

**KOSOVA WOMEN'S NETWORK
ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

KWN MISSION

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

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

For more than a week I have been trying to sit down and write this letter. However, I constantly find my mind wandering back to the negotiation talks regarding Kosova's final political status, which started in fall 2005. I am not only concerned as to where Kosova is headed politically, but also if half the population will be part of such an important decision. Since the negotiation talks began, not a single woman has been involved on the team of seven that is negotiating on behalf of Kosova, and Serbia only has one woman representative.

For the last few months, I have been in a state of shock and disbelief. I am shocked that after all of the years of raising our voice for peace and freedom, representing Kosova internationally, delivering humanitarian aid to villages under siege, providing healthcare, and supporting our communities however we could, our leaders have "forgotten" to include us at the decision-making table. I cannot believe that numerous representatives of the United Nations Security Council, which signed resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, ensuring women's role in decision-making, have failed to implement this resolution - both in Kosova and in other post-conflict countries. I am disappointed that our frequent efforts to advocate for the resolution's implementation in Kosova, described later in this report, have frequently fallen upon deaf ears.

Again and again we have attempted to make our voices heard. We have met with our political leaders, advocating for them to bring women to the negotiation table. We have written letters to the Security Council, foreign governments, and individuals responsible for the negotiation process. We have called upon UN resolution 1325 as a legal document that guarantees our involvement in political decision-making. And, once again, no one seems to be listening in a way that results in change.

I find hope in the fact that the negotiation process is not yet over and some local and international leaders have promised to include women in the negotiations. Perhaps 2006 will be a year when decision-makers' promises result in action. I also feel encouraged by KWN members' dedication to change. I am encouraged by their motivation to work although it's increasingly difficult for them to find financial support. Despite the professional sometimes personal challenges they are facing, members continue to be dedicated to KWN efforts towards peace-building and improving women's position in Kosova. I am also encouraged by our local and international partners who continuously support us, make our voices heard, and further our efforts towards change.

Sincerely,

Igballe Rogova



INTRODUCTION

About Us

The Kosova Women's Network (KWN), established in 2000, was originally an informal network of women's groups and organizations from various regions in Kosova. Since its inception, KWN has developed into a network that advocates on behalf of Kosovar women, at the local, regional, and international level. Representing the interests of 85 women's organizations of all ethnic groups from throughout Kosova, KWN is a leading network in Kosova and the region. Several of KWN's network members have over ten years of experience in community development. Network members contribute to changes in their communities by focusing on issues such as education, health, public participation, violence against women, trafficking, economic development, and support for people with disabilities. They also provide diverse services to women and men in their communities, which include courses, trainings, counseling, and the exchange of information. As needed, KWN members unite to advocate on behalf of citizens' interests at the local and central level.

Strategic Objectives

KWN's strategic objectives for 2005 - 2008 are to:

- Ensure equal, effective, and active participation of women and girls in Kosova's political, economic, and social development
- Advocate for women's human rights in all spheres of life in Kosova
- Empower Kosovar women through solidarity and mutual support within Kosovar society; and,
- Enhance the participation of Kosovar women's groups and organizations within regional and international networks as well as in advocacy efforts.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD 2005

Naxhije Buqinca - Chair
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World Learning - Albania

Marta Prekpalaj
Director, Motrat Qiriaz

During the December Annual Membership meeting, according to KWN policies, an election was held for two new members as Luljeta Vuniqi and Marta Prekpalaj had served their two-year term. Marta Prekpalaj was re-elected and Besim Kajtazi from the Ministry for Public Services was elected in place of Luljeta Vuniqi.

Our Partners

Partnering with other local and international, governmental and non-governmental organizations in Kosova and abroad has added to the successfulness of KWN activities. Through their respect and dedication towards the achievement of our goals and objectives, our partners have always supported the effective realization of KWN projects.

