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THE KOSOVA WOMEN'S NETWORK MISSION

The Kosova Women's Network (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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KWN OBJECTIVES

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

- Improve women's human rights in all spheres of life in Kosova; and

- Improve and increase cooperation among women's groups and organizations in Kosova, the region, and internationally.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report seeks to inform our members, partners and friends about KWN activities in 2011 towards the achievement of our objectives. The report includes six sections based on the programs identified in the KWN work plan for 2011:

- Increasing women's participation in politics and decision-making;
- Improving women's health;
- Reduction of trafficking and domestic violence;
- Increasing women's participation in regional peace-building
- Building the capacity of KWN; and
- Other Activities.

This report also includes KWN financial report for 2011 and KWN members for 2011.

PROGRAMMES OF KWN

1. INCREASING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS AND DECISION-MAKING

oo On 16 February 2011, in Hotel Prishtina, within the framework of visiting the Albanian women leaders, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) organized the "Women and Politics" roundtable. The aim of the delegation composed of 23 women representative of political parties, women's forums, civil society and media, was to exchange women experiences in politics, their challenges during campaigns, new strategies to fulfill successful advocacy campaigns; establish new contacts, and expand women's network into a regional network through time. In this roundtable the participants had the opportunity to share important lessons with women involved in political organizations, like: the importance of expressing political differences in order to focus in issues of reciprocal interest; the need to have a common powerful voice in political debates; and ways to overcome the political pressures that can come from party leaders, etc. The panelist from Kosovo, Flora Brovina – Member of the Parliament of Kosovo and Igballe Rogova – from the Kosovo Women's Network, asked for empowerment of women voices, democratization of political parties, strengthened discussions on women's position in politics, and many other issues. Panelists from Albania, Mirela Roshi – from the Socialist Party, Irini Shehu – from the Democratic Party, and Edlira Çepani – from AS@N NGO, discussed mainly similar topics, mentioning also the lack of promotion of women in media, as a key factor contributing to the limited number of elected women in the parlia-



KWN representatives attended the roundtable "Women and Politics", on February 16, organized by National Democratic Institute.

ment. There were also discussions among other participant women. They expressed their willingness to meet again in Kosovo or Albania, looking at this as a way through which common challenges can be overcome. At the end of the meeting, NDI-Albania, thanked Kosovo Women's Network for their contribution during 2008 in initiating the Network among women in politics and civil society in Albania.

oo On the 21st of February, KWN organized a meeting with Austrian MEP, Ulrike Lunacek, (Greens/EFA group), the European Parliament's rapporteur on Kosovo and women's rights activists. Mrs. Lunacek talked about the days when



she was herself a woman's rights activist in Austria, and how she later decided to join the politics. Later on she debated on the political situation in Kosovo. Discussions continued with questions and comments by the participants on the lack of democracy, the change of electoral code, involvement of women into the decision making

processes, progress in education, etc. At the end, Ulrike Lunacek thanked all activists for their participation, prom-

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ising that she will continue meeting them in the future. Mrs. Lunacek visited again KWN on 29th of October, during the bi-monthly members meeting. Ulrike Lunacek shared with the members her story as an activist and as a politician. The members had the chance to communicate with Mrs. Lunacek for one hour.

oo On 9th of March, in Hotel Prishtina, FES organized a roundtable discussing issues of women empowerment and the achievement of equality. Women from civil society and politics participated in this roundtable. Mejreme Shema – RRGSK and Flora Macula – UN Women, discussed on women' discrimination, women's rights as a human right and how to continue their strong support. They also mentioned the laws that exist, and which still remain unimplemented by the state. Igballe Rogova – KWN, expressed that women are satisfied with the mechanisms but not with their implementation. She stressed the unemployment problem and the lack of economic development which has big impact on women's health, education and violence against them. She also stressed the importance of collaboration among women in politics and those in civil society. They also discussed about the quotas in parliament, and media approaches. Luljeta Vuniqi, Executive Director of the Kosovo Center for Gender Studies highlighted the importance of media in promoting of women.

oo On 20 April 2011, the President of the Republic of Kosovo, Atifete Jahjaga, met the delegation of the Kosova Women's Network (KWN). KWN expressed gratitude towards President Atifete Jahjaga, precisely on her 36th birthday, on her contribution and dedication towards advancing women position in the Kosovar society, but also her contribution as a past member of KWN Board. On December of 2010, the members of KWN nominated and voted Mrs. Jahjaga as a member of KWN Board and she served to this board until her election as the President of the Republic of Kosovo.



KWN delegation met with President of the Republic of Kosovo, Atifete Jahjaga, on April 20.

oo On the 2nd of July, the KWN delegation visited Dragash Municipality and organized a meeting with the women of Dragash and Opoja. Women, Members of the Assembly, participated as well. Kvinna til Kvinna representative for Kosovo was also part of the KWN delegation. This meeting was a result of the decision taken in the regular meeting organized in June to visit women of Dragash and to support the initiative of KWN on creating an Advocacy Group for Gender Equality. These groups aim at collaborating with women politician and those of the civil society in the local level. During the meetings they discussed problems that women have in this municipality, collaborations among women politician and those of civil society, solidarity among women and their advocacy initiative in improving the women position in the local level. After the meeting there was organized hiking tour through the amazing trails of Sharr Mountain.



