



MUNICIPAL PROFILE

Zvečan/Zveçan

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1. Introduction: Area and Population

Zvečan/Zvečan municipality is located in the north of Kosovo. It extends in a narrow corridor from Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Municipality to the Sandžak area of Serbia proper and is one of Kosovo's four Kosovo Serb majority populated Municipalities. At the top of the hill to the east is a Serb Orthodox monastery, while to the west, on a smaller hill, lie ruins of the old city. The fortress was mentioned for the first time in connection with the border clashes between Serbs and Byzantines between 1091 and 1094. There is also an inscription that Stefan Nemanja, after the victory over the Byzantines in 1170, ordered that a prayer for the successful outcome of the battle be held in the church of St. George at Zvečan/Zvečan. On the highest spot, i.e. the Upper Town, there are remains of the church of St. George, cistern and the main octagonal tower. The ramparts of this part of the fort are reinforced by massive towers.

Zvečan/Zvečan covers an area of 104 square kilometres and is divided in 18 cadastral units. It comprises 45 settlements¹ and numbers approximately 16,600 residents, including approximately 4,000 Kosovo Serbs who are internally displaced persons since 1999 (IDP's) and 250 refugees from Croatia. In addition, approximately 300 Roma,² displaced from Mitrovicë/Mitrovica south, live in a temporary community shelter comprising prefabricated housing and an abandoned building in the village of Žitkovac.

Kosovo Serb IDP's are staying with relatives or, when possible, rented their own accommodations. Following the March 2004 riots, several Kosovo Serbs from southern Kosovo and the village of Svignare in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Municipality, found refuge in Zvečan/Zvečan. Currently, 514 IDPs (410 from Svinjare in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Municipality, 48 from Slatina in Vushtrri/Vučitrn municipality, 35 from Obiliq/Obilić, 48 other) are accommodated in the Mali Zvečan Complex (220), two unfinished building in the town of Zvečan/Zvečan (242) and some private accommodations (62).

Currently, the majority of Kosovo Albanians living in Zvečan/Zvečan municipality reside in the three exclusively Kosovo Albanian villages of Boletin/Boljetin, Lipë/Lipa and Zhazha/Žaža.

Table 1.1: Ethnic Composition, Including IDPs

Population	Kosovo Albanians		Kosovo Serbs		Other		IDP		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Unreliable 1991-census	1,934	19.3	7,591	75.7	505 ³	5	0	0	10,030	100
January 1999	2,261	24.5	6,822 ⁴	73.9	146	1.6	0	0	9,229	100
Current estimated figures	350	2.1	12,050	72.6	250	1.5	4,200	25.3	16,600	100

Source, 1991 Figures: Civil Registration 1991–Population; National Structure of Municipalities (Yugoslav Statistics Bureau, Belgrade, 1993), pages 123-125; 1999 Figures: Kosovo Village List (UNHCR, March 9, 1999).

2. Civil Administration

The Municipal Assembly of Zvečan/Zvečan was introduced on 20 November 2000, following the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General's (SRSG) decision to appoint municipal structures in the Kosovo Serb majority Municipalities. In the municipal elections of October 2002, 17 Kosovo Serbs were elected in the Municipal Assembly. Only the Kosovo Albanian party AAK applied for a certification in the municipal elections but was denied by the Central Election Commission. Up to 2002, the residents of the three Kosovo Albanian inhabited villages of Boletin/Boljetin, Lipë/Lipa and Zhazhë/Žaža had boycotted the Zvečan/Zvečan municipality. However in December 2002 a breakthrough was achieved. In a public meeting, residents of these three villages nominated Kosovo Albanian representatives to the UN Municipal Administrator for an appointment in the Mediation and Communities Committees. The Communities Committee was convened on a regular basis until 17 March 2004. Due to the violent events in March 2004 the Community Committee made a break until February 2005. Ever since then, the Community Committee meets on regular basis. The Mediation Committee met only twice, mainly due to lack of issues forwarded to it. In August 2005 a new Community Committee member was nominated and was appointed as Chairperson by the Municipal Assembly.

¹ UN Municipal Administration data lists 35 villages. OSCE data, based on population estimates from UNHCR, lists 45 named settlements, some of which, however, are too small to be termed "villages."

² The figure increased in comparison to the previous edition of the profile due to lot of Roma returns from Serbia proper.

³ The "other" category is made up of 3 Hungarians, 85 Muslims, 14 Roma, 18 Croats, 15 Yugoslavs, 291 Montenegrins and 79 other.

⁴ It is possible that this is a serious under-estimate of the number of Kosovo Serbs living in Zvečan in 1991. UNHCR figures for that year put the number of Kosovo Serbs living in Zvečan town at only 708, a very low number considering that fact that approximately 7,500 Serbs currently reside in Zvečan town.