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

Our Supporters

KWN successfully realizes its projects thanks to the dedication and support it receives from organizations and individuals who contribute morally, technically, and materially. We would like to thank the following organizations for their support in 2005:

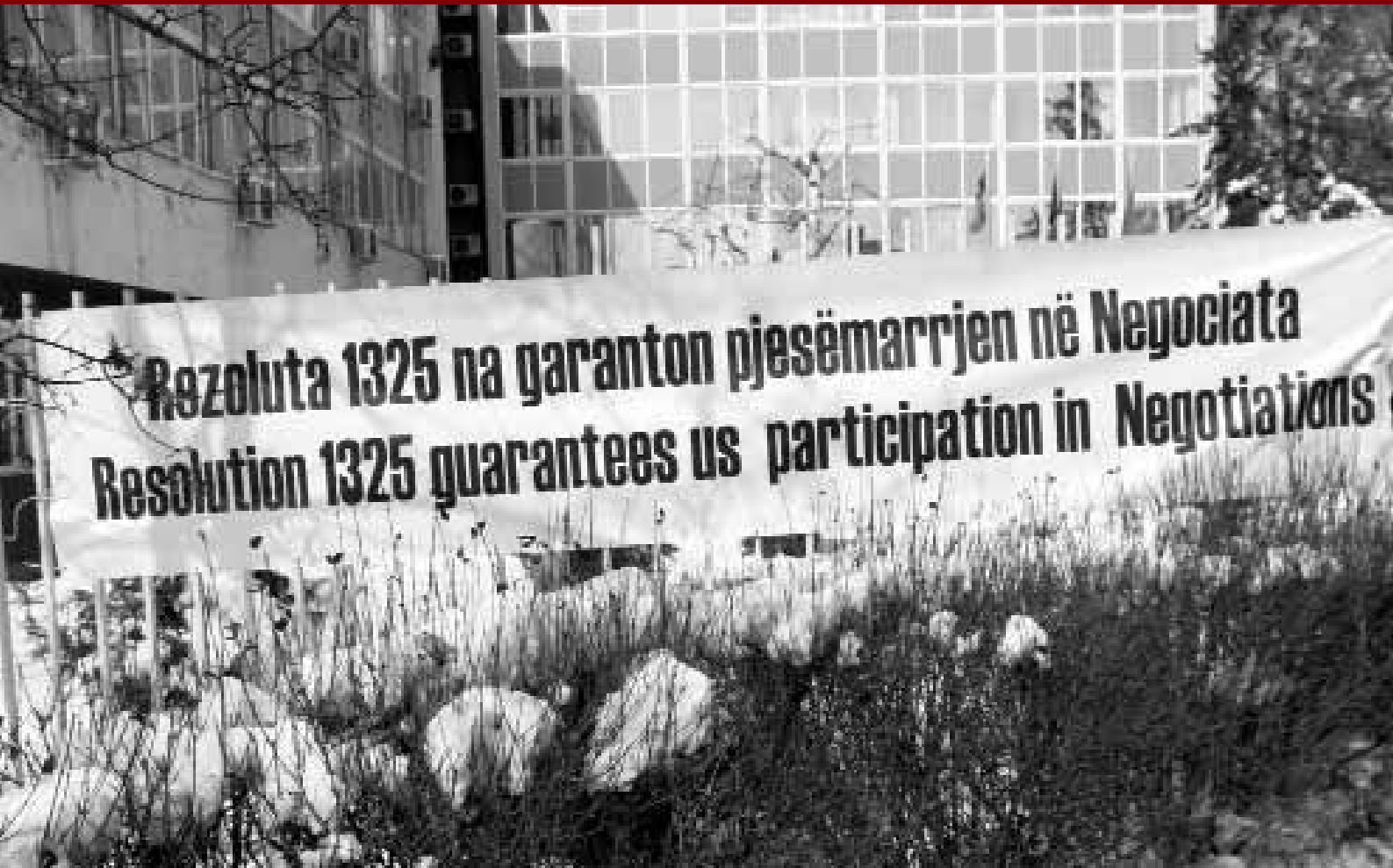
Kvinna till Kvinna (KTK)
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
Urgent Action Fund (UAF)
World Learning

