818
Total number of cases identified with COVID-19 in Kosovo

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Note: Tables, graphs and statistics as provided by the Kosovo Institute of Public Health

Globally according to WHO, as per 8 May 2020, 08:00 hours

3,679,499 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases
254,199 Deaths related to COVID-19

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1 Data provided by the Kosovo Institute of Health
2 Data provided by Serbian health system in Kosovo
3 Source WHO [https://covid19.who.int/]
Key Highlights, Measures and Response

Kosovo statistics and measures taken to prevent further transmission of the disease are available at https://www.kosovavaha. 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. Emergency phone: 038 200 80 800 (0.02 cents per minute).

Municipalities under quarantine: Mitrovica/MITROVICË North; Zveçan/Zveçan;

Locations considered hotspots by Ministry of Health as published on 5 May 2020 are specific sites in: Kamenicë/Kamenica municipality; Peja/Peć municipality; Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo municipality; Gjakovë/Dakovica municipality; Istog/k municipality; Gjilan/Gnjilane municipality; Viti municipality; and municipality of Shtime/Štimlje.
All planned steps of return to normality are conditioned by the improvement of the epidemiological situation determined by the Ministry of Health. Activities will open gradually.

Notice: All activities must adopt standard operation procedures in accordance to the rules set forth in the epidemiological protocol as published by the Ministry of Health.

The new measures, published on 30 April, took effect as of 4 May, in three phases, based on the understanding that full adherence to the recommendations will be observed by the population, institutions and private sector, such as respecting social distance, disinfecting practices and the use of masks and other protective equipment when needed. They are also subject to continuous monitoring and can be withdrawn if not respected. Finally, they are subject to the epidemiological developments.

**Situation in the municipalities with Serbian majority community**

As per 8 May, 08:00 hours, no new COVID-19 cases have been identified in the last 24 hours. Out of total 110 confirmed cases, 76 have fully recovered and 9 have died. Serbian health system in Kosovo has implemented 1203 tests for COVID-19. All the cases are from the northern municipalities, there has been no case from Serbian community positively identified with COVID-19 south of Ibar/Ibar river.

**UN in Kosovo**

Since the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak, the UN family in Kosovo have provided (i) emergency support to the health system in terms of supplies, advise and other technical support, (ii) humanitarian assistance to vulnerable families and groups, (iii) technical and normative guidance to institutions and civil society, and (iv) coordination support, totaling a value of approx. US$ 8 M of core and non-core contributions.
Support and assistance of the UN system in Kosovo

WHO is the lead agency for health related coordination with Ministry of Health. Overall UN response to COVID-19 is led by the UN RC/DC. WHO remains in daily contact with Ministry of Health and Institute of Public Health in support of an effective the health system response WHO and UNDP together with other select UNKT agencies are members of the inter-institutional crisis management group. UNDP provides material, communications, and planning support to the functioning of the group.

UN rapid socio-economic impact assessment and UN Socio-Economic Response Plan

The UN family is producing a socio-economic assessment supported by UNDP that will serve to inform its Inter-agency Socio-Economic Response Plan, which is developed under the strategic leadership of the UN Development Coordinator and the technical lead of UNDP. This Plan represents an integrated support package that the United Nations development system can offer as it tailors its immediate and medium-term socio-economic response to Kosovo to support systems and institutions and protect the needs and rights of people most affected by the COVID-19.

Additionally, the COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP) developed by the UNKT in coordination with Ministry of Health and other authorities outlines the initial immediate needs and gaps of the public health measures, including the financial gap. The SPRP is available to review by partners and donors at https://covid-19-response.org/.

Preventive health care measures

Kosovo just like many places around the globe initially suspended its immunization programme due to COVID-19. However, on 4 May 2020. With the help of UNICEF, the immunization programme resumed in partnership with National Institute of Public Health and the Ministry of Health, in 60 centers across Kosovo. Thousands of children are vaccinated and protected from diseases within few days. This initiative is supported by Government of Luxembourg.

Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants

Currently, there are 196 asylum-seekers accommodated in Asylum Centres. The internet connection provided by UNHCR in two asylum centres makes possible for asylum-seekers to receive legal advice and psychological assistance online. Now, asylum-seekers virtually meet their legal representatives frequently. Ten asylum-seekers children of school age are registered in a school near the Asylum Centre.

Internally Displaced Persons and Voluntary Returnees

UNHCR and its partner organizations continue to assist persons of concern directly and through advocacy to local and international NGOs. Returnees and internally displaced persons are continually advised and assisted to apply for Emergency Fiscal Package.

UNHCR’s partner organization Advancing Together (AT) identified eight vulnerable Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian families in Ferizaj/Uroševac that are in need for medicines. Additional 40 individuals in need for medicines were identified in Obiliq/Obilić municipality. These are individuals with various chronic diseases, who cannot afford medicines because of their economic situation. Vulnerable returnee families awaiting housing solution, found themselves in need of assistance for paying rent. Many of them are under threat of eviction by the owners.

On 5 and 6 May, 238 hygienic packages for 119 families, have been disseminated by UNHCR and partners to displaced persons in the Collective Shelters in Mitrovica North, Zvečan/Zveçan, Leposavic/Leposaviq and Zubin Potok municipalities.

