrovica carried out the initiative "Empowering Women with Disabilities through Increasing Awareness on Their Property Rights". During this initiative, 8 informative meetings were organized, involving 100 members, namely persons with disabilities, from Mitrovica, Vushtrri and Skenderaj during which they were informed about their inheritance and property rights. Furthermore, 10 individual cases in individual sessions between the lawyer and members with disabilities were reviewed and analyzed, during which sessions the necessary documents for further proceedings for the realization of the right to inheritance and property were prepared.
- The "Krusha e Vogël" Women's Association carried out the initiative "Advancing Women and Girls in Rural Areas" by advocating the Directorate of Education, the Vocational Training Center, the Directorate of Economy and Rural Tourism, the Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Directorate of Social Welfare. During this initiative, training was also provided on the application for subsidies and other municipal and state support. As a result of this initiative, 4 of the training beneficiaries were employed at the milk collection point of this association. In addition to this, 8 women were registered at the Employment Office, of whom 2 were hired (hairdressing and

accounting). Moreover, 2 women applied for subsidies (greenhouse) and 2 other women for agricultural means to the Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development.

- NGO Foleja carried out the initiative "Raising the level of health education on the importance of family planning and reproductive health", through the advocacy with Director of the District Hospital of Prizren, the exemption from the payment for ultrasound gynecological and pap test services for 30 women of these communities has been provided. Furthermore, 16 trainings were organized for 167 women and girls of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities from the villages of Prizren Municipality on reproductive health and its importance.
- Medica Kosova in partnership with the "Djepi i Buzqeshjes" Organization carried out the initiative "Supporting the access of self-supporting mothers affected by the war to agricultural subsidy programs" through which 20 trainings were held for 40 women, self-supporting mothers from the Municipality of Gjakova on opportunities and their rights to benefit from state subsidies. In addition to this, advocacy meetings with local institutions for women's benefit from agricultural subsidy programs were held. As a result of this initiative, 10 women applied for the benefit of subsidies from the Municipality of Gjakova from which a woman benefited a greenhouse and moto cultivators. In addition, 6 women benefited moto cultivators as well as woman receiving beehives and other accessories.
- Children and Women Protection and Rehabilitation Center "Liria" in partnership with "Legjenda" carried out the initiative "Raising the Position of Women in Peace Making Processes and Gender Budgeting". During this initiative, trainings were held with 41 officials from Ferizaj Municipality as well as Kllokot Municipality. In addition to the trainings, officials also gained knowledge through the exchange of experiences that were made with officials from Kamenica Municipality. As a result of this initiative, the Municipality of Ferizaj drafted the gender policies. This Municipality is now in the mid-term framework planning phase as well as gender analysis in the unemployment sphere.
- Artpolis Center in partnership with the Center for Promotion of Women's Rights carried out the initiative "Recognizing and Promoting Reproductive Health Rights and Sexual Education through Art and Engagement of Youths" during which awareness sessions were held as well as various activities wherein 130 women and girls from the municipalities of Pristina and Drenas became aware through art about reproductive health rights and sexual education. Partner organizations advocated with Ministry of Education, Science and Technology for introducing sexual education in curricula for secondary schools.
- "Gruaja Bashkëkohore" carried out the initiative "Health and, Sexual and Reproductive Rights" by advocating with eight officials, representatives of local and central health institutions through public letters for the best implementation of the Law on Reproductive Health in Kosovo. They informed 75 girls, high school, primary school and various universities students regarding reproductive health of women, sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, abortion and early pregnancy.
- "ATO" Women's Association carried out the initiative "My Right to Property" by informing 85 women and girls of Vushtrri Municipality on their rights to inheritance. Furthermore, four women started the procedure for registration of property in their name or joint ownership with their spouses.
- "Krusha e Vogël" Women's Association advocated with the Agriculture Directorate for allocating grants equally to women and men. This association trained 20 women and five men on how to apply for subsidies and support from the Municipality of Prizren, wherein 10 of these women prepared their applications for applying to the Agriculture Directorate in the forthcoming call. In addition to this, six women opened small family businesses with the support of this association.
- The Center for the Promotion of Women's Rights in partnership with the Center for Promotion of the Healthy Family carried out the initiative "Empowering Survivors of Sexual Violence during the War for the Realization of Legal Rights" by informing 120 women and men about specific rights, which are guaranteed by law (pension rights, housing and rehabilitation

rights as well as education rights). Along with that, 120 women have been trained and are ready to complete the documentation for obtaining the status of civilian victims. At the same time, 50 personal stories of crimes during the war in Kosovo have been documented.

- The Association of Blind and Visually Impaired Persons developed the initiative “Awareness for Support of Blind People and Visually Impaired Persons” by successfully advocating the Directorate of Education, where four blind children joined the Special School for Blind People in Peja, and a child with visual impairment in primary education, as well as classrooms for the development of teaching courses for reading- writing according to the Braille alphabet. It has also been successfully advocated in the Urban Planning Directorate, where the road traffic for the blind is introduced in the urban plan for the following year. Further, 46 blind persons were informed about their rights in health, social and legal fields, and 50 family members of these persons were informed about the proper treatment of the blind and equal treatment with other family members.
- Partners Kosova developed the initiative “Women's Advocacy for Their Rights to Property and Inheritance” by informing 85 women and men about their property rights as well as the legal paths to be followed in cases of property division requests and inheritance. Eight monitoring sessions were carried out at the offices of the Registrar and Cadastre to see how many properties are being registered in the name of women and how much the legal deadline for property registration is respected.
- The Kosovo Blind Women's Committee (KBWC) held the initiative “More rights for blind women” by informing 20 women and men about their rights in education guaranteed by Law 04 / L- 092.
- Mitrovica Women Association for Human Rights developed the initiative “Women's decision-making” by informing and training 14 new candidates on leadership skills during the election campaign in October. Further, four new candidates from the 2017 election list, participants in these trainings became members of the municipal assembly in southern Mitrovica.

Other grants awarded during 2017 are at the end of implementation and are therefore have not yet been concluded. Annex I contains a list of all grants allocated by KWF in 2017 and their achievements by this date.

KWN staff capacities increased

KWN, during 2017, has continued to provide opportunities for its staff members to increase their capacities:

- 1) In April, Gentiana Murati, Kosovo Women's Fund Coordinator, attended a study visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation (KtK), at the same time the organizer of this study visit, gathered in Bosnia and Herzegovina eight organizations from Kosovo and eight organizations from Bosnia to share the experience, lessons and challenges faced by women's rights organizations.
- 2) Iliriana Banjska, Gender Analyst, attended several advocacy meetings in Brussels organized by KtK in April, which resulted in improved advocacy skills at the European level.
- 3) In May of this year, KtK organized a study visit to Stockholm, Sweden, where Adelina Berisha, Coordinator for Advocacy and Research participated. She had the opportunity to be closely acquainted with the work Sweden is doing in fighting violence against women and girls. Also, this was a good way to network with other organizations in the region and to exchange information.
- 4) In September, also under the organization of KtK, Adelina Berisha visited Vienna, Austria. This study visit was intended to raise the advocacy capacities of participants in fighting violence against women and girls.
- 5) Miranda Avdullahu, Project Assistant for Gender Responsive Budgeting, participated in the Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning Workshop for Prishtina organized by the Municipality of Prishtina and at the Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming in Culture and Art within the FemArt.

- 6) Mirjeta Dibrani, Grants Assistant at KWF, participated in the workshop “Gender Equality”, organized by the Kosovo Institute for Public Administration. She also participated in a workshop organized by KtK in Tirana, for partner organizations regarding Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects.
- 7) Gresa Rrahmani, Legal Advisor, participated as the organizer of the Dialogue Caravan financially supported by OSCE in Kosovo. This caravan traveled through various municipalities of Kosovo and Serbia, encouraging discussions about women's rights and organizing workshops to improve their situation. The caravan implemented by young women from both countries also served as a bridge of cooperation, dialogue and peace-building.
- 8) In April, Nertila Qarri Gërguri, Project Coordinator participated in the “Training on Gender Perspective in European Union” organized by Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) for the staff of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and all ADA partners in Kosovo. Further, during May, she also participated in the workshop on “Social Standards” organized by ADC/ADA. Meanwhile, in July, she attended the workshop “Integrating Human Rights Approach (HRD) in Higher Education” organized by the HERAS Project. Alba Loxha, Public Relations Coordinator was part of a workshop on recent trends and developments in the media and social networks organized by KtK in Pristina.
- 9) Based on their responsibilities, KWN staff members have received on-the-job training related to: gender responsive budgeting, budget analysis, interviewing skills, writing of concept papers, advocacy strategy writing, reporting writing, monitoring and assessment, research methods, sample selection, public speaking skills, and sharing of documents on the Internet.
- 10) Some KWN members have been mentored during the work.

The funding climate for women's rights organizations improved

Although some advocacy initiatives can be taken on a voluntary basis, women-led Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) still need different resources in many aspects of their important work.

On 22 November, organized by the European Parliament (EP), in cooperation with the “Kvinna till Kvinna” Foundation, the KWN participated in three panels focusing on: I) Integrating gender and women's rights issues in the EU membership process: examples from progress reports for the countries; II) social reforms, including maternity leave: who benefits? and EU funding for women's organizations; and III) what are the challenges and opportunities?. KWN, among others, highlighted the important role the women's rights organizations have in making sustainable change within their communities as well as the importance for the needs of women's rights organizations for funds and various types of funding modalities to communicate/reach at various organizations.

Sustainable women's rights activism requires resources and KWN will continue its efforts to mobilize sufficient resources from local and international actors to support women's movement in Kosovo and beyond.

Institutional and public awareness about the importance of tax deductions for supporting the important work of women's rights groups improved

KWN will engage in this issue in the coming years.

KWN Fundraising Plan implemented

KWN continued fundraising in 2017 and managed to provide the most of the resources required for making progress in implementing the strategy for the next year.

WOMEN IN POLITICS AND DECISION-MAKING

The long-term objective of this program is that women participate actively in politics and decision-making at municipal and central levels. KWN has made progress towards achieving this objective as the following outcomes and results illustrate.