About this Report

The KWN Annual Report serves to inform KWN's members, partners, and friends of its activities and achievements from January to December 2005. The program and activities report is divided according to the different key areas on which KWN focused its efforts in 2005: efforts towards implementing UN resolution 1325, increasing women's political participation, local and international networking and information exchange, and women's health. This report also includes an overview of the initiatives planned for 2006, as well as contact information for KWN members and staff.

In 2005, KWN undertook programs towards implementing United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 in Kosova; worked to increase women's political participation; networked and shared information locally and internationally; and, provided information about women's health.

IMPLEMENTING UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1325



Rezoluta 1325 na garanton pjesëmarrjen në Negociatë
Resolution 1325 guarantees us participation in Negotiations

This year, 31 October marked the fifth anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security. The landmark resolution calls for greater involvement of women in conflict resolution and peace-making efforts. In past years, Kosovar women have used the resolution to advocate for meetings with UN Security Council delegations to Kosovo and in letters to decision-makers. As Kosovo entered into negotiations concerning its final political status this fall, the resolution's implementation became an even greater priority for KWN. In 2005, KWN utilized the resolution to advocate for women's legal and democratic right to participate in negotiations, which will affect them and the future of their society.

Forming a Regional Coalition for Implementing UNSCR 1325

In April 2005, women activists from the region gathered in Skopje, Macedonia with support from UNIFEM to share information, continue discussions, and strategize about how to implement UNSCR 1325 in the region. This came after two prior meetings on the same topic in Prishtina in January 2004 and Sarajevo in October 2004. During the meeting, RTV21 screened a documentary that was made during the regional workshop in Sarajevo. This was the first documentary film ever produced on UNSCR 1325. In the film, regional women leaders spoke about the importance of the resolution and how they have used it. The documentary was aired on RTV21 as well as in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, and New York by UNIFEM and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in United Nations (DPKO). After airing the film, RTV21 organized a debate in which KWN members and government representatives discussed the film and implementing UNSCR 1325 in Kosovo.

Reporting on UNSCR 1325 Implementation in Kosovo

Starting in May, KWN and Zene Zenama (Sarejevo) cooperated to research and write a report on the degree to which UNSCR 1325 has been implemented in Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina with support from UNIFEM. In Kosovo, KWN and UNIFEM interviewed different local and international, governmental and non-governmental organizations about their efforts to implement UNSCR 1325, including United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) Special Representative to the Secretary-General (SRSG) Søren Jessen-Petersen. KWN and Zene Zenama sent a summary of the draft report with recommendations to the United Nations - NY on the resolution's fifth anniversary on 31 October. The draft report is being revised and will be sent to the UN and other decision-makers by the end of 2006. As a byproduct, the interviewing process raised awareness in the government about UNSCR 1325, supported the transfer of information between governmental and non-governmental bodies, led to new partnerships, and supported the establishment of a gender unit within the Kosovo Protection Corps.



Meeting with the UNMIK SRSG

On 10 May, KWN and the Kosova Women's Lobby sent a letter to SRSG Søren Jessen-Petersen requesting that women be included in the negotiation team for Kosova's final political status and that he meet with women regularly to discuss this and other important issues, as per UNSCR 1325. Soon after, Kosova women from politics and civil society began meeting with SRSG Søren Jessen-Petersen once every three months, bringing their voices and concerns into decision-making. During these meetings, KWN and other women continuously raised the issue of including women in Kosova's final status negotiations.

