SITUATION REPORT #16
COVID-19
21 APRIL 2020

21 APRIL 2020 by 09:00 hours

598 cases 1)
572 cases 2)
5009 cases tested

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Gender</th>
<th>271 female</th>
<th>301 male</th>
<th>480 homecare</th>
<th>53 hospitalized</th>
<th>123 fully recovered</th>
<th>12 oxygen therapy</th>
<th>2 intensive care</th>
<th>13 casualties</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

80 cases 3)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Status</th>
<th>21 hospitalized</th>
<th>21 recovered</th>
<th>3 casualties</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Global statistics from WHO as per 21 April 2020 at 09:00 hours

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Confirmed Cases</th>
<th>Deaths</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2,319,066</td>
<td>157,970</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1) Number of cumulative cases verified in Kosovo
2) Statistics, as available by the Kosovo Institute for Public Health
3) Recorded by Serbian health system
As of 21 April of 2020, 09:00 hours, according to IPH there are 572 total cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19. Number of verified casualties to COVID-19 in Kosovo is 13 cases.

Kosovo is in the community spread phase of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Currently 2 patients are under intensive care. 123 patients have fully recovered including Patient Zero. Currently under quarantine are the following municipalities: Prishtinë/Priština; Klinë/a; Malishevë/Mališevo; Viti/Vitina, Mitrovica North, Zvečan/Zveçan, Ferizaj/Uroševac, Suharekë/Suva Reka, Prizren and following villages: Tapanicë/Topanica and Hononoc/Hodonovce, Kamenicë/Kamenica Municipality; Korishë/Koriša, Prizren/Prizren Municipality, Smrekonicë/Smrekovnica and Samadrexhë/Samodreža Vushtrri/Vučitrn Municipality, Vrapçiç/Vrapčić Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality, Zabeli i ulët/Donji zabelj, Glogoc/Glogovac Municipality.
The Ministry of Health has introduced movement restrictions to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19 from 15 April to 4 May: Personal movements during the prescribed 1.5-hour period are only permitted for purchasing food, medicine, hygienic products, dealing with banking/financial matters, and physical exercises. Driving in vehicles is only permitted if the market/pharmacy/bank etc. nearest to the home is more than 2 km away. All persons in movement (including for physical exercises) may not be accompanied by any other person, except (i) persons under 16 years; (ii) persons with disabilities. All persons in movement must (i) cover their mouth and nose, (ii) maintain two metres distance. Persons over 65 years are recommended not to leave their residence, except in emergency cases. No other travel/traffic is permitted, except for the following: medical emergencies, victims of domestic violence; attending funerals of close family members. Non-compliance is punishable by an administrative fine of 1000-2000 euro.

During past 48 hours, 33 cases involving 64 persons have been reported by police of failure to comply with government-imposed restrictions in different locations all over Kosovo.

Kosovo statistics and measures taken to prevent further transmission of the disease are available at https://www.kosova.health/en/. Visitors can do an interactive self-evaluation to verify for COVID-19 symptoms and there is a possibility to register for volunteering at the same website. An emergency phone line is: 038 200 80 800 (0.02 cents per minute).

Travel and Transport

Most international air travel to Kosovo is suspended as of 16 March 2020. Military flights and airplanes carrying cabin crew allowed to land in Pristina Airport for outgoing passengers. There is an exception for incoming medical flights and MEDEVAC. Schedule for limited outgoing flights can be found at http://www.airportpristina.com/. Every person, irrespective of nationality entering Kosovo is placed under mandatory 14-day quarantine/isolation. All public transportation and taxi services has been discontinued.

Public and Private Services

Currently all emergency and other core government functions continue to operate albeit with reduced capacity.

On 15 April Ministry of Finance and Transfers published a call for wages subsidy and unemployment assistance. Employment Agency of Kosovo received more than 6000 individual applications, while thousand more are anticipated. It is emphasized that there are a lot of ineligible applicants, like individuals who have a family member employed


PM Kurti announced that as per 20 April the fund to fight COVID-19 to collect donations from diaspora has reached 400,000 euro. According to PM as per 20 April, the total aid and contribution from international organizations and other countries has reached the amount of 341 million Euro.

