1. Country Report- Republic of Kosovo

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- Kosovo is in the middle of the Southeastern Europe. Having occupied the central position in the Balkan Peninsula, Kosovo represents important connection between Central and South Europe, Adriatic Sea, and Black Sea.
 - Surface of Kosovo is 10,908.1 km².
 - The climate in Kosovo is middle continental with hot summer and cold winter.
 - Kosovo has about 2 million inhabitants. Its density is about 193 people per km², and is divided into 33 municipalities.
- • Capital of Kosovo is Pristina.









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Kosovo Child





Geographical coordination

- Coordination's
- Degree/Minutes
- Northern magnitude
- 43° 16′
- Southern magnitude
- 41° 53′
- Eastern magnitude
- 21° 16′
- Western magnitude
- 19° 59′
- Source: SOK, Cartography & GIS

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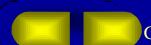
Images from the town of Gjakova



City of Prizren











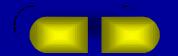
Conference on Human Rights



3. Three major challenges/obstacles in mainstreaming gender in Kosovo

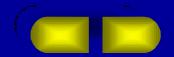
- a)Women in decision making
- b)Poverty
- c)And Discrimination





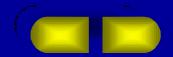
4. Three priority issues in the present main national policy /plan

- a) Spreading of values and practices that promote gender equality, protection of rights and woman empowerment
- b) Increase of access for women and girls to qualitative education
- 3) Improvement of women and girls health by increasing the response of health system towards their health needs



5. Your job descriptions

- (i) Oversee and advise the Ministries in the areas of good governance, human rights, equal opportunity and gender;
- (ii) Develop policy and issue guidelines in the areas of good governance, human rights, equal opportunity and gender equality;
- (iii) Review draft legislation prepared by the Executive Branch for compliance with applicable human rights standards and practices of good governance in coordination with the Office of Legal Support Services; and advises and makes recommendations to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers accordingly;



6.Issue(s) to be addressed in mainstreaming gender:

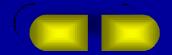
 In our society there is still stigmatization and we can say that we are not completely open to accept people with disabilities as a part of the social diversity. This presented action plan aims to change as much as we can this situation with several activities planed to be developed throughout the project. Its main focus is on women with disabilities as the most marginalized group of people with disabilities.





7. Justification for choosing the above issue's):

It is no doubt that certain groups' such as women children elder are more vulnerable groups of people with disabilities. Women in particular present a group that in addition to facing the usual problems that people with disabilities face also face the problem of lacking gender equality thus being twice marginalized. Our society is created based on the assumption that all people can move fast on the streets, can see the signs, are able to read the guidelines, are able to press the buttons, have enough strength to open all kinds of doors and can percept and interact in a standard manner with their surrounding environment. This is not the case with all disabled people regardless of their disability and unfortunately we can say that in Kosovo they don't even have the minimal access in health care services, education, sign language interpreters, access in all buildings, and access in documentation (lack of basic services in Braille), in one word they are simply excluded from the public life. This is all due to the lack of institutional and even maybe human care towards the disabled people.



8. Useful knowledge and skills gained through this program in

order to take action against the above issue(s):

Attending this program and the knowledge gained in such program, has been more than valuable and important to us. This is due to the new experiences earned from such a development country such as Japan, where the respect of Human rights, especially the respect of Women rights are considered as great values of the society. The program has been very interesting, we learned practices which we would implement in our country and which would make easier our daily work. This program would make possible that we implement measures in fulfilling our obligations as Government in respecting the policies and programs on gender issues, such as the social aspect, health, anti-discrimination, decision making and the treatment of women with dignity in our society. I consider that we are more that prepared from the lessons learned from this program, to contribute towards our institutions in the promotion, monitoring and respecting the Women Rights.



9 Action Plan on mainstreaming gender in your country

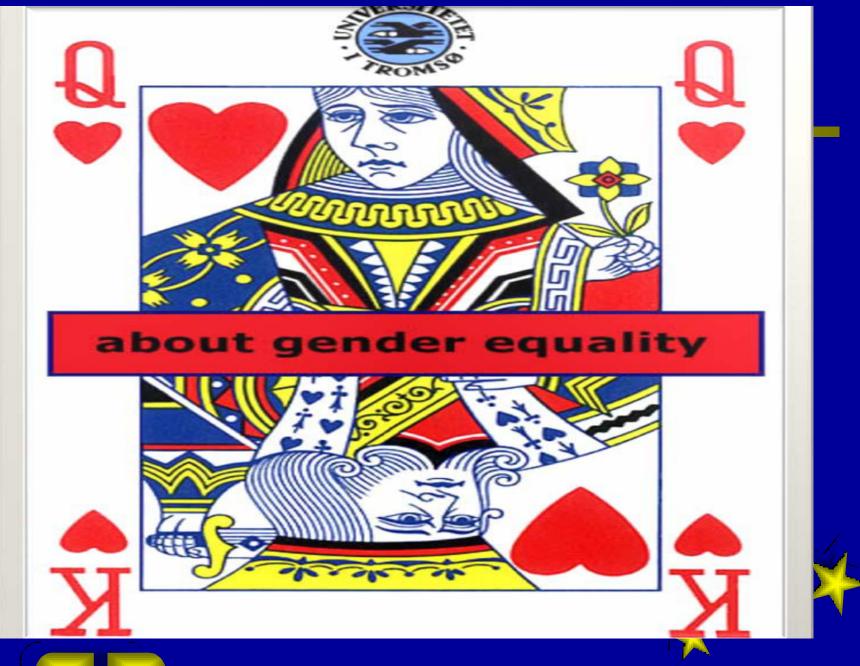
- (1)Title: Gender Rights and Vulnerability Groups
- (2)Period: 6 Month
- (3)Target area: Republic of Kosovo
- (4)Target beneficiary/is: 80 Disability Women
- (5)Implementing agency: Office of Good Governance and Human Rights office of Prime Minister and Blind Women Committee of Kosovo and Deaf Women Association of Kosovo.
- (6)Over all Goals: Empowerment of Women with Disabilities and the organizations representing women with disabilities.
- (7)Project Purpose: To make aware and encourage women with disabilities to use and exercise their rights applicable in Kosovo according to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities the national legislation on disabilities, gender issues as well as the National Action Plan for People with Disabilities.



• (8)Activities

- a) A survey about the situation of disabled people especially in the gender issue.
- b) Empowerment and capacity building of women with disabilities
- c) Organizing trainings for women with disabilities regarding the United Nations Convention for People with disabilities.
- d) Organize a workshop with the publication of the report by including results and data, together with the Committee of Blind Women of Kosovo and the Deaf Association of Women in Kosovo.
- 9. Outputs: Disability women become to know abut the rights.



























•Thank you very much for your attention

