



MUNICIPAL PROFILE

Vushtrri/Vučitrn

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1. Introduction: Area and Population

Vushtrri/Vučitrn municipality is located in north central Kosovo on the main road that connects Prishtinë/Priština with Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. The surface of the municipality is approximately 344 square kilometers. Vushtrri/Vučitrn is composed of 66 villages where 61 are Kosovo Albanian and five are Kosovo Serbs and populated mainly by Kosovo Albanians and a small Ashkali community of approximately 400. The remaining Kosovo Serbs, approximately 4,000 live in the five enclaves of Gojbulja/ Gojbulë, Priluzje/ Prelluzhë, Miroce/Miraçë, Slatina/Slatinë and Grace/Gracë and in the mixed village of Banjska/Banjskë.

During the March 2004 riots, 68 houses of the Ashkali community were destroyed or burned. All have been rebuilt during 2005, but only 23 families have returned to Vushtrri/Vučitrn town so far. In the village Slatina/Slatinë 15 Serbian houses were destroyed and the Orthodox Church in Vushtrri/Vučitrn was badly damaged during this period. In 2005, the 15 destroyed houses were rebuilt, but the Serbian community has yet to return. Just prior to these events the few Serbian inhabitants of a small village Miroce had left their houses and have not returned.

Table 1.1: Ethnic Composition, Including IDPs

Population	Kosovo Albanian		Kosovo Serb		Roma		Ashkali		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
January 1999	81,807	93.3	5,466	6.2	300	3.4	150	1.7	87,723	100
Current estimated figures	98,000	95.4	4,137	4.0	125	1.2	400	3.9	102,662	100

Source: Municipality of Vushtrri/Vučitrn

2. Civil Administration

After the Municipal Elections of 26 October 2002, which brought a shift in power from PDK to LDK, the administrative structure of the municipality also changed. The Municipal Assembly today consists of 31 members from five parties. In the municipality, the Municipal Assembly President was elected in one of the first meetings, as well as his Vice-President (LDK), the Chief Executive Officer (LDK) and the Heads of Departments.

The Board of Director has been restructured and the number of directorates has increased. The members of the Policy and Finance, Communities and Mediation Committee are appointed. The Communities and Mediation Committee started meeting on a regular basis, however Serbs are not participating in the meetings.

In January 2004, the Municipal Assembly President was dismissed from his position, and after four months re-elected again. Following he left the LDK and now he is independent. In May 2004 the CEO and four Directors were dismissed by the MA. The dismissed CEO and these four Directors, by the verdict of the Municipal Court, were reinstated to their positions but in mid January 2005 the Municipal Assembly in an extraordinary meeting dismissed the five high ranking civil servants yet again. Moreover the election of the previous CEO and the four Directors has been reconfirmed. The Directors have been elected, most of them are politically affiliated.

One Municipal Assembly member from PDK has moved to ORA, also one from AAK to PDK and one has resigned from AAK and is independent. This means that AAK does not exist any more as a political entity in the Municipal Assembly. Six Municipal assembly members including the MA president have established a new political party "Bashkimi Democratic" (BD) with its seat in Vushtrri/Vučitrn. The MA President is the founder and president this new party.

Table 2.1: Composition of the Municipal Assembly

Name of Municipal Assembly Member / Professional Background	Affiliation (Party, Independent Candidate or Community represented through appointment)
Mr. Muharrem Shabani / lawyer	BD/ President
Mr. Shemsi Hajrizi / lawyer	LDK/Deputy President
Mrs Azize Maxhuni / doctor	BD
Ms. Bahirije Krasniqi / engineer	BD
Ms. Bahirije Spanca / professor	LDK
Mr. Enver Muli / engineer	LDK
Mr. Enver Perquku / teacher	BD
Mr. Haxhi Bajraktari / teacher	LDK
Mr. Hyda Dallku / lawyer	LDK