“Leave No Child Behind”: As announced by the Mayor on 20 April, the Department of Education of the municipality of Prishtinë/Pristina together with the Parent-Teacher Association is organizing a campaign for donations of laptops, tablets, computers, smartphones and other devices with aim to help every child be able to access online education irrespective of income levels of their parents. Donations can be offered at: shtabi.pr@rks-gov.net
Situation in K-Serb majority municipalities and in the north

According to the Serbian Health System there are no new cases reported COVID-19 cases in northern Kosovo, and in K-Serb majority municipalities in the last 24 hours. Thus, the number remains 80 cases with 21 recovered cases registered.

Serbian Orthodox Church Easter mas was serviced without congregations.

Observations important to health, socio-economic and human rights dimensions of COVID-19 outbreak

It is of utmost important that Human Rights are upheld in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis in Kosovo, as elsewhere. Vigilance needs to be observed for instances of discrimination and stigma, as well as limitations to fundamental freedoms such as freedom of movement, expression, assembly and association, and the right to privacy.

Overall, while measures to contain the health crisis in Kosovo do not seem to disproportionately affect the enjoyment of human rights, they should remain as non-intrusive as possible and in line with requirements of legality and necessity, and in accordance with international human rights law.

Observations and concerns in Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities

The Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities have urgent need for support as they face the COVID-19 outbreak due to poor living conditions, limited access to water, health care and a general lack of coping capacities. There is a need for food and non-food assistance as thousands of families are affected exponentially, hence basic health and food assistance is a matter of urgency.

United Nations Family in Kosovo

UN remains operational both working remotely as well as in the field directly helping vulnerable groups. Coordination mechanisms are established with partners and support intensified not only to authorities to respond effectively to both health as well as social impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak but also distributing assistance directly to vulnerable groups and families.

Response of the UN system in Kosovo

WHO is the lead agency for health related coordination with Ministry of Health. Overall coordination is led by the UN RC/DC. WHO remains in daily contact with Ministry of Health and Institute of Public Health in supporting an effective response. WHO and a few other UNKT agencies are members of the inter-institutional crisis management group.

WHO hosts trainings on 6 different topics to support a more effective COVID-19 response

https://openwho.org/courses/
Socio-economic impact assessment and recovery framework

The COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP) developed by the UNKT in coordination with Ministry of Health and other authorities outlines the immediate needs and gaps of the public health measures as well as initial socio-economic needs, including the financial costs. The SPRP is available on global platform https://covid-19-response.org/ for donors and partners to view while allowing for a global overview of each affected countries needs to ensure efficient allocation of mobilized resources. The SPRP is a living document and will be updated as the situation develops.

Gender Dimensions of the COVID-19 Outbreak

UN Women campaign against Domestic Violence has by reached more than 250,000 individuals in Kosovo on social media. The campaign aims to empower survivors to report violence, ensuring them that help and assistance from institutions is available 24/7. In addition to last week’s messages of the Prime Minister, Speaker of Parliament and Minister of Justice, messages of the acting Minister of Internal Affairs, and Kosovo Police will be broadcasted this week by UN Women, remarks from the UN Development Coordinator and the UN Women, Head of Office. The videos are available on UN Women Kosovo social media accounts and are being broadcasted on TV.

UN Women in close consultation with Network of RAE Women’s Organization, has been closely monitoring the situation of women from Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities in answering to their essential needs during the COVID-19 outbreak. The support will be coordinated with other UN agencies and provided in due time.

Asylum Seekers, refugees and migrants

The borders remain closed and the border police reported that no new arrivals entered in Kosovo. So far there are no cases of infected asylum seekers with COVID-19.

UNHCR and its civil society partner on gender issues has provided psychological services to complex cases among asylum-seekers and at the same time ensured multiple response to the needs of the asylum seekers from the respective authorities.