Women's participation in politics and decision-making at municipal and national levels increased and improved as per the Law on Gender Equality

If women are to participate actively in politics and decision-making at municipal and national levels, the number of women participating and the quality of their participation must be improved. Towards achieving this objective, 435 diverse women citizens participated in politics and decision-making processes via KWF initiatives. At the same time, the quality of participation has improved, demonstrated by the issues discussed between women and officials through this action. KWN made progress towards this outcome through the following results in 2017.

Gender Equality Advocacy Groups (GEAGs) established and functioning in 27 municipalities and at the national level

In 2014, GEAG members established the Kosovo Lobby for Gender Equality (KLGE). Members decided that men and boys who support equal rights for women and men also can join this group. At present, Lobby groups exist in 27 municipalities.

On 4 March 2017, Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) in cooperation with women from Mitrovica, at the same time the hosts of this meeting, organized the Lobby for Gender Equality meeting in Kosovo. The topic of this meeting was "Advocacy Strategies for 2017". 69 women and girls participated in this meeting, including gender equality officers, assembly members and representatives of KWN member organizations from different municipalities of Kosovo and members of KWN staff.

On 20 May, in Mamusha, 66 members of Lobby, representatives of local institutions, international organizations and staff members of Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) staff participated at the next meeting of the Lobby on Gender Equality in Kosovo. In this meeting the International Organization of National Democratic Institute (NDI) was also provided a space, namely the activities of the Women's Academy for Leadership, which is a continuation of the "Week of Women" activity. Women participants of the Academy divided into four thematic groups: 1. Economy, 2. Health, 3. Education and 4. The role of women in decision-making positions, received dozens of recommendations from members of Lobby, then included in the platform of concrete proposals for the leadership of the political parties.

On 8 September, in Deçan, was held the next meeting of the Lobby for Gender Equality in Kosovo, attended by 104 members of the Lobby, representatives of local institutions, international organizations and members of the Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) staff, where guests of honor were also Mrs. Atifete Jahjaga, former President of the Republic of Kosovo and Mrs. Alexandra Papadopoulou, Head of EULEX Mission in Kosovo. During this meeting, the Lobby members presented the advocacy initiatives they have taken in their municipalities until May, as well as the advocacy initiatives they plan to take by the end of the year.

During the period 24-26 November, in Durrës, was held the three-day Lobby for Gender Equality in Kosovo attended by over 100 members of Lobby, representatives of local institutions and members of Kosovo Women's Network staff (KWN). The main purpose of this meeting was the networking, solidarity and exchange of experiences of municipal representatives with each other, thus creating co-operation between them to improve the position of women and girls in respective municipalities. Apart from the presentation of advocacy initiatives taken in this period, the members of Lobby also presented three main points for which they will be committed to work during 2018.

Some of the planned advocacy initiatives are: to advocate for young girls for engagement in politics and their empowerment in political entities; to advocate for equal division in managerial positions; to advocate for employment and housing for self-supporting mothers; to advocate for the economic empowerment of women through subsidies in municipalities; to advocate for problem solving in better quality approach to health services for women; to advocate for scholarships or other issues of importance for the education of girls and women; etc.

At this meeting of the Lobby were also present the representatives of NDI, where the purpose of the presence of NDI at this meeting was to hear the voices of women on the issues they think are important to be presented during the Women's Week in 2018.

Capacities of women in politics to advocate for women's priorities furthered

The abovementioned Lobby meetings also further developed the women's capacity in politics to advocate for women's priorities by providing examples of best practices and improving their advocacy skills.

During this year, KWN Executive Director, Igballe Rogova, held 284 mentoring sessions with the Lobby groups throughout Kosovo. These sessions served to strengthen the Lobby members in their advocacy for women's rights and gender equality through visits to their municipalities or through telephone calls. It is important to note that KWN does not see or treat members of Lobby as members of political parties, but rather as leaders in their municipalities. The KWN Executive Director also was present at their events, promoted their initiatives, supported them in their advocacy initiatives by joining them in meetings with local officials on various issues and assisted them in overcoming the problems that have occurred in their planned advocacy towards gender equality.

The initiatives taken by 13 beneficiary grants supported by the KWF by 30 November 2017 (out of 31 total KWN beneficiary organizations for this year) included 195 women in decision-making processes, such as through meetings with local authorities and advocacy. For some women, this was the first time they were involved in decision-making processes.

Within KJC institutionalization of RGB, the KWN has trained and mentored 26 officials in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development (MAFRD), 7 in the Ministry of Diaspora (MoD) and 15 in the Municipality of Prishtina regarding the inclusion of RGB in the process of budget planning. This can contribute to budget planning that will better serve the needs and priorities of women.

The initiatives provided by the 35 KWN member organizations supported by the KWF this year included 435 women in decision-making processes, such as through meetings with local authorities and advocacy. For some women, this was the first time they were involved in decision-making processes.

As a result of previous meetings with GEOs and based on the lessons learned from their experiences, KWN has drafted the new curriculum for GEOs. This has become part of the curriculum implemented by the Kosovo Institute for Public Administration (KIPA).

Awareness of the importance of aligning the Law on Gender Equality and electoral laws enhanced

This year, KWN continued to advocate on the importance of aligning the Law on Gender Equality with the current electoral laws. This was done through publication of the policy document [*Kosovo's Progress in the Approximation of its Laws with EU Laws on Gender Equality*](#), written by two well-known European lawyers and gender equality experts, Sylvia Cleff le Divillec and Katharina Miller, at the request of KWN, which they published on 8 November. The document assessed the extent to which Kosovo's laws are aligned with the Acquis on Gender Equality of the [*European Union \(EU\)*](#). The experts have identified shortcomings and have given recommendations for better harmonization of Kosovo's laws with the EU's Acquis on Gender Equality. Some of the key recommendations include

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Kosovo should regularly collect data on the wage gap in order to facilitate its monitoring;

- The Labor Law requires some changes to meet EU standards;
- Specific definitions of sexual harassment and domestic violence should be included in [*Criminal Code*](#); and
- Sanctions in the [*Law on Gender Equality*](#) are not sufficiently severe to prevent violations of the Law and are therefore not sufficiently convincing, as envisaged by the EU Gender Equality Acquis.
- The implementation of the Law on Gender Equality remains weak and further steps should be taken as recommended in the Policy Paper to address this

Women in politics, women-led organizations and women voters communicate and cooperate more around issues women consider priorities

Through Lobby and KWN members, women from political sphere, civil society and women voters have all collaborated around issues of importance to them in 2017. The Lobby in close cooperation with women voters from their municipalities advocated on issues women consider priorities this year.

Advocacy initiated on issues women consider priorities

In 2017, KWN has advocated in many political processes and policies on women's priorities. The KWN has participated in a number of government working groups and/or has provided comments on the laws and policies that will affect the lives of women and girls. KWN has supported gender mainstreaming by analyzing public policy drafts (laws, administrative guidelines, strategies, action plans) from a gender perspective and assessing the potential impact they may have on men, women, girls and boys. Policies that KWN reconsidered in 2017 from a gender perspective, and provided data included:

1. Matrix of the National Program for the Implementation of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (NPISAA) for 2017
2. Draft National Action Plan on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2017-2019
3. Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing the Law No. 02/L-249 on Health Insurance
4. Draft Code of Conduct for the Kosovo Security Force (MKSF) Nr.02 / 2017
5. Draft Regulation on NGO public funding criteria, standards and procedures
6. European Commission Report on Kosovo for 2018 (*Progress Report on Kosovo*)
7. Amendments to the Draft Criminal Code of Kosovo
8. Drafting Kosovo Gender Equality Program 2017-2021 of the Agency for Gender Equality in Kosovo

Through KWF, KWN has also supported 34 advocacy initiatives by seven KWN members, detailed in the previous section of this report.

Institutionalization of Gender Responsive Budgeting in Kosovo improved

Gender responsive budgeting (GRB) is important not only for women's increased and improved participation in decision-making but also for the efficient and equitable distribution of public funds.

Therefore, KWN is based on past positive experiences, using the method developed by GIZ and international expertise, to work towards the institutionalization of gender responsive budgeting (BPG) in Kosovo

Capacities of targeted officials for carrying out GRB improved

In 2017, two ministries and one municipality were assisted by KWN to incorporate GRB in their budget planning process. In total 78 officials in central and local level were trained and mentored. People trained and/or mentored include finance officers, heads of finance in municipal directorates, general secretaries of ministries, representatives of ministerial departments, divisions, and agencies as well as GEOs, who have gained new knowledge and capacities. Of the 78 officials, 22 (18 women and 4 men) were mentored and trained at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development (MAFRD), 22 (9 women and 13 men) at the Ministry of Diaspora. While in the municipality of Pristina were trained 15 officials, 7 women and 8 men.

Also, supported by the KWF, the Center for the Protection and Rehabilitation of Women and Children "Liria" held the initiative "Raising the Position of Women in Peace Making Processes and Gender Budgeting" by training 41 officials from Ferizaj and Klokot Municipality. In addition to the trainings, officials also gained knowledge through the exchange of experiences that were made with officials from Kamenica municipality. As a result of this initiative, the municipality of Ferizaj made the drafting of gender policies. This municipality is now in the mid-term planning phase as well as gender analysis in the unemployment area.

Concrete recommendations for improved responsive gender budgeting presented to relevant officials towards institutionalizing GRB

Due to KWN's advocacy and mentoring, the following successes were achieved towards institutionalizing GRB:

Based on the support that KWN has offered to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development and the Ministry of Diaspora to include a gender perspective in the Mid-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), both Ministries have integrated all the proposed changes from KWN into this important document budget.

In addition, during the publication of reports on the gender analysis of the budget and expenditures of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development and the Ministry of Diaspora and Strategic Investments, the recommendations emerged from the report were presented in the presence of a diverse public, including national and official media of the relevant ministries. The recommendations were welcomed by representatives of both ministries.

In addition, updated versions of RGB brochures have been published, which have been started to be used by the Kosovo Institute for Public Administration in a new curriculum for civil servants related to RGB - 'Practical User Guide: Responsive gender budgeting at the local level' and 'Practical user guide: Gender-responsive budgeting at central level'.

IMPROVING WOMEN'S ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE

The long-term objective of this program is that 'women have access to and are accessing affordable, quality healthcare'. KWN has made progress towards achieving this objective as the following outcomes and results illustrate.