The 2002 elected Municipal Assembly is dominated by Kosovo Serb deputies, five from DSS (Democratic Party of Serbia), and six from the SNC (Serb National Council) of northern Kosovo. Three other political entities – Coalition Return (KP), Serbian Renewal Movement (SPO) and Social Democracy (SD) – won two seats each in the Assembly.

The political composition of the 2002 Municipal Assembly reflects the major changes in the political life in Zvečan/Zveçan, with the SPO being an important political actor of the municipality in the past. No SPS (Serbian Socialist Party) or SRS (Serbian Radical Party) representatives were elected. The dominant actors of the local political scene are the President and the deputy President of the Municipal Assembly, who is also the President of the regional SNC branch.

Table 2.1: Composition of the Municipal Assembly

Name of Municipal Assembly Member / Professional Background	Political Affiliation
Dr. Dragiša Milović, Orthopaedist	DSS, President
Dr. Milan Ivanovic	SNC, deputy President
Mr. Dragisa Mijlkovic, Businessman	DSS
Ms. Dusanka Vasic, Businesswoman	DSS
Mr. Vladimir Adžić, Doctor	DSS
Mr. Zvezdan Vuksanovic, Businessman	DSS
Mr. Časlav Sofronijević, Civil technician	SNC
Mr. Ljubomir Radovic, Economist	SNC
Ms. Marija Gvozdic, Professor	SNC
Ms. Nadezda Spasojevic, Teacher	SNC
Mr. Tomica Živković, Engineer-pensioner	SNC
Ms. Djurdja Buba Vasic, Lawyer	SPO
Mr. Radomir Janicijevic, Engineer	SPO
Mr. Milivoje Radenkovic, Engineer	SD
Mr. Nebojsa Petkovic, Pensioner	SD
Mr. Darko Slavkovic, Businessman	KP
Mr. Slobodan Zlatkovic, Pensioner	ND/KP

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

Table 2.2: Municipal Assembly Committees

Committee	Chairperson /	Vice-chairperson / Affiliation
Policy and Finance Committee	Dr. Dragisa Milovic, Serb	DSS
Mediation Committee	Muherin Peci, Albanian	n/a
Communities Committee	Agron Kelmendi, Albanian	n/a
Gender Equality Committee	Nadezda Spasojevic, Serb	SNC
Security and Emergency Committee	Dr. Dragisa Milovic, Serb	DSS

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

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

Director / Professional Background	Municipal Department (Incl. Community Office, if any)
Dragan Gvozdić / Lawyer	Chief Executive Officer
Ranko Nedeljkić / Economist	Head of Administration
Milislav Gvozdović / Economist	Head of Finance Department
Nadica Hristov / Architect	Head of Department for Urbanism, Housing, Utility and Legal
Viktorija Milisavljevic	Municipal Election Officer (MEO)

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

The civil administration structures are functioning according to UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) regulations. Initially, when the Municipal Assembly was appointed, a parallel municipal administration emerged. The parallel Municipal Council grew out of the pre-existing Municipal Assembly. However, at its session on 29 March 2001, the Serbian government took the decision to recognize the UNMIK appointed Municipal Assembly. The municipal elections 2002 were successfully conducted in the municipality and brought to an end the duality of power between Serbian recognized and UNMIK appointed assembly. Today, there are 54 local employees working in the municipal administration, 10 working in Municipal Local Community Office in the village of Lipa/Lipa and one municipal return officer.

3. Political Parties

Ten Kosovo Serb political entities have municipal branches in the municipality including DSS, SPO, ND, SPS, JUL, SRS, G17 Plus, DS, KP, SNC and Movement of Serbian Strengths. It is noteworthy that Kosovo Provincial branches of SPO

and G17 Plus are based in the municipality. The Kosovo Albanian party AAK also has a presence in the municipality's three Kosovo Albanian villages and has increased its presence to the level of municipal branch.

