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**“Bringing out the advocate in everyone”**

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## **Executive Director's Greetings**

*2017 has been another year of success, growth and expansion of ATRC's activities in Kosovo and beyond. During this year, we engaged in several directions: the continuation of existing programs and projects, through proper and professional implementation of the planned activities; maintaining and strengthening relations with current donors and expanding programs with new projects through partnerships with other organizations within and outside of Kosovo.*

*ATRC is committed to advance its services, professionalism in service delivery, and addressing the needs of citizens, especially the marginalized groups. This year, ATRC was engaged in the implementation of a number of activities and projects aiming to strengthen the role of NGOs, governmental institutions, officials and citizens, and advocating in local and central institutions on issues of general interest based on its four main programs: Grant Management Program; Capacity Building Program; Advocacy Program; and Information Program.*

*ATRC's commitment to the development and support of non-governmental organizations has continued this year through capacity building and at the same time supporting their implementation in the framework of the E4E Commitment for Equality funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). At the same time, ATRC has conducted a number of trainings, workshops and individual consultations from which NGOs, citizens and institutions have benefited. ATRC has continued organizing advocacy campaigns at the local and national level, aiming at strengthening the role of citizens in decision-making, greater participation of citizens in the development of democratic institutions and practices, contributing to the improvement of relations between civil society and institutions as well as facilitating mechanisms for civic engagement.*

*On behalf of ATRC, I thank donors and supporters that with their support enabled us to contribute this year to the democratic development of our country as well as to regional development. I thank the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); the US State Department, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL); Swedish Government; European Commission; and Save the Children Kosovo/a.*

*ATRC's success is undoubtedly dedicated to its values, mission, and vision, and that is reflected in our work, professionalism, and dedication to our employees on one hand, but also reflects through our continuous cooperation with our partners such as non-governmental organizations, institutions, donors and international agencies, who we thank for their support, ensuring that professionalism, dedication, and primacy will be a guide for our further journey.*

Sincerely,

*Kushtrim Kaloshi*

Executive Director

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## ABOUT US

### MISSION

Advocacy Training and Resource Center (ATRC) is a Kosovar non-governmental and non-profit organization that works in increasing citizen and civil society participation in decision-making, as a prerequisite for a developed democratic society and regional stability.

ATRC aims at strengthening the role of NGOs as agents of change in the society; increase the capacity of NGOs and civic initiatives to undertake advocacy campaigns; and contribute in creating governing institutions that meet international standards.

ATRC works with NGOs, civic initiatives, public administration and political institutions regardless of religion, political affiliations, ethnicity, age, capability and sexual orientation.

ATRC accomplishes its goals through advocacy, training, information exchange and networking in and out of Kosovo.

### HISTORY

ATRC was established in October 2001 as a key-implementing partner for the USAID/EWMI Kosovo NGO Advocacy Project (KNAP). Initially, it was part of the Forum, but later moved under the auspices of the Foundation for Democratic Initiatives (FDI), which led to its independence as a non-governmental organization in June 2003.

The initial goal of ATRC was to create a vibrant advocacy training and resource center. During 2002 – 2005, ATRC led a network of 27 Kosovar NGOs called AvoKo. In September 2005, ATRC formalized a partnership agreement with the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) to support the development of Kosovo's NGOs under the USAID funded Kosovo Civil Society Program. Through our enhanced role as a full-service NGO training, resource and information center, ATRC is working to strengthen the autonomy, effectiveness, sustainability and impact of the NGO sector as a major catalyst in the development of a vibrant civil society and responsive democratic governance.

It has established an extensive Information Program, consisting of frequent public discussions; a monthly e-newsletter, "The Advocate"; advocacy publications; and a diverse library, with over 600 titles. As a part of its Capacity Building Program during Kosovo NGO Advocacy Project (KNAP), ATRC has trained over 700 NGO representatives with its 40 available trainers.

Since, 2005, ATRC has its own trainers and consultants who trained over 500 NGO representatives in key areas of NGO organizational development, management, advocacy and fund raising.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Advocacy Training and Resource Center (ATRC) works in increasing citizen and civil society participation in decision-making. As stated in our mission, ATRC aims to strengthening the role of NGOs as agents of change in the society; increase the capacity of NGOs and civic initiatives to undertake advocacy campaigns; and contribute in creating governing institutions that meet international standards.

To achieve this mission, in 2017, ATRC has worked on various projects with different partners and has received support from many donors.