25 newly arrived asylum seekers are under two weeks quarantine, applied by the authorities at a detention centre for foreigners in Vranidol/Vranidol

UNFPA Kosovo together with NGO Kosova Population Foundation (KOPF) are continuing to deliver online trainings to high school students throughout Kosovo. As part of these trainings around 40 high-school students from Peja/Pec were able to learn about Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and about the COVID-19 pandemic.
**Assistance to vulnerable families and individuals**

In order to respond to the emergency needs of Kosovo shelters for survivors of domestic violence, to provide adequate accommodation for women and their children during the pandemic, UN Women donated various bed and linen, and clothes items such as pillows, blankets, towels, pajamas, underwear etc.

Furthermore, to aid the online learning process for children residing in these shelters, UN Women donated technical equipment such as TV sets, laptop computers and printers. Such items were provided also to the shelter for children and to the shelter for survivors of human trafficking.

**Human Rights**

It is of utmost importance that human rights are upheld in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis in Kosovo. Limitations on fundamental freedoms and human rights, such as the freedoms of movement, expression, and peaceful assembly, should remain as non-intrusive as possible and in line with requirements of legality and necessity, and in accordance with international human rights law. Despite the relaxation of some measures to contain COVID-19 on 4 May, the measures currently in force still significantly limit the freedoms of movement and peaceful assembly. They also continue to have the potential to affect the enjoyment of a wide range of human rights, including economic, social, and cultural rights such as the rights to education, adequate standard of living, and social protection.

Increased vigilance is needed in the context of COVID-19 to instances of discrimination and stigma and gender-based violence as well as to the growing incidents against non-majority communities. Particular attention should also be paid to the unauthorized release of personal information, including patients’ medical information, which appears to be incompatible with the right to privacy. Recent attacks and intimidation of journalists also raise concerns for the freedom of the media and right to information in Kosovo, and the ability of journalists to provide timely and accurate information concerning COVID-19. The alleged suicide of a young man in the Pristina quarantine center on 3 May highlights the importance of targeted measures that address the specific needs of groups and persons in vulnerable situations, such as persons with disabilities and mental health issues, and ensure they are not disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and measures to contain it.

The Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities still urgently need health, food, and economic assistance to enjoy their economic and social rights as they face the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to exacerbate their poor living conditions, limited access to water, health care and overall vulnerability.

**Crisis communication and campaigns**

UNDP handed over 15 laptops to be used by the Inter-Institutional Group for Incidence Management (IGIM) for effective whole-of-government response to COVID-19. The laptops allow IGIM to work virtually during the crisis. This is part of UNDP Rapid Response Facility support the immediate response to the pandemic in Kosovo. UNDP is supporting IGIM with a Crisis Management Plan, the development of a framework for Early Warning System adaptable for different crisis situations. UNDP is now working with the KP and MIAPA on designing a public outreach campaign to emphasize the need to follow institutional measures put in place to contain the spread of COVID-19.

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**Outreach of the week:** On 07 May 2020, the Speaker of Assembly of Kosovo witnessed real time vaccination of children at the immunization center established in the family health center in Ulpiana, supported by UNICEF.

**Advocacy of the week:** UNICEF’s #whileathome campaign in Kosovo has surpassed 1 million social media users, with hundreds of contributions by viewers and sharers. Big part of the activity is created and followed by parents and children during the movement restrictions measures. The campaign started on 16 March is ongoing with purpose to engage parents, children and families in educational activities related to COVID-19.
UN appeals and global initiatives to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic

On 7 May 2020 United Nations announced the increased appeal to fight the coronavirus pandemic in fragile and vulnerable countries from $2 billion to $6.7 billion. UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (OCHA) Mark Lowcock reiterated that the peak of the pandemic is not expected to hit the world’s poorest countries for three to six months. In the meantime, there is already evidence of incomes plunging and jobs disappearing, food supplies falling and prices soaring, and children missing vaccinations and meals.

The United Nation has launched a global trust fund to fight coronavirus and built back better. The multi-donor trust fund will help countries to stop coronavirus transmission and protect the most vulnerable from the devastating socio-economic impacts of the pandemic. The UN COVID-19 Multi-Partner Trust Fund will prioritize three critical areas of action: stop the outbreak; protect the vulnerable; and build resiliency. It is anticipated that the Fund will require of $1 billion US dollars in the first 9 months. Kosovo is included in the list of eligible beneficiaries to this fund and $ 1 million has been already allocated to tackle few immediate socio-economic impacted areas, with possible increased packages in near future.

On 1 May, UNSG launched a policy brief that provides analysis and recommendations to address challenges of elderly in COVID-19 pandemic. The policy brief has four main messages: 1. No person, young or old, is expendable. Older people have the same rights; 2. We need to improve social support and reach older; 3. All measures against COVID-19 must consider elderly; 4. Contribution of elderly voices and leadership count. Full paper can be found at [LINK - https://bit.ly/2LaW6Cu]

On 29 April 2020 UN Human Rights Office published a guidance note - [https://bit.ly/2L7IPKU] for all stakeholders on COVID-19 and the human rights of persons with disabilities. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet said: ‘People with disabilities not only face greater risks from COVID-19, they also are disproportionately affected by response measures, including lockdowns. To address this double risk, we need to be

Although live jazz concert to celebrate International Jazz Day was cancelled due to COVID-19, musicians planning to perform at the 30 April event in Cape Town, South Africa, decided to live-stream their music from their homes. In case you have missed it please see[https://youtu.be/C54ape_UfwY]

Renowned jazz pianist Herbie Hancock considered to be one of the best jazz pianists alive, opened the virtual concert.