Public officials and health institutions held more accountable for addressing violations of women's right to healthcare

In February this year, KWN published the report "Access to Health Care in Kosovo". Following the publication of this report, KWN together with the members established the Health Advocacy Group (HAG). Several meetings with members of the group have been held, where the areas where they will be advocated are also divided. Part of this group are: KWN, Kosovo Midwives Association, Women Initiative Association and Gender Equality Officer at the Ministry of Health.

Meanwhile, in October, members of HAG met with the newly appointed Minister of Health, Uran Ismaili, where the maternity closures in the municipalities and the negative impact it has on the access of women to health care was discussed; the importance of midwifery in providing health services in maternity and the definition of midwifery job descriptions; and the proximity of the community with healthcare providers through decentralization.

Women and girls more aware of their right to healthcare and the importance of accessing healthcare; More women are aware of how to detect cancer signs

Supported by the KWF, Gruaja Bashkëkohore (Modern Woman) raised the awareness of 75 women and girls, Foleja 167 women and girls as well as Action for Mothers and Children raised awareness of 263 women and girls in the Prizren municipality, the Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired Persons at 48 Blind Persons and 40 Family Members in Rahovec Municipality; and Bliri organization in 263 women and girls in the municipality of Drenas (for more information see the section above "KWN Capacity Building").

Health research documenting violations of women's right to healthcare exists

In 2016, KWN conducted a research on Kosovo's citizens access to health care. The report was published in February 2017, entitled "Access to Health Care in Kosovo", where it was documented that women in rural areas face more than men or women in urban areas, with financial, cultural, and

patient-service-provider relationships barriers in access to the health service. Bosniak and Turkish women have more tendency to deal with obstacles than men of the same ethnicity, and considerably more than Albanian women and men. Roma, Ashkali, Egyptians, and Gorani women and men are faced with obstacles, financial and cultural access in health care.

The main purpose of this research has been to investigate what barriers exist in accessing health care and whether they are different for men and women. More than 1,300 people were surveyed as a part of the survey conducted in the summer of 2016 and 109 health workers and key experts were interviewed. Students from the College of Dartmouth, the University of Prishtina and many national and international volunteers have helped field work and analysis.

More public officials, women, girls and men are aware of women's right to health care and violations of their rights

KWN, this year continues to be a member of the K10 Coalition for Health and Reproductive Rights. During this year was drafted the Advocacy Strategy of this Coalition. Also, some open discussion with citizens on various topics related to reproductive rights and reproductive health have been held.

K10 Coalition was established in 2015, and consists of KWN, Action for Mothers and Children; Association for Education and Development of Health; Artpolis; Health for All; Kosovo Center for Fighting Breast Cancer – Jeta Vita; Kosovo Fund for Population; Kosovo Association for the Promotion, Advancement and Protection of Adolescent Health; Peer Education Network; and the Patients' Rights Association in Kosovo.

More women to have access to quality health care

As a result of initiatives supported by the KWF, Bleri successfully advocated to the Main Family Medicine Center in Drenas municipality and provided free gynecological and mammography services for 28 women. Likewise, Foleja successfully advocated at the Main Family Medicine Center in Prizren Municipality and provided free gynecological services for 30 women of the Roma community.

HAG has successfully advocated in the Ministry of Health for: Closure of maternity wards in the municipalities and the negative impact it has on women's access to healthcare; The importance of midwifery in the provision of health services in maternity and the definition of midwifery job descriptions; and community proximity to healthcare providers through decentralization.

Women and girls more aware of their right to healthcare and the importance of accessing healthcare

On 28 October, Kosovo Centre for Fighting Breast Cancer (KCFBC) Jeta-Vita, organized their traditional, cultural and information program, gathering hundreds of citizens, including KWN staff members and other organizations, along with high state representatives, who marched together with the motto of the organization 'early detection equals survival', to express solidarity and raise awareness of cancer of the breast in Kosovo society.

Supported by the KWF, to inform women and girls more about their rights, KWN member organizations took these initiatives: Gruaja Bashkohore informed 52 women and girls from the Municipality of Prizren; Association for Education and Care of the Family 230 women and girls from the municipality of Gjakova; whereas Bleri 263 women and girls from the municipality of Drenas; Action for Mothers and Children worked in the municipality of Prizren informing 48 girls from the municipality of Prizren; as well as Foleja in Prizren municipality informed 167 women and girls. Artpolis organization in partnership with the Center for Promotion of Women's Rights organized awareness sessions for 130 women and girls from the municipalities of Prishtina and Drenas.

More women advocate for their rights to quality health care

With the support of the KWF, seventeen advocacy initiatives were taken by KWN member organizations: Gruaja Bashkëkohore advocated the Ministry of Health through a public letter to Minister Uran Ismaili. The request contained recommendations for improving the access to health for women and girls in Prizren municipality, deriving from the activities and tables implemented by this

association. The Association for Education and Family Care advocated for the opening of a health advisory office for girls in the municipality of Gjakova.

Bliri advocated successfully at the Main Family Medicine Center in Drenas municipality and provided gynecological services as well as free mammography. Artpolis in partnership with the Women's Rights Promotion Center advocated at the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology for the introduction of sexual education in secondary education curricula. Action for Mothers and Children, successfully advocated the opening of the "Classes for Mothers" within the Main Family Medicine Center in Prizren. They also advocated introducing the topic of postpartum depression in the Educational Curriculum in the Classes for Mothers. Foleja promoted successfully to the Main Family Medicine Center in Prizren Municipality and provided free gynecological services.

A LIFE FREE FROM GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The long-term objective of this program is that women and girls live a life free from gender-based violence. KWN has made progress towards achieving this objective as the following outcomes and results illustrate.

Implementation of the domestic violence legal framework, including institutional response in assisting persons who suffered violence, improved.

By the end of 2016, the Ministry of Justice established the working group, which drafted the Strategy and Action Plan for Protection from Domestic Violence 2016-2020. This strategy was published in May and included over 70% of KWN's report recommendations "No More Excuses". During this year KWN has collaborated with the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN) to monitor the implementation of the legal framework for domestic violence.

In this year, KWN has also helped the family of the deceased Zejnepe Berisha who was killed by her husband as a result of domestic violence. The assassin was sentenced to a minimum sentence, therefore KWN engaged a lawyer to help the family of the deceased, whereby the killer from the original 12-year sentence was sentenced to 17 years in prison.

This year, KWN also continues to be part of the Gender Security Group, a group composed of numerous stakeholders with whom KWN has co-operated in advocacy to improve the implementation of the relevant legal framework. This includes advocating for the implementation of the Strategy and National Plan for Protection from Domestic Violence 2016-2020.

KWN has been invited by the European Parliament Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) and the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI), where it advocated support from EU parliamentarians in order to ensure that treatment of violence against women, in all its forms, becomes a political priority.

In September this year KWN sent a proposal for inclusion of domestic violence and sexual harassment as separate criminal offenses in the Criminal Code of Kosovo.

Follow-up monitoring reports exist on the implementation of the domestic violence legal framework, as well as awareness about extent of domestic violence

KWN has continued its efforts to raise awareness among citizens in reporting domestic violence and the legal framework that helps them address domestic violence. During this year, in cooperation with BIRN, KWN monitored 179 reported cases of domestic violence in local institutions, including: Police, Center for Social Work, Prosecution, Courts and Victim Advocates, in 7 regions of Kosovo. During this monitoring it is seen that in general there is improvement of some institutions in the implementation of the legal framework.

Further, during this year, KWN interviewed over 80 representatives of these institutions to see closely how addressing cases of gender-based violence has improved. The research report will be published in January 2018.

Institutions and other actors aware of the extent to which the domestic violence legal framework has been implemented

During this year too, KWN held meetings with representatives of institutions to advocate regarding the implementation of the legal framework related to domestic violence. Meetings were held with prosecutors, the Police Directorate, the Department of Social Work in MLSW, the head of the Office for Protection and Assistance of Victims and other relevant stakeholders. These meetings were intended to support institutions in improving their work in applying the legal framework for domestic violence.

KWN members engaged in the implementation of the legal framework on domestic violence

KWN has constantly cooperated with some of its members, in addition to other stakeholders, in advocating for the implementation of the legal framework. KWN will continue to involve more members in this advocacy.

In addition, some KWN members were involved in advocating for the implementation of the legal framework throughout their municipalities, particularly during the 16 Days against Violence against Women.

Performance and quality of services of shelters enhanced, particularly towards rehabilitation and reintegration

KWN will continue to advocate for sustainable funding for shelters both at the central and local level, as well as to improve the quality of service monitoring.

Awareness and attention regarding the treatment of gender-based violence among officials and citizens has been improved, including domestic violence, rape and sexual harassment.

Progress has been achieved as shown in the following results.

More citizens informed about the legal framework and their rights, including men

KWN has had more than 82 appearances in written, TV and social media platforms, in order to distribute messages on domestic violence and raise awareness among citizens and officials of the domestic violations.

During this year, KWN has also started the campaign "No More Excuses" (#NoMoreExcuses) on social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) in order to raise awareness of various forms of domestic violence as well as on the ways of reporting domestic violence and sexual harassment.

Improved policies and procedures for addressing sexual harassment exist

KWN has submitted an amendment to include sexual harassment as a separate criminal offense within the amendments to the Criminal Code. This proposal aims at improving the procedure and treatment of sexual harassment in accordance with the seriousness and severity of this offense. In addition, KWN's written comments to explicitly include sexual harassment in the Code of Conduct for the Kosovo Security Force have been accepted and included in the Code.

The Artpolis organization compiled the Policy Handbook for Addressing Sexual Harassment at Public Universities. Also, the Kosovar Gender Studies Center has drafted "Policies against Sexual Harassment at Work in Kosovo"

Coordination established among women-led CSOs, public institutions and other workplaces towards installing improved mechanisms for reporting and investigating cases of sexual harassment

The work of Artpolis with public universities is seeking to improve their response to sexual harassment. Also, the policy drafted by the NSCC contributes to the protection of gender equality as a fundamental value of the democratic development of society in Kosovo by banning any form of sexual harassment that endangers the personal integrity of all employees in Kosovo..

KWN in cooperation with Girls Coding Kosova held trainings for the police, spatial planning directorate and the Office for Gender Equality of the Municipality of Prishtina regarding the use of the “Ec Shlirë” platform and the local legal framework related to sexual harassment, to improve the reporting and investigation of cases of sexual harassment.

