



# MUNICIPAL PROFILE

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## Glogovac/Glogovac

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## 1. Introduction: Area and Population

Glogovc/Glogovac municipality is located in central Kosovo, between Çiçavica Mountains in the east and the Drenica hills in the north and west. The main road from Prishtinë/Priština to Pejë/Peć crosses the municipality. At a junction at Komoran/Komorane village, a smaller road extends north from the highway, passing through Glogovc/Glogovac town and continuing to Skënderaj/Srbica town. There are a total of 36 villages in the municipality, including the town of Glogovc/Glogovac. The municipality's population prior to the 1999 bombing was approximately 69,000 made up almost entirely of Kosovo Albanians, with a small number of Kosovo Serbs and others only in the Glogovc/Glogovac town. No ethnic minorities remained in the municipality, thus Glogovc/Glogovac today reflects a mono-ethnic environment. Before the conflict the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) had a strong level of influence and controlled large areas of the municipality. Glogovc/Glogovac municipality was consequently badly affected, as was the entire Drenica region. A series of Yugoslav police operations resulting in armed confrontation and civilian casualties represented defining episodes in the escalation of armed conflict in Kosovo.

Table 1.1: Ethnic Composition, Including IDPs

Population	Kosovo Albanians		Kosovo Serbs		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
1989	68,946	97.7	26	2.3	7	0.1	68,981	100
2000	55,000	100	0	0	0	0	55,000	100
2001	70,400	100	0	0	0	0	70,400	100
IDPs	57						57	

Source: Kosovo: As seen as told. OSCE Human Rights Report, 1999. Vol. 1, p. 190

## 2. Civil Administration

After the 2002 Municipal Elections, the administrative structure remained almost the same as the composition of the previous municipal council, which had been largely dominated by the Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK).

Table 2.1: Composition of the Municipal Assembly

Name of Municipal Assembly Member / Professional Background	Political Affiliation
Mr. Gani Sylaj	PDK/ President, since November 2002
Dr. Gani Halilaj	PDK/ Deputy President, since November 2002
Mr. Izet Ibrahim	PDK, Member
Ms. Zahirë Podrimqaku	PDK, Member
Mr. Sherif Krasiniqi	PDK, Member
Mr. Selim Shabani	PDK, Member
Ms. Valbonë Kastrati	PDK, Member
Mr. Arsim Mehmeti	PDK, Member
Mr. Hafir Bytyqi	PDK, Member
Ms. Zize Vrellaku	PDK, Member
Mr. Ilmi Dobra	PDK, Member
Mr. Milaim Berisha	PDK, Member
Ms. Xhevrije Kastrati	PDK, Member
Mr. Enver Topilla	PDK, Member
Mr. Haxhi Qorri	PDK, Member
Ms. Ibadete Ibrici	PDK, Member
Mr. Rexhep Bazaj	PDK, Member
Mr. Gani Krasiniqi	PDK, Member
Ms. Myzafere Kastrati	PDK, Member
Mr. Beli Lastrani	PDK, Member
Mr. Blerim Hadja	PDK, Member
Ms. Florije Jonuz	PDK, Member
Mr. Aziz Bardhi	PDK, Member
Mr. Gani Halilaj	PDK, Member
Ms. Hyrije Xhemajlaj	PDK, Member
Mr. Rrahim Muleta	PDK, Member
Mr. Florin Dvorani	PDK, Member
Mr. Nexhmedin Haxhiu	BK, Member
Mr. Izet Abdyli	LDK, Member
Mr. Mehdi Sylaj	LDK, Member
Ms. Mimozë Krasiniqi	LDK, Member
Mr. Rifat Bilalli	LDK, Member

Table 2.2: Municipal Assembly Committees

Committee	Chairperson / Affiliation	Vice-chairperson / Affiliation
Policy and Finance Committee	Gani Sylaj/PDK	N/A
Mediation Committee	N/A	N/A
Community Committee	N/A	N/A
Committee of Families of Martyrs	Imer Deliu/ No affiliation	N/A

Source: OSCE Glogovac/Glogovac Municipal Team

Table 2.3: Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors and Municipal Departments

Director / Professional Background / Affiliation (if any)	Municipal Department (Incl. Community Office, if any)
Mr. Abdyl Krasniqi/ PDK	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Ibrahim Hajdari/PDK	Director, Administration and Personnel
Mr. Shehrije Krasniqi	Director, Economy and Agriculture
Mr. Hamdi Krasniqi/PDK	Director, Finance
Mr. Agim Kastrati/PDK	Director, Culture, Youth and Sport
Mr. Afrim Prokshi	Director, Civil Security and Emergency
Mr. Mehdi Kurumeli	Director, Geodesy and Cadastre
Mr. Alush Istogu/PDK	Director, Education
Mr. Shaban Dobra – recently appointed	Director, Urbanism, Environment and Reconstruction
Mr. Arsim Haxhiu/PDK	Deputy Director, Health and Social Services
Mr Halim Vrellaku, PDK	Director, Inspection
Mr. Afrim Prokshi	Civil Security & Emergency