Mr. Hilmi Gerguri / teacher	LDK
Mrs. Myrvete Pantina / economist	LDK
Mr. Nazif Aliu / agricultural worker	LDK
Mr. Pajazit Pllana / doctor	BD
Mr. Remzije Zekolli / lawyer	LDK
Mr. Shyqeri Bunjaku / lawyer	LDK
Mr. Xhemail Abazi / engineer	LDK
Mr. Xhavit Mehmeti / teacher	BD
Mr. Abdullah Vojvoda / doctor	PDK
Mr. Bajram Mullaku / professor	PDK
Ms. Ganimete Uka / teacher	PDK
Mr. Kurtan Kajtazi / doctor	PDK
Mr. Naim Hyseni / teacher	PDK
Mr. Nistret Gërxhaliu / engineer	PDK
Mr. Safet Idrizi / doctor	PDK
Mr. Xhemail Pllana / professor	PDK
Mrs. Xhevahire Izmaku / professor	PDK
Ms. Resmije Salihu / economist	PDK
Mr. Rushit Bilalli / lawyer	PD
Mr. Afbrit Asllani / lawyer	ORA
Mr. Sabit Kadriu / professor	Independent

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

Table 2.2: Municipal Assembly Committees

Committee	Chairperson / Affiliation	Vice-chairperson / Affiliation
Policy and Finance Committee	Mr. Muharrem Shabani / (BD)	
Communities Committee		Mr. Sezair Tunusliu
Mediation Committee	Mr. Muharrem Rrustemi / Ashkali Democ. Par.ty (PDA)	N/A

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

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. Muharrem Parduzi / lawyer / independent	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Tefik Maloku / engineer / independent	Agricultural and Natural Resources
Mrs. Melihate Basholli / professor / BD	Culture, Youth and Sport
Mr. Qazim Azemi / professor / BD	Education
Mr. Ismet Osmani / economist / PDK	Economy and Finance
Mr. Idriz Muzaqi / lawyer / PDK	General Administration
Mr. Musa Grabanica / economist / BD	Geodesy, Cadastre and Property
Mr. Hamit Xhaferi / economist / BD	Health and social welfare
Mr. Zahir Hyseni / lawyer/LDK	Inspection
Mr. Fadil Muzaqi / economist / independent	a/Procurement
Mr. Idriz Ismajli / jurist / PDK	Public Utilities
Mr. Ahmet Shuku / Act-Direct / engineer/ independent	Urbanism & Spatial Planning
Mr. Elez Krasniqi	Municipal Election Officer (MEO)
Mr. Isuf Jashari / PDK	Director of treasure and finance

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

3. Political Parties

The LDK leads the municipality administratively and politically. The PDK, as the opposition, gained two more seats in the Municipal Assembly than in the previous elections. AAK gained two seats and PD secured one. Other parties, which did not gain enough votes in the local elections, have ceased their activities. Within the Kosovo Assembly, there are two representatives from the municipality - one being a government minister. In general, the political parties that are not represented in the Municipal Assembly are very passive.

After the dismissal of LDK Municipal Assembly President, a split inside LDK occurred. Five members are supporters of the re-elected President; eleven are supporters of Deputy President Shemsi Hajrizi. On 29 September 2005, in a regular Municipal Assembly meeting, six LDK members who are supporters of the Municipal Assembly President Mr. Muharrem Shabani, declared themselves as the parliamentary group 7+ (seven plus). After being established the BD political party, the group joined the party. The party is not yet registered.