Institutional and public support for persons who suffered sexual violence during the war improved

KWN has remained an active member of the working group formed by MLSW as a successor to the National Council of Presidents for Survivors of Sexual Violence during the War. KWN has also continued with its advocacy regarding the establishment of an official Commission that will review applications for compensation and government support for surviving women as well as its Secretariat.

Throughout 2017, KWN participated in co-ordinated meetings of MLSW with organizations working to support survivors who suffered sexual violence during the war. These regular MLSW meetings have enabled co-ordination between organizations and the process of recognizing and verifying the status of victims of sexual violence during the war.

At the conference organized by the Kosovo Center for Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture (KRCT) on “Treatment of the Stigma for the Survivors of Sexual Violence during the Kosovo War” on 14-15 September 2017, KWN along with KRCT, Medica Kosova, Medica Gjakova and the Women's Rights Promotion Center (WRPC) concluded that the urgent issue regarding survivors of sexual violence during the war is the approval of the budget to continue to provide compensation for survivors of sexual violence during the war. Therefore, these organizations wrote a joint letter to address the issue, urging the Government to proceed with the approval of the budget. This advocacy initiative was successful as at the meeting of 22 September, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo approved budget review for 2017, allocating the budget for the process of recognizing and verifying the status of survivors of sexual violence during the Kosovo war. Now, the pension for these women will be 230 euros a month and the application period for them will begin in January 2018.

KWN and its members involved in processes towards ensuring institutional and public support for persons who suffered sexual violence during the war improved

During 2017, KWN contributed to the economic empowerment of survivors of sexual violence during the war through the project “Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence”, which was supported by UN Women as part of their Global Project “Gender Sensitivity in Justice in transition”, funded by the European Union (EU).

Through this project KWN allocated a total of € 180,487.46 for the four KWN member organizations specialized in working with surviving women of sexual violence during the war: 1. Medica Gjakova; 2. Medica Kosova; 3. Kosovar Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims (KRCT); and 4. Women's Rights Promotion Center (WRPC). These organizations then allocated micro-grants for 177 surviving women of sexual violence during the war, as well as psychological support. Through this project, KWN in coordination with these 4 member organizations offered joint advocacy to represent their interests more widely to government officials and citizens; and regular coordination of key actors working to support women survivors of sexual violence during the war.

FURTHERING WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

The long-term goal of this program is: women and men have equal economic opportunities at home and in the public sphere.

More women secure employment

KWN made progress towards this long-term objective that women have equal access to employment opportunities in Kosovo. A great achievement in this direction is the establishment of the Women's Economic Forum and its involvement in the Economic Development National Council of Kosovo in 2017. KWN as co-founder of this Forum, has taken concrete steps toward the creation of a

comprehensive advocacy strategy which aims to improve some key policies for the employment of women in Kosovo.

KWN, this year as well, has been part of the working group on amending the Law on Labour, advocating especially on amending the articles of this law related to maternity leave, breastfeeding and making a provision that sets out a joint parental leave.

Institutions and key actors more aware of the extent of genderdiscrimination in the workplace in Kosovo and ways to address it and further institutional and private sector capacities for placing women in jobs

KWN as part of advocacy activities during the process of amending the Law on Labour (see above), through fruitful discussions has managed to raise awareness of the representatives of the institutions and diverse private sectors in relation to gender discrimination at the workplace and employment of women.

More affordable childcare opportunities available

In 2016, KWN in cooperation with Swiss Contact PPSE program launched the report "Who cares?", wherein several alternative forms of opportunities for childcare for elderly care were presented. As a result of this cooperation, PPSE awarded grants supportive to NGOs, aiming to increase alternative options of childcare and elderly care. Among the beneficiaries was also the KWN member organization SHE-ERA, which has trained 3 men and 87 women who acquired knowledge about the childcare and the elderly care. This project aims to contribute in creating employment opportunities for women and to facilitate women in sharing the burden of childcare and elderly care.

More women access their right to inheritance and property

Equal opportunities to inheritance and property are crucial to women's economic empowerment. This year, KWN has made progress toward increasing the number of women as property owners. More women and men know their rights and are informed about how to register property as a single owner or jointly.

KWN continued with the awareness-raising campaign "My house, my right", to raise the awareness about the importance of registering the property by women; and to support women in registering their property. The initiative resulted successful, as proved by the fact that 6,088 citizens in five municipalities (3150 women and 2938 men) met by KWN members during the campaign are more aware about the importance of registration of property by women.

Through this initiative, KWN members have gained knowledge and skills that will allow them to continue the support of women in registering the property in the future. In addition, 153 women have started registration of property.

Furthermore, during the time period of this initiative, KWN advocated with the Gender Equality Office under the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic to push the Government to extend the time limit of the Administrative Instruction on Joint Registration of Property, which ended in early 2017. This Administrative Instruction proved to be an affirmative measures in encouraging couples to register their property as joint property. KWN advocacy, obviously, was a contributing factor to accelerate the approval of the extension of the present Administrative Instruction for an additional year.

More citizens aware of women's right to inheritance and property

KWN members also took the initiative to raise awareness among 707 men and women. Supported by KWN through KWF, Norma informed 300 men and women from the municipality of Prizren, Ferizaj, Podujeva and Gracanica, while Handikos Mitrovica informed 100 disabled women and men. Lulishtja informed 220 women and men from the villages of Gllgovicë, Hajkobillë, Marevc, Dabishec, Dumosh and Keqekollë, of the municipalities of Prishtina and Podujevo, whereas Women Association "ATO" informed 87 women and men from the municipality of Vushtrri and its villages.

More women take steps to secure their right to inheritance and property

Supported by KWF and HandikosMitrovica, one woman registered her property during the implementation of the project, while 4 other are in process of registration of property with the support of Women Association "ATO".

Relevant officials held more accountable to respecting women's right to inheritance and property

Supported by KWN, Norma submitted a request to the Kosovo Judicial Council and the Notary Chamber to review the number of closed cases of property and inheritance in 4 basic courts, namely in Prizren, Ferizaj, Podujeva and Gracanica. Based on these reviews, data, problems and difficulties faced by women during the realization of their property rights were analyzed. Based on data collected during the above-mentioned review, the Report of findings was drafted, which was presented at the round table.

Partners in Kosovo have monitored six cases at the Registry Offices, of which 3 belonged to the Municipality of Drenas and other 3 to the Municipality of Mamusha with the aim of advancement of the women's rights to property, based on the obligations that derive from the applicable legislation, and improvement and strengthening of institutional capacities for the provision of higher quality services.

Women's access to family resources improved

The KWN has not directly worked on this issue during 2017, except for the activities already mentioned.

The extent to which EU policies and programs involve a gender perspective improved and oversight from a gender perspective related to EU policies and programs in Kosovo improved

The KWN has continued to provide technical support to the EU delegation, Ministry of European Integration, Agency on Gender Equality at the Prime Minister's Office, Officers for Gender Equality for inclusion of the gender perspective in Pre-Accession Instrument (IPA) programs in Kosovo, including the planning and implementation phases. As part of this, the KWN has also supported the development of the Gender Action Plan of the EU delegation for the period 2016-2020 in Kosovo.

Meanwhile, through the support of the KCK, the KWN has given a contribution from the gender perspective to the progress reports, the European Reform Agenda, the political dialogues and the National Programme for the Implementation of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (NPISAA) in Kosovo. Also, in November, the KWN published the document of policies *Kosovo's Progress in approximation of its laws with the EU laws on gender equality*.

The document is drafted by two well-known European lawyers and experts of gender equality, Sylvia Cleffle Divellec and Katahrina Miller, and it assesses the approximation of Kosovo laws with the *Acquis* on Gender Equality of EU.

The document identifies shortcomings and provides recommendations for a better harmonization of the Kosovo laws with the *Acquis*.

In addition, KWN in close consultation with its members, WCSOs, partners and other interested stakeholders, has drafted the *Strategy for Integrating Gender Perspective in Kosovo's EU Accession process*. This strategy will lead the future advocacy of the KWN and its partners towards the advancement of gender perspective in the process of accession to EU. Whilst the Strategy is focused on Kosovo, it also deals with a regional perspective, by taking into consideration the similarities with the situation in WB Countries and the EU approach to their accession processes, as well as their potential regarding the joint advocacy, in cooperation with partner WCSOs in the region.

For the next year is planned the publication of three documents with respect to the change of modalities of EU funds available for women's organizations, inclusion of a gender perspective in the financial and development documents of the Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) Instrument and the assessment of implementation of the Gender Action Plan 2016-2020 (GAP II) of the Council of the European Union.

EVALUATING KWN'S WORK

In every event and training that has been organized during 2017, KWN members have assessed the work of the KWN through questionnaires (full results are available upon request). Assessment of the work of KWN will be performed by the members of the organization during the Annual Assembly, and the results will be included in the final report, that will be published in 2018. The report will also contain the latest information on the progress made by the KWN on the implementation of the Strategy for the period 2015-2018.

KWN FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

The following financial report contains information up to 30 November 2017.

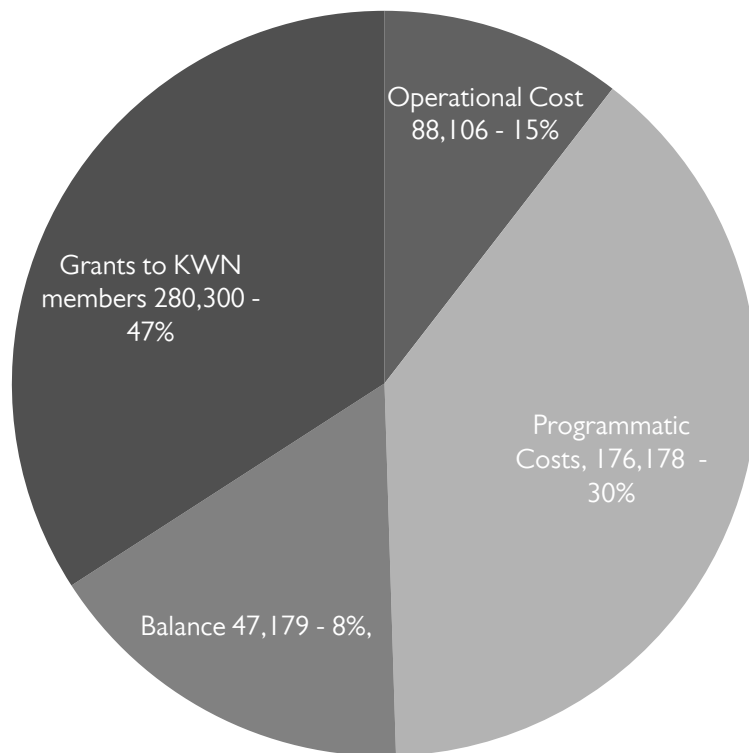
The revised and audited financial report will be provided in the last version of the annual report in 2018.

