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# ABOUT US

## Profile

The Advocacy Training and Resource Center (ATRC) is based on the belief that an informed citizenry is the key to a democratic society, such as Kosovo is striving to become. Based in Prishtina, ATRC trains and assists non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Kosovo to professionalize their work, articulate their demands and press government structures for change.

- To help Kosovar NGOs engage in successful advocacy by providing, on a regular basis, information on:
  - a. Opportunities for advocacy efforts (such as upcoming legislation, government decrees, UN programs, etc.)
  - b. advocacy initiatives to join in Kosovo, the Balkans and globally
  - c. organizational structures and responsibilities of local and international bodies
- To strengthen cooperation among Kosovar NGOs by providing information about networking opportunities.
- To facilitate exchanges of information and resources among NGOs in Kosovo, the Balkans and globally.
- To provide Kosovar NGOs with information on human and financial resources available in Kosovo and abroad.

ATRC hosts a library with publications on social, political, and economic issues related to Kosovo and the Balkans. It organizes public debates and legislative briefings on pressing issues in Kosovo. It also provides training for all Kosovo NGOs.



# ABOUT US

## 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 (NGO) in June 2003.

The initial goal of ATRC was to create a vibrant advocacy training and resource center. During 2002 – 2005, ATRC leads 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 NGO's 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.



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## Vision

- We envision a democratic country, where citizens are considered partners in promoting and building high standards, effectiveness, quality, transparency and accountability among all bodies of Kosovar society.
- We believe in a society where citizens are active advocates in building democratic values in Kosovo and the region.
- We envision a Kosovo which leads as a role model and is a regional partner in fostering democracy in the Balkans.
- Advocacy for a democratic society.
- We envision a democratic society.



# ABOUT US

## Mission

- Advocacy Training and Resource Center (ATRC) is a Kosovar non-for-profit organization that works to increase citizen and civil society participation in decision-making, as a prerequisite for a developed democratic society and regional stability.
- ATRC contributes to creation of a democratic society by supporting the civil society organizations and citizens in the decision-making.

## Values

- Everyone should be equal and included.
- Information has to be transparent.
- Always advocate for democracy.
- Government has to be accountable for the goods and wrongs.
- Never stop learning.

# PROGRAM



## RESILIENT COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

This program is implemented as part of the consortium, led by ATRC (Advocacy Training Resource Center) with partner organizations such as: BIRN (Balkan Investigative Regional Center), PEN (PEER EDUCATORS NETWORK) and PIPS (Pristina Institute for Political Studies).

During the year 2021, within the framework of this consortium, the following activities were carried out:

- Monthly monitoring of the strategy against violent extremism, as well as monitoring of the action plan
- Development of two reports, in the framework of strategy monitoring;
- The preparation of a local plan that supports the implementation of the national strategy of P/CVE, (Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism) and that is shared with the municipalities of Kosovo;
- Organization of the workshop with governmental and non-governmental actors, on best practices and challenges;
- Organization of coordination meetings on a three-month basis, with actors of institutions as well as with civil society organizations in the field of P/CVE
- Participation in three regional meetings, with GCERF and actors of the Western Balkans;
- Organization of a seminar, within the framework of the political school, with 30 participants, politicians and activists, on the discussion of topics and treatment of P/CVE;
- Publication of two Policy Papers, on Kosovo as a rational actor in the international community, and one on the Western Balkan approach, in the field of P/CVE and wars in foreign countries;
- A discussion with alumni, of the political school, on the topics and treatment of R&R (Rehabilitation and Reintegration) and P/CVE;
- Publication of the Newsletter, on the implementation of activities;

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- Realization of the baseline study, on the identification of needs, and the design of activities;
- Development of a plan, on capacity building, by evaluating the knowledge of the actors in the field of R&R and P/CVE;
- Integration of questions on the field of P/CVE and R&R in 30 public debates, with candidates for mayor of municipalities, in local elections;
- Realization of an assessment on the situation of children who are stuck in school (with teachers, civil society organizations, representatives of institutions);
- Implementation of an inter-institutional plan to address the needs of children with learning disabilities;
- Development/updating of tools for assessing children's mental/physical health;
- A training with Civil Society Organizations on increasing skills in the implementation of projects in the field of R&R and P/CVE, especially in the field of advocacy;
- Articles published on a monthly basis, on the challenges, difficulties and obstacles in the field of R&R and P/CVE;
- Articles published with the aim of solving the problem (Solution journalism);