Meeting with UN Officials in New York

On 28 September, in a meeting organized by UNIFEM, five KWN representatives met with UNIFEM and top Department of Peacekeeping Operations in United Nations (DPKO) officials, including Wolfgang Weisbrod-Weber, DPKO Director of the Europe and Latin America Division. KWN representatives presented their concerns regarding the lack of gender mainstreaming in UNMIK and women's participation in status talks. DPKO officials agreed to future cooperation and said that they would influence the agenda of high level missions to ensure that they scheduled official meetings with women's organizations in the future.

Meeting with UN Special Envoy Ambassador Kai Aide

In September, Kosovar women met with UN Special Envoy Ambassador Kai Eide. Women activists started the meeting by discussing the issue of including women in talks concerning Kosova's final political status. Ambassador Kai Eide replied jokingly, "Do not talk to me like men." Local activists were shocked and responded by saying that UNSCR 1325 gives them the right to speak about Kosova's final political status. They emphasized the importance of involving women in final status negotiations.

Amnesty International Supports KWN's Call for 1325 Implementation

In a public statement made on 31 October, Amnesty International called upon "the respective parties" to "include women and minority communities in final status talks." More specifically, the organization stressed the need to include women in the expert working groups. After referring to specific articles of the resolution in relation to Kosova and negotiations, Amnesty International went on to voice its support for KWN's earlier calls to involve women in the final status process, towards more sustainable solutions for Kosova's future. For the full text, see: <http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGEUR700172005?open&of=ENG-YUG>.

Informing Kosova's Future Strategy for Internal Security

On 10 November, KWN participated in an Internal Security Sector Review (ISSR) Consultative Group meeting to assist in analyzing short and long-term needs for developing internal security for Kosova after its final status is determined. The ISSR is an eight-stage process to analyze short and long-term needs for developing internal security for Kosova after its final status is determined. As part of this group, KWN will continue to work with representatives from different sectors to inform, review, and validate the ISSR process, which relates to UNSCR 1325, article 15.

Swedish KFOR Implements UNSCR 1325

Swedish KFOR invited KWN to learn more about women activists and their work in Kosova. Representatives from the Swedish military base, Finnish and Czech KFOR, and Kosova Police Service attended. This followed a preliminary meeting between Swedish KFOR and Kvinna till Kvinna, where KFOR representatives expressed their interest in meeting with women activists. At the meeting on 22 November, Igballe Rogova spoke on behalf of KWN about the work of women in politics and NGOs before, during and after the war. She also explained the current political, economic and social position of women in Kosova. Despite the fact that it took six years for such an invitation, KWN welcomed this initiative on behalf of Swedish KFOR and Kvinna till Kvinna. KWN strongly encourages peace-keeping forces around the world to take similar steps towards UNSCR 1325 implementation.

Regional Meeting on Peace and Security

In December 2005, the KWN Executive Director joined women political leaders in the region in Dubrovnik, Croatia to discuss peace and security. They focused on Kosova and Serbia, discussing ways to use UNSCR 1325 to ensure the involvement of women from both countries in decision-making.

Awareness-raising about the UNSCR 1325

Since UNSCR 1325 was passed, Kosova women activists have worked to raise awareness about the resolution and how it could be implemented in Kosova, locally and internationally. During bimonthly KWN meetings, the 85 network members regularly discussed the resolution and its implementation. KWN often writes articles about UNSCR 1325 in its quarterly e- and print newsletter Kosovar Women's Voice, which reaches nearly 5000 readers. In addition, KWN and KWL regularly inform citizens about UNSCR 1325 through the electronic and print media; hundreds of debates, interviews, and articles about UNSCR 1325 have been written and/or televised since the resolution was passed.

Advocating for Women's Participation in Kosova's Final Political Status Talks

In spring 2005 and on the fifth anniversary of resolution 1325, KWN met with and sent letters to the Prime Minister, SRSG, and United Nations demanding that women take part in negotiations on Kosova's final political status, set to begin in fall 2005 (see www.womensnetwork.org for the letters). Prime Minister Kosumi replied to the letter saying that the cabinet and ministers are aware of the importance of cooperating and consulting with civil society actors. Kosova Women's Lobby sent a similar letter.