Since 2015, ATRC has signed a memorandum of understanding with U.S Agency for International Development (USAID) to implement Equality for Engagement (E4E) which aims to support the civil society organizations to implement projects. Just in 2017, E4E has selected 11 local organizations as grantees, and by 2020 it aims to distribute approximately 90 grants with a total amount of around \$1.8 million. Throughout 2017, ATRC has evaluated the organizational capacities of 26 nonprofits, selected as E4E grantees, and has helped them identify the long- and short-term goals.

Justice in Justice was another project that started to be implemented in 2017. This project is supported by the US State Department, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), and implemented by ATRC and Legal Aid and Regional Development (CLARD). The aim of the project is to encourage civil society and citizens to advocate for positive reforms in certain fields of justice sector in Kosovo, and to promote public accountability by helping citizens to seek justice when the government officials and institutions violate their rights. This project will continue throughout 2018.

ATRC focused also on increasing citizen awareness about Child Protection Law, thus implementing the project “PROtectChild”, a project funded by Swedish Government, and implemented by ATRC in partnership with Save the Children in Kosovo/o. Through this project, ATRC, aims to increase awareness of wider population for the Law on Child protection with special emphasis on the banning of corporal punishment, by providing educational workshops across Kosovo’s municipalities with citizens, government officials, municipality officials, etc.

## ATRC GRANT COMPONENT

### Engagement for Equity Program - E4E

On February 2015, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) awarded Advocacy Training & Resources Center (ATRC), to provide support for a program in “Engagement for Equity” activity in Kosovo, with the aim of improving integration of vulnerable and marginalized groups and to strengthen civil society’s role in raising critical democracy and governance issues and in influencing the development and effective implementation of policies affecting these communities.

E4E Program, through its two components: Provision of grants, and Targeted technical and organizational development assistance, is supporting local CSOs that represent the interests of targeted vulnerable populations for:

- Conducting complex advocacy and awareness campaigns in cooperation with stakeholders from diverse segments of society and government;
- Engaging in drafting policy recommendations on democracy, governance, and economic empowerment issues, drawn from consultations with members of vulnerable populations, a wider base of citizens, and other relevant stakeholders;
- Monitoring and tracking the implementation of targeted legislation, reforms, and initiatives of high importance to vulnerable and marginalized groups.

During 2017, ATRC assistance to civil society organizations was driven by five program themes: Women in governance and economy; Empowering Women through Enhanced Awareness of Women’s Property Rights; Increased protection and awareness of LGBTI community rights; Expand Participation of Persons with Disabilities (PwD); and Expand Youth Participation/ Expand Youth Participation to counter violent extremism.

### Program Components

#### I. Provision of Grants

E4E Program anticipates awarding up to \$ 3,500,000.00 through approximately 90 grant awards, up to November 2020. E4E Program will award different types of grants for each of five thematic areas: Large Grants ranging from \$ 50,000 up to \$ 100,000, Medium Grants ranging from \$25, 000 up to \$50,000, Small grants ranging from \$10,000 up to \$25,000, through Regular Rounds of Grants, and through Rapid Response Funds ranging up to \$ 25,000.

Up to date, E4E Program launched five (5) rounds of regular Requests for Applications (RFAs), and a single three-year call for Rapid Response Funds continued to be for civil society organizations. ATRC Informed wider public through information sessions in nine key regional centers of the country, ATRC website, Facebook, and other means. The RFAs

were available online in Albanian and Serbian, and English and were published in national and local print media, and broadcast on national television stations.

E4E received 590 grant applications in total. Through competitive and selection process, and based on quality of the received grant applications, 51 grant applications are awarded to civil society organizations that were in full compliance with the Request for Applications and that were capable and qualified to manage the grant. Total amount of funds awarded is \$ 1,974,272.