Table 3.1: Political Parties

Party	Municipal branch leader	Kosovo-wide leader	Vote in Mun. Elect.	Seats in MA
Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK)	Mr. Hajzer Krasniqi	vacant	57.1%	18

Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK)	Mr. Kurtan Kajtazi	Mr. Hashim Thaçi	31.6%	10
Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK)	Mr. Rifat Mustafa	Mr. Ramush Haradinaj	5.6%	2, currently 0
Justice Party (PD)	Mr. Mexhit Perquku	Mr. Sylejman Querkez	1.6%	1, currently 2
ORA	Mr. Skender Musa	Mr. Veton Surroj	/	1
National Movement for the Liberation of Kosovo (LKCK)	Mr. Naser hyseni	Mr. Sabit Gashi	0.4%	0
Albanian Republican Party (PRSH)	Mr. Jakup Hasani	To be elected	0.5%	0
Social Democratic Party of Kosovo (PSDK)	Mr. Ismajl Berisha	Mrs. Kaqusha Jashari	0.7 %	0
Movement for Kosovo and Metohija	Ms. Stojna Jeftic	Mr. Momcilo Trajkovic	0.7%	0
Coalition Return (KP)	Mr. Pavle Popovic	Mr. Gojko Savic	0.06%	0
Peoples' Movement of Kosova (LPK)	Mr. Naser Hyseni	Mr Emrush Xhemajli	/	/
Liberal Party of Kosova	Dr. Rrahim Merovci	Mr Gjergj Dedaj	/	/
Radikalna Stranka	Mr. Aritonovic Zivorad	Mr Dobroslov Dobric	/	/
Kosovo Turk Democratic Party (KTDP)	Mr. Arif Kera	/	/	/
UNIKOMB	Mr. Sylejman Beqiri	Mr Muhamet Kelmendi	/	/
Renewalal Party of Kosovo (SPO)	Ms. Snezana Millic	Randjel Nojkic	/	/
Democratic Party of Serbia (DSS)	Mr. Misko Popovic	To be elected	/	/
Alliance for the New Kosovo	Mr. Arsrim Rexhepi	Mr Bexhet Pacolli	/	/
Democratic Union - Bashkimi Democratic (BD)	Mr Muharrem Shabani	/	/	/

Source: OSCE Regional Center Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

4. Local and International NGOs

During 2004 the number of local NGOs has increased from previous years. Currently, there are several very active local NGOs and several grassroots initiatives and civic groups operating in Vushtrri/Vučitrn region. Also working well is the Youth NGO network created recently by NGO's and the Municipality. Vushtrri/Vučitrn is one of the rare Municipalities where the relations between the NGO's and the Municipality are at the highest level. Mother Theresa Society remains concentrated on the social needs of the population with more than 100 active volunteers in the field. Handikos and Dystrophy Association are trying to cover specific needs of handicapped persons. Together, they claim to have approximately 600 members in the municipality. All local NGOs are meeting every month in a co-ordination meeting.

