



Kosovo Women's Network

Serving, Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Women and Girls

Press Release

Kosovo Women's Fund to Give 63,974.05€ to 17 Women-led Organizations

Thursday, 10 November 2016, at 10:00, at Hotel Sirius, Pristina

Tomorrow, 10 Nov, the Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) is organizing a press conference from 10:00 to 10:20 to officially announce recipients of Kosovo Women's Fund (KWF) grants amounting to nearly 64 thousand Euros. KWN Executive Director, Igballe Rogova will speak, together with a representative of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), Albulena Zaimi, and a representative of the European Union Office in Kosovo, Dario Di Benedetto.

After the media conference, KWN will sign contracts with grant recipients. These grants have been made possible through support from the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the European Union Office in Kosovo.

KWN will distribute a total of 14 grants to 17 member organizations, three of which are partnerships, totalling 63,974.05€. Their initiatives will contribute to implementing the KWN Strategy 2015-2018, created jointly by KWN members.

Beneficiaries of KWF grants are:

Advocacy Grants for a Single Organization:

- Action for Mothers and Children with the initiative: "Expanding Advocacy Curriculum Information Center for Information on Women's Health and Training Center Staff" (3,995.00€)
- Psychotherapists in Action with the initiative: "Empowering women victims of sexual violence and torture during the conflict in Kosovo in the region of Gjilan" (3,595.00€)
- Kosovar Gender Studies Center (KGSC) with the initiative: "Gender Equality in EU Accession" (3,000.00€)
- Institute Alpha with the initiative: "Protecting human rights of women prisoners in Kosovo through their socialization" (3,985.00€)
- NORMA Lawyers Association with the initiative: "Empowering women by increasing institutional transparency" (3,995.80€)
- NGO Bliri with the initiative: "Become a part and help in prevention of diseases" (2,990.00€)
- NGO Rona with the initiative: "Advocacy to empower women farmers in villages of Malisheva" (3,972.00€)
- Women's Initiative Association with the initiative: "Time for a new political spirit" (3,995.00 €)
- Handikos Mitrovica with the initiative: "Empowering women with disabilities by raising awareness about their property rights" (3,946.00€)
- Association of Women Farmers "Krusha e Vogel" with the initiative: "Advancing the position of women and girls in rural areas" (3,000.00€)
- NGO Foleja with the initiative: "Increasing health education, family planning and reproductive health" (3,675.00€)

Networking for Change Grants:

- Medica Kosova & Cradle of Smile with the initiative: “Supporting access of war-affected single mothers to agricultural subsidy programs” (7,915.00€)
- Center for Protection and Rehabilitation of Women and Children “Liria” & Legjendja with the initiative: “Increase Women’s position in Peace-making processes and gender budgeting” (7,927.25€)
- Artpolis & the Centre for Promotion of Women's Rights with the initiative: “Promotion of the rights to sexual and reproductive health through art education and youth engagement” (7,983.00€)

KWN's Kosovo Women's Fund offers small grants for women's organizations that lack of other funding opportunities and that want to work for women's rights, especially groups working in rural areas and/or with marginalized persons. Since 2012, KWF has supported 83 organizations, totalling 355,996.15€. It has had more than 9138 beneficiaries, and contributed to at least 13 policy changes towards improving the lives of women and girls in Kosovo. In 2016, the Kosovo Women's Fund is receiving support from the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the European Union Office in Kosovo.

Please see attached the agenda for more information.