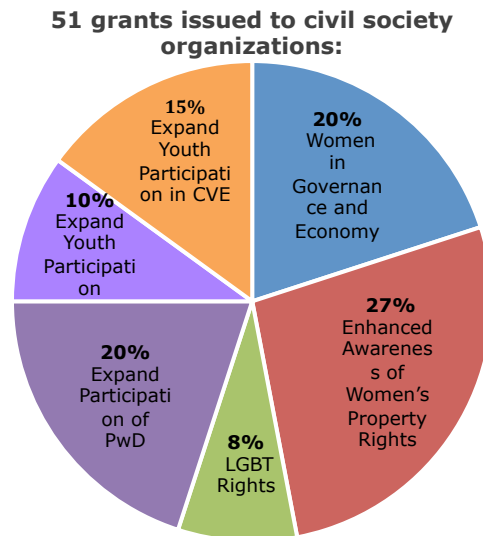
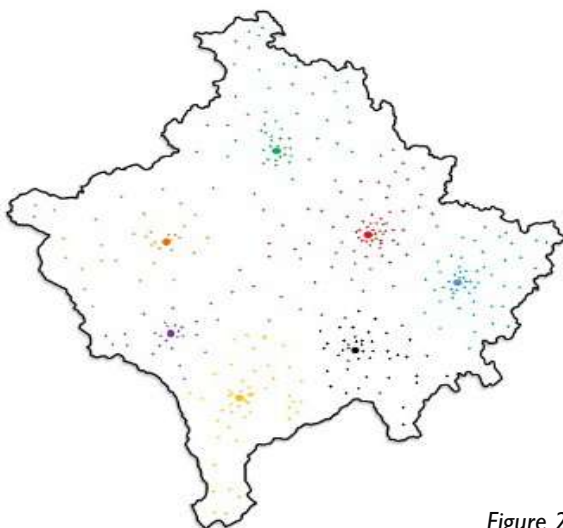


Figure 1: Grants Issued to CSOs

In improving the position of marginalized groups in Kosovo, E4E Program was widely spread out of Kosovo wide, implementing projects to push for the creation of an environment in which vulnerable population's together work towards an inclusive society that respects human rights and gives way to sustainable development.



**Mitrovica 18%**

**Peja 11%**

**Pristina 21%**

**Ferizaj 13.8%**

**Gjakova 10%**

**Gjilan 13.1%**

**Prizren 13.1%**

Figure 2: E4E Coverage in Kosovo's Municipalities

E4E through its projects have undertaken important initiatives to inform and engage with citizens about the importance of gender equality, to empower women to speak for themselves, and to ensure that women participate in economy and governance. Significant progress has also been achieved in the field of strengthening women's property rights. E4E advocated and contributed to harmonizing legislations that regulates inheritance rights.

Through E4E, the government undertook steps in advancing the legal and policy framework to improve the position of people with disabilities. In the field of LGBTI rights, for the first time, the Government of Kosovo undertook concrete steps to improve the state of the LGBTI community, establishing a governmental Advisory and Coordination Group for LGBTI rights and approving the National Action Plan for the LGBTI community. To improve the status of youth in the Kosovo society, through E4E there is progress done in policy formulation and implementation, representation, employment, education and participation of youth across a range of civic and economic issues. E4E has paid particular attention to young people in relation to their higher susceptibility of getting involved in violent extremism.

### KEY RESULTS

- 64 policy recommendations adopted by policy makers on women in governance and the economy, women's property rights, and rights for PwD, youth, and LGBT.
- 20 changes made as a result of advocacy or monitoring activities of targeted legislation.
- The capacities of 57 organizations built to effectively advocate for marginalized communities by developing their technical and organizational abilities.
- 10 pieces of secondary legislation adopted at municipal and central levels.
- Over 700,000 people engaged in civic education mainly through the media regarding women's property rights, women in governance and economy, prevention of violent extremism, LGBT, and PwD Rights.
- 5,000 youth engaged from communities at high risk from violent extremism through strategic communication and media, working groups, discussions, and theatre performance.
- 34 research papers published on women and governance, women's property rights, LGBTI rights, and PwD.

Figure 3: E4E Key Results



Figure 4: Key Secondary Legislation Adopted



## 2. Targeted Technical and Organizational Development Assistance

ATRC designed a diversified portfolio of technical and organizational development assistance that includes trainings offered by ATRC, tailored capacity building services for each individual grantee, as well as special provisions for grantees dealing with LGBT rights. ATRC will provide ongoing assistance to the grantees through capacity building and technical support on issues that concern their respective projects and organizational management matters.

Through E4E, ATRC built the capacities of 51 local organizations to effectively advocate for marginalized communities by developing their technical and organizational abilities, through three types of assistance that include:

- In-house trainings
- Tailored capacity building services
- Special provisions

To begin, ATRC conducted organizational capacity assessments (OCA) for awarded local organizations to address both immediate capacity needs for successful program performance, and longer-term needs related to the organizations' sustainability. OCAs were followed with Capacity Building Plans focusing on the individual organizational needs that are being addressed through a portfolio of technical assistance services, including tailored trainings pertinent to each grantee's particular needs on Human Resources, Management/Administration and Organizational Governance, Financial Management/Procurement, Program Management/Strategic Development and Advocacy. Regarding Objective 3: Increased protection and awareness of LGBT community right E4E provided Trainings and Individual Consultancy Assistance on Advocacy on Implementation of Anti-Discrimination Law, Reporting of Human Rights Violations (HRV) and Hate Crime, Increasing LGBTI Visibility, Media Monitoring and Gender Identity Rights.