Table 4.1: Local NGOs based in the municipality

Name	Main focus	Contact Person	Telephone*
Association for cultivation of the pigeons Karakanak	Animal (Pigeon) Protection	Raif Mehmeti	Rr. Ismail Qemajli nr.66 044/169 283
Association for loan savings "ARDHMËRIA – BEGAJ", Begaj	Rural development	Ismet Braha	Village Begaj
Association for loan savings "BESA-2001" Gjytezë (Smrekonicë)	Rural development	Esat Bejta	Village Gjytezë (Smrekonicë)
Association for loan savings "Përparimi Fshatarë" Breglum/Vushtri	Rural development	Shaban Ademi	Village Breglum
Association for loan savings Qëndresa Fshatare- SHKK Qëndresa Fshatare Novolan/Vushtri	developing rural services	Bajram Zymberi	038/243 554 adiekosovo@hotmail.com
Association for Protection of the Environment " Gjelbrimi I Natyrës "	Environmental protection	Nazim Pantina	Rr Skënderbeut L-3/7 028/71 070
Association for support to persons with muscular dystrophy	Disability	Mr. Agim Vatovci	044/ 332- 480 028/71-079
Association for Women Advancement "Vicianet"	Gender issues	Lumnije Maxherra	044/354-318
Association for Women Empowerment "Dituria Bashkohore "	Women issues	Qamile Musa	Deshmoret e Vendit nr 89 028/71 844
Association of Agriculture "Agrotrend"	Agriculture	Emin Basholli	St. Faruk Beqiri 044/197-440 , 044/185-681
Association of beekeepers "Ema"	Income Generating	Ibrahim Xhaka Ali Rama	Rr. Dëshmorët e Kombit 028/70 019
Association of the bussinismen	Local economic development	Agim Shahini	Skënderbeu St. No. 85 028/71 189, 044 501 264
Association of the Figurative Artists of Vushtri	Culture	Merxhan Sholla	Skënderbeu 028/70 304
Association of the fishermen "Sitnica"	Environmental protection	Shkëlzen Qibukqiu	Ismail Qemajli No.24 28/71 088 , 044/183 552
Better Future		Mrs. Mirkovic Radosava	Zeleznicka kolonija 100,38213 Priluzje 028/67 104, 063 86816 55
Children- Street sellers	Children and Youth issues	Driton Ismajli	Village Pasome 028/26524
Cultural Humanitarian and charity Association "Cesme"	Youth, kulture, humanitarian	Agim Myftiu	Nexhid Ferat Draga, Vushtrri/ Vucitrn cosmedernei@hotmail.com
Drumiresha	Educational	Agim Ujkani, Mehdi Fejzullahu, Florije Syla	Village Druar , Primary School "Abdul Frasher"

Duga	Youth issues	Dragisa Lazic	St.Omladinska organizacija "Duga" 38213 Priluzje 028/67-181, 063/8449716 priluze@yahoo.com
Farmers' Association "PATATJA"	Agriculture	Tefik Maloku	Rr. Faruk Beciri Nr.39 044 272 629
Farming Association Çiçavica	Agriculture	Ardit Rama	Dumnicë e Epërme 038/40 606 , 044 181 530
Farming Association "Qumështorja"	Farming development	Bedri Bajrami	Faruk Beqiri (Stacioni I Veterinës) 028/71 219,
Florentina	Women issues	Remizije Sadiku	Sheshi I Lirisë nr.12 028/71 079 , 044/213 086 ojqflorentina@yahoo.com
For a new life for women	Women issues	Kujtesa Qirezi	Dëshmorët e Kombit 044/155 901 b_qirezi@hotmail.com
Friends of Children	Children and youth issues	Arsim Klinaku	Dëshmoret e Kombit Cultural Center, 4 th floor 044/198 101 , 044/174 017
"Hareja-Vushtrri"	Youth issues	Fahri Hyseni	Skënderbeu 028/70-945 aibiyvushtrri@hotmail.com fahrihyseni@hotmail.com
Handikos	Disability	Mr. Isak Hyseni	028/70-640
Korak Napred	Humanitarian Aid, Economical reconstruction and development, Promotion of gender equality	Danica Vukmirovic	Grace 38213 Priluzje 063 829 3944
Local Red Cross	Humanitarian	Mr. Gëzim Jashari	028/71-403
LUNA		Mrs. Kovacevic Stanica	028/67 335, 063 8667 262
Maleta	Farming	Ahmet Mehmeti	Lutfi Musiqi nr. 2 044/213-220
Mmothers Householders in Fushmir	Women issues	Flurije Aliu	Village Pestov (Fushmir) 028/20 376
Mother Theresa Society	Social needs and food distribution	Mr. Shefqet Popova	028/70019
Mothers with Orphans "Afërsia"	Women issues	Adlije Trepça	Ismail Qemali 028/71 12, 044 130 563
Organisation for enlightening the fate of missing persons	Human Rights	Sabit Kadriu	Dëshmorët e Kombit 038/545 304 , 044/197 171
Organisation for Horticulture "Dredhëza"	Agriculture	Daut Kasumi	Village Fushmir 044 291 398
Peshorja	Educational	Mr. Sevdije Sadiku	Isa Boletini St. No. 25 028/70-544, 028/71 000
Radio Mix	Cultural issues	Mr. Lubisa Jovic	028/67 250
Rinia Ashkane Drejtë Ardhmërisë	involvement of Ashkly community in democratic civil society, as equal part of society	Libade Zymberi	Rr.Prishinta nr.02 063 81 90 129 libade_zymberi@hotmail.com
Romano Anglunipe	Advancing and including the Roma minority in social life.	Seljatin Emini	Rr.Sitnica nr.83 Priluzje 063 461 853 seljatin-emini@yahoo.com
"Second Home"	Youth Issues	Avdullah Bunjaku	Rr.Ismajl Qemajli p.n. 044 384 108 secondhome@hotmail.com
Society for society	Community Development	Mr.Jeton Salihu	Cameria (Building of the center for social work) 028/70 525 , 044/196 653 shpers@yahoo.com
Studio Reja	Cultural issues	Florim Shatrolli	Jeton Tërstena nr 12 028/70 036, 063/ 7477 102 studioreja@hotmail.com
The future of Breglum	Community development	Shaban Ademi	Village Breglum 044/209 469
Udruženje Gradana Sela Grace	Humanitarian aid, Education	Arsic Mijodrag	063 626 551
Union of the Students of Vushtrri	Student's rights. Education	Artan Krasniqi	Rr.Dëshmoret e Kombit 044 196 781 drartan@hotmail.com
Vicianum	Cultural Issues	Mr. Qamil Sahiti	Dëshmorët e Kombit No. 2 028/71 413, 028/70 400; 70-500; 70-525
Viktorija	Women Issues	Gordana Vojnovic	Zeleznicka bb, Priluzje 028 / 67-134, 063 / 859-1685
Village Loan Unity	Economical Recovery	Mr. Qazim Rekalija	Elementary School Migjeni Stanofc I Epërm village
Water User's Association WUA-SHPU Rrafshmiri	Community development	Nazim Merovci	Rrafshmiri 044/197 541,