2

Trainings with local and central Media, on increasing their capacities on reporting in the field of P/CVE and R&R;

6

social videos made on public education, related to developments in the field of R&R and P/CVE;

2

letters to the Media Council of Kosovo, and the Association of Public Broadcasters, with advice on reporting standards in R&R processes;

3

Trainings for capacity building, with the Division for Public Safety and the Department of Reintegration, as well as other relevant actors;

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## PROtectCHILD

The Protectchild program is a project that has been implemented since 2017, in partnership with Save the Children in Kosovo and financed by the Swedish Agency for Development and International Cooperation represented by the Embassy of Sweden in Kosovo (Sida). This is the 5th year of this project which is being implemented in ATRC.

Through this project, during 2021, the aim is to raise awareness among citizens about the Law on Child Protection that came into force on July 17, 2020. As well as the harmonization of local legislation with the central one through municipal regulations for the care and protection of children.

ATRC within the PROtectCHILD project has aimed to raise public awareness about children's rights and the institutions responsible for implementing the Child Protection Law.

This objective has been fully achieved thanks to many initiatives that have been implemented during the period January- December 2021. In the implementation of these initiatives, ATRC has teamed up with the Office for Good Governance and Ministry of Education.

Some of the achievements of this project are;

- In cooperation with ZQM, the Public Awareness Program for Law Enforcement was drafted NO. 06/L-084 for Child Protection with the slogan Love for every child;
- A national campaign was launched through the Office for Good Governance for the implementation of the Law on the protection of children for the first time;
- ATRC has produced 4 video-animations to make children aware of their rights, teachers and citizens about children's rights, the mechanism to report the violation of children's rights, the duties and responsibilities of teachers and the approach to being a parent excellent for raising successful children;



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**17,712**

VIEWS FROM FIRST ANIMATION VIDEO

**32,358**

VIEWS FROM SECOND ANIMATION VIDEO

**30,461**

VIEWS FROM THIRD ANIMATION VIDEO

**165,946**

VIEWS FROM FOURTH ANIMATION VIDEO

ATRC has prepared 4 info-sheets or graphics to promote and educate citizens on the topic of what is child abuse or maltreatment, types of abuse and neglect and how to respond to children who have been abused; The second infographic was aimed at raising awareness among citizens about responding to domestic violence and reporting it to the police; The third infographic elaborated on bullying among children of the same age in schools; The fourth theme infographic had the consequences of child abuse.

- A Yoga session was organized with the children of the Municipal Assembly of Pristina;
- A handbook for teachers with activities for children's rights was drafted in cooperation with MESTI;
- A conference was held to launch the Handbook together with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology in Pristina;
- A conference was held in cooperation with the Directorate of Education in the municipality of Peja to launch booklets with the director of schools in the municipality of Peja;

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- A conference was held in cooperation with the Directorate of Education in the municipality of Ferizaj to launch booklets with the director of schools in the municipality of Ferizaj;
- 7 infosessions were held in different municipalities to promote the Handbook for Teacher with children's rights activities;
- For the international holiday of June 1, a face painting event was organized at the Dardania elementary school in Pristina. In this activity, children had the opportunity to receive a colorful book with stories about their rights. In addition to the coloring book, the children received water, pop-cakes and enjoyed their day through face painting, playing with balloons and dancing to music;
- 2 television discussions were held, one on children's mental health during the pandemic and vaccination and the second was the influence of mass media on children;