Source: OSCE Glogovac/Glogovac Municipal Team

### 3. Political Parties

In October 2002, the Kosovo-wide municipal elections resulted in a landslide victory for the Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK) in Glogovac/Glogovac, the party gained 26 of the 31 seats in the MA. The Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK) with four seats represents the opposition in the MA, while BK (National Front) has merely one seat. Although there are other political parties present in Glogovac/Glogovac, their insignificant voter support was below 1%.

Table 3.1: Political Parties

Party	Municipal branch leader	Kosovo-wide leader	2000 Vote	Seats in MA	2002 Vote	Seats in MA
Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK)	Nexhat Dermaku recently elected candidate	Hashim Thaçi	84.5%	27	82.20%	26
Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK)	Izet Avdyli		13.0%	4	11.48%	4
Social Democratic Party of Kosovo (PSDK)	Halidan Kastrati	Kaqusha Jashari	0.4%	0	0.72%	0
Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK)	Lulzim Nika	Ramush Haradinaj	0.5%	0	1.57%	0
National Front (BK)	Nexhmedin Haxhiu	Kajmaz Fazliu	0.8%	0	2.74%	1
Liberal Party of Kosovo (PLK)	Xhevat Xhokaj	Gjergj Dedaj	-	-	0.52%	0
Albanian National Democratic Party, PNDSH	Ismajl Bajraktari				0.26%	0
ORA						

Source: OSCE Glogovac/Glogovac Municipal Team

### 4. Local and International NGOs

The presence of the International NGOs in the municipality remains unchanged. The number of international NGOs is reduced, while their activity level can be described as modest. Only the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) and Islamic Relief “Micro Financial Institute” continues to be based in Glogovac/Glogovac while the few other International NGOs working in Glogovac/Glogovac are mainly based in Prishtinë/Priština. These include Swiss CARITAS and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). The most prominent local NGOs are Mother Theresa Society (MTS), the ‘Council for Defence of Human Rights and Freedoms’<sup>1</sup>, Red Cross, Shpresa, Aureola, Gresa, Nora, and Handikos. The KLA War Veterans Association, KLA Invalids Association, KLA Family of Martyrs, Friends of KPC, Pensioners Association, and the Hearing Impaired Association are active in the municipality as well.

Table 4.1: Local NGOs active in the Municipality

Name	Main focus	Contact Person (phone / fax / e-mail)	Headquarters (phone / fax/ e-mail)
Mother Theresa Society	Humanitarian	Xhemajl Bajrami	Prishtinë/Priština

<sup>1</sup> The President of Mother Theresa Society is also a LDK member, while the secretary of the Council for Defence of Human Rights and Freedoms is a PDK member as it is the president of Shpresa.

Shpresa	Women's Progress	Sabrije Kukaj	Glogovc/Glogovac
Aureola	Women	Zelihe Gllareva 044-170878	Glogovc/Glogovac
Agrodrenasi	Agriculture	Azem Bajraktari	Komoran/Komorane
Gresa	Women Issues	Arieta Krasniqi	Komoran/Komorane
Nora	Women Issues	Shehrije Saliuku	Glogovc/Glogovac
Handikos	Humanitarian	Behgjet Binaku 044-170860	Glogovc/Glogovac
KLA Invalids Association	Humanitarian	Rexhep Xheli 044-158212	Glogovc/Glogovac
KLA War Veterans Assoc.	Humanitarian	Naim Bazaj	Glogovc/Glogovac
KLA Martyrs Association	Humanitarian	Salih Xhemajlaj	Glogovc/Glogovac
Pensioners' Association	Humanitarian	Imer Dubovci	Glogovc/Glogovac

Table 4.2: International NGOs based in the Municipality

Name	Main focus	Contact Person (phone / fax / e-mail)	Headquarters (phone / fax/ e-mail)
ICRC	Psycho-social program	Agim Bujupi	Ann Gadwin /Prishtinë/Priština
Islamic relief	Micro financial Institute		Prishtinë/Priština

Source: OSCE Glogovc/Glogovac Municipal Team

## 5. Other Civilian International Presence

After the end of the conflict the municipality saw the installation of a self-styled provisional government as in most of Kosovo's municipalities through Hashim Thaçi's PDK (predecessor of PDK). By September 1999 UNMIK established its nominal authority in the municipality. On 1 of December 2005, UNMIK closed its office in Glogoc/Glogovac, and is now covered by UNMIK Department of Civil Administration located in Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje.

