



Kosovo Women's Network

Serving, Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Women and Girls

Press Release

Kosovo Women's Fund to Give €99,842.35 to 31 Women-led Organizations

Monday, 12 June 2017, at 14:00, at Hotel Sirius, Pristina

On Monday, 12 June, the Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) is organizing a press conference from 14:00 to 14:20 to officially announce recipients of Kosovo Women's Fund (KWF) grants amounting to nearly 100 thousand Euros. KWN Executive Director, Igballe Rogova will speak, together with the Deputy Head of Cooperation, European Union Office in Kosovo, Mr. Libor Chlad, and the Head of Office, Austrian Development Agency (ADA), Mr. Gunther Zimmer.

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 27 grants to 31 member organizations, four of which are partnerships, totalling €99,842.35. 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:

- Organization of Persons with Muscular Dystrophy of Kosovo with the initiative: "Better healthcare quality, when everyone have access to it" (€2,987.50, supported by ADA)
- Mitrovica Women's Association for Human Rights with the initiative: " Young women, decision makers" (€2,175.00, supported by ADA)
- Vita Jeta with the initiative: "Diabetes in the elderly" (€2,741.10, supported by ADA)
- Center for Women's Empowerment with the initiative: "Economic empowerment of household women – mothers" (€2,780.00, supported by ADA)
- Luna with the initiative: "Women's Health and Freedom of Movement" (€2,987.50, supported by ADA)
- Together in Progress with the initiative: "From Mothers" - Advocacy for women farmers of Gjakova (€2,996.00, supported by ADA)
- Modern Woman with the initiative: "Health and sexual and reproductive rights" (€2,989.00, supported by ADA)
- Initiative for Integration of Communities with the initiative: "Improving the position of girls and women through involvement in decision-making in Dragash" (€2,535.00, supported by ADA)
- Ato with the initiative: "My right to property" (€2,324.50, supported by ADA)
- Garden of Flowers with the initiative: "Promoting women's rights and empowering their role in property inheritance" (€2,757.50, supported by ADA)
- Bliri with the initiative: "Awareness raising of reproductive health among youth" (€2,985.00, supported by ADA)

- Divine Woman with the initiative: “Awareness raising of citizens on women’s inheritance and property rights” (€2,530.00, supported by ADA)
- Social Club Live with the initiative: “Easier access to justice for women about property disputes” (€2,222.00, supported by ADA)
- Farmer Women’s Association “Krusha e Vogel” with the initiative: “Start a business, do not hesitate” (€2,440.00, supported by ADA)
- Handikos Mitrovica with the initiative: “Women’s and girls’ with disabilities access to healthcare” (€3,531.25, supported by the EU)
- Association of the Blind and Partly Sighted with the initiative: “Awareness raising about the support of blind persons and persons with impaired vision” (€3,753.50, supported by the EU)
- Kosovo Center for Multicultural Development and Integration with the initiative: “Economic empowerment of youth from non-majority communities, Roma, Ashkali, Egyptians, with focus on women” (€3,705.00, supported by the EU)
- Partners Kosova Center for Conflict Management with the initiative: “Women’s advocacy for their property and inheritance rights” (€3,532.00, supported by the EU)
- Girls Coding Kosova with the initiative: “#EcShlirë [#WalkFreely] v3.0. - Working with Kosovo Police” (€4,000.00, supported by the EU)
- Education Code with the initiative: “Women Entrepreneurs” (€3,642.00, supported by the EU)
- Institute of Applied Psychology, Alpha with the initiative: “Protecting human rights of women prisoners in Kosova through their socialization (II)” (€3,845.00, supported by the EU)
- Association for Education and Family Care with the initiative: “An educated woman, a healthy society” (€3,815.00, supported by the EU)
- Committee of Blind Women of Kosova with the initiative: “More rights for blind women” (€3,370.00, supported by the EU)

Networking for Change Grants:

- Open Door & Ruka Ruci with the initiative: “Empowering women community activists to further women’s human rights and gender equality through participation, information and social media” (€7,955.00, supported by the EU)
- Naš Dom (Our Home) & Women's Centre for Rural Development with the initiative: “Improvement of local policies from women’s perspective” (€7,980.50, supported by the EU)
- The Centre for Promotion of Women's Rights & the Centre for Promotion of a Healthy Family with the initiative: “Empowering survivors of sexual violence during the war toward achieving their legal rights” (€7,305.00, supported by the EU)
- Rikotta and Women’s Association Gora with the initiative: “Make yourself aware that your health is important for the society” (€5,958.00, supported by ADA)

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 distributed 131 grants, supported 84 organizations, totalling 455,838.50€. It has had more than 14,099 beneficiaries, and contributed to at least 15 policy changes towards improving the lives of women and girls in Kosovo. In 2017, 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.