INCREASING WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION



In addition to advocating locally and internationally for the implementation of UNSCR 1325, KWN was also active in bringing women's voices into political decision-making. In 2005, KWN representatives advocated on various issues, cooperated with local and international governmental bodies on different initiatives, and worked to link women experts with political decision-makers.

Meeting with the Prime Minister

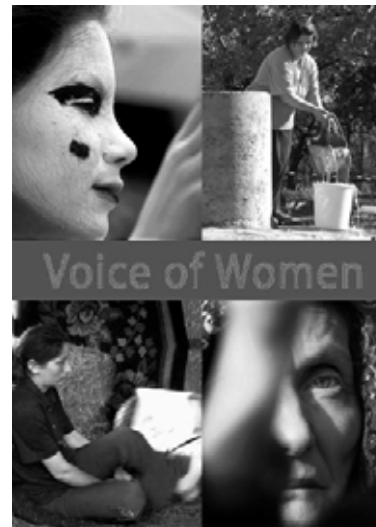
On 6 April, members of KWN's Board of Directors and the KWN Executive Director met with Prime Minister of Kosova Bajram Kosumi to discuss the government's implementation of the National Action Plan for Gender Equality, the Prime Minister's Office for Gender Equality, and women's involvement in negotiating Kosova's final political status.

Kosovar "Women's Voice" Research Publication Released

On 7 April, the study "Women's Voice" was launched on International Health Day. The study examined what ordinary Kosovar women of all ages, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds feel are major concerns in Kosova and in what ways they feel they are treated unequally or their rights are not respected. The study aimed to support advocacy efforts associated with the Kosova Action Plan for the Achievement of Gender Equality. Local women's NGOs provided advice and guidance for the study's approach, research tools and data analysis. KWN played a particularly substantial role in all stages of the study. This study was developed and funded by UN agencies.

World Bank Regional Conference in Greece

On 27 - 28 May, the KWN Executive Director joined the official Kosovar delegation, as a representative of civil society in a World Bank regional conference on "Labor Markets, Poverty Reduction Strategies" held in Thessalonica, Greece. The leader of this delegation was the Minister of Economy and Finance. During the KWN Executive Director's speech, she described the current economic situation and provided recommendations for improving investment and the overall economy.



KWN contributed to the "Voice of Women" publication, which was released on 7 April.

“Know Your Rights” Campaign

On 29 November 2004, KWN launched a campaign entitled “Know Your Rights,” which aimed to inform Kosovar citizens about their rights and the existing legal gender mechanisms available to them. Five famous Kosovar performers used skits and songs to explain situations in which gender mechanisms could be used. The stories were based on true accounts from Kosovar women. The performance was repeated in Prizren and Mitrovica. In 2005, the campaign continued with performances in Gjakova, Ferizaj, Peja, Gjilan, Dragash, Romaje, Suhareke, Vushtrri, and Prizren. UNIFEM sponsored the campaign and RTV21 provided media coverage.



Edona Reshitaj, Teuta Kurti, and Alba Loxha perform “Speak Out!” during the “Know Your Rights” Campaign.



During the KWN “Know Your Rights” Campaign, the audience could ask questions and speak out about issues they were facing.

Coalition to Reform the Electoral System

On 8 July, the new coalition to reform the election system organized a roundtable on the subject of election trends in Kosovo and proposed changes to the current electoral system. KWN participated in the organizing committee, cooperating to prepare a broad coalition similar to the Reforma 2004 coalition, which sought to change the electoral system last year.