Donors	Project Title	Funds Received in 2017	Grants to Members through KWF	Total Expenditures	Remaining for 2018
Austrian Development Agency 8299-01/2014 (15.12.2014-30.12.2017)	Advancing Women's Rights Initiative	135,762	43,408	87,104	5,250
External Action of the European Union 2014/354-401	Strengthening the role of Women's Civil Society Organizations in Promoting Women's Human Rights and Political Participation	102,309	56,434	37,869	8,006
Kvinna till Kvinna KO01SID16-31005 (01.01.2016-31.12.2017)	"Furthering gender equality in Kosovo's EU Accession Process"	42,681		32,478	10,203
Kvinna till Kvinna BN55SID16 (01.09.2017-31.12.2017)	Gender Mainstreaming in IPA Programing in Western Balkan Countries	6,315		6,315	-
UN Women 00096919	Supporting Women Survivors of Sexual Violence	221,605	180,457	37,648	3,500
EU Office in Kosovo IPA (01.03.2017-31.12.2017)	Gender Mainstreaming Assistance for IPA2016 Programming in Kosovo	55,382		37,967	17,415
Swiss Contact / Promoting Private Sector Economy (01.04.2016-30.05.2017)	Property Rights Project	14,620		14,620	-
GMBH GIZ 83207641 (21.09.2015-	Legal and Administrative Reform in Kosovo	516		516	-

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Action for Mother and Children	Coalition for health and sexual -reproductive rights	1,767			-
Individual Donations through EWMI	Sustainability Fund	1,074			1,074
Heart and Hand Foundation	Sustainability Fund	877			877
KWN membership fee	Sustainability Fund	320			320
KWN individual donations	Sustainability Fund	8,534		8,000	534
Total		591,763	280,300	262,517	47,179

Total funds 2017	591,763	100%
Operational Costs	88,106	15%
Programmatic Costs	176,178	30%
Granted to KWN members	280,300	47%
Balance to be carried over to 2018	47,179	8%

KWN Operational and Programmatic Costs by Percentage in 2017



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11	Center for Education and Community Development - Friends	Qendra e Kulturës, Kati i II-të, Mitrovicë	Valbona Sadiku
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14	Dera e Hapur(Open Door)	Tringë Smajli, Nr. 72, Prishtinë	Belgjzare Muharremi
15	Dora Dorës(Hand to Hand)	Rr. Mbreti Zog, Nr. 59, Prizren	Vjosa Curri
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27	Flaka	Rr. Skenderbeu, Lipjan	Melihate Dedushi
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36	Gratë Beyond the Rainbow	Prishtinë	Valbona Voca
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38	Hendifer	Rr. Ramadan Rexhepi, Nr. 1, Ferizaj	Fazile Bungu
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41	Iniciativa për Integrim të Komuniteteve (IPIK) (Initiative for Integration of Communities)	Prizren	Shemsije Krasniqi
42	Instituti i Psikologjisë Aplikative "Alpha" (Institute of Applied Psychology "Alpha")	Rr. Josip Rela, No. 29 (afër shkollës fillore "Meto Bajraktari"), Prishtinë	Neki Juniku
43	Iniciativa e Femres Kosovare (Kosovar Women's Initiative)	Gjakovë	Eranda Kumnova Baçi
44	Iniciativa Rinore për Integrim (Youth Initiative for Integration)	Rahovec	Besime Rrustemi Bytyqi
45	Kelmendi	Fshati Lipë, Zveqan	Valbona Kelmendi
46	Komiteti i Grave të Verbëra të Kosovës (KGVK) –(Committee of Blind Women of Kosova)	Bregu i Diellit, Rr. Gazmend Zajmi, Ndërtesa e Standardit, Prishtinë	Bajramshahe Jetullahu
47	Konvita	Dolak, Vushtri	Merita Selimi
48	Klubi i Basketit me Karroca (KBK) "Marsi" (Basketball Club with Wheelchairs "March")	Prizren	Nafije Gashi
49	Klubi Social Jeto (Social Club Live)	Prishtinë	Vjosa Shehu
50	Legjenda (The Legend)	Viti	Melihate Osmani
51	LIRA	Prishtinë	Valire Buza
52	Lulebora	Mentor Retkoceri, Nr. 9b, Prishtinë	Selvete Gashi
53	Lulishtja (Garden Flowers)	P. F. Keqekollë, Dabishevc	Sadije Dulahu
54	LUNA	Prilluzhë, Vushtrri	Stanica Kovacevic
55	Malësorja	Rr. Fan Stilian Noli, Prishtinë	Shehrije Gërbeshi
56	Mbrojtje të Drejtat e Tua (Protect Your Right)	Rr. Hime Mushkolaj, pn, Decan	Merita Binakaj
57	Medica Kosova	Rr. Luigj Gurakuqi 39, Gjakovë	Veprorre Shehu
58	Mundësia (Opportunity)	Rr. Vëllezërit Dragaj, Nr. 4, Mitrovicë	Hasime Tahiri Hasani
59	MEDIKA BL	Kalabria	Bukurije Leti
60	Ne Jemi Pjesë e Botës (We are a part of the World)	Rr. Lidhja e Pejës Pn, Pejë	Gjylfidane Morina
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68	Parajsa Jonë (Our Paradise)	Babush i Muhaxherëve, Lipian	Sylbije Sahiti
69	Partners Kosova Center for Conflict Management	Dardania, SU 1/2, Kati i tretë, Nr. 11, Prishtinë	Shukrije Gashi
70	Prehja(Repose)	Rr. 28 Nëntori, Pn, Skenderaj	Ajnishahe Halimi
71	Psikoterapeutet në Veprim(Psychotherapists in Action)	Rr. Dardania, Nr. 1, Gjilan	Sevdije Musliu
72	Qendra e Grave Optimiste(Optimistic Women's Center)	Prishtinë	Emine Mehmeti
73	Qendra e Grave për Zhvillim Rural (Women's Center for Rural Development)	Bostan, Novobërdë	Shefkije Mehmeti
74	Qendra Kosovare për Luftimin e Kancerit të Gjirit JETA/VITA(Kosovo Center for fighting Breast Cancer JETA/VITA)	Rr. Tringë Smajli, Prishtinë	Nafije Latifi
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87	RIKOTTA	Rr. Adem Gllavica, Nr. 48, Prishtinë	Pranvera Bullaku

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90	Ruka + Ruci	Ugljare, Fushë Kosovë	Nevenka Rikallo
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93	Shoqata e Avokatëve NORMA(NORMA Lawyers Association)	Rr. Afrim Vitija, Nr. 3/1, Prishtinë	Valbona Salihu
94	Shoqata e Femrave me Aftësi të Kufizuara "Femrat për Femra" (Association "Women for Women with Disabilities")	Rr. Zahir Pajaziti, Pn, Prizren	Drita Vukshinaj
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96	Shoqata e Fermerëve dhe Fermerëve "Rukolla" (Farmers' Association "Arugula")	Prugovc	Sanije Berisha
97	Shoqata e Fermerëve dhe Fermerëve "Shpresa e Llapit" (Farmers' Association "Hope of Llapi")	Podujevë	Selvete Fetahu
98	Shoqata e Grave "Begatia" (Women's Association "Prosperity")	Fshati Klinë e Epërme, Skenderaj	Hyra Tahiri
99	Shoqata e Grave "Medica Gjakova"(Women's Association "Medica Gjakova")	Rr. Fadil Nimani, Nr. 34, Gjakovë	Mirlinda Sada
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111	Shoqata e Gruas "Gruri" (Women's Association "Gruri")	Drenas	Valdete Hisenaj
112	Shpresa & Shtëpitë e Fëmijëve (Hope & Homes for Children)	Taslixhe, Prishtinë	Valbona Çitaku
113	Shqiponjat e Dardanës (Eagles of Dardana)	Kushnicë, Graçanice	Havushe Bunjaku
114	Shoqata e Mamive të Kosovës (Kosovo Midwives Association)	Prishtinë (Klinika Gjinekologjike-Obstetrike QKUK)	Magbule Elezi
115	Top Radio	Rr. Sadik Pozhegu, Gjakovë	Violeta Dema
116	Together in Progress	Rr. Tringë Smajli, Prishtinë	Arbëresha Maloku
117	Tradita e Gruas në Kosovë (Woman's Tradition in Kosovo)	Gjilan	Lirije Orana
118	Udruzenje Zena - Povratnica "Nas Dom" (Association of Women-	s. prekovce bb, 16000 Novo Brdo	Vesna Stajic

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121	Violetë	Barilevë, Prishtinë	Bedrije Shala Pireva
122	Vita - Jeta	Rr. Lidhja e Prizrenit, Nr. 132, Prishtinë	Ajshe Nuhiu
123	Vullneti i Grave	Rr. 2 Maji, Studime, Vushtrri	Lirije Haziri
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Annex 1. Kosovo Women’s Fund Grants in 2017