KWN delegation during a meeting with women from Dragash and Opoja. The meeting was also attended by women, members of Assembly.

oo Organized 30 meetings every two months of the Gender Equality Advocacy Groups in five municipalities: Gjakova, Prizren, Dragash, Gjilan, and Novo Brdo. The meetings involved in total 140 women from politics and civil society, as well as some men from each municipalities. These meetings were held in Shtime, Prizren, Dragash, Novo Brdo, Podujevo (in addition to the plan foreseen) and Gjakova municipality. The types of issues discussed in the group meetings included:

- Solidarity among women in politics and civil society, including methods and means through which they could support each other towards realizing common goals at the municipal level;
- Violence against women and relevant mechanisms at the municipal level; and
- The upcoming elections at the municipal level and strategies for supporting women's involvement in politics.

Supported the Gender Equality Advocacy Groups to advocate for at least one of women's priorities to be addressed at the municipal level:

oo In Dragash, women identified the issue of insufficient public transport particularly for women. KWN accompanied women to the mayor who said that the municipality had discontinued public transport because "everyone was using cars." Women explained that they were not using vehicles and would prefer to take public transport. As a result, the mayor reinstated the public transportation system which is now functioning and enabling women to travel more freely and independently.

• In Novo Brdo, women were not leaving their houses, so KWN collaborated with the GEAGs, visiting women in their villages and homes. Following these visits, the women came to the next GEAG meeting in Novo Brdo because they realized the importance of meeting together and collaborating on joint initiatives.

• Similarly, in Shtime, no women's organizations existed prior to the project. As a result of meetings with KWN, the GEAG decided to start actively reaching out to and meeting with women around the municipality to hear their concerns. The next step will be organizing to bring women's greatest concerns to the attention of municipal decision-makers. Overall, this year served primarily to activate the communities and they have become energized for working together in 2012 to advocate for common issues.



KWN members in one of member's meeting during 2011.

oo On the 21st of June, the EC-CSO Meeting of experts for Women, Peace and Security Issues (GPS) in the Missions and Operations of EU for Common Policies of Security and Protection (CPDP) was held in Brussels. This meeting for dialogue was organized with the aim of contributing to the implementation of the commitments for women, peace and security issues, in the missions and operations of CSDP and more concretely in the evaluation of the operational document for the implementation of the UN 1325 resolution, reinforced by the UN 1820 Resolution for Kosovo in the

context of ESDP (15782/3/08 REV 3). In the beginning of the meeting the representatives of two countries, Kosovo and Afghanistan, held their presentation and later on the meeting continued with a discussion of all the other members on the extent to which the UN 1325 resolution has been implemented. The panelists who represented Kosovo were Igaballe Rogova, Executive Director of KWN and Brigitte Holzner, Official for Gender Equality in the mission of EULEX.

oo During the visit in Montenegro, in the beginning of July, the Kosovo delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister Edita Tahiri, together with the Member of the Parliament of Kosovo, Flora Brovina, the Political Adviser Gazmir Raci, and Igaballe Rogova, Executive Director of KWN, visited the city of Ulcinj, where they met the Mayor, Gëzim Hajdinaga. Mrs. Tahiri talked about the progress of Kosovo in the state formation process, both within the national and international politics, emphasizing that the Government of Kosovo has just come out of democratic and free elections, and is dedicated to advance in the implementation of its reforms, and in fulfilling national interest for a better life of all its citizens.

oo Advocated for a National Action Plan for the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in Kosova. This included meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Hajredin Kuçi; speaking about the plan on the anniversary of 1325 in a meeting with key stakeholders, organized by the Agency for Gender Equality and hosted by Deputy Prime Minister Hajredin Kuçi and Minister of Internal Affairs Bajram Rexhepi; and emphasizing the importance of such a plan to diverse stakeholders present during the public release of KWN's book 1325 Facts & Fables.

Advocated for UNSCR 1325 implementation by international institutions in Kosova. This included:

- Raising this issue in Brussels in June where the KWN Executive Director told key EU decision-makers that the EU had learned little from the UNMIK's mistakes in Kosovo.
- Involvement in Security Gender Coordination Group meetings where the KWN Executive Director advocated for UNSCR 1325 implementation.
- Organizing meetings between Kosovar women activists and Ulrike Lunacek towards implementing UNSCR 1325 by ensuring that women's voices were heard on various key issues (e.g., visa liberalization).
- Interviews with representatives of nearly 60 diverse institutions with responsibilities for implementing UNSCR 1325

in Kosova (supported by Austrian Development Cooperation), which served to increase their knowledge about their responsibilities as well as to encourage reflection on their work towards implementing UNSCR 1325 over the last 10 years.

oo Distributed broadly the resulting book 1325 Facts & Fables in hard and electronic versions via a public release, attended by 110 people. On 10th of December, KWN released a publication "1325 Facts & Fables". KWN did not initially plan to carry out the research on 1325. However, via voluntary efforts from committed interns and additional funding secured from Austrian Development and Cooperation for some basic research costs and publishing, KWN was able to carry out extensive research on the issue and produce a book entitled 1325 Facts & Fables: A collection of stories about the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security in Kosovo. First, the research itself resulted in increased awareness among many research participants regarding their responsibilities for implementing. Second, the book is already serving as an effective advocacy tool, making women's voices heard in politics and future decision-making. KWN has received extensive positive feedback about the book already, such as:

"I think it should be read in school. This book is exactly what anyone teaching gender rights needs in the classroom. It combines excellent fieldwork with reflections on the emergence and development of the norm of human security."