			lule2001@hotmail.com
Woman Veterans of Education	Gender Issues	Mrs. Naxhije Buçinca	038/42- 566
Women Association " Rreze Drite "	Women issues	Ajtene Sylejmani	Lidhja e Lezhës No. 43 Vushtrri 028/71 176
Women Centre "ATO"	Women issues	Mrs. Naile Zahiti	Cameria 044/384 278
Youth Action For Kosovo	Youth Issues& community development	Naim Murati	044/377 229 naimi_m_1@hotmail.com
Youth Center "Fitorja dhe Ardhmëria"	Youth issues	Ardian Jashari	044 199 488, 063/ 8788 133
Youth Passion	Youth Issues	Mr. Dren Boshnjaku, Mr. Dukagjin Maloku	Skënderbeu No.46 028/71-155, '044/197-022
Centre for the training of women and children "Enesemja"	Women youth/children issues	Miss. Valbona Latifi	044 214 756

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

The most active international NGOs are based in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica but operating as well in the municipality. In general, international NGOs perform a wide range of functions, including humanitarian aid and roofing, school reconstruction, minority projects, income generating programs, environmental care and public health, psychological programs and support to the women groups.

Table 4.2: International NGOs based in the municipality

Name	Main focus	Contact Person	Telephone*
Greater union mission	Community development	Suzanne T. Penner	044/ 148 320

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

5. Other Civilian International Presence

Currently, UNMIK representation in the municipality has been "clustered" at the Regional HQ in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica as the UN Mission is downsizing its presence due to its reorganization and evolving objective in Kosovo. However, UNMIK continues its engagement and activities in the municipality from the hub with a limited capacity envisaged for the foreseeable future.

Table 5.1: UNMIK Civil Administration

Name	Number of Staff (nat.+int.)	Contact Person	Title	Phone / Fax / E-mail
UN Civil Administration	2 Internationals	Mr. Issac Wiles	Municipal Representative	038 504 604 ext. 7277
Un Civil Administration		Mr. Joseph Lemor	Civil Affairs Officer	038 504 604 ext. 2474

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

The OSCE maintains its presence in the Municipality through a Municipal Team Structure.