Table 3.1: Political Parties

Party	Municipal branch leader	Kosovo-wide leader	Seats in 2000, by appointment	Seats in 2002
Serb National Council for N.K (SNC)	Dragisa Milovic (DSS)	Milan Ivanovic	-	6
Democratic Party of Serbia (DSS)	Dragiša Milović	Milorad Todorović	4	5
G17 Plus	Nebojša Petković	Stojanka Petković	1	2
Serb Renewal Movement (SPO)	Miroљjub Milentijević	Randjel Nojkic, Radimir Janicijevic	1	2
Liberals of Serbia – ex New Democracy (ND)	Siniša Milić	Nenad Radosavljević	2	1 (KP)
Coalition Return (KP)	Darko Slavkovic	Momcilo Savic	-	1
Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK)	Enver Peci	Ramush Haradinaj	0	0
Democratic Party (DS)	Milan Jakovljević	Goran Bogdanovic	0	0
Movement of Serbian Strengths	Mile Petrovic	Andrija Mijanovic	0	0
Serb Radical Party (SRS)	Dobrosav Dobrić	Dobrovoje Dobrić	0	0
Social Democratic Party (SDP)	Smiljka Milisavljevic	Gojko Savic	0	0
Socialist Party of Serbia (SPS)	Radovan Gligović	Dobrosav Radović	0	0
Yugoslav United Left Wing (JUL)	Dragomir Radivojević	Radimir Rojević	0	0

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

In the past Zvečan/Zvečan was the only 'oppositional' Kosovo Serb majority municipality, as it has been ruled by opposition parties since 1992 when the president of the Municipal Assembly, Mr. Desimir Petkovic was first elected as a member of a 'Citizens' Initiative'. At the same time, SPS and SRS enjoyed strong support in Zvečan/Zvečan. The relationship between the leading and opposition parties has always been finely balanced, even during the post-1992 period. In the pre-existing Municipal Assembly, parties in power originally controlled 13 out of the 27 seats.

4. Local and International NGOs

Zvečan/Zvečan has always had an active civil society, although only a small part of it is organized into non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Soon after the changes of regime in Belgrade in late 2000, there was an explosion of local civil society leaders who expressed interest to register NGOs with UNMIK. Most of Zvečan/Zvečan's civil society initiatives are still loosely organized associations.

Table 4.1: Local NGOs based in the Municipality

Name	Main focus	Contact Person (phone / fax / e-mail)	Headquarters (phone / fax / e-mail)
Cultural & Artistic Society "Zvečan"	Culture	Časlav Milisavljević, 028 / 665 090 - 064 / 825 08 04	Zvečan/Zvečan
Cynological society "SFENSION"	Humanitarian/ Education/ Culture	Snežana Orlović, 063 / 269 521 snowzvecan@yahoo.com	Cara Dusana 24, Zvečan/Zvečan
Democratic Information Forum – "Zerovnica"	Democratic institutions	Budimir Krstovic 063 / 82 40 295	Selo Zerovnica, Zvečan/Zvečan rikalonenad@yahoo.com
"Horizons"	Education/promotion of civil society/culture	Bojan Todorovic, 063 / 81 64 670	Karadjordjeva 58, Zvečan/Zvečan bt60@hotmail.com
Mission of good will people	Humanitarian/ Economy/ Environment	Igor Dančetović, 028 / 665-361 Aleksandar Gvozdic 063 / 8164796	Prote Stojana 7, Zvečan/Zvečan Pepelnica02@yahoo.com
"SANTA MARIJA"	Women & children protection	Blagica Radovanović, 028 / 664 092 063 / 819 27 76	Kralja Petra 1/57, Zvečan/Zvečan rblagica@yahoo.com
Scout Group "Kota 797"	Youth	Boško Radovanović, 063 / 815 72 74 kota797@yahoo.com	Nusiceva Zvečan/Zvečan
SaM Red Cross	Humanitarian	Tomislav Katić, 063 / 369775	Belgrade
Youth initiative "GLAS"	Civil society development	Ksenija Raftovski, 063 / 816 46 65	Obiliceva 39, Zvečan/Zvečan xenja_75@yahoo.com
Youth support centre	Humanitarian/ Education/ Environment	Marijana Šekić, 063 / 807 70 26	Karadjordjeva 43, Zvečan/Zvečan maxzvecan@yahoo.com

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

Similar to the other northern municipalities, Zvečan/Zvečan has not attracted the attention of international development agencies until recently. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) concentrates its activities on economic development by giving grants to small businesses. The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) aims to improve the water supply and sewage system in Zvečan/Zvečan town, as well as rebuilding houses in the Kosovo Albanian villages.

Table 4.2: International NGOs based in the Municipality

Name	Main focus	Contact Person (phone / fax / e-mail)	Headquarters (phone / fax/ e-mail)
International Organisation for Migrations (IOM)	Infrastructure, Economical development	Zvečan Office 028/665-021; /665-022	Mitrovicë/Mitrovica 028 39-491
Danish Refugee Council	Reconstruction of Roma Mahala in Mitrovicë south	Monserrat Cata, Project Manager Tel. 044 122 081	