To maximize the capacity assistance to grantees, ATRC provided number of in-house workshop sessions, therefore all awarded local organizations implementing projects during 2017 were involved during this process. Workshops included: Financial Management, Advocacy and Coalition Building Project Cycle Management, Human Resources and Monitoring and Evaluation.

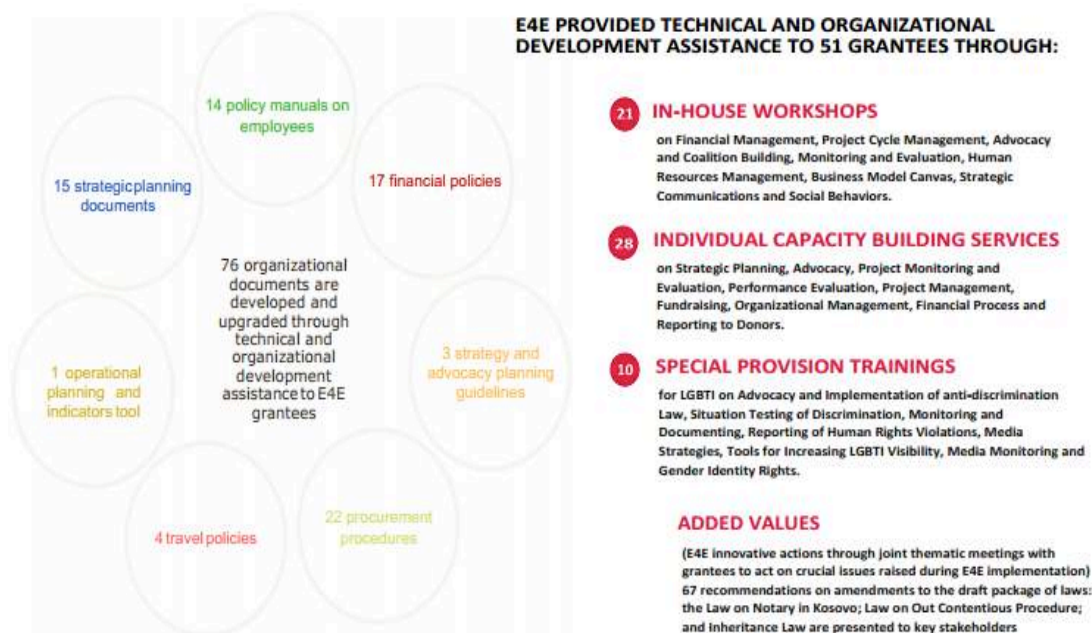


Figure 5: E4E Technical and Organizational Development Assistance

ATRC has worked closely with other USAID partners, in particular with the Property Rights Program - PRP and USAID EMPOWER Private Sector. ATRC is part of the Gender Coordination Group (GCG), established by PRP and Women's Economic Empowerment, established by USAID EMPOWER Private Sector.

During this year, there were thirty-six (36) E4E projects of local organizations awarded that were implementing activities throughout Kosovo wide on improving the integration of vulnerable and marginalized groups as both a matter of human rights and sustainable development.

## E4E Projects during 2017

### Theme I: Women in governance and economy

The project “Women for Development: Activation of Women in the Labor Market” implemented by **Democracy 4 Development – D4D** within a 12 month period aimed to alleviate gender gaps in the labor activity, by engaging the political leadership and the private sector, and developing the capacities of women, CSOs and local organizations that work in the economic empowerment of women.



The project “Development of social entrepreneurship from a gender perspective” implemented by **Iniciativa e Femrës Kosovare – IFK** within a 10 month period aimed to develop social entrepreneurship from a gender perspective by encouraging women and men to start the registration of their small businesses as social entrepreneurship.



The project “Equal Economic Empowerment to all women in Kosovo” implemented by Kosovo **Rehabilitation Center for Tortured Victims – KRCT** within a 12 months period contributed for women/survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in Kosovo to have equal participating rights and opportunities in governance and the economy through improved representation, education and employment.



The project “Partnership for strengthening the participation and performance of women in business, through the establishment of the Women’s Economic Forum”, implemented by **Riinvest Institute within a 15 month period aimed to advance women’s position in business**, both as employers and employees at the same time. Riinvest Institute established a common advocacy campaign, created Women’s Economic Forum network, developed the National Agenda which takes into consideration the engagement of women in business and economy and gained one seat in the

National Council for Economic Development that voices women’s interests.