Table 5.2: OSCE Municipal Team

Name	Number of Staff (nat.+int.)	Contact Person	Title	Phone / Fax / E-mail
OSCE	2 Internationals and 3 Nationals	Mr. Georgios Makeroufas	Human Rights Officer (Municipal Team Coordinator)	028/33 944
OSCE		Ms. Aya Idemitsu	Democratization Officer	028/33 944
OSCE		Mr. Hamdi Malaj	Senior Democratization Assistant	028/33 944
OSCE		Mr. Haris Kurti	Senior Human Rights Assistant	028/33 944
OSCE		Ms. Majlinda Jolla	Democratization Assistant	028/33 944

The OSCE's Kosovo Police Service School (KPSS) is located within the municipality. International Police Instructors, Local Support Staff, and Kosovo Legal Experts currently staff the school. To date, 32 generations of KPS cadets have graduated.

6. Religion, Places of Worship, and Cultural Institutions

During the conflict many religious monuments were completely destroyed, five partly burned, with one still intact. So far, many of the destroyed Mosques have been rebuilt in the city and in the villages.

There are also a number of Serb Orthodox Churches in the enclaves, as well as the one in the town. During the violence in March 2004 the Serbian Orthodox Church in Vushtrri/Vučitrn was badly damaged by a crowd of rioters.

Table 6.1: Primary Mosques, Churches, etc.

Type of Building	Towns/Places
Gazialibeg Mosque	Vushtri/Vučitrn
Karamanli Mosque	Vushtri/Vučitrn
Orthodox Church of Vucitrn/Vushtri (badly damaged 03.2004)	Vushtri/Vučitrn

Source: Islamic Union

Given the ethnic composition of Vushtri/Vučitrn, most people in the municipality are Muslim. The Islamic religious leaders are well respected in the community.

Table 6.2: Primary religious leaders

Name	Title	Religious Organisation
Mr. Basri Zekolli	Main Imam	Islam
Mr. Sylejman Osmani	President	Islam
Mr. Ferat Gërguri	Secretary	Islam

Source: Islamic Union

The Cultural Centre in Vushtri/Vučitrn, located in the Centre of the city, hosts concerts and theatre plays. It has a professional theatre, a youth theatre, and children's theatre.

7. Media

One Albanian language radio station, *Radio Vicianum*, and one low-power Serbian language radio station, *Radio Mix*, are based in the municipality. The latter is located in the enclave of Priluzje. The municipality also has correspondents for TV 21 as well as for the main daily Kosovo newspapers.

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

Name of media	Type of Media (newspaper, radio, etc.)	Editor/Correspondent	Language of Programmes/News
Radio Vicianum	FM Radio – 105.7 Mhz	Mr. Qamil Sahiti	Albanian
Radio Mix	FM Radio – 97.2 Mhz	Mr. Ljubisa Jović Mr. Dejan Vuksanović	Serbian
Kosovalive	News Agency	Mr. Jeton Salihu	Albanian
Koha Ditore / TV 21	Newspaper / TV	Mr. Arim Halili	Albanian
Zëri	Newspaper	Mr. Blerim Zhabari	Albanian
Bota e Sot	Newspaper	Mr. Qazim Lahu	Albanian
Epoka e Re	Newspaper	Miss. Jasmine Mulaku	Albanian

Source: OSCE Regional Center Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

8. Judicial System

The Municipal Court and Minor Offences Court have been working since 2000. Currently there are five Judges, including one female K/Serb at the Municipal Court and another three K/Albanian judges, including the President, at the Minor Offences Court. The courts are functioning without any significant problems.