KWN staff, Board, partners and other stakeholders during a book release "1325 Facts & Fables" on December 10.

- Anna Di Lellio, Ph.D., professor of International Relations at the New School and New York University.

"The report/book on 1325 in Kosovo is wonderful! Seldom you can read such down-to-earth and frank analysis on these issues. I opened the file two hours ago and just could not stop reading."

- Elisa Tarnaala, Gender, Peace & Security Working Group

"I wanted to say that I have found the 1325 book the most accessible and informative of all reports I've read since being in Kosovo. Well done to you and all involved."

- Mary Packer, gynecologist and activist working in Kosovo

oo Another unexpected result was the enhanced solidarity among women, which followed KWN's retreat and strategic planning weekend for the 2012 Strategy in Durres, Albania with KWN members and supporters. KWN received dozens of calls and messages of thanks for the productive weekend, which additionally gave members extra energy for their work.

Further, KWN began an important gender-responsive audit of the budget for implementing the domestic violence legislation in Kosovo. While KWN had hoped to carry out an audit of the budget initially, we did not think we would be able to secure sufficient resources. However, we were later approached by UNDP to carry out this very important gender audit and to make concrete recommendations for improving budgeting processes towards implementing this new legislation. It will be completed in 2011.



KWN members met in Durres for a retreat and work on KWN 2012 strategic planning.

Met with political party leaders to advocate for more women to be appointed to decision-making positions:

- Met with Behgjet Pacolli (when he served briefly as President) on 19 March to advocate for appointing more women to decision-making positions and meeting regularly with women in civil society. KWN also met with Vetvendosje representatives to encourage their inclusion of women in decision-making positions. In a seminar organized by the Kosovo Security Forces, KWN discussed with the Minister ways that he could further gender equality within the Ministry of Kosovo Security Forces.
- Met with Deputy Prime Minister Hajredin Kuci to advocate for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer of AGE.
- Met with Deputy Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs and National Security Edita Tahiri to advocate for women to be more involved in the negotiations process.

2. IMPROVING WOMEN'S HEALTH

oo Support Working and Advocacy Groups within KWN (Health Politics) to establish strategies for the future and fundraise to implement those strategies: KWN held five meetings with the health group, one of which involved a fruitful discussion with group members and UNFPA on potential ways to cooperate towards the fulfilment of the KWN strategy in the future. This working group has drafted an initial strategy and identified other members who will participate in this new group. KWN continued to coordinate with working group members in starting collaboration with UNFPA, which will continue in 2012.



KWN & UNFPA representatives met with Minister of Health, Mr. Ferid Agani.

oo On the 8th of March, the Security and Gender Coordination Group (SGCG) marked its 100th anniversary.

sary of the International Women Day. The member of SGCG organized a protest in front of the National Theater with me motto: "We don't want flowers; we want Security and Quality Health Services". The 8th of March is known as the International Day during which different actions and event take place around the globe to mark the economic, political and social achievement of women. During this day, the activities of SGCG were dedicated to the health of women through advocacy activities such as raising awareness of the public opinion on the health of women in Kosovo. The right to have the highest level of health is a human right which is also part of International Covenant of Human Rights. The aim of this demonstration was to ask the government to secure the health insurance fund and to ensure that the citizens have more quality services in public health institutions. During the meeting there were held two speeches and a monolog which focused on the today's healthcare conditions in Kosovo. The SGCG sent a letter to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Health, and to the Members of the Parliament, which included the above-mentioned demands. During the protests, the citizens had the opportunity to sign this letter.



100th Anniversary of International Women's Day - Protest in Prishtina 8 March 2011

oo On 30 October 2011, on the 'Mother Theresa' boulevard in Prishtina, the Kosovo Center for Fighting Breast Cancer JETA/VITA organized the informative-cultural programme and the march with the motto "Early detection – Survival", where hundreds of Kosovo women and men participated to morally support women who are affected by

breast cancer. In solidarity, the President of Kosovo, Atifete Jahjaga and the head of the municipality of Prishtina, Isa Mustafa, were also present in this activity. KWN has supported the annual campaign against breast and uterus cancer. KWN supported this initiative by distributing information related to the organization of these activities.

oo On the 8th of December, KWN reacted to the budget cut for the University Clinic Center of Kosovo. KWN was deeply concerned that the Government of Kosovo has cut the budget of the University Clinical Center of Kosovo by 2 million euros. If the budget for financing medical services is cut, it will significantly affect the lives of women in Kosovo. KWN research has shown that women in particular tend to lack access to quality medical services, due in part to insufficient finances within their families. While wealthier people can access private clinics, the poor will suffer from these budget cuts. According to World Bank studies, more than 50% of in Kosovo's population lives in poverty, and 12% live in extreme poverty. Limited medical services are provided by Health Houses in municipalities, and the University Clinic Center remains the only provider of some services. In the reaction KWN called for the government to reconsider its priorities. Considering its commitments to the Millennium Development Goals, the government should be seeking to expedite general reforms of the healthcare system and improve the quality of public healthcare available. A healthcare budget of only 52 euros per person per year is insufficient. These budget cuts will only further the country's existing healthcare crisis; citizens, and especially women, will be unable to treat easily preventable diseases. KWN calls on the Government of Kosovo to immediately reconsider this decision.