The project “Gender mainstreaming in civil society and private sector Kosovo wide” implemented by **Kosovar Gender Studies Center – KGSC** within a 12 month period supported civil society and private sector Kosovo wide on becoming more gender sensitive and promote equality between women and men in all bodies and internal structures of organizations.



The project “Revising Gender Discriminating Policies in the Labor Market” implemented by **GAP Institute within a 12 month period** aimed to eliminate discriminatory practices on labor market, in order to create equal opportunities for women employment in Kosovo.

The project “Women Empowered – The Application of Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) in Kosovo Serb Municipalities” implemented by **Center for Peace and Tolerance – CPT** within a 6 month period aimed to increase economic empowerment of women through implementation of gender responsive budgeting in 10 non-majority Kosovo municipalities.



## **Theme 2: Empowering Women through Enhanced Awareness of Women’s Property Rights**

The project “The Inheritance Rights for Women – Their Empowerment” implemented by **Kosovo Center for Business Support – KCBS** within a 11 month period aimed on functionalizing the municipal registry office for implementing the legal obligation ex officio for the submission of acts of death in the court for the succession procedure.

The project “Public Awareness Campaign on Women Property and Inheritance Rights” implemented by **JETA within 8 month period focused on** influencing changes in Junik municipality regarding the property rights perceptions and aimed at giving voice to women to assert their rights to property and inheritance as envisioned in Kosovo’s legislation.



The project “Women’s Right in Democratic Society” implemented by **Communication for Social Development – CSD** within a 12 month period aimed to visualize the situation regarding women’s property rights and enhance the capacity of women in Kosovo to exercise their property rights, as equal citizens under the law.



The project “Legal Aid and litigation of women’s rights on property and inheritance” implemented by **Center for Legal Aid and Regional Development - CLARD** within a 10 month period aimed to increase capacities of young female lawyers, increase women’s access to justice through ad hoc supplied free legal aid services that improved the legal framework as well as created best practices regarding women’s rights to joint property and inheritance.

The project “Empowering Women to seek their Inheritance Rights” implemented by **Balkan Investigative Reporting Network – BIRN** within a 12 month period aimed on advocating for the appropriate changes needed on the laws under amendment procedures, as well as enhanced awareness among women in Kosovo for their heritage and property rights.



The project “Joint Endowers for Women’s Rights to Joint Property” implemented by **Public Organization for Local Initiatives and Supports – POLIS** within a 12 month period aimed on establishing a more suitable legal environment, raised institutional and citizen’s awareness, informed and supported women to achieve their property rights.

The project “Women’s Access to Property” implemented by **Femrat Aktive të Gjakovës - FAGJ** within 8 month period raised awareness of women and girls to realize their property and inheritance rights and raised awareness on institutional level among key stakeholders dealing with property and inheritance, based on obligations from Kosovo legislation.



The project “Women as Property Rights Agents” implemented by **Kosova Women 4 Women – KW4W** within a 12 month period aimed on educating rural women and men on women’s property rights and inheritance and empower women to seek this right.



The project “Strengthening women in rural areas through education on women’s inheritance and property rights” implemented by **Advocacy Center for Development Culture – ACDC** within a 7 month period aimed to contribute towards mobilizing community in rural areas of northern Kosovo on the issue of gender equality and women’s inheritance and property rights.



### **Theme 3: Increased protection and awareness of LGBTI community rights**

The project “Inclusion of the LGBTI Community in Kosovo” implemented by Center for Equality **and Liberty for the LGBTI Community in Kosovo – CEL** within a 20 month period aimed to improve the position of the LGBTI community in Kosovo and increase the level of understanding among the general population.



The project “Integrational Education and Legal Advancement” implemented by **Qendra për Emancipim Shoqëror – QESH** within 12 month period aimed to increase the visibility and rights of the LGBTI community in Kosovo through raising awareness of the general public and empowering the LGBTI community.

**The project** “Proactive media for LGBTI rights” implemented by **Kosovo Glocal** within a 9 month period raised awareness in the society about the political, social and cultural realities of

LGBTI individuals in Kosovo and promoted LGBTI rights and inclusion in Kosovar society.



The project “Supporting rights of LGBTI community in Kosovo through engagement of Kosovo institutions” implemented by Center for Social Group Development - **CSGD** within 18 months period aimed to support the implementation of anti-discrimination policies related to LGBTI community in Kosovo in all levels of society and especially in workplace.