Internally Displaced Persons and Voluntary Returnees

UNHCR partner Forum for Development and Multi-ethnic Collaboration (FDMC), is conducting a virtual information session on COVID-19 with groups of returnee children from the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities regarding the updated restrictive measures imposed by the government.

Also, virtual discussions on the new Governmental Fiscal package were organized with the representatives of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian returnees in seven municipalities. UNHCR has offered support on registration with the employment offices and on applying for the package for all returnees and IDPs in need. UNHCR and FDMC facilitated a Creative online workshop “Support to children all around the world through art” with children residing in Collective Centers in Shtërpce/Strpce Municipality.

Innovation

UNICEF in partnership with Microsoft and the University of Cambridge launched “The Learning Passport” in Kosovo in the presence of the Prime Minister and Deputy Minister of Education. This global initiative, which originally was designed to provide education for displaced and refugee children through a digital remote learning platform, has undergone rapid expansion to facilitate context specific curriculum for children and youth whose schools have been forced to close in response to COVID-19.
Kosovo together with Timor-Leste and Ukraine are the three pioneers to roll out the Learning Passport. Kosovo will specifically be focusing on developing a minimum viable product starting with digitizing of UPSHIFT, Kosovo born programme replicated in 21 countries globally. The platform will also provide key resources to teachers and educators.

UNFPA together with its partner Kosova Population Foundation (KOPF) have launched virtual trainings with youth Peer Educators on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) with a specific module on COVID-19. Up to now, 30 Peer Educators attended these trainings virtually.

On 19 April an online event “One World: Together At Home” in support to WHO and fight against COVID-19, was globally broadcasted. This Global Citizen 4) movement digital special was to support frontline healthcare workers and the WHO. The event was curated by Lady Gaga. Many stars, celebrities and experts were be a part of it. It has fundraised nearly 128 million USD. (www.globalcitizen.org/en/connect/togetherathome/)

Financial support and contributions to UN’s global fight against COVID-19

UK Government announced a package of 252 million USD committed to different UN agencies WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP, UNFPA, as well as to the IFRC and NGOs.

Denmark has contributed to WHO with 15 million USD additional resources over the last month. A UN Development System Trust Fund for COVID-19 recovery has been launched in response to the UN SG’s vision for socio-economic recovery with initial commitment of 40 million USD from Denmark, the Netherlands and Norway. Kosovo will benefit with an initial 1 million USD.

UN appeals and global initiatives to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic

The global broadcast “One World: Together At Home” took place on 19 April as a symbol of global unity and solidarity in fighting COVID-19. This Global Citizen 5) digital movement paid tribute to frontline healthcare workers and the WHO. The event, which was curated by Lady Gaga with participated by long list of other stars, celebrities and experts, including the UN SG, was able to fundraise nearly $128 M (www.globalcitizen.org/en/connect/togetherathome/)

On April 11 the UN SG sent a public message to mark Easter, Passover and Ramadan: Renewing Faith in our Common Humanity in the Face of the COVID-19 Pandemic, calling on religious leaders for action to defeat this virus – “…with cooperation, solidarity, and faith in our common humanity”. For full message please see – https://bit.ly/3cEfr11

On 6 April, the UN SG launched an appeal “for peace in homes around the world” and to world leaders to reinforce efforts to combat and prevent gender-based violence which is increasing globally as a result of COVID-19. Currently, 145 countries are supporting the appeal.

The UN Secretary General has launched a report “Shared responsibility, global solidarity”: “Responding to the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19” on 31 March 2020, with recommendations geared to empower governments & propel partners to act urgently http://unkt.org/2020/03/31/shared-responsibility-global-solidarity-responding-socio-economic-impacts-covid-19/

The UN SG launched on 25 March a 2 billion USD global humanitarian response plan to fund the fight against COVID-19 in the world’s poorest countries. Properly funded, it will save lives and arm humanitarian agencies and NGOs with laboratory supplies for testing, and with medical equipment to treat the sick while protecting health care workers. Already an estimated 1 billion USD have been committed by UN member states.