The municipality covered by the OSCE Municipal Team in Glogovc/Glogovac, which is based out of the Regional Center in Prishtinë/Priština.

## 6. Religious, Places of Worship, and Cultural Institutions

The predominant religion in Glogoc/Glogovac is Islam. Since the Kosovo Serb presence was always insignificant in numbers and not a traditional area of settlement, there are no Serb Orthodox churches in Glogovc/Glogovac. There are eight Mosques, the main one being in Glogovc/Glogovac town. All of these mosques function, except the one in Krajkovë, which was destroyed. Though there are a few Catholics in the municipality, there is no Catholic Church. The Islamic Community has an office in the town. There are no signs of political influence within the religious community.

Besides the mosques there are other sites of great significance. These are the mass graves in the municipality. People pay regular visits to the specific burial grounds or places where massacres took place and they organize ceremonies to remember the lost members of their families who were killed during the conflict.

Table 6.1: Primary Religious Leaders

Name	Title	Religious Organisation
Osman Musliu	Imam	Islamic Community

Source: OSCE Glogovc/Glogovac Municipal Team

Table 6.2: Primary Mosques, Churches, etc.

Type of Building	Towns/Places
Mosque	Glogoc
Mosque	Arlat
Mosque	Komoran
Mosque	Kishnarekë
Mosque	Krajkovë
Mosque	Vërbovc
Mosque	Korroticë e Poshtme
Mosque	Tërstenik Mosque
Mosque	Damanek

Source: OSCE Glogovc/Glogovac Municipal Team

## 7. Media

There are no local newspapers, except two temporary magazines "Realiteti" (a youth magazine) and "Spektri" (local magazine). However, there are four correspondents residing in Glllogovc/Glogovac working for major newspapers based in Prishtinë/Priština. There are two local Radio Stations, "Radio Drenas" and "Radio Dodona", but there is no TV station.

Table 7.1: List of Primary Newspaper, TV /Radio Stations, etc.

Name of media	Type of Media (newspaper, radio, etc.)	Editor/Correspondent	Language of Programmes/News
Rilindja	Newspaper	Ismet Sopi	Albanian
Koha Ditore	Newspaper	Xheme Binaku	Albanian
Zeri	Newspaper	Beŕim Gjoshi	Albanian
Epoka e Re	Newspaper	Ragip Gjoshi	Albanian
Spektri	Municipal Bulletin (OSCE sponsored)	Ragip Gjoshi	Albanian
Realiteti	Temporary Magazine	Ismail Dibrani	Albanian
Radio Drenasi	Radio	Ismet Sopi	Albanian
Radio Dodona	Radio	Ekrem Rexhepi	Albanian
Lajmi	Newspaper	Liridona Binaku	Albanian
Ekspres	Newspaper	Astrit Gashi	Albanian

Source: OSCE Glllogovc/Glogovac Municipal Team

## 8. Judicial System

There are two Courts set up in the municipality, i.e. the Municipal Court with 20 employees (and two judges and the Minor Offences' Court with 19 employees and three judges.

Table 8.1: Judges

Name	Title	Ethnicity
Avdi Hagjaj (Municipal Court)	President (Judge)	Kosovo Albanian
Shaqir Behrami	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Hamdi Jashanica (Minor Offences' Court)	President (Judge)	Kosovo Albanian
Ibrahim Berisha	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Daut Qelaj	Judge	Kosovo Albanian

Source: OSCE Glllogovc/Glogovac Municipal Team

## 9. Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

Police in Glllogovc/Glogovac is under the KPS management since July 2003. 15 UNMIK International police officers are mainly assisting and advising. The number of KPS is 99. They are all Kosovo Albanians.

Currently the Finnish KFOR is replaced by the Swedish LMT, which has a liaison office, located in the trade centre of Glllogovc/Glogovac town.

The Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC), a civilian defense unit and the successor of the KLA, numbers 60 members and is still dependent on the Regional Training Group (RTG) 1 Zone located in Skënderaj/Srbica.

