

The Advocate

October Newsletter



Technical support and on-the-job training for central institutions

During the month of October, ATRC started providing technical support and on-the-job training for central institutions and frontline workers in the Prishtina region.

This includes institutions such as the Kosovo Correctional Service, Kosovo Probation Service, Center for Social Work in Obiliq, Center for Social Work in Drenas, Center for Social Work in Fushe Kosove, Municipality of Prishtina, DKA from Lipjan and Drenas.

The workshop held in Prishtina covered topics such as: different forms of Violent Extremism, motives and ideologies behind extremist movements, role of stakeholders on P/CVE and R&R, as well as the identification process and reporting mechanisms.

These workshops will be conducted across seven municipalities: Peje, Prizren, Gjilan, Mitrovica, Gjakove, Ferizaj and Prishtine.

Through this activity, ATRC aims to empower central institutions and frontline workers to better understand different forms of VE, their challenges and their role in identifying, referring and responding to cases, as well as enhancing coordination with the local level.

This activity was funded by GCERF, under the Resilient & Inclusive Communities Program.

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Youth for Inclusivity

Around 20 young people came together for the Youth4Inclusivity workshop in Lipjan.

The workshop focused on enhancing their understanding of critical thinking, inclusion, peace, and human rights. It was also an opportunity for the participants to connect with other motivated young people in their region, and plan to take part in future activities together.

This activity was organized in cooperation with Youth Vision of Shala, under the Resilient and Inclusive Communities Program, funded by GCERF.



Justice Activity in Kosovo

More than 253 citizens have been informed about available legal services and legal procedures through Justice Hotspots located at Basic Courts of Prishtina, Basic Court of Gjilan and Basic Court of Ferizaj.

We awarded certificates of acknowledgment to three interns, wishing them success in their judicial careers.

Additionally, we welcomed three new interns to the Justice Hotspots at the Basic Courts of Prishtina, Gjilan, and Ferizaj, providing them with the necessary training for their roles.

Community Justice Centers at Prizren, Dragash, Klina and Gjilan provided information about available justice services to 218 citizens.

The project **“Strengthening the multistakeholder approach to prevent youth violence and build resilience”** implemented by ATRC in Kosovo, Counselling Line for Women and Girls in Albania, and Pleiades in North Macedonia supported by the Regional grant of the “SMART Balkans – Civil Society for Shared Society in the Western Balkans” regional project implemented by Centar za promociju civilnog društva (CPCD), Center for Research and Policy Making (CRPM) and Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM) and financially supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA).



Stakeholder mapping

At the basis of good multi-stakeholder cooperation is the sharing of information. We have developed an overview of all stakeholders involved in the prevention of violent extremism and building youth resilience in Kosovo.

The content of the conclusion paper is the sole responsibility of the project implementers and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA) or SMART Balkans consortium.

In this stakeholder mapping we analyze each stakeholder's role in building youth that is more resilience to violent extremism, which forms a basis for our work to strengthen the multi-stakeholder approach in this endeavour.



PVE workshop for youth organizations

12 young people from Ferizaj, Gjakova and Lipjan learned to identify and analyze signs of polarization and other potential push or pull factors to radicalisation to violent extremism (VE) during a practical workshop on the 14th of October.

In order for young people to take on a more active role in building resilience among youth, it is crucial for them to be able to identify and analyze early signs. This understanding will allow them to explore their role in tackling them.

Youth is often seen as a high priority target group in violent extremism and other forms of violence, but are often left out as actors to tackling it.

Our practical workshop on Preventing Violent Extremism brought is the first in a series of workshops that will empower youth-led groups and organizations to contribute to building more resilience among youth against violent extremism. In the next workshop they will work to plan their actions towards preventing VE and other forms of youth violence.

In order to develop effective preventative efforts, youth should be involved in their design, implementation, and evaluation.



Regional workshop youth organizations

During 25-26 of October 9 youth-led organizations and mechanisms from across Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia were brought together to discuss youth resilience and the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE).

During a 2-day regional exchange participants improved their skills to analyze and present the PVE context of their communities, learned about key elements of youth resilience and how their organizations can contribute towards building it.

Bringing youth from these three countries in the region allowed them to gain a better understanding of the challenges on PVE in the region as well as work together towards a better understanding of what it means for youth to be resilient, and how they can strengthen it in their communities.

In the next weeks they will be working together to build further understanding and awareness on youth resilience and PVE.



Countering Discrimination, Hate Speech and Gender-based Violence



Together with 18-year-olds in Gjakova, we organized an awareness activity on empowering property rights and addressing gender-based violence.

The discussion covered challenges related to gender discrimination, violence, and property rights for women and girls in rural areas.



In collaboration with the Youth Center in Obiliq, we organized a public awareness and advocacy event on property rights, discrimination, hate speech, and gender-based violence in Kosovo.

This was part of seven advocacy initiatives aimed at educating youth on the impact of discrimination and hate speech, particularly regarding gender-based violence.



The project's aim is to promote a safer, more inclusive environment for all students. During the conference, the project's results and achievements were discussed, along with strategies for continuing efforts in this direction.



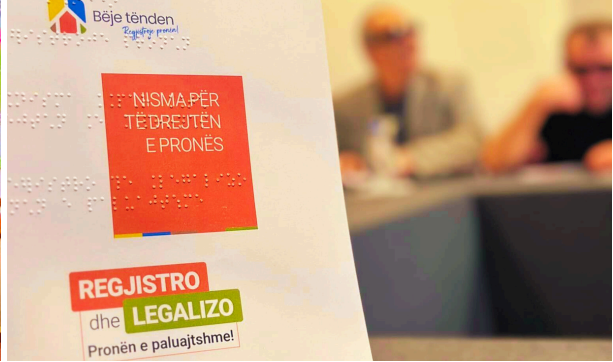
Moments from the premiere of short documentary films created as part of the project "Chronicles of Empowerment: Youth Narratives Against Discrimination, Hate Speech, and Gender-Based Violence Through Documentary Films."



The closing conference of the project "Against Discrimination, Hate Speech, and Gender-Based Violence" was held with the participation of DKA Director Drita Kadriu, high school principals from Mitrovica, representatives from QPS, Director of the Raba Voca Shelter, teachers from Hasan Prishtina and Architect Sinani high schools, collaborators, and donors.



Make it yours
Register the property!



Public Information and Awareness Services for Vulnerable Communities in Kosovo - PIAKOS

Throughout October, our dedicated partners, with hardworking volunteers, conducted a comprehensive door-to-door campaign as part of the PIAKOS project, visiting 4,594 households throughout 28 municipalities to assist communities to raise awareness on property rights and available resources.

In addition to these efforts, our partners, organized various impactful activities, such as:

Advancing Together hosted four "Coffee Mahalla Meetings" to engage communities on property registration, women's rights, legal framework, and dispute resolutions. The meetings included project promotional materials in Romani language

Femrat Aktive te Gjakoves FAGJ together with ATRC representatives met with the Mayor of Gjakova Mr. Ardian Gjini, to discuss the objectives of PIAKOS project, exploring ways to strengthen tenure in informal settlements in Gjakova.

Kosovo Association of the Blind: Using braille pamphlets and sign language interpretation, the Kosovo Association of the Blind and The Kosovar Association of the Deaf conducted five inclusive training workshops on property and land rights for blind and deaf residents in Prishtina, Gjilan, Mitrovica, and Peja.

These activities underline our collective commitment to advance knowledge on property rights for all communities in Kosovo.

Thank you for reading!

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