3. REDUCTION OF TRAFFICKING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

oo KWN collaborated with members of the domestic violence and trafficking group (the Coalition against Family and Sexual Violence, now called the Network of Shelters) to draft a concept note to the UN Trust Fund against Domestic Violence and is organizing another meeting with the Coalition in the near future. KWN supported the Coalition to register as an independent network. They are continuing to operate independently.

oo On The 20th of May, KWN, organized a march to condemn violence and ask for justice. The recent murder of Diana Kastrati (27), deeply concerned KWN and the citizens of Kosovo. This was the fourth case within one year where a woman dies because of domestic violence. During the march the citizens had the opportunity to sign a peti-

tion which was demanding:

1) Immediate reaction of Kosovo Police to find the perpetrator and gather testimonies against him; 2) Investigative treatment of this and other unresolved cases of domestic violence, like the murder of Dr. Igballe Llallosi, which remains unresolved for more than a year; and 3) Commitment of our citizens to actively condemn and openly talk against domestic violence occurring in our own, our neighbor's and our friends households. The petition was send to the Police and the Judiciary Council of Kosovo demanding immediate implementation of these queries. The signatures were collected during the march as well as through electronic post and the webpage of KWN.



Marching to condemn violence and ask for justice, organized by KWN on May 20.

oo On the 28th of June, in the 'Mother Theresa' boulevard in Prishtina, the young artists of the Prishtina Art Academy organized a street performance. The 28th of June marked the 40th day after the death of Diana Kastrati, who was murdered because of domestic violence by his ex-husband, a few meters away from her house. Even today, the murderer has not been arrested. On this occasion the KWN asked all the institutions of justice to precipitate this case and all the other unresolved cases related to domestic violence.

oo On the 1st of July, in Vilnius, Lithuania, the President of the Republic of Kosovo, Mrs. Atifete Jahjaga, was one of the panelists of the "Combating violence against women and trafficking of human beings" session, in the confer-

ence "Women enhancing democracy: the best practices". President Jahjaga talked about the participation and representation of women in all levels of state formation in Kosovo, among others emphasizing the role of KWN in improving women position in Kosovo. At the end of the conference, Kosovo was mentioned by the organizers as a good example of women representation in the Parliament of Kosovo, as well as the legislations aiming at fighting domestic violence and trafficking of human beings.

oo On the 19th of October, the Informal Group of Women Parliamentarians, in collaboration with NDI, organized the roundtable named "The Law for protection against Domestic Violence". After a brief presentation of Mrs. Teuta Sahatqija, the Head of this group, the agenda continued with two panels discussing the topics: 1) Violence and prevention of domestic violence; and 2) Domestic violence – presentation of researches and recommendation by civil society. During the second panel, the Executive Director of KWN, Igballe Rogova, held a speech refereeing to all the researches and recommendations produced by KWN. 'Security begins at home' and 'More than words on paper' reports, can be also accessed through www.womensnetwork.org website. Other participant of this roundtable were also President Jahjaga, members of the parliament, representatives of the government, political parties, civil society, experts, and other representative of international organizations in Kosovo.

oo On 11 October 2011, KWN organized the open debate "Helping our Society – All against Domestic Violence" in the National Library of Kosovo. In the beginning of October, responding to the invitation of the American Embassy in Kosovo, Ms. Julie A. Owens, Southwest Regional Director for the North Carolina Council for Women / Domestic Violence Commission, visited Kosovo.



Marking 16 days of activism. Protest in Prishtina
"Say NO to Violence against Women"

Representatives of the Agency for Gender Equality, near the Prime Ministry Office, Informal Group of Women Parliamentarians, the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Kosovo Police – the Domestic Violence and Abuse against Children Investigation Unit, NGOs, members of Kosovo Shelter Coalition, and other NGOs which work in programmes against domestic violence were among participants to this debate.

oo 16 days of activism against gender violence campaign was organized in 10 municipalities with the help of KWN members. The documentary “Stop Violence”, a production of Prishtina Film supported by UNDP WSSI, was shown in some municipalities, while in others Safete Rogova performed her monologue against domestic violence. This campaign got support by Kvinna til Kvinna.

4. INCREASING WOMEN’S PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL PEACE BUILDING

During 2011, KWN continued networking and collaborating with regional women organizations. KWN and its members participated in various conferences and meetings towards ensuring that Kosovar women’s voices are heard in broader political processes. This included:

oo Supported women’s groups in Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania.

oo On 30 October 2011, in Beçiq, Montenegro, Regional Women’s Lobby, supported by UN Women, organized a meeting with women parliamentarians and activists from Kosovo and Serbia, focusing on the role of women politicians in building sustainable peace, security and justice in Southeastern Europe. Mrs. Tahiri, who leads Regional Women’s Lobby, talked about the dialogue process between Kosovo and Serbia and the challenges she faced while leading the Kosovo negotiation group. During the meeting, they discussed the how to enhance Women Parliamentarian engagement and contribution to political processes that will be held within European Integration framework. More information on the Regional Lobby and its activities can be found in the www.rwlsee.org webpage.

oo Meeting with women in politics and civil society from Albania during a roundtable on women and politics organized by the National Democratic Institute on 16 February at Hotel Prishtina.

- oo Participating in the KtK regional meeting on 7-8 April.
- oo Forging a partnership with Search for Common Ground Macedonia and Women Action in Montenegro towards further women's participation in politics regionally.
- oo A women's organization from Republika Srpska (BiH) visited KWN in November to learn best practices for developing and maintaining a women's network there.