Table 9.1: Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

Name	Local Commander	Number of Police Officers, Soldiers, etc.	Ethnic Composition, Nationality
KFOR	N/A	N/A	Finnish Battalion
UN Civil Police	Liaison and Monitoring Team	5	International Police
KPS	Valdet Bujupi	105	Kosovo Albanian
KPC	Hysni Shabani	20	Kosovo Albanian
Municipal Court	Avdi Hagjaj	22	Kosovo Albanian
Minor Offence Court	Hamdi Jashanica	19	Kosovo Albanian

Source: OSCE Glllogovc/Glogovac Municipal Team

## 10. Economics

Glogovc/Glogovac is an agricultural-based, rural municipality with wheat and maize as the primary crops. Before the conflict, a socially owned agricultural enterprise dominated the production but was destroyed. As a result, a large portion of the arable land is not cultivated. The cattle farm in Krajkovë village is now utilised as a Temporary Community Shelter.

Feronikel mine, two stone separation companies, a handful of smaller enterprises, municipality and PTK are the main employers in the municipality, while the majority of the population is employed in family-owned, small sized, non-productive, private businesses like shops, car washes, and petrol stations. Most businesses have officially registered with UNMIK.

The Ferronikel Factory provided jobs for more than 2,000 people at the peak of its production in 1988. Heavy damages were inflicted on the facility during the 1999 conflict, leaving it inoperable. Ferronikel was privatized in autumn 2005 by International Mineral Resource Alferon. The privatization deal was the largest scale private foreign investment in Kosovo since 1999.

Alferon is an independent management company for International Mineral Resources (IMR). IMR is part of the Eurasian Natural Resources group, which is among the world's largest private mining and metals groups. Its headquarters is in Zurich, Switzerland, while operating in sixteen countries internationally, including the USA, Spain, South Africa and the UK.

A major development was the building of the Trade Centre in Glogovc/Glogovac town, which was completed by mid-2004. The Municipality played a central role in the whole process by co-coordinating the financing, construction and management of the project. The Trade Centre houses 134 shops and offices for small businesses.

Two quarries at Korroticë e Epërme and Çikatovë e Vjetër have become operational since the conflict.

### 10.1 Prominent Employers in the Region

Employer	Service/Products	Number of workers		
Municipality	Municipality Workers	139	M 112	F 27
Municipality	Teachers	691 + 253 for administration		
Municipality	Health Center	187	M 74	F 113
Quarry	Minerals	20		
Ramiz Sadiku	stone	80		
PUT	stone	50		
Quarry	Ferronikel	Appr. 145 are employed		

Source: OSCE Glogovc/Glogovac Municipal Team

## 11. Infrastructure

The roads in the municipality range from good to poor. The main road has been redone but local roads in the town and roads in the majority of villages remain a primary concern. During rainy or icy weather conditions it is difficult to reach some of the more remote villages due to the poor road conditions.

All over the municipality there is a great lack of appropriate sewage systems, although in some areas the system was rehabilitated during 2001 and 2002. Telephone land lines are operational and the usage of mobile phones is the main form of communication. Electricity is available with daily power cuts, similar to the rest of Kosovo.

The latest developments include work done on the sewage network in Komoran and Glogovc/Glogovac II, construction of Court building and restoration of the Town Hall. Furthermore, the decision by EAR to discontinue the housing reconstruction program negatively impacted on the municipality where 1171 homes remain to be rebuilt.

In Koreticë e Epërme/Gornja Koretica the implementation of the project "Industrial Park" has started and it is financed by the Ministry of Trade and Economy in cooperation with Glogovc/Glogovac Municipality. Two Community Centers were constructed in the villages of Bushat and Terstenik but they are not equipped yet.

## 12. Social Services, Health, and Education

According to the Social Centre, there are 2,166 families receiving social assistance. A specialized team is dispatched to deal with traumatized people and domestic violence problems. A Health Centre and six small Clinics serve the immediate need of population in Glogovac/Glogovac. A lack of sufficient amount of medicine and specialized equipment is notable. The outstanding issue of reimbursing the additional staff has been a major issue during 2003 and 2004. Despite the allocation of funds during the course of last year, no similar provisions were made for 2004.

In 2002 eight new buildings, including elementary schools and one pre-primary school were built, while in 2003 an additional primary school was constructed.

In Glogovac/Glogovac municipality there are 28 primary schools, 2 secondary schools and 2 pre-primary schools. There are 3 primary schools in process of becoming independent. The quality of teachers is less than desirable as many of them do not have the necessary qualifications. The overcrowding of schools presents one of the most persisting dilemmas for the municipality. The additional "9<sup>th</sup>" class has further overburdened an existing malfunctioning system. There is a need for more kindergarten facilities, pre-primary and primary schools, and upgrading of the existing schools. Another persisting problem is the effective de-politicization of educational institutes, intensive training for the teachers and revision of the curriculum.