

Strengthening Women's Property Rights



Photo: Arjeta Gashi, Participant at “Strengthening Women’s Property Rights” Conference

KGSC’S project “Strengthening Women’s Equal Property Rights” aims to strengthen women’s property rights by providing them with greater information about the importance of formal property rights and raising communities overall legal awareness (Prishtinë, Drenas, Kamenicë, Mitrovicë, Prishtinë, Gjakovë, Prizren dhe Suharekë). The project strives to create a gender sensitive society by changing the attitudes and behaviors about women’s rights to inherit and own property. An informative and awareness raising video was released in big national media and electronic platforms, aiming to bring closer the information and emphasize the importance of women owning and inheriting property.

Part of the awareness raising activities was also the conference “Strengthening Women’s Equal Property Rights”. In the conference the discussion was focused on the effectiveness of current legislation and the relationship between property rights and women’s economic empowerment. During the conference and advocacy meetings, KGSC came across the case of Arjeta Gashi and her legal battle for recognizing the contribution to the creation of common wealth with her former spouse.

Arjeta Gashi presented her case to the participants of the conference and requested guidance from ombudsperson. She claims to have contributed to the joint creation and growth of wealth through her work at KOSTT over the past 10 years. She claims to own half of an apartment located in Prishtina as well as the joint property described in the lawsuit. “I have come today to present my case and the difficulties I have been facing for many years. It is particularly important that the Ombudsperson is here so that I could talk directly to him regarding my case and further discuss my possibilities of retrial. And this is not only my case but there are other women who face these difficulties. I just asked for what belongs to me, during the 10 years of marriage I invested a lot, worked all the time, took maximum care of children. I have encountered prejudices from friends and also from court officials during the trial. As for the inheritance from my parents, I was one of the few lucky women to inherit from her parents. Since I was very little I inherited property from

my parents whom I also would like to thank for being one of the few who inherit property to their daughters. I believe that initiative as this project and conferences as this one today help to increase the awareness of not only women to their right to inherit property but also motivate them throughout the same legal battles as I have faced”.

KGSC will be monitoring the case of Arjeta Gashi and offer her the guidance she needs for the litigation.

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