KWN representatives attended 20th anniversary of Women in Black in Serbia.

- oo KWN attended the 20th Anniversary of Women in Black in October, also networking with women throughout the region and celebrating this period of inter-ethnic, cross-border peace activism.
- oo On the 13th and 14th of October, KWN participated in the "Effective internal and external communication of organization" training, organized by the Network of Kosovo Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Women Organizations, in Luks hotel in Mitrovica. Igballe Rogova, Executive Director of KWN, shared her experience on her work and collaboration with KWN. She also provided examples and advices on how the NKRAEWO could create new networks and partnerships. After the training session, NKRAEWO held its seventeenth meeting, and together with its members compiled the platform of the priority objectives of the network. They also discussed about the possibility of making a documentary on early marriages among the communities.
- oo On the 15th and 16th, KWN delegation participated in the regional meeting in Macedonia to discuss the progress on the initiative of establishing Women's Courts in the Balkans. KWN was involved in the regional efforts to estab-

lish the Women's Court in the Balkans. The first meeting was held during October, in Sarajevo (because the KWN Executive Director was denied the visa, she only participated through SKYPE), while the second meeting was held during December. The efforts for creating this Court are part of the next three years strategic plan of KWN.

oo On the 24th of November and 3rd of December, KWN was part of a study visit organized by Kvinna til Kvinna, with young women activists from Kosovo, Israel/Palestine, and Serbia, to exchange ideas and experiences on feminist activism, initiate dialogue and establish personal contacts. The programme included a two days' workshop on feminist leadership, meetings with Israelite and Palestinian organization and an exploratory journey on the Israelite and Palestinian politics and situation.

5. BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF KWN

KWN continued important networking activities. Ongoing information-sharing (the newsletter, website, Facebook, and meetings), coordination (e.g., on joint advocacy initiatives), and cooperation among network members and other stakeholders are crucial for the sustainability of the network. This is also important for ensuring that KWN members as the highest decision-making body in KWN stay actively informed of KWN's activities, monitor progress, and evaluate successes and challenges. KWN meetings provided space for Serb, as well as other minority women, to network, receive support from other activists, coordinate efforts with majority groups, and participate in joint advocacy initiatives. Continued networking with women's organizations and politicians in the region is crucial for furthering women's participation in decision-making processes related to peace and security, contributing to the fifth objective as well as supporting the continued advocacy efforts of KWN at the national and regional level. Achievements include:

oo Compilation of 7 issues of e-news: 1. January and February; 2. March; 3. April and May; 4. June and July; 5. August and September; 6. October; and 7. November and December. They were distributed broadly and received positive feedback;

oo Held information-sharing meetings involving KWN members and stakeholders. In order to continue to be effec-



Members during KWN Members Meeting.

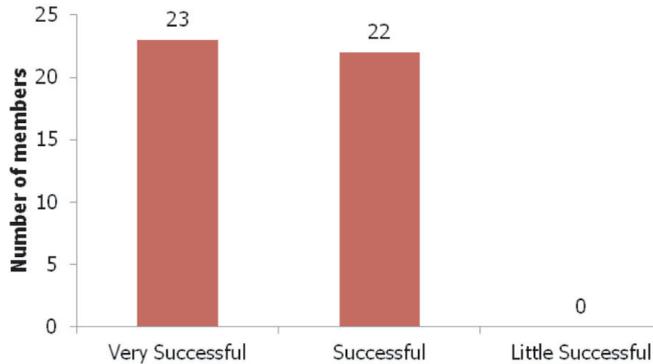
presentation from Organization NOA about new opportunities with the Agriculture Program - financed by USAID, the 16 days against domestic violence campaign organized by KWN (members in different municipalities were involved), the functioning of Shelter Coalition in Kosovo, cooperation with Women in Black and the region for the initiative called "Women's Court", and members activities.

oo Held KWN Annual Membership Meeting on 10 December, attended by KWN members following the public release of the book 1325 Facts & Fables. KWN members discussed activities carried out in 2011, elected two new board members, discussed the work done on the trip to Durres for the KWN statute and the Strategy for 2012, the reactivation of the Deputy Group of Kosova and the strong cooperation with women's organizations, the reaction for the murder of Diana Kastrati, the good cooperation with the Kosovo Police, and evaluated KWN's performance in 2011.

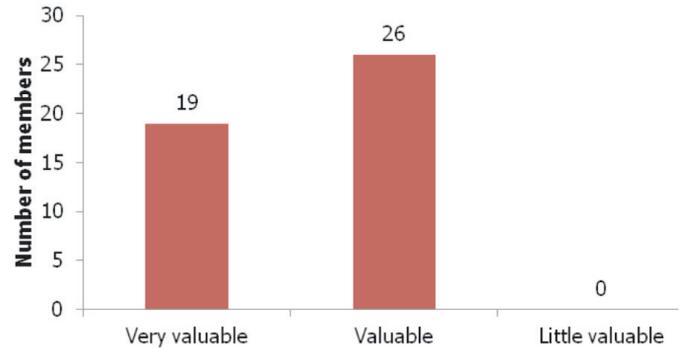
oo KWN has offered services to the members by providing them different information, technical support, assistance in writing project proposals, contact with donors, and help in translation. News about events happening in Kosovo

and the region have been distributed. Quality of KWN services is illustrated from members' annual evaluations:

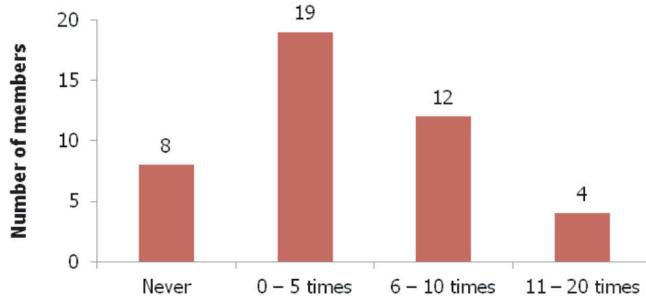
How do you assess KWN services to you?