KWN Members Representing Shelters Meet Minister of Labor and Social Services

On 15 July, KWN members met with the Minister of Labor and Social Services, Minister Selmanaj, to bring his attention to the absence of appropriate legislation addressing gender based violence. Since the war in Kosova, an institution has yet to regulate gender based violence. KWN members noted that the law on social services had not been fully implemented, and shelters were not included in the Kosova consolidated budget. They also informed the minister that UNMIK's Department of Justice is obligated by law to help and support cases in reaching the shelters, which means that the Provisional Institutions of Self Governance (PISG) and UNMIK use the services of the shelters without supporting them financially. Minister Selmanaj said that the institutions are willing to support and help them, but the issue requires a commitment from both sides. He proposed and agreed to arrange a meeting with the parliamentarian group on Health and Social Welfare to address this problem in the highest lawmaking body.

Report to UN on Violence against Women in Kosova

In October, six KWN members contributed to a report written by the Kosovar Gender Studies Center and submitted directly to the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women in New York that includes information about some factors contributing to violence against women in Kosova; data from and good practices on behalf of NGOs working on this issue; and recommendations for future steps to be taken by the UN, UNMIK, local government, and NGOs.



KWN members meet with the Minister of Labor and Social Services, Minister Selmanaj, to discuss safe houses and gender based violence.

Involvement in Other Political Processes

During the summer, as a representative of civil society, KWN was involved in the first working group meetings for transferring the Ombudsperson Institution from the UN to a Kosova local institution. KWN also took part in a working group called "Legal Experts and Institutional Panel for Future Legal System," as one of the stakeholders in the future Legal Aid System for Kosova. On 15 July, KWN participated in a meeting organized by the Division for Gender Issues within the Prime Minister's Office for Good Governance, on the subject of "Draft Strategy for Human Rights in Kosova," emphasizing the chapter on women's rights. KWN has actively participated in these meetings since they were established.

NETWORKING AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE



In 2005, representatives of KWN networked locally, regionally, and internationally, exchanging experiences through conferences, workshops, meetings, and study visits.

Networking among KWN Members and Partners

On 3 December 2004, KWN held its second annual membership meeting in Prishtina. At the meeting, KWN members elected two new board members and evaluated the work of the network in 2004. Members also discussed the network's strategy for 2005.

By 2005, the network's membership had grown from 70 to 85 members, making KWN the largest network of non-governmental organizations in Kosova and the region. KWN held a total of five bimonthly coordination meetings, on 7 February, 4 April, 6 June, 5 September, and 7 November. These meetings provided a forum for members to receive updates on KWN programs, exchange information and experience with each other, liaise with international organi-



At the KWN annual membership meeting on 3 December, three members won items for their office during a raffle.

zations and institutions, and initiate joint activities.

KWN held its third annual membership meeting on 3 December where members evaluated the network's work in 2005, elected two board members and made recommendations for the KWN 2006 strategy on topics that included network empowerment, women's political empowerment and advocating for women's rights.

KWN Information Program

KWN continued to develop its information program in an effort to keep members and partners locally and internationally informed regarding the network's and members' initiatives. The spring, summer, and autumn 2005 quarterly issues of the KWN newsletter, "Women's Voice" were widely distributed both electronically and in hard copy in three languages: Albanian, Serbian, and English. In addition, the website received a new look in 2005. It is updated regularly and includes information about KWN activities as well as NGO members. It has links to partners, publications, and other useful information. KWN also has a new e-mail address: info@womensnetwork.org.

KWN Staff Capacity-Building

On 21 July, the newly hired KWN staff members attended a one-day in-house training. First, they discussed how to write project proposals. Second, they discussed the history and partners of KWN in order to better answer incoming questions in regards to the network. Third, in cooperation with the consultant, KWN staff members created a draft information and outreach strategy for 2005 and 2006.

Urgent Action Fund Visits Kosova

On 16 December 2004, Urgent Action Fund (UAF) representatives from the United States met with members of KWN in Prishtina. UAF representatives contributed to discussions on establishing a Kosova Women's Fund.