Name of Organization	Project Title	Amount	Information on the initiative	Outcomes of the initiative
10th Round				
Action for Mothers and Children	Advocacy for expanding the information curriculum at the Women's Health Information Centers and staff training at the Centers	3,995.00€	22 medical professionals were trained on post-natal depression topics; they are also engaged in lecturing on the topic in Mothers' Classes. The “Mothers’ Classes” Center has been opened at the Main Family Medicine Center in Prizren. Also, information video on postnatal depression was developed	A meeting with representatives from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Prishtina was held to establish continuous cooperation between AMC and the University through engagement of students in AMC projects. Through advocacy with the Head of the Department of Maternal and Child Health at the Ministry of Health, post-natal depression was integrated into the education curriculum in the Classes for Mother.
Psychotherapists in action	Empowerment of women, victims of sexual violence and torture during the conflict in Kosovo, in the Gjilan region	3,595.00€	There were identified 30 survivors of sexual violence during the war in the Gjilan Municipality and 180 women were made aware of their rights. Also, these women were offered psychological sessions according to their needs and requests.	There were held advocacy meetings with the officials of local institutions as well as with Employment Center officials in the Municipality of Gjilan, through which 11 women, survivors of sexual violence were employed.
Kosovar Gender Studies Center	Gender equality towards EU accession	3,000.00€	Capacity of 33 representatives of 8 non-governmental organizations from the Municipality of Prizren was increased. 40 training participants became aware of advocacy, gender integration, as well as gender equality in the process of accession of Kosovo to EU.	Advocacy meetings were held with the officials from the Ministry of European Integration (MEI) and officials of the Municipality of Prizren. Through these meetings was raised awareness on the application of gender sensitive policies. KGSC also drafted the guide "Gender Equality in the Process of Kosovo's Accession to EU - Advocacy Guidelines", for which the MEI and Municipality of

				Prizren expressed their commitment to use with dedication.
Institute Alpha	Protection of human rights and of the rights of women imprisoned in Kosovo through their socializing.	3,985.00€	Six trainings were held with 20 women imprisoned in Lipjan Correctional Institution on topics: Communication Skills, Conflict Resolution Skills, Overcoming Frustrations, Stress and the overcoming of it, Emotional Processing, Phobias and ways to overcome them.	Advocacy meetings with Officers at Lipjan Correctional Institution were held in relation to the field of human rights realization and protection.
Norma Lawyers' Association	Empowerment of women through increase of institutions' transparency	3,995.80€	Informative meetings were organized for 300 women and girls from municipalities such as: Prizren, Ferizaj, Podujeva and Gracanica. At these meetings participants were informed about their property and inheritance rights.	The Kosovo Judicial Council and the Notary Chamber of Kosovo were sent requests for review of closed property and inheritance cases in four basic courts: Prizren, Ferizaj, Podujeva and Gracanica. Based on these reviews, the data, problems and difficulties faced by women during the realization of their property rights have been analyzed. Based on the data collected from the review, there was drafted a report on the findings, which was presented at the roundtable.
NGO Bliri	Be part and help prevent centuries' long diseases	2,990.00€	There were organized 20 informative meetings during which 263 women and girls from the Municipality of Drenas became aware of their health rights and the importance of health care.	Advocacy meetings were held successfully at the Main Family Medicine Center in the Municipality of Drenas, as well as free of charge gynecological and mammography services were offered to 28 women and girls.
NGO Rona	Advocacy for empowerment of women farmers in the villages of Malisheve	3,972.00€	10 informative meetings were organized for 125 women of the Municipality of Malisheve, who were made aware of their rights and possibilities of financial benefits and support for the development of households in agriculture.	Advocacy meetings were held with the Gender Equality Official, and together was prepared a Strategic Plan for the Development of Women Farmers and the Possibilities of Support by the Municipality of Malisheva. As a result of this initiative, 11 women have taken the liberty to open small family businesses for the cultivation of medicinal plants, as well as the processing of fruits and vegetables.
Women's Initiative Association	Time for a new political spirit	3,995.00€	Informative meetings were held in 5 villages of Dragash Municipality regarding the importance of participation of women and girls in municipal decision-making processes, and were attended by 150 women and girls of this municipality.	36 women and girls of this municipality became members of different political parties.

Handikos Mitrovica	Empowerment of women with disabilities through raising their awareness of their property rights	3,946.00€	8 informative attended by 100 members, were organized with persons with disabilities, from Mitrovica, Vushtrri and Skenderaj during which they were informed about their inheritance and property rights	10 individual cases were reviewed and analyzed in individual sessions between lawyers and members with disabilities, during which the necessary documents for further proceedings for realization of the right to inheritance and property, were prepared.
Women's Association "Krusha e Vogël"	Advancement of women and girls in rural areas	3,000.00€	5 advocacy meetings were held at the Directorate of Education, the Vocational Training Center, the Directorate of Economy and Rural Tourism, the Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Directorate of Social Welfare, during which it was advocated together with 12 beneficiaries of the initiative regarding the municipal programs for support to women. During this initiative, were also held training sessions for milk processing for 10 women and 2 men.	4 of the training beneficiaries are employed at the milk collection point of this association. Besides them, 8 women registered at the Employment Center, 2 of which were employed (hair dressing salons and accountancy). Also, 2 women applied for subsidies (greenhouses) and 2 other women applied for agricultural equipment at the Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development.
NGO Foleja	Raising the level of health education on the importance of family planning and reproductive health	3,675.00€	16 trainings on reproductive health and its importance were organized for 167 women and girls of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Communities from the villages of Prizren Municipality.	Successful advocacy meetings were held with the Director of the Regional Hospital in Prizren, and there were ensured free of charge x-ray gynaecological services and pap tests for 30 women from these communities.
Medica Kosova & Djepi i Buzëqeshjes (Cradle of Smile)	Supporting the access of single mothers affected by war to agricultural subsidy programs	7,915.00€	20 trainings were held for 40 women who are single mothers from the Municipality of Gjakova on their opportunities and rights to benefit from state subsidies. Also, advocacy meetings with local institutions were held to have the women benefit from agricultural subsidy programs.	10 women applied to benefit subsidies from the Municipality of Gjakova, on which occasion one woman benefited a greenhouse and a motor cultivator, 6 women benefited motor cultivators, as well as 1 woman benefited beehives and other beekeeping accessory equipment.
Center for Protection and Rehabilitation of Women and Children "Liria" and Legjenda(The Legend)	Raising the position of women in peace-making processes and gender budgeting	7,927.25€	Trainings were held with 41 officials from Ferizaj and Klokot Municipality. In addition to training, officials also gained knowledge through exchanging experiences with officials from the Municipality of Kamenica.	As a result of this initiative, the Municipality of Ferizaj drafted gender policies. This Municipality now is at the stage of Mid-Perm Planning Framework, as well as of gender analyses related to unemployment.
Artpolis & The Center for Promotion of Women's Rights	Recognition and promotion of reproductive health rights and sexual	7,983.00€	There were held awareness sessions and various activities, in which 130 women and girls from the Municipality of Pristina and Drenas were	Partner Organizations advocated at the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology for including sexual education in educational curricula of secondary

	education through art and engagement of youth		made aware about reproductive health and sexual education rights.	schools.
11th Round				
Moder Woman	Health and Sexual and Reproductive Rights	2,989.00€	There were carried out Information, education and counseling activities on sexuality, reproductive health, and sexually transmitted diseases as well as abortion, and early pregnancy. They have advocated the Ministry of Health, through a public letter, for better implementation of the Law on Reproductive Health in Kosovo. This public letter contains recommendations made during the meetings held with respect to this law.	They have advocated with 8 officials, representatives of local and central health institutions through public letters for the better implementation of the Law on Reproductive Health in Kosovo. They also informed 75 girls, elementary, secondary school students and students of various universities about reproductive health, sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, abortion and early pregnancy.
Women's Association "THEY"	My right to Property	2,324.50€	They informed women from rural areas of Vushtrri regarding their rights to inheritance. Also, the women who were interested in registering the property on their name were given the contact details of notaries, and they were informed about the procedures to be followed.	85 women and girls from the Municipality of Vushtrri were informed about their rights to inheritance. Also, 4 women initiated the procedure for registering the property on their name or in joint ownership with their spouses.
Women's Association "Krusha e Vogël"	You, too, create a business, don't hesitate	2,440.00€	They have trained women and men regarding the preparation of applications and the way of applying for subsidies in the Municipality of Prizren. They have also supported and assisted the women in opening small family businesses.	They have advocated at the Agriculture Directorate to allocate grants equally to women and men. This association trained 20 women and 5 men for applying for subsidies and support from the Municipality of Prizren, where 10 of these women prepared their applications to apply to the Agriculture Directorate during the next call. In addition, with the support of this association, 6 women opened small family businesses.
Center for Promotion of Women's Rights in partnership with the Center for Promotion of Healthy Family	Empowerment of women survivors of sexual violence during the war, in realization of their legal	7,305.00€	Meetings were held with women and men where they were informed about the legal procedures and mechanisms for the status of a civilian victim of war. Assistance and support was provided to complete the application for obtaining the status of a	120 women and men were informed about specific rights guaranteed by law (pension rights, housing and rehabilitation rights, as well as education rights). 120 women were trained to complete the documentation for obtaining the status of a civilian victim; these women are ready to complete the

	rights.		civilian victim.	application form. In addition, 50 personal stories have been documented for crimes committed during the war in Kosovo.
Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired Persons	Raising awareness to support the blind and visually impaired persons	3,753.50€	Meetings with local and central level representatives were held to create the opportunity to provide municipal support to the blind and visually impaired persons in the areas of education, health, spatial planning, employment, vocational trainings and gender equality. Also, meetings and counseling sessions were held with the family members of the blind and visually impaired persons in order to raise the awareness about the support of these persons and the equal treatment of the blind in the family.	They have successfully advocated at the Directorate for Education in the Municipality of Rahovec where 4 blind children joined the Special School for the Blind in Peja, and 1 visually impaired child registered in regular primary school, as well as there were ensured classes/premises for carrying out courses for improvement of writing-reading using the Braille alphabet. Also there was successfully advocated at the Directorate of Urbanism in this municipality, where the road traffic for the blind is introduced in the urban plan for the next year. Further, 46 blind persons from Rahovec Municipality and villages around that area were informed about their rights in health, social and legal fields as well as 50 family members of these persons were informed about the proper treatment of the blind and their equal treatment within the family.
Partners Kosova	Women's advocacy for their property and inheritance rights.	3,532.00€	There were held one-day presentations and joint presentations with women's groups from the Municipality of Drenas and Mamusha. In the joint meetings, besides the beneficiaries of the project, have taken part the representatives from relevant institutions for property and inheritance rights. Also, Partners Kosova, on a monthly basis, has carried out monitoring of registry offices within these municipalities,	85 women and men were informed about their property rights as well as the legal ways to be followed in cases where division of property and inheritance is sought. There have been 8 monitoring visits to the Registry Offices and the Cadastre to see how many properties are being registered in the name of women and the extent of the respect of legal deadline for registration of property.
The Committee of Blind Women of Kosova	More rights for the blind women	3,370.00€	A campaign to raise the awareness of blind persons and their families regarding the rights of blind persons in education has been held. Also, there were held advocacy meetings and roundtables with representatives from MEST as well as municipal deputies. Further, the CBWK	20 women and men were informed about their rights in education that are guaranteed by Law 04 / L-092.