#### Theme 4: Expand Participation of Persons with Disabilities (PwD)

The project “Right for Active Participation and Inclusion of People with Disabilities – RAPID” implemented by **Centar za orijentaciju društva – COD Kosovo** within a 12 month period contributed on the inclusion of People with Disabilities (PwD) into community and decision making processes by supporting PwD to advocate for their rights and overall socio economic development.

The project “Empowering People with Disability (PWD) Community through increased participation in Institutional policies and social life” implemented by **Down syndrome Kosova – DSK** within a 12 month period aimed to increase awareness of the rights of PwDs and unify legal protection, ensuring the inclusion of PwDs through constructive dialogue with decision makers.



The project “Enhance participation of people with intellectual impairments in employment and self-employment” implemented by **Klubi Dëshira** within 11 month period aimed to increase the participation of persons with disability in society by improving their employment skills through training and practical work



The project “Empowering Persons with Disabilities by raising Awareness on their Property Rights” implemented by **Handikos Mitrovica** within 8 month period aimed to advocate and promote property rights for Persons with Disabilities regardless of gender.



The project “It’s time to de-stigmatize Persons with Disabilities – We can start by talking about” implemented by **Human Rights Radio Network – HRN** within 8 month period aimed to increase protection and awareness of Persons with Disabilities (PWD) in Kosovo regardless of their ethnicity by organizing radio talk-shows for PWD.

The project “Expand Participation of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) in Prishtina” implemented by **Handikos Prishtina** within a 16 month period improved the access and inclusion of PwD in the municipality of Prishtina/Priština by increasing the participation of PWD on the government’s development process and adopting the implementation of local Disability Action Plan 2018-2020 in municipality of Prishtina/Priština



### **Theme 5: Expand Youth Participation/Expand Youth Participation to Counter Violent Extremism**

The project “Act Smart” implemented by **AVOKO** within a 9 month period aimed to increase participation towards strengthening and improving the integration of young people in community of Dragash/Dragaš by adopting the Strategy and Action Plan on preventing of violent extremism in municipality of Dragash/Dragaš.

The project “Enhance Youth Participation in Prevention of Violent Extremism” implemented by Iniciativa Qytetare Skenderaj – **IQS** within a 7 month period aimed to engage youth on preventing violent extremism by activating them in educational activities and raising awareness of the wide public.

The project “Critical Thinking Program” implemented by **Sbunker** within a 14 months period contributed on building and cultivating young leaders and opinion makers, by developing alternative and countering views, to those promoted by organizations that encourage violent extremism.



The project “Handling Violent Extremism through Social Theater” implemented by **Multimedia Center** within a 12 month period contributed towards creating a positive climate for debate, reflection and knowledge of the effects of extremism in any form in Kosovo.



The project “Inform to Prevent” implemented by Quality Institute for Research Analyses and Training – **iChat** within 6 month period aimed to build capacities amongst the youth, raise awareness and prevent the involvement of the youth in violent extremism activities.

The project “Film and Factual Media” implemented by **Dokufest** within an 11 month period aimed to raise awareness and strengthen the community’s immunity to violent extremism.



The project “Countering Violent Extremism among Kosovo’s youth” implemented by **Internews Kosova** within a 6 month period raised awareness about the fight against violent extremism and tackled the issue of such radicalization from many angles.

The project “Promoting civil society engagement in countering violent extremism in Kosovo” implemented by **Security Policy Research Center – SPRC** within a 12 month period aimed to contribute to a more secure, democratic and prosperous society through active participation of civil society in policy and decision making process in Kosovo.



The project “Curricula Revision” implemented by **Youth Initiative for Human Rights – YIHR KS** within a 20 month project aimed on influencing and changing the approach of Kosovar society towards human rights making it more inclusive. YIHR KS contributed on expanding the already set notions that are seen in traditional way such as family, nation, gender and sexuality.



The project “Youth involvement in promoting fight against corruption in education system in Kosovo” implemented by **Lëvizja FOL** with a 24 month period aimed to prevent and minimize corruption in the education system in Kosovo by involving and activating youth in the campaign and fight against corruption in the education system through information technology and social media.

## **E4E Added Values**

E4E came up with added values, as a result of the new and innovative advocacy actions that came up as a joint initiative of the grantees to act about crucial issues that were raised during the E4E implementation. This was achieved through the coordination meetings between grantees that were not planned within E4E. ATRC organized a number of ad hoc thematic meetings between all grantees in order of identifying solutions to possible challenges; to identify common ground to cooperate and develop activities together; and if possible to synergize their activities to advocate together for change about common issues they tackle.