Table 8.1: Judges

Name	Title	Ethnicity
Mr. Sabit Beqiri	President of the Municipal Court	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Beqir Halili	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mrs. Kada Bunjaku	Judge (criminal and civil judge)	Kosovo Albanian
Ms. Makfirete Krasniqi	Judge (civil judge)	Kosovo Albanian
Ms. Vukosava Maxhuni	Judge (criminal and civil judge)	Kosovo Serb
Mr. Rifat Billata	President of the Minor Offences Court	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Kamer Cakaj	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Emrush Potoku	Judge	Kosovo Albanian

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

9. Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

The Police Station has 151 KPS Officers and 2 International UNMIK Police officers. The police station and all operational competencies were handed over to the KPS on the 24 February 2005. UNMIK Police only maintains a monitoring function. For this monitoring function only six International Police Officers are permanently based at the Station (1 KPS

S/CLO, 1 KPS OPS LO, 1 Station investigation liaison officer, 1 Station investigation monitor, 2 shift leader monitors). Police has opened their Sub-station in Priljuze/Prilluzhë, 4 KPS officers are working there, 3 Serbs and 1 Albanian. Based on UNMIK Regulation 2005/54, Police Commissioner established Local Public Safety Committee that may discuss any matters related to policy and public safety and order within the locality.

The AoR is covered by French KFOR Troops. A new French military monitoring structure LMT (Liaison Military Teams) now works in the AOR.

A Police Sub-station has started operating since 01st February 2006 with five KPS officers, four Serb KPS officers and one Albanian.

Table 9.1: Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

Name	Phone/fax/e-mail	Number of Police Officers, Soldiers, etc.	Ethnic Composition, Nationality
KPS	028 72600, 028 72 010	151	139 K/Albanian, 11 K/Serbian, 1 RAE
UN Civil Police	VSAT 7588	6	1 Pakistan, 1 USA, 1 Jord, 1 Ger, 1 Ind, 1 Zamb
KFOR	71511 / 71017	2175 (AoR) 444 (AoR)	French, Moroccan

Source: KFOR, UNMIK Police, OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

10. Economics

The economic situation in Vushtri/Vuçitrn reflects the reality in Kosovo. Traditionally, the municipality is predominantly agriculture-oriented and there is a significant lack of economic development due to missing capital investments. Consequently, the high unemployment rate is the major social problem the municipality currently faces; approximately 80% of the population remains unemployed although small sized economic activities exist. Numerous family-owned shops, restaurants and minor business function. Apart from these small enterprises, the municipality is the main employer.

The long-term development of the local economy is connected with the privatization process. Still some socially owned enterprises (SOE) are existing. Most of them either produce a fraction of the previous turnout or do not have restarted the production. Other previous SOE's are in the process of privatization or already privatized (Llamkos, Vushtex, Kosova, Extra).

An industrial zone including a Business Park is conceived to prepare the ground for an expanding private entrepreneurship. But due to fewer revenues the municipality is not able to finance the realization yet.

10.1 Primary Employers in the Region

Employer	Service/Products	Production ongoing?	Size of Workforce
Municipality, Education	Administration/public services	Yes	1,100
Elektrokosovo	Power Company	Yes	N/A
Extra	Paint, gloss	Yes	N/A
Kosova	Reconstruction	No	N/A
Llamkos	Manufacturing / tins	Yes	N/A
Vushtex	Textile	Yes	N/A

Source: Municipality of Vushtri/Vuçitrn, Regional Employment Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

11. Infrastructure

The municipality is located on the highway from Mitrovicë/Mitrovica to Prishtinë/Priština. Some roads within the municipality are in good conditions but for the secondary roads a general overhaul is yet to be done; most of the roads leading to the rural area need to be paved. 33 villages are connected with the public transport service.

Since the end of the conflict the power supply has also been problematic, in particular after the burn out of the transformer's generator in mid 2005, which supplied the most of the municipality. Since the damage to the generator power cuts for two and occasionally three hours per day are normal. Having already an irregular power supply before, the burn out, the fire endangers a positive economical development in the municipal due to the power cuts. Moreover, the old power supply system needs to be renovated; still there are villages across the municipality where the voltage does not reach 110 V.