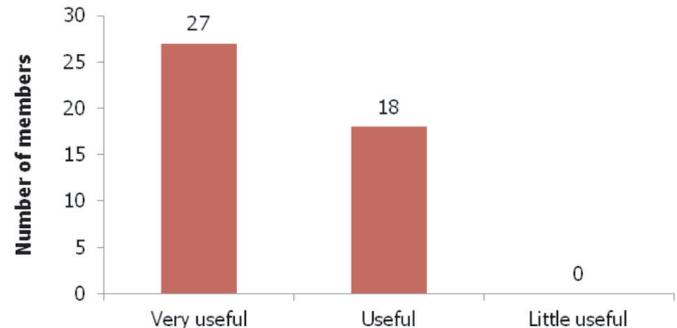
How do you value KWN bimonthly members meetings?



How many times have you been to KWN offices during the year 2011 (visits, meetings, etc.)?

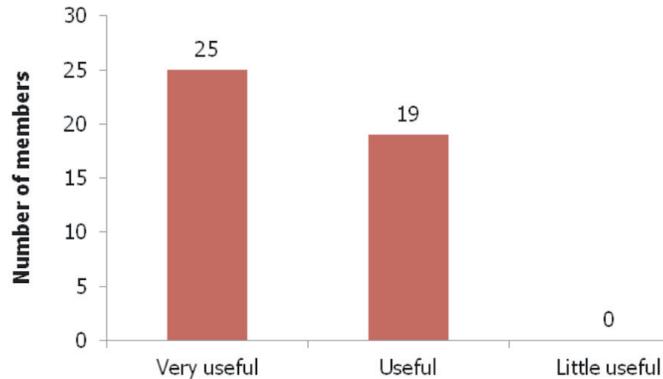


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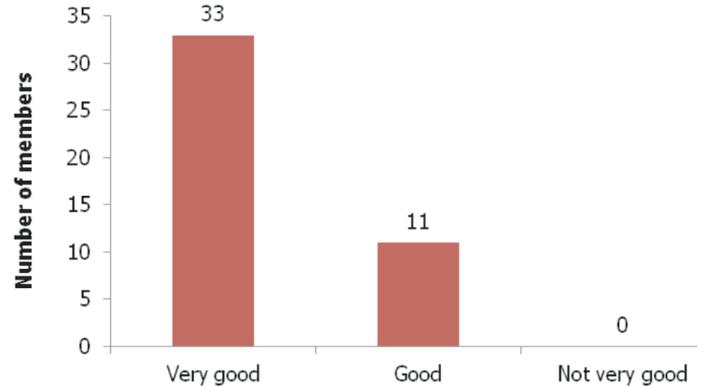


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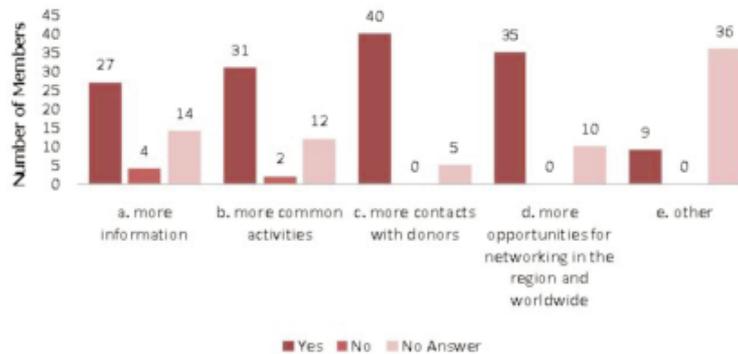
How useful is for you the KWN web-page?



How do you assess the work of KWN staff?

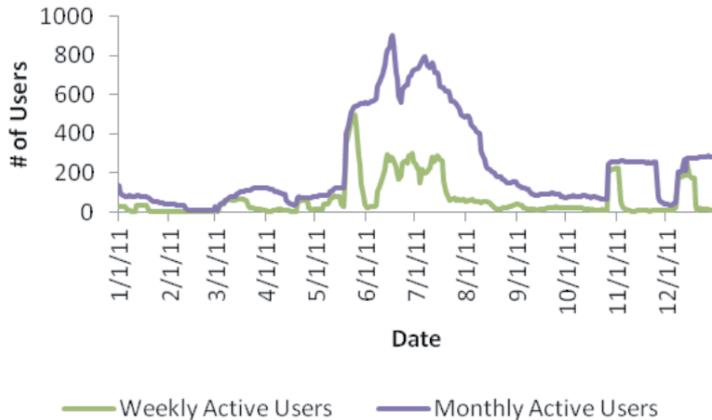


What support and services would you like to get from KWN?



oo Updated and enhance activity on KWN’s website (www.womensnetwork.org) and Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kosova-Womens-Network>). KWN used them to: 1) organize a demonstration on the 100th Anniversary of International Women’s Day, March 8th, to demand health insurance for all citizens of Kosova and better quality health care, as a human right; 2) announce internship opportunities at KWN (23 Jun); 3) in organizing a petition against the murder of Diana Kastrati, following domestic violence (28 Jun); 4) march for breast cancer awareness (27 Oct); 5) the posting of KWN’s e-newsletter; 6) advocacy surrounding decreases in the hospital’s budget (8 Dec); and 7) the public release of KWN’s book 1325 Facts & Fables (12 Dec). KWN also created a Facebook Group on May 19 (at: http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_205489469489614). The Facebook Group membership has increased to 66 members.