As a result during year 2017, E4E awarded local organizations within the Theme 2: Empowering Women through Enhanced Awareness of Women's Property Rights, came together to advocate for three laws: the Law on Notary in Kosovo; Law on Out Contentious Procedure; and Inheritance Law. They compiled 67 recommendations that were presented to main stakeholders, on April 18, 2017, on a roundtable that was organized by E4E. Whereas, the three laws with recommendations that were presented have passed the first hearing in Kosovo parliament.

## JUSTICE IN JUSTICE

Justice in Justice is a project supported by the US State Department, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), and implemented by ATRC and Legal Aid and Regional Development (CLARD). This project aims to encourage civil society and citizens to advocate for positive reforms in certain fields of justice sector in Kosovo, and to promote public accountability by helping citizens to seek justice when the government officials and institutions violate their rights.

Activities include public education workshops in dozens of municipalities across Kosovo, advocacy trainings to teach citizens how to advocate for reform in Kosovo, expert roundtables to help identify needed justice-system reforms, and direct advocacy for public policy reforms on a wide range of issues such as:

- Compensation on Human Rights Violations
- Amendments of Articles and Laws
- Adopting Administrative Instructions
- Improving the disciplinary complaint mechanisms used by justice system institutions such as the Police Inspectorate of Kosovo, the Kosovo Judicial Council, the Kosovo Prosecutorial Counsel, and the Kosovo Chamber of Advocates.
- Adopting brochures that inform victims of human rights violations of their legal rights and the public resources available to them.

Justice in Justice project has organized in total 16 events and activities, where 156 people participated. Moreover, more than 7000 people liked our Facebook page, and the website received significantly more attention.



Figure 6: Goals Achieved During October 2017 - March 2018

## Public Education Workshops



Justice in Justice supported by ATRC in cooperation with local NGOs held five Public Education Workshops. The aim of these workshops was to provide citizens and members of youth centers with the opportunity to learn about the Amendment of Article 69 under the Law on Public Financial Management and Accountability; the mechanisms that play an important role for the compensation of Human Rights Violations; and also the introduction of complaint mechanisms against officials who violate their responsibilities and human rights.

All the workshops were featured with representatives from Attorneys, Prosecutors, and Judges. Additionally, participants had the opportunity to raise questions and engage in discussions with institutional officials about their concerns, experiences, and observations relating to the Violations of Humans Rights.

## Administrative Instruction

During the reporting period, ATRC has engaged an expert to draft the Administrative Instruction. The draft was reviewed and received input from Ombudsperson. Moreover, ATRC advocated to the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Justice to create a working group in order to review the Administrative Instruction and to approve it.

## Advocacy Efforts

The project has organized numerous meetings with officials and representatives from Ministry of Finance. The purpose of these meetings was to analyse the secondary legislation deriving from the Law on Public Finances and Responsibilities, a thorough analysis of the shortcomings and potential intervention on the legal provisions was presented (delivered).

During these meetings, ATRC together with the legal expert has presented the draft of the Administrative Instruction by emphasizing the need and importance of approving the document. ATRC has requested from the officials to facilitate the process of establishing a working group for reviewing and finalizing the Administrative Instruction.



## **Press Conference**

*Justice in Justice* also organized one Press Conference. The purpose of this conference was to distribute information to the media about the amendment of the article and its depth discussion throughout the Roundtable. Project representatives participated in Interviews (attended TV shows) at national and local TV's on informing the audience about its advocacy efforts.

## **Expert's Roundtable “The right to Compensation for Human Rights Violations”**

*Justice in Justice* also organized a roundtable discussion on challenges that citizens face in accessing transparent, independent, and accountable justice system. This Roundtable discussion brought together approximately 40 experts, officials, activists, civil society representatives, and citizens. The roundtable explored the topic of Compensation of Victims whose rights have been violated by the state; mechanisms available in case those rights are violated and importance of drafting and approving Administrative Instruction under Article 69 of Law on Public Financial Management and Accountability. Panel proceedings were followed by an open discussion. The roundtable received significant media coverage, generating over 20 news items in broadcast media, print media, and online media.

## PROtectChild

PROtectCHILD is a project supported by the Swedish Government, and implemented by ATRC in partnership with Save the Children in Kosova/o. During the next four years, through PROtectCHILD project, ATRC plans to work on different objectives, all aiming at producing a number of concrete results and outcomes as a benefit for children, public institutions and ordinary citizen.

For this project, ATRC is coordinating and collaborating on activities with several governmental and non-governmental stakeholders at the central and local level. These stakeholders include: Prime Minister's Office; Prime Minister's Legal Office; Commission for Human Rights, Ombudsperson, Center for Social Welfare; Municipalities; CSOs and Media.