Since the water supply is insufficient due to lack of underground water, attempts to activate the wells from the River Sitnica have been made by foreign donors. But the River is highly contaminated by Copper, Lead, Zinc and Cadmium. The main polluters are the power plant of KEK, some factories and the sewages of numerous villages along the River. The water consumed in Vushtrri/Vucitrn is delivered by the regional waterworks in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, which provides as well the municipalities of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica and Skënderaj/Srbica. According to the Urban Plan the old sewage system needs some basic repairs; still not all parts of the municipality are connected to the municipal sewage system.

12. Social Services, Health, and Education

Social Services

The Centre for Social Work provides social assistance and services to the residents. There are 3270 families receiving social assistance in this municipality. From this number 1993 is I category, 1277 is II category. From this number there are in category I 144 K/Serbs receiving social assistance and in category II 55 K/Serb families. There are also 28 Ashkali families receiving social assistance.

Health

The main health facility in Vushtrri/Vučitrn is the Health Centre. The Centre provides a wide range of services for its patients, including psychiatry, internal medicine, gynaecology, and dental service. The Centre employs 216 people, including 33 doctors and 148 nurses. The Centre also has clinics (ambulant), which work two days a week in the villages of Smrekovnica, Pantina, Dumnica, Nevolane, Priluzje, and Lumi i Madh. The clinics are also based in the villages of Maxhunaj, Samadrexha, Druare, Strovç, Dubovc, Banjska, and Bukosh. The other health facility in Vushtrri/Vučitrn is the Hospital. The hospital is composed by 118 employees, 14 doctors, 78 nurses and 26 support staff such as drivers, admin clerks etc.

Education

There are 24 primary schools in the municipality. All in total there are 1151 teachers which educate 14,845 students. In the city there are 4 high schools with 3056 students, and 215 professors. Almost all of the schools have been rebuilt. In Kosovo Serb enclaves Priluzje and Grace there are in total (primary and secondary school) 524 students and 59 professors.

13. Return Issues

This municipality is actively engaged in the returns process. The MA President has involved himself personally in all issues and in cases where outside assistance has been required he has approached central government and other institutions. The municipality has employed a Municipal Returns Officer. During the March 2004 events the return process suffered immensely. The majority of the houses destroyed in March have been rebuilt: 59 Ashkali houses in Vushtrri/Vucitrn and 15 K-Serbian houses in Slatina/Slatinë, but until now no real return took place. Some Ashkali IDP's are still living in the temporary shelter (Motel) in the town centre. Some K-Serbian IDP's from Slatina/Slatinë are still living in the Northern municipalities. Since January 2005 some return sites are additionally guarded by a private security company.

Municipal Working Group

The MWG is held on a monthly basis. The MA President and his CEO are normally present, as are IDP representatives (Kosovo Serb, Roma and Ashkali) and the Head of the Local Community Office. The first phase of the Novo Selo / Maxhunaj project is completed successfully but so far no returns on the ground. Police have guarded empty reconstructed houses over a year now. The IDP's are claiming that it is not safe to return after the March events and the

conditions are not acceptable. GOAL and CARE are preparing other projects with an interethnic dialogue to be implemented before the return projects starts and to accompany it while it is ongoing.

Return Projects

No.	Community	Location	No. of returnees	Amount (€)	Donor	Implementing partner
1	Kosovo Serb	Novo Selo / Maxhunaj	70 families	1,475,200	Germany	LWF
2	Kosovo Serb	Pantinë/Pantina	15 families	567,600	LWF	LWF
3	Kosovo Serb	Vrnica/Vrnice	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
4	Kosovo Serb	Nevoljane/Novoln	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovica/Mitrovica, UNMIK