Use of KWN Facebook Page in 2011



* This includes the number of people who have interacted with or viewed your Page or its posts. This includes people who have liked your Page and people who haven't. (Unique Users)

As the Graph illustrates KWN’s efforts to increase its visibility and involve more people its advocacy efforts succeeded particularly around advocacy campaigns. People viewed information about KWN activities 47,876 times during this period, via the newsfeed, while 275 offered feedback (likes or comments). Feedback came from people in 50 countries (more than twice as many reached as at the time of our interim report).

As per the website, KWN has compiled all of the profiles of its members, which it will post to the website in the near future. Further, KWN utilized its website for the first time for collecting signatures for the aforementioned petition. This successful undertaking

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resulted in 638 signatures in only a week. KWN had more than 12,000 visitors to its site in 2011. KWN successfully increased visits to its website by promoting the website and petition on Facebook.

oo During summer months, KWN has started monitoring the implementation of the KWN Code of Conduct and Responsibilities. The interview has also included questions on the needs of member organizations. The monitoring and interviewing will be completed in the beginning of 2012.

oo Supported KWN members coordinating joint efforts among member organizations, particularly among majority and minority members. This included:

oo Regularly sent updates via email and Facebook to KWN members with information about opportunities for funding (e.g., FLOW Netherlands, World Bank and EC calls for proposals); capacity development opportunities; activities of other members; and networking (e.g., upcoming conferences with AWID and for shelters).

oo Supported its member organizations Dera e Hapur and the women's shelters in fundraising for collaborative projects with other KWN members.

oo Supported the Blind Women's Committee to organize a study visit to Albania where they met with the Blind Association in Albania.

oo Offered ongoing support to the Serbian Women's Network and the RAE Women's Network.

oo Supported and served on the steering committee and support group for establishing a coalition on LGBT rights in Kosovo. In collaboration with other organizations and individuals, KWN is working to create this coalition that will raise awareness and foster community solidarity for LGBT and their rights in Kosovo.

6. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Other activities during 2011 include:

oo On the 20th of January, students from different countries of the European International Center for Human Rights and Democratization, established in Venice, visited KWN. This university, in collaboration with the University of Prishtina, each year sends a group of students for study visits. The meeting with KWN was also part of their visit this year. They learned about the history of KWN and the role of women before, during and after the war. The students expressed that this meeting was informative and pleasant.

oo On the 24th of February, another group of students from the University of Toronto, Canada, visited KWN. This groups was also interested in learning more about the role of Kosovar women in politics and decision-making, the role of women organization in Kosovo, the role of EU and EULEX in the restructuring of the Kosovar state, and the implications of the EULEX presence to the politics and society in Kosovo.

oo On the 5th of April, in Hotel Prishtina, KWN member, participated in the "Action for Partnership – Women' Empowerment" workshop, organized by the Project for Technical Assistance for Civil Society Organizations (TASCO). The European Commission had announced the regional call for proposals. The call for proposals aimed at strengthening civil society organizations through partnership work, focusing in activities which address the empowerments of women and promotion of gender equality. This workshop was organized in close collaboration with KWN, with the objective to inform organizations of TASCO opportunities and modalities. During this workshop, the members had the opportunity to learn more about the specificities of Call for Proposals, Eligibility; Partnerships; Sectors; Types of activities; Budget, etc

oo On the 20th of June, KWN sent a congratulation letter to Mr. Zejnullaj Gruda, Director of the Institute for Research on War Crimes, which was established during June, with the initiative of the Minister of Justice, Z. Hajredin Kuqi. KWN congratulated the institute, expressing their belief that this institute can play a crucial role in ensuring justice by uncovering the truth regarding war crimes.

oo On 3 October 2011, KWN participated in the roundtable on Kosovo electoral reforms organized by the Democracy for Development Institute (D4D). In the third panel, "Reform processes yesterday and today" Igballe Rogova, Executive Director of KWN, talked about the activities of KWN and Kosovo Women's Lobby within the framework of Reform 2004 which were aiming to change the electoral law toward open lists. She also discussed on how we should fight to keep the 30% quota of women in the parliament.

oo On the 23rd of October, in Romaje of Has, the Motrat Qiriazhi (MQ), organization for women education, marked its 20th founding anniversary; the Ramaje high school marked its 15th anniversary; and symbolically celebrated the 65th birthday of the actor and humanist Safete Rogova, cofounder of MQ. The surprise during these celebrations was the engraved plaque placed in the newly built school, as a sign of gratitude for the MQ organization, and for Safete and Igballe Rogova, respectively. In the plaque it was written: "What Qiriazhi Sisters did in Korca, Rogova Sisters did in Has."