Cooperating with Regional Counterparts to Prepare for Beijing +10

On 12 - 13 December 2004, KWN sent three women to participate in the NGO Forum for the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Regional Preparatory meeting for the Beijing +10 Reviews in Geneva, Switzerland. The main themes of the Beijing +10 review were: women in the economy, institutional mechanisms to promote gender equality, trafficking of women in the context of migratory movements, and emerging issues. The participation of Kosovar women in Geneva was financially supported by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Networking and Sharing Experiences at Beijing +10 in New York

In March 2005, delegates from Kosova, Luljeta Vuniqi, Igballe Rogova, Sevdije Ahmeti, and Fehmije Gashi attended and participated in the Beijing +10 conference in New York. During the conference, the KWN Executive Director presented at three events. First, Urgent Action Fund launched its report, written by Jane Barry, titled "Rising Up in Response: Women's Rights Activism in Conflict" at a NGO side event and at the United Kingdom mission to the United

Nations. At both of these events KWN Executive Director spoke about how international organizations should treat women and local activist in post-conflict countries. She also presented Kosovars' experience implementing resolution 1325. Second, KWN representatives participated in an Open Society Institute event titled "Advocacy Efforts for Beijing +10 Countries in Post-Socialist Transitions." Third, KWN Executive Director attended a Women Waging Peace discussion in which Ambassador Anwarul K. Choudhury spoke about his experience in Kosova in 2001 as head of the UN Security Council delegation. She publicly applauded Ambassador Choudhury for his work in pushing for and towards implementing resolution 1325.



During the Beijing +10 conference in March, KWN Executive Director Igballe Rogova speaks, among other delegates, at a panel discussion held at the Open Society Institute, New York.

KWN Delegation Visits U.S. through Participant Training Program

Through the USAID-funded World Learning Participant Training Program, a nine-member delegation from KWN visited leading women's advocacy groups in the United States from 17 September to 1 October. The trip, organized by PeopleWork and the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society (Albany, New York), sought to enhance the delegation's advocacy skills and develop concrete ways to strengthen cooperation with women leaders from politics and the private sector. The groups with which the KWN delegation met included: in Washington, D.C. - Emily's List, the National Women's Political Caucus and League of Women Voters; in Albany, New York, New York State Lieutenant Governor Mary O. Donahue, the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, TV Station WNYT Channel 13,

Equinox, The Legal Project, United Way Foundation, Global Democracy Programs, Women's Fund of Northeastern New York and the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society; and, in New York City, the National Council for Research on Women, the White House Project, Equality Now, Open Society Institute, New York State Representative Deborah Glick, Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, UNIFEM, Ms. Foundation and the Office of U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton. The KWN delegation spent one weekend with the Albanian American Women's Organization Motrat Qiriazhi at an "Empower Yourself" retreat at Jeronimo Resort Center where they combined relaxation and healing with professional and personal development.



Prime Minister Bajram Kosumi, U.S. Chief of Mission Phillip Goldberg and USAID Director Ken Yamashita congratulated KWN representatives for completing the participant training program.

Sharing Experiences for Women's Global Strategies

On 10 - 13 September, KWN Executive Director presented the network's work at the "Women's Global Strategies for the 21st Century" international conference in New York.

AWID "How Does Change Happen?" Conference in Bangkok

On 28 and 29 October, more than 1,800 participants from 120 countries gathered in Bangkok to discuss "How Does Change Happen?" at a conference organized by the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID). Five Kosovar women participated. During one session in which she was a speaker, the KWN Executive Director stressed the importance of involving women in decision-making in post-conflict situations

KWN participates in AWID "How Does Change Happen?" Conference in Bangkok in October.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Helping to Create Support Groups for Breastfeeding Mothers

Starting in October 2004 through March 2005, KWN members participated in the "Women to Women Support Group for breastfeeding mothers." The project was conducted in cooperation with UNICEF, the Kosova Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) Working Group, and local NGOs. The

UNICEF-funded project aimed to increase the exclusive breastfeeding rate by establishing functional and sustainable "women to women" support groups. The groups primarily supported and promoted breastfeeding at the community level.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

During the KWN Annual Membership meeting in December 2005, KWN members decided to undertake the following initiatives in 2006, based on the recommendations made in three working groups: network empowerment, political empowerment of women, and advocating for women's rights.

