SITUATION REPORT #18
COVID-19
25 APRIL 2020

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703 cases 1)  
677 cases 2)  
5,890 cases tested

87 cases 3)  

320 female  
357 male  

465 homecare  
50 hospitalized  
162 fully recovered

12 oxygen therapy  
14 casualties  

49 hospitalized  
33 recovered  
5 casualties

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**Kosovo IPH COVID-19 data, as per 25 April 2020, 09:00 hours**

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**Kosovo IPH COVID-19 confirmed cases, by municipalities, as per 25 April 2020, 09:00 hours**

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*Global statistics from WHO as per 25 April 2020 at 09:00 hours*

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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 25 April of 2020, 09:00 hours, according to IPH there are 677 total cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19. Number of verified casualties to COVID-19 in Kosovo is 14 cases. On April 23 at the Prizren Regional Hospital, eight health workers tested positive for COVID-19. Also, Peja/Peć saw a spike of verified COVID-19 cases on 24 April with additional 26 cases.

Kosovo is in the phase of “community spread” of the COVID-19 outbreak with consequent need to further strengthen adherence to the introduced measures to mitigate the spread of the virus.

162 patients have fully recovered. In quarantine at the student center are 650 persons. 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: Topanichë/Topanica and Hononoc/Hodanovce, Kamenicë/Kamenica Municipality; Smrekonicë/Smrekovnicë and Samadrežë/Samodreža, Vushtrri/Vučitrn Municipality; Zabeli i ulët/Donji zabelj, Glogoc/Glogovac Municipality.
Currently all emergency and other core government functions continue to operate albeit with reduced capacity. On 14 April, the government has introduced an extensive emergency fiscal package with around € 180 million, with socio-economic measures attempting to maintain the flow of the economy and prevent the fallout on wellbeing for people and businesses covering a broad range to priorities such as increase in pensions, cash assistance, rent payments, budget support to municipalities, support to SMEs, cultural activities and top up payments for health workers, police and other frontline workers.

Additionally, on 15 April Ministry of Finance and Transfers published a call for wage-subsidies and unemployment assistance. Employment Agency received more than 6000 individual applications, while thousand more are anticipated. The deadline for applications is 15 May. Information available in Albanian and Serbian at https://mf.rks-gov.net/page.aspx?id=3,2,860

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.

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).
According to the Serbian Health System out of there are 87 cases identified with COVID-19, while there are 33 cases of fully recovered from COVID-19 in northern Kosovo, and in K-Serb majority municipalities. 5 people from north Kosovo died while in hospitals in Nis, Kragujevac and Belgrade.

17 cases of domestic violence are registered in the northern part of Kosovo in the January – March period representing an increase of 9 cases more than the same period last year. According to the Kosovo Police officials this increase is affected by the emerging situation regarding the coronavirus pandemic and the measures imposed.

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.

Crisis communication

The WHO’s Interim guidance on Safe Ramadan practices in the context of the COVID-19 has been translated into Albanian, Turkish, Roma, Bosnian and Arabic in order to be made available to the general population, minorities, asylum seekers and people on the move. The guidance is published on the UNKT website and social media @UNKosovoTeam

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 Awareness Raising Campaign has by now reached more than 1 million individuals. Second phase of the campaign will start soon, mainly focusing with outreach activities at the local level. The emergency protocol for the cases of Domestic Violence supported by UN Women and UNFPA was sent out on 24 April, by the Ministry of Health informing all relevant institutions that:

• The Ministry of Health has provided space for quarantining the victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence, before placing them in shelters according to the legal provisions in force.
• The space dedicated for this purpose is set in the Dormitories at the Student Centre in Prishtina, which will serve for temporary 14-day quarantine until their placement in shelter.

UN Women and UNFPA will support the emergency shelter with hygiene boxes, clothes, and bed linen for the survivors.
Asylum Seekers, refugees and migrants

No new arrivals entered in Kosovo in the last period. Currently, 207 asylum-seekers are accommodated in the Asylum Centers. UNHCR supported provision of internet access to Asylum Centers in Magure/Magura and Vranidoll/I. This enables legal and psychological counselling assistance by our partners, Civil Rights Programme Kosovo and the Kosova Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture, as well as access to information for asylum-seekers.

Internally Displaced Persons and Voluntary Returnees

UNHCR and its partners, Forum for Development and Multi-ethnic Collaboration, and Advancing Together continued identifying Persons of Concern that could potentially benefit from the Emergency Fiscal Package. The internally displaced persons and returnees identified are being assisted to register with respective Employment Offices, which is a precondition to benefit from the package. Community Advocates and Community Volunteers are in close contacts with Collective Shelters representatives maintaining regular information sharing.

Assistance to vulnerable families

On 23 April UNICEF launched a partnership with USAID on supporting and protecting families from COVID-19. A total of 5,950 family hygiene packages, 240 family medicine center hygiene packages and 1,200 baby hygiene kits have been put together for distribution across Kosovo with the help of Kosovo Red Cross. https://xk.usembassy.gov/ In addition, UNICEF delivered a third batch of vital supplies in support of COVID-19 response to Ministry of Health. 10% of the total shipment was distributed to K-Serbs in North Mitrovica/e and Gračanica/Graçanicë. The shipment contains 8,960 surgical gowns, 2,680 FFP2/N95 masks and 33,600 surgical masks. This shipment was supported by the Government of Luxembourg.

Up to now, UNICEF provided 36,200 gloves, 68,544 surgical masks, 5,380 FFP2/N95 masks 1,000 coverall protection, 51,460 surgical gowns and 2,934 protective aprons, 81 clinical Infrared thermometers in support of Kosovo’s respond to the pandemic.

Innovation

UNDP launched a crowdfunding campaign on 23 April LINK to raise funds to purchase testing kits for the Molecular Microbiology Laboratory at National Institute for Public Health to detect COVID-19. The campaign will be receiving donations starting 28 April. The campaign, titled “Close to Heart” is implemented in cooperation with Kosova Ideas and Bonevet, New Moment New Ideas, and supported by WHO. The campaign aims to mobilize individuals and companies both in Kosovo and Diaspora.
UN appeals and global initiatives to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic

On 23 April, UN Secretary General has published a policy brief on COVID-19 and Human Rights, titled ‘We are all in this together’, calling for proportional measures to immediate threats and same time protecting human rights and the rule of law, while reminding that virus is the threat, not human beings. For full document please see LINK.

On 22 April, UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights Philip Alston, stated: “Despite often far-reaching policy reversals and huge financial support packages, the most vulnerable have been short-changed or excluded.” He further called all governments: “…for deep structural reforms that will protect populations as a whole and will build resilience in the face of an uncertain future.”

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 4) 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 – Link.

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 LINK.

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.
GIS representation of confirmed COVID19 cases in Kosovo

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**Kosovo authorities**

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**Website:** http://msh.rks-gov.net/
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**Institute of Public Health:**
**Website:** www.niph-rks.org/
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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 "ابحـرـم" to +41 22 501 70 23 on WhatsApp wa.me/41225017023?text=ابحـرـم

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**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)

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