			held a media debate on this issue and prepared brochures in the Braille alphabet.	
Mitrovica Women's Association for Human Rights	Decision-Making Women	2,175.00€	Meetings were held with political party leaders who will share the list of women-candidates who will run in the local elections of 2017. Trainings were held on topics such as: Communication, Debate, Public Presentations, and Leadership. After the trainings, public presentations were made possible to the candidates.	There were informed and trained 14 new candidates regarding the leadership skills during the election campaign, organized during October. Further, 4 new candidates from the 2017 election list, participating in these trainings, became members of the Municipal Assembly in South Mitrovica.
Organization of Persons with Muscular Distrophy of Kosovo	Medical care is good when everyone has access to it	2987.50€	Lectures will be held, and health visits will be organized for women with special needs, they will be led by gynecology, urology, cardiology and dentistry specialists. During the lecture meetings, participants will be provided with questionnaires about their satisfaction and their needs regarding health services. After their analyzing, advocacy meetings will be organized at the responsible institutions.	In progress
Vita Jeta	Diabetes in elderly people	2,741.10€	Lectures will be held on topics such as diabetes, food, therapy, hygiene of persons with diabetes, self-control and awareness for participants from the age groups between 50-80 from the villages of Matiçan, Kolovicë, Bërnice, Shashkovc and Mramor of the Municipality of Prishtina. In addition to lectures, measuring of glucose with glucometer for about 400 people from the abovementioned villages will take place. Also, based on the data on the needs of beneficiaries, advocacy will be made to provide them with a more specialized medical treatment at the respective ambulances in these areas.	In progress
Center for Women's Empowerment	Economic empowerment of women-single mothers	2,780.00€	There will be prepared a book with about 40 stories of mothers- heads of household based on which advocacy will take place at the roundtable at	In progress

			the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, MPs, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, etc. for a faster response of the justice system to the implementation of the Family Law, which guarantees women's rights, more specifically the review of alimony and property cases, what will significantly improve the financial and housing situation of women - heads of families and their children.	
Luna	Women's Health and Freedom of Movement	2,987.50€	Workshops will be held with women and girls of the Serb and Roma community regarding the importance of their health rights, with special focus on carcinogenic diseases. In addition to the trainings, during this initiative will be advocated for two very important issues for the women of the villages Prilluzhë, Gracë and Plemetina of the Municipality of Vushtrri: 1) Provision of gynecological services in family medicine centers and 2) Provision of transport from these villages to the city.	In progress
Together in Progress	From Mothers-Advocacy for women farmers of the Municipality of Gjakova	2,996.00€	There will be created three focus groups with the following topics: 1) Empowering the livestock / agricultural economy; 2) Empowering and assisting women with livestock economy by public institutions; and 3) Subsidizing opportunities for these businesses. In each focus group will be participating women project beneficiaries, civil society representatives, officials from the Directorate of Economy and Development and Directorate of Agriculture, as well as the Gender Equality Officer at the Municipality of Gjakova. After the publication of the report (findings of focus groups) two meetings will be organized with the Directorate of Economy and Directorate of	In progress

			Agriculture, to discuss the results by focus groups and the impact of the focus groups on the change of policies for women farmers.	
Initiative for Integration of Communities	Improving of women's and girls's position through their involvement in the decision making process in the Municipality of Dragash	2,535.00€	Two trainings will be organized with 40 women and girls from Dragash Municipality with topics such as civic activism, advocacy and ways of identifying, addressing and advocating for specific issues. After the training, meetings will be held to identify at least two important issues for which they will organize a roundtable for advocacy to representatives of local institutions in this municipality.	In progress
Lulishtja (Graden Flowers)	Promotion of women's rights and empowerment of their role in probate proceedings	2,757.50€	Informative meetings will be organized for women and girls from the villages of Dabishec, Hajkobilë, Glllogovica, Marec and Dumosh of the municipalities of Prishtina and Podujeva. In these meetings, participants will be informed about their property and inheritance rights. Also, the women who will be interested in registering the property on their name will be assisted with information about the procedures to be followed	In progress
NGO Bliri	Raising the awareness of the youth about reproductive health	2,985.00€	Information sessions will be organized for 400 secondary school students on topics such as: Health Care, Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, as well as for phenomena of the Century such as AIDS, Drugs and Smoking. In addition, information sessions with women and girls on diseases such as breast and cervical cancer will be organized. Bliri will also organize advocacy meetings with project participants, as well as with local health institutions, where they will advocate for free-of-charge gynecological visits and services.	In progress
Divine Woman	Raising the awareness of	2,530.00€	Informative meetings will be organized for women and girls	In progress

	citizens about the women's right to inheritance		from the villages of Bresalce, Velekince and Malishevë of the Municipality of Gjilan. In these meetings, participants will be informed about their property and inheritance rights. Likewise, after each session, the project beneficiaries will be provided with contact details of the lecturer / jurist in order to assist them in the realization of their right to property and inheritance.	
Social Club Live	Easier acces of women to justice in cases of property disagreements or disputes.	2,222.00€	There will be organized 12 awareness-raising meetings with 150 women and girls in the municipalities of Gjakova, Junik and Deçan. In these three municipalities, series of four education sessions will be organized in order to raise the awareness of women and girls of these municipalities regarding their access to justice, more exactly about mechanism of mediation. There will also be held three meetings with the Centers for Social Work of these three municipalities in order to identify the cases involving women and who are able to use the mediation procedure to resolve disagreements or disputes in their cases property. Participants will also be informed about the provision of assistance in realization of their right to property and inheritance by the project manager who is a licensed mediator.	In progress
Handikos Mitrovica	Easier access of woman/girls with disabilities to health case	3,531.25€	There will be organized 8 lectures with 100 members of this organization regarding the topic "Access of women / girls with disabilities to health care". Also, 10 individual sessions will be organized between the beneficiaries of the lectures and the doctor, where the medical services needed for reproductive and	In progress

			maternal health will be provided, as per the needs of the persons with disabilities. Also, advocacy meetings will be organized with project participants and as local health institutions, where they will advocate for providing better visits and health services for people with special needs.	
Kosovo Center for Development and Multicultural Integration	Economic Empowerment of Youth from the non-majority communities: Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian, with focus on Girls	3,705.00€	They will identify about 50 graduate students from Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities for whom will be organized trainings in relation to topics: CV Writing, Intellectual physical appearance and readiness and meetings with the Employer. In addition to these trainings, for the beneficiaries will be organized also English language courses, courses for computers as well as courses for the speaking skills. Further, the organization's staff, along with the beneficiaries, will advocate at local institutions in the Municipality of Gjakova for providing opportunities of internship in these institutions as a key criterion for their employment.	In progress
Girls Coding Kosova	"#Walk Freely v.3.0. – Cooperation with Kosovo Police"	4,000.00€	They will conclude an agreement with the Kosovo Police to report sexual harassment through the # EcShlire/Walk Freely app, the platform of this application will be installed at the main station of the Kosovo Police. This organization will also train the Kosovo Police staff to use this application and the harassment data reported through it.	In progress
Education Code	Gratë sipërmarrëse	3,642.00€	They will hold trainings with the women running small businesses from the municipalities of Fushe Kosova, Obiliq and Gracanica on topics: Creating and developing micro businesses, Women's problematics in business and their overcoming, and Impact of property issue on business	In progress

			activities of women. In addition to the trainings, the staff of this organization will organize visits, as well as monitoring and advisory sessions for women in business. The "Education Code" will also advocate at the Ministry of Economic Development in order to increase the number of trainings, monitoring and support for the businesses of these women, and will request from the MAFRD to organize information and advisory sessions in the municipalities of Fushe Kosova, Obiliq and Gracanica, prior to grant schemes and subsidies, so that the women entrepreneurs from target municipalities can be informed about ways of further developing agricultural and artisanal businesses.	
Institute of Applied Psychology "Alpha"	Protection of human rights and of the rights of women imprisoned in Kosovo through their socializing. (II)	3,845.00€	Will hold trainings with women imprisoned in Lipjan Prison on topics: Feelings of Guilt, Techniques and Ways of Eliminating Concerns, Increasing Self- Confidence, Forgiveness and acceptance, Positive Change of our behavior and people around us. In addition to the trainings for inmates, Alpha Institute staff will also work with the Correctional Institution staff of Lipjan, and will advocate for providing more opportunities for work and recreational activities for prisoners.	In progress
Association for Education and Family Care	An educated woman, a healthy society	3,815.00€	There will be conducted 12 workshops with women and girls from Gjakova Municipality regarding their awareness on their rights and importance of health care. During the implementation of this initiative, a questionnaire will be conducted with about 400 young girls regarding their health knowledge. Also, free gynecological visits will be organized for women and girls involved in this project. AEFC	In progress

			will also advocate at the Health Directorate for opening a gynecological office for young girls.	
Rikotta & Women's Association "Gora"	Make yourself aware that your health is important for the society	5,958.00€	There will held two five day training sessions for about 50 project beneficiaries by the gynecologist and oncologist. During these trainings, topics such as: Transmissible Sexual Infections, Contemporary Family Planning Methods, HIV / AIDS, Usage of Contraceptives, Health Services provided at FMCs in this case in Prizren, as well as Malignant Diseases - breast and cervical cancer. Advocacy will take place at the Ministry of Health, the Directorate of Health in the Municipal Assembly of Prizren as well as the Institute of Public Health, where will be made possible for women in need to be exempted from fees and participation for different check ups such as Pap Test and mammography test and there will be provided a room with gynecological equipment at the FMC in Reçan and a gynecologist.	In progress
Naš Dom (Our Home) & Qendra e Grave për Zhvillim Rural (Women's Center for Rural Development)	Improving of local policies from the womens' perspective	7,980.50€	Training of about 30 women from Albanian and Serbian communities from the municipalities of Gjilan, Novobërdë and Kamenica will be held on topics such as: Raising women's awareness on the importance of their participation in decision-making processes and Creating better relations and communication between the holders of rights and persons exercising them. In addition to the trainings, an informal inter-municipal body will be set up, and it will create a working document with priorities of women coming from these three municipalities. Through this document, the informal group will advocate at the local institutions for adopting	In progress

			recommendations from this document.	
Dera e Hapur (Open Door) & Ruka Ruci	Empowering Women Activists from the Community to Promote Women's Rights and Gender Equality through Participation, Information and Social Media	7,955.00€	Trainings will be held with about 20 beneficiaries of the Albanian and Serbian community from villages Dobrotin, Uglar, Laplje Selo, Graçanicë, Hajvali, Bardhosh and Slivovo on topics such as: Use of the Internet, Share of stories, Pointing out Issues, Proposed solutions, Women and Social Security, Self-Care and Required Privacy, Internet Activism and Use of Social Media. In addition, trainings will be held to raise the awareness about local mechanisms and the process of their involvement in decision-making processes as well as sharing of experiences.	In progress