4) Global Citizen is a global movement established in 2008 primarily with the goal to tackle MDG1, and after 2015 to achieve SDG1 by 2030.
5) Global Citizen is a global movement established in 2008 primarily with the goal to tackle MDG1, and after 2015 to achieve SDG1 by 2030.
The UN SG’s call for global cease-fire on 23 March 2020 backed by among other dignities by Pope Francis, UN Messengers of Peace https://bit.ly/2RokW5p and heeded by various warring parties as ceasefire was declared in Philippines, Yemen, Cameroon, Colombia, as well as fragile truce in parts of Middle East. More than 2.2 million people worldwide have raised the voice in support of the appeal by signing online https://avaaz.org/campaign/en/global_ceasefire_loc/
For more information, visit or contact UN Kosovo Team (15 Agencies and the Coordination Office)

Web: www.unkt.org
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/UNKosovoTeam
Twitter: https://twitter.com/UNKosovoTeam
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/unkosovoteam/

UN Development Coordinator Ulrika Richardson
Twitter: https://twitter.com/UNKT_DC

UNDP
Website: https://www.ks.undp.org/content/kosovo/en/home.html
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/UNDP.Kosovo
Twitter: https://twitter.com/UNDP_Kosovo

UNICEF
Website: https://www.unicef.org/kosovoprogramme/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/UNICEFKosovoprogramme
Twitter: https://twitter.com/UNICEFKosovo & https://twitter.com/kosinnovations
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/unicef_innovations_lab_kosovo/

UNWOMEN
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/unwomenkosovo/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/unwomenkosovo

UNFPA
Website: https://koso.unfpa.org/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/unfpakosovo/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/UnfpaKosovo

UNHCR
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/unhcr.kosovo/
Twitter: https://www.twitter.com/Refugees
Instagram: https://instagram.com/refugees?igshid=6sgykcvdqww

WHO
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/WHOEurope
Twitter: https://twitter.com/who_europe

Kosovo authorities

Ministry of Health:
Website: http://msh.rks-gov.net/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Ministria-e-Shëndetësisë-597689407055317

Institute of Public Health:
Website: www.niph-rks.org/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/InstitutiiKosovesperAdministratePublike
WHO, UNICEF and UNDP partnered with WhatsApp with the aim is to get real time health information to billions around the world on COVID-19: The WhatsApp Corona-virus Information Hub provides simple, actionable guidance for health workers, educators, community leaders, nonprofits, local governments and local businesses and offers general tips and resources to reduce the spread of rumors and connect with accurate health information: [https://www.whatsapp.com/coronavirus](https://www.whatsapp.com/coronavirus)

Or join WHO’s Health Alert on WhatsApp:

- For Arabic send "ابراح" to +41 22 501 70 23 on WhatsApp wa.me/41225017023?text=ابراح
- For French send "salut" to +41 22 501 72 98 on WhatsApp wa.me/41225017298?text=salut
- For Spanish send "hola" to +41 22 501 76 90 on WhatsApp wa.me/41225017690?text=hola
- For English send "hi" to +41 79 893 18 92 on WhatsApp wa.me/41798931892?text=hi

To stay up to date with the latest information, please visit:

- WHO: [https://tinyurl.com/yx6vexyp](https://tinyurl.com/yx6vexyp)
- Latest news on the UNs’ response: [https://tinyurl.com/sf5ggwe](https://tinyurl.com/sf5ggwe)
- WHO guidance for countries: [https://tinyurl.com/sz5zrl9](https://tinyurl.com/sz5zrl9)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation: [https://tinyurl.com/tpr4rzc](https://tinyurl.com/tpr4rzc)

From 1 April 2020 Viber chatbot on COVID-19 is also available in English, Arabic and Russian [https://viber.com/coronavirusinfo](https://viber.com/coronavirusinfo) Information provided is sourced or verified by WHO.

Contact: Shpend Qamili, Communications Officer, UNDCO shpend.qamili@un.org