The two main objectives of this project that we aim to achieve are:

1. To contribute on Child Protection Law.
2. To increase awareness of citizens about Child Protection Law and specifically the importance and need of banning corporal punishment in all settings.

### Contributing on Child Protection Law

Through this project, ATRC is and will be advocating to the Government and Kosovo' Parliament in prioritizing the process of Draft Child Protection Law, and also contribute on drafting and pushing it forward to decision makers to approve it.

During December 2017, ATRC met representatives of Kosovo's Institutions in order to inform them about the project itself as well and to invite them to participate in the panel of experts. Meetings were held with representatives of the Kosovo Government, Members of the Parliament, Centre for Social Welfare, Ombudsperson, and other influential stakeholders.



On December 20 2017, ATRC organized the panel of experts in Prishtina where a total of 35 participants were present including Kosovo Members of Parliament, Representatives of the Government, Representatives of Parliamentary Commission for Human Rights, Centre for Social Welfare, SCOs, and Media.



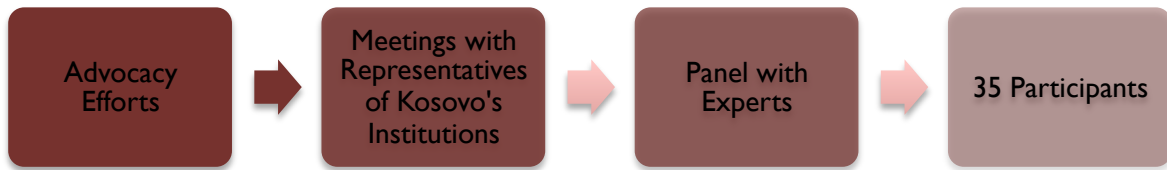


Figure 7: ATRC's Advocacy Efforts to Draft Child Protection Law

## Increasing Awareness to Ban Child Corporal Punishment

Along with the second objective on increasing awareness of citizens about Child Protection Law and specifically the importance and need of banning corporal punishment in all settings, ATRC organized 8 public education workshops in Gjilan, Gjakova, Ferizaj, Peja, Skenderaj, Mitrovica, Prizren, and Prishtina. In total, there were 213 participants in these workshops across Kosovo's municipalities. Apart from discussion on Child Rights, a major focus of the discussions was also on the content and the importance of the Law with special emphasis to banning corporal punishment. Attention was also given to the Municipal responsibilities in implementing the Law once it is approved.

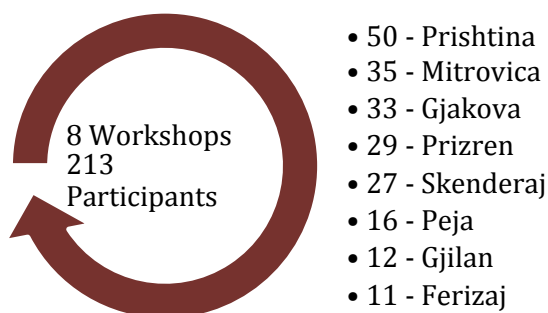


Figure 8: Workshops in Kosovo's Municipalities

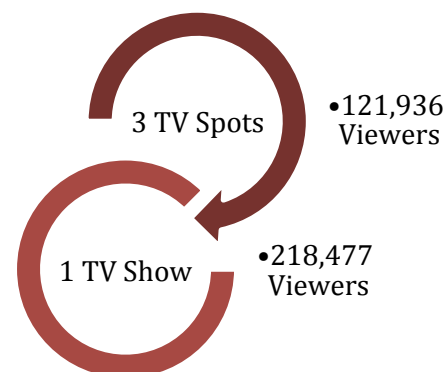


Figure 9: Broadcast Outreach

Throughout this project, ATRC also advocated and increased awareness regarding this law through TV broadcasts. Three TV spots were produced for three target groups such as: (a) one for children (raising their awareness on the corporal punishment); (b) one for general public (raising their awareness about harm from corporal punishment); (c) one for institutions (raising their awareness about the importance of the need for having legal framework for Child Protection). Also, ATRC prepared a documentary about corporal punishment which was broadcasted during Familja Ime (My Family) show. The total number of viewers on TV Spots was 121,936, and 218,477 viewers on TV Show, equalling 340,413 viewers in total.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Management of Advocacy Training and Resource Center

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **Advocacy Training and Resource Center** (the Organization), which comprise: the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017, the statement of earnings and expenditures, statement of changes in fund balances for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2016, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the *International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, for small and medium corporate and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that we are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

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#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedure that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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