Annex 2. Advocacy Achievements by the Kosovo Lobby for Gender Equality in 2017

Group	Advocacy Initiative	Outcomes achieved	Policies Changed	# of Advocacy Initiatives
Gjilan	<p>1) Advocated for support to women regarding their participation in politics and decision making; Gjilan is now represented by 5 women deputies at the central level (achieved).</p> <p>2) Advocated at the Municipal Education Department for curriculum changes, seeking integration of gender related topics.</p> <p>3) Raising the awareness of women and girls about the right to property and inheritance; 20 trainings on this topic were held for about 150 women. Meanwhile, 12 women have initiated procedures for registering property on their name (achieved).</p>	2	0	3
Istog	<p>1) 60 women and girls have participated in awareness raising meetings on the topic of property and inheritance rights held in rural areas (achieved).</p> <p>2) 5 additional municipal scholarships for girls' studies have been secured (achieved).</p>	2	0	2

Mamushë	1) Advocacy initiative for the provision of citizens with ID cards in two official languages: in Albanian and Turkish (achieved).	1	0	1
Kamenicë	1) Financially assisted to cancer-diagnosed women; the municipality has allocated sums of 110 € to 100 women (achieved). 2) Provided hygienic packages in the amount of 55 € for about 50 single-mothers (achieved). 3) Organized about 25 lectures in rural areas on health and prevention of domestic violence. During these lectures, women suffering from cancer have been identified, and in these cases doctors have continued contact with those women for their treatment purposes (achieved). 4) Supported 2 women for the development of businesses; one woman had her rent amount deducted whilst the other one was exempted from the payment of rent for the premises which belonged to the Municipality (achieved).	5	0	5
Vushtrri	1) Have formed a Volunteer Youth Group, consisting of 15 girls and boys, to support the work of Lobby in the Municipality of Vushtrri (achieved). 2) Have advocated at MCFM for the realization of mammographic check-ups for women who are head of family, on this occasion 40 women did these check-ups (achieved).	2	0	2
Deçan	1) Organized 4 meetings with about 20 women from rural areas to identify the issues they face in everyday life, such as unemployment, domestic violence, lack of gender equality, property and inheritance etc.	0	0	1
Podujevë	1) They are advocating to the Municipality to provide payments for women following their childbirth. 2) Advocating to the Municipality to exempt the single mothers from the payments for the children in pre-school institutions.	0	0	2
Shtime	1) Organized two meetings, attended by about 60 women, on topics: women's support in business and property and inheritance rights, resulting in the	2	0	2

	<p>economic empowerment of 1 woman who opened her business and 1 divorced woman has initiated the case for seeking inheritance from her family of origin (achieved).</p> <p>2) Advocated for tax relief for women who open new businesses, which is now guaranteed by law (achieved).</p>			
Malishevë	<p>1) Advocated for providing a mammogram, but even though it was not secured, managed to have an accessible mobile mammography in the Municipality; 300 women carried out mammogram checks.</p> <p>2) 4 women - head of households were employed, one of them is employed in the position of the school director (achieved).</p> <p>3) 20 women are certified for vegetable conservation by an organization that has provided training in this field (achieved).</p> <p>4) Advocated for increased support to women and girls, resulting with more women benefiting from municipality subsidies for agriculture and scholarships for studies.</p>	3	0	4
Pejë	<p>10 awareness-raising meetings were held with women on the topic of property and inheritance rights (9 of them in villages and 1 in the city of Peja), and were attended by around 100 women (achieved).</p>	1	1	1
Lipjan	<p>Advocating for creation of a budget code for the gender Equality Office within the Municipality.</p>	0	1	1
Mitrovicë	<p>Advocated for the support of women who were in election lists in the last municipal elections, including the only woman candidate for Mitrovica Mayor - Valdete Idrizi.</p>	0	0	1
Viti	<p>1) Avocating for the start of implementation of Gender Responsive Budgeting in the institution of Municipality.</p> <p>2) Economically supported women; 10 new businesses were opened and 5 women's NGOs were formed (achieved).</p> <p>3) Single mothers are exempt from paying for children in public nurseries (achieved).</p>	3	0	5

	<p>4) Advocating for the provision of payments in the amount of € 100 for the women who have given birth and are part of the social scheme.</p> <p>5) Have advocated for tax relief for women who open new businesses, which is now guaranteed by law (achieved).</p>			
Skënderaj	<p>1) 66 scholarships were allocated for students with difficult financial conditions (achieved).</p> <p>2) 3 women victims of domestic violence are accommodated in social housing (achieved).</p> <p>3) 42 farmers have been certified by the IADK (achieved) organization.</p> <p>4) 81 women registered the property on their name and 11 others in co-ownership (achieved).</p> <p>5) 2 fairs were organized (achieved).</p> <p>6) 7 women are employed, 3 of them at the municipality and 4 in the kitchens of different schools (achieved).</p>	6	1	6
Prizren	<p>Advocating initiative for opening a public kindergarten in Prizren, which was very necessary to meet the needs of employed mothers in this municipality (achieved).</p>	1	0	1
Fushë Kosovë	<p>1) Training for property and inheritance rights was organized in Kamenica, Drenas, Fushë Kosovë, Sllatinë and Vushtrri, and was attended by around 100 girls and women.</p> <p>2) Allocated 11 relief packages for the families in need in Fushë Kosovë; the families have been selected based on the data of the Social Welfare Center (achieved).</p> <p>3) 3 women were informed and orientated to attend training with employment opportunities offered by the SHE-ERA organization.</p>	2	1	3
Suharekë	<p>1) 6 women have participated in roundtables organized by KDI during the municipal elections, regarding the topic of women's participation in politics and decision-making.</p> <p>2) There have been organized discussions with responsible actors at the municipal level on Gender Responsive Budgeting.</p> <p>3) In the last municipal elections, the</p>	3	0	5

	<p>number of women elected as assembly members is increased; this year there are 10 women assembly members, of whom 8 have been selected without the impact of the quota.</p> <p>4) Using the funds that were foreseen for gifts on 8 March (Women's Day) in the municipality, 10 additional scholarships for the students of our municipality were secured (achieved).</p> <p>5) Mobile mammography devise was purchased (achieved).</p>			
Kllokot	<p>1) Awareness of women on their property and inheritance rights was raised by organizing 4 meetings attended by around 100 people (achieved).</p> <p>2) The class of children with special needs, with 12 children attending school was continuously supported; school supplies and other gifts were provided to them; further on 28 November a lunch was organized for them, etc. (achieved).</p> <p>3) At the municipal level, several days trainings were offered to women on various topics such as use of internet, marketing through social networks, etc., with around 208 women attending (achieved).</p> <p>4) About 8 women NGOs have been supported in drafting project proposals (achieved).</p>	4	1	4
Novobërdë	<p>1) The Safe House (shelter) has been opened for women and children who are victims of domestic violence; KFOR has provided the equipment (achieved).</p> <p>2) In a village of the municipality are provided additional classes for children of the Roma community, whereupon a girl from this community was employed.</p> <p>3) International Organization IOM has supported the project of 2 women's organizations aimed at supporting the elderly who live alone. Through this project were employed 3 women in total from the Albanian, Serbian and Roma communities, who will take care of these elderly people (achieved).</p> <p>4) 2 women and 1 man are employed in the Agriculture Directorate, with the</p>	4	0	4

	support of the Resi project (achieved).			
Drenas	<p>1) About 170 women have had free gynecological visits (achieved).</p> <p>2) Advocacy took place at the relevant municipal directorates for the economic empowerment of women, whereupon more women have applied for benefiting municipal grants, greenhouses etc., and as a result more women have benefited.</p> <p>3) The number of women participating in politics and decision-making has increased, and now there are 5 women leading municipal directorates and 5 women are school directors (achieved).</p>	2	0	3
Dragash	<p>1) The municipality has supported 5 women - heads of household, with 100 € (each) - (achieved).</p> <p>2) The advocacy initiative for the construction of a public nursery that has been missing in this municipality, which is expected to start functioning soon (achieved).</p> <p>3) Regular bus line Dragash-Prizren and vice versa was secured (achieved).</p>	3	1	3
Gjakovë	<p>1) Advocacy initiative for amending the Law on Ecological Tax, which is still in progress.</p> <p>2) Advocated for the issue of non-formal education and recognition of diplomas obtained from this type of education (achieved).</p>	1	1	2
Ferizaj	<p>1) Successfully advocated for every woman who gives birth to a child to benefit € 100 (achieved).</p> <p>2) Supported 120 poor families with food and hygiene packages as well as clothing (achieved).</p> <p>3) Advocated for the women with disabilities and single mothers to take the advantage of allocation of social housing, whereupon 4 families have benefited (achieved).</p> <p>4) Managed to cover the funeral expenses for all citizens of the municipality (achieved).</p>	4	0	4
Obiliq	<p>1) 4 single mothers with supported by subsidies (achieved).</p> <p>2) 2 single mothers have been financially supported for medical treatment</p>	2	0	2

	(achieved).			
Junik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Advocacy initiative for women's support and their economic empowerment. 2) Advocacy initiative for opening sale center of traditional foods prepared by women. 3) Advocacy initiative for having more women employed at the Municipality institution. 	0	0	3

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