**32,606**

VIEWS FROM FIRST TELECAST ONLINE PLATFORM

**34,000**

VIEWS FROM SECOND TELECAST ONLINE PLATFORM

- ATRC has produced and published 5 newspaper articles and infographics for each article, aiming to increase citizens' awareness of children's rights from different perspectives.
- The first topic of the article was why children should be taught more about their rights;
- The second theme is the protection of children from passive and active smoking;
- The third topic, the consequences of mass media on the development and well-being of children;
- Fourth topic mental health problems - early identification changes children's lives;
- Topic five corporal punishment of children is not a solution;

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## HATE-O-METER

The Fighting Hate Project in Kosovo is a 2-year project implemented by ATRC in cooperation with the RADC organization and financed by the Dutch Embassy in Pristina. In the framework of the project, it is aimed to identify hate speech in the print and electronic media in Kosovo.

As part of this project, these activities were organized in 2021:

2

Hate-O-Meter reports published (which analyzed media and hate speech based on religious, sexual or ethnic identity).

2

Monitoring Reports developed and published to reflect the institutional response to hate crimes.

12

round tables on the topic of hate speech organized by ATRC with communities and institutions from different municipalities, with 168 participants.

3

national conferences organized to publish reports, and to encourage discussion about hate speech and hate speech at the central level.

2

live broadcasts of the conferences were distributed to inform the whole community at [kallxo.com](http://kallxo.com).

1

appearance on the radio to promote the hate-o-meter report.

20

CSO and human rights activists were trained on the topic of identifying and reporting hate speech and crimes;

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15

**students were trained through the 5-day training program on the topic of language and hate crimes;**

21

**judges trained on hate crimes;**

21

**prosecutors trained on hate crimes;**

21

**police officers trained on hate crimes;**

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## USAID JUSTICE ACTIVITY

The USAID Justice Program is a 5-year program, which is implemented by Chemonics, in cooperation with ATRC. The project aims to increase citizens' access to justice, through information about the functioning of the justice system and the ways of realizing justice.

During 2021, within the framework of this program, the following activities were developed:

- 15** meetings with the community to promote the services of the justice system.
- 15** female students trained and engaged in monitoring the sessions of the Basic Court of Prishtina.
- 1** summary Report of Monitoring results has been completed.
- 7** municipalities, Mediation Week, promotion of mediation as a legal tool

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1

TV appearance for the promotion of Mediation.

2

meetings in Peje and Gjakove, of the community with the providers of justice services to discuss the services of the justice institutions.

6

municipalities, Week of Free Legal Aid was realized through mobile information offices in the city centers.

4

media Presentations made for the promotion of Free Legal Aid have been made.

4

informative session regarding women's property rights was held in Mitrovica in honor of the International Human Rights Day, December 10, 2021.



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## REGIONAL PROJECT: ENV-NET

The Env.Net project focuses on the factorization of the environmental portfolio for the Western Balkan countries and Turkey in the EU policy agenda. ATRC together with the civil society from the countries of the Western Balkans have contributed to the improvement of the design of environmental policies and their implementation in accordance with EU standards.

In order to fulfill the criterion of joint financing of the project, ATRC has been supported by CDF in the development of these activities:

- The development of three advocacy campaigns on the following issues: quarries, hydropower plants, human rights in the field of the environment;
- Four infographics have been prepared and published, regarding stone quarries, circular economy and waste management in Kosovo;
- Two videos have been prepared in relation to quarries and hydropower plants;
- Two discussion forums were organized with environmental experts regarding the impact of hydropower plants on the environment;
- Preparation and sending of a public letter from civil society organizations to the address of the Ministry of Environment, with the request to stop honorariums in the Hydropower Plant;
- A summary video of the project results has been prepared;
- interviews were organized on TV and radio in relation to quarries and hydropower plants;
- A study visit was organized with NGO representatives at the Mirash Waste Landfill;

# Statement of Financial Position

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

## ASSETS

Property, plant and equipment	<b>8,307</b>
Cash and Cash equivalents	<b>33,427</b>
Advances for grantees	<b>23,987</b>
Accounts Receivable	<b>11,807</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>77,527</b>

## CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	<b>149.00</b>
Deferred Revenues	<b>69,072</b>
Donor Liabilities	<b>8,307</b>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>77,527</b>