Network Empowerment

In 2006, the network coordinating office in Prishtina will work to present more information about the activities of individual KWN member organizations through the KWN website and quarterly newsletter "Women's Voice." KWN will meet with members individually to collect and exchange information.

Women's Political Empowerment

KWN created a working group on this issue, which will meet with the government, United Nations, and contact group. In 2006, KWN will reactivate the 30 women's municipal advocacy groups created under the earlier "Political Parties Work for Women" campaign. KWN members will work to raise women's and men's awareness about the electoral system. In cooperation with KWN, they will also increase communication between politicians and voters, not only during election campaigns. The network will continue to advocate for the implementation of UNSCR 1325, especially towards greater inclusion of women in the negotiation process for Kosovo's final political status.



Advocating for Women's Rights

KWN also formed a working group on this issue, which will work to raise awareness about women's health issues, such as breast cancer prevention. The working group will also coordinate with partner organizations to organize a campaign against the trafficking of women, which will include awareness-raising that targets high school students, a media campaign, roundtable discussions, and close cooperation with governmental institutions, especially courts, police, and KFOR.

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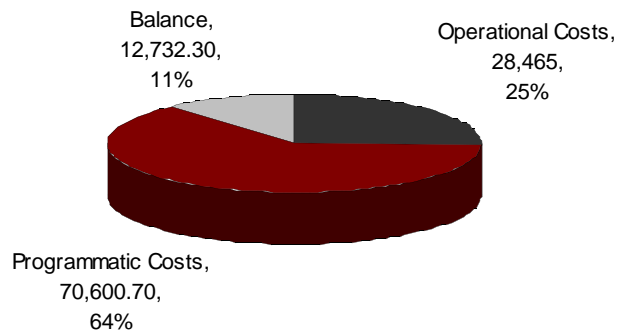
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FINANCIAL REPORT 2005

DONOR	NAME OF THE PROJECT	AMOUNT RECEIVED	AMOUNT SPENT	REMAINING
Kvinna till Kvinna	Strengthening KWN's Capacity for Advocacy	€28,476.00		
Swiss Development Agency for Cooperation		€26,775.00	€55,251.00	€0.00
UNIFEM	Resolution 1325 I	€8,260.00	€8,128.28	€131.72
UNIFEM	Know Your Rights I		€10,799.92	€0.00
UNIFEM	Know Your Rights II	€34,250.00	€22,258.50	€1,191.58
UNIFEM	Resolution 1325 II	€11,409.00		€11,409.00
UNICEF (29,12,04 - 31,03,05)	Women to Women Support Groups	€2,628.00	€2,628.00	€0.00
Total		€111,798.00	€99,065.70	€12,732.30

OPERATIONAL AND PROGRAMMATIC COSTS		
Operational Costs	€28,465.00	25.46%
Programmatic Costs	€70,600.70	63.15%
Total spent	€99,065.70	
Remaining Balance	€12,732.30	11.39%



KOSOVO WOMEN'S NETWORK (KWN)
RRJETI I GRUPEVE TË GRAVE TË KOSOVËS (RRGGK)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To : Igballe Rogova
Executive Director
KOSOVO WOMEN'S NETWORK (KWN)
PRISHTINA

We have audited the costs and supplementary financial data of Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) expresses in EUR, for the period January-December 2005. These financial statements and supplementary financial data are the responsibility of the project's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the aforementioned financial information based on our audit.

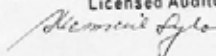
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the reporting forms are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting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

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

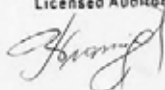
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