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

5. Other Civilian International Presence

Table 5.1: UNMIK Civil Administration

Name	Number of Staff (nat.+int.)	Contact Person	Title	Phone / Fax / E-mail
UN Civil Adm.	3 Internationals and 3 Nationals	Lameck Kawiche	UN Municipal Representative	kawiche@un.org
UN Civil Adm.		Kerim Bardad –Daidj	Local Community Officer Civil Affairs Officer / Acting	bardad_daidj@un.org
UN Civil Adm.		Alex Melbourn	Civil Affairs Officer	melbourn@un.org

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	Ms. Maria Agnese Giordano	Democratisation Officer (Municipal Team Coordinator)	028/33 944
OSCE			Human Rights Officer	028/33 944
OSCE		Ms. Olga Ilić	Senior Democratization Assistant	028/33 944
OSCE		Mr Ljubiša Baščarević	Senior Human Rights Assistant	028/33 944
OSCE		Mr. Dragoslav Cvetić,	Democratization Assistant	028/33 944

Table 5.3: Other International Organizations and Agencies

Name	Main focus	Contact Person (phone / fax / e-mail)	Headquarters (phone / fax/ e-mail)
UNHCR	Refugee and IDP	Claudio Delfabro, delfabro@unhcr.ch	
UNICEF	Education, health, children and youth protection	Momcilo Arlov, Milan Dimitrijevic marlov@unicef.org	063 8 173 221, 044 501 677

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

6. Religion, Places of Worship, and Cultural Institutions

The main religion of the Zvečan/Zvečan population is Orthodox. Since Zvečan/Zvečan is located in a Kosovo Serb majority area, it has not suffered from any attacks on religious sites. In the municipality there are two monasteries, Sokolica and Banjska, and one church. The church of Virgin's Maphorion at Boljetin, better known as Sokolica, named after the hill at whose foot it is located. It was built in the 14th or 15th century probably by a landlord from the surroundings of the town of Zvečan. Sokolica Monastery is very well known as a center of iconography and fresco painting. Abbess Macaria is probably the best fresco and icon painter in Serbia today.

Table 6.1: Primary Religious Leaders

Name	Title	Religious Organisation
Mother Makarija	Abbess	Sokolica Monastery
Father Bogomir Srevic	Priest	St. George Church, Zvečan
Mišo Mitkić	Church caretaker	Church Korilje
Father Simeon	Abbott	Banjska Monastery

Source: Municipal Assembly President of Zvečan/Zvečan

Only the monastery of Sokolica has been victim of an assault, mainly because of its proximity to one of the Kosovo Albanian villages. The monastery is currently under constant KFOR protection.

Banjska Monastery is located near the present day village of Banjska in Zvečan/Zvečan municipality, north of Mitrovica. Banjska is the pious endowment of the Holy Serbian King Milutin, who had it built during the period from 1312 to 1316. The dedication ceremony of the reconstructed Banjska Monastery took place on 15 August 2004 in the presence of the Serbian Patriarch Pavle and several representatives of the Serbian Orthodox Church. In the area there are no Mosques.

Table 6.2: Primary Churches, Mosques, etc.

Type of Building	Towns/Places
Monastery	Banjska
Monastery	Sokolica
Saint George Church	Zvečan
Serb Orthodox Church	Banov Do
Serb Orthodox Church	Korilje
Serb Orthodox Church	Žerovnica (Doljane)
Serb Orthodox Church (currently under construction)	Žitkovac

Source: Municipal Assembly President of Zvečan/Zvečan

A Cultural Centre is located in the town and contains a large auditorium that once housed a 400-seat cinema. The auditorium is not used except for occasional cultural events. The building also houses Radio Kosovska Mitrovica. In 2004 the building was fully renovated with funding from the Coordination Center of Kosovo. The Cultural Centre will also house the IMC's Youth Centre.

Zvečan/Zvečan has traditionally been the venue for painters and poets gatherings from all over Europe every September. In the past few years however, participants are coming only from neighbouring countries. The "painters' colony" as the event is called is a major cultural event. In August 2004 a joint exhibition of Kosovo Serbian and Kosovo Albanian painters was organized in the Mitrovica Cultural House. Since 2002, the Cultural Centre hosts the International Jazz and Blues festival. World-know and local jazz and blues musicians and bands participate in this event in mid-June.

7. Media

The Municipality of Zvečan/Zvečan is home to two Kosovo Serbian radio stations and one Kosovo Serbian television station. The radio stations do not have large "footprints", but the television station's signal can be seen well outside of Zvečan/Zvečan.

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
Radio "AS"	FM Radio – 101.4 Mhz	Slobodan Krstović Ljubiša Radovanović	Serbian
Radio Kosovska Mitrovica	FM Radio – 103.3 Mhz	Caslav Milosavljević	Serbian
TV "Most"	TV	Zvonimir Miladinović	Serbian

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

8. Judicial