Visit members to identify needs:

KWN met with more than 30 organizations. The main issues identified were the need for trainings/courses on: how to write project proposals, how to do research, finances, managements, legislation, and computer literacy. They were also interested in assistance in fundraising funds, help in translation (English), help in writing project proposals, office (funds



Members visiting KWN office to discuss their needs.

for the office), to provide office supplies (computers, printers, tables, machine for sewing etc), a place (building) where all the member organizations could work together (to have a bigger cooperation among member organizations), to advocate for them (their needs) to the institutions because KWN has influence, cooperation with regional organizations etc.

Make Membership Services Plan based on members' needs and the KWN Code of Conduct. Based on members' requests and the KWN Code of Conduct, KWN is drafting a Membership Services Plan. It has yet to be completed because KWN had difficulties contacting some of the members who were unavailable for interviews. Even so, in the meantime, KWN provided ongoing assistance to KWN members, including:

- Provided information to the Krusha e Madhe women's organization.
- Provided information to a group of former women parliamentarians with regard to creating an organization, joining KWN, and working to fulfill the KWN Code of Conduct.
- Wrote "Visionary Women of the 21st Century" recommendation letter.
- Wrote "Open Door" a recommendation letter.
- Donated 200 Euros to "Blind Women Committee" for the event organized in the international week for blind people.
- Donated a digital camera to "RROGRAEK".
- Donated a used laptop to "Dardane's Hands".
- Supported "Visionary Women of the 21st Century" with translation and drafting the financial section of the project proposal).
- Supported "Mentor Tolaj Honor" in project proposal writing and translation.
- Supported "NGO Alma" with translation.
- Supported "Kalabria" on preparing invitations for an event.

KWN EXECUTIVE BOARD

KWN Executive board met four times during 2011. Board members have regularly been informed about KWN activities through email or phone.

As the five Board Members completed their five years mandate, the new members were voted in the 2011 Annual Assembly. However, in the beginning of 2011, the board was changed, due to the resignation of Veprora Shehu, who was actively engaged in other activities; Atifete Jahjaga who was nominated President of the Republic; and Ariana Qosaj-Mustafa who was nominated adviser to the President, Atifete Jahjaga. The Board Member proposed, while the other members of the Network voted and selected Sevdije Bunjaku.

The KWN Board members for 2011:

Besim M. Kajtazi (Head of Legal Office – Prime Ministry Office)

Elita Gota (Activist)

Elmaze Gashi – Head of the Board (Executive Director – Alter Habitus)

Sevdije Bunjaku (Kalabria)

Shukrije Gashi (Partners Kosova)

KWN STAFF

KWN staff during 2011:

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Besa Shehu – Financial Manager

Zana Rudi – Member Programme Manager

Nicole Farnsworth – Consultant and Researcher

Alba Loxha – Information and Outreach Coordinator

Donjeta Murati – Researcher

Ada Shima – Researcher

Kaltrina Ademi - Researcher

Amy Hillock - Intern

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Donators	Projects	Remaining 2010	Received	Spent / Expences	Carried to 2012
Kvinna till Kvinna Sweden	Women's Empowerment Project	3,103.39	53,546.00	49,793.66	6,855.73
Mott Foundation	Institutional support for KWN	15,882.36	9,170.09	25,052.45	
Global Fund for Women	Documentary film production	2,542.59		2,542.59	
ADA	Monitoring the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in Kosovo		9,739.41	9,739.41	
TACSO	Institutional support for KWN		500.00	500.00	
UNDP	Research on the states cost of domestic violence in Kosova		18,500.00	8,518.26	9,981.74
Embassy of Netherlands	Empowering Kosovo Women's Participation in Politics and Decision Making		61,996.80	15,500.29	46,496.51
European Commission	Support for attending meeting in Brussels		815.00	815.00	
UNIFEM	Increasing awareness of gender equality mechanisms in Kosovo		7,676.00	7,676.00	
Motrat Qiriazhi	Vehicle Mitsubishi Pajero sold / Vehicle Seat Cordoba bought.		3,800.00	3,800.00	
UNDP	Donated Vehicle Ford Everest Production year 2005. Purchased value at the time 18.000 euro.				
TOTAL		21,528.34	165,743.30	123,937.66	63,333.98

KWN AUDIT REPORT & OPERATIONAL COSTS

To: EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT OF KOSOVO WOMENS NETWORK (KWN)
PRISHTINA

We have audited the costs and supplementary financial data of Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) expresses in EUR, for period ended December 31, 2011. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated February 24, 2012.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

These financial statements and supplementary financial data are the responsibility of the project's management.

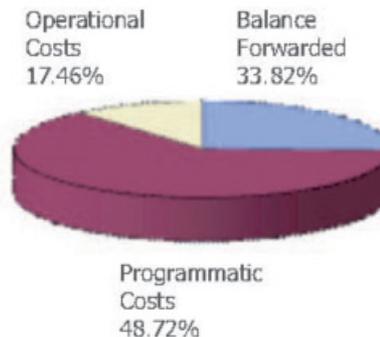
Auditor's Responsibility

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements for period ended December 31, 2011 are a fair summary of those financial statements in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISA) issued by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).

Xhemail Syla
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Total income	187,271.64	
Operational Costs	32,700.00	17.46%
Programmatic Costs	91,237.66	48.72%
Total spent	123,937.66	
Balance caried forward	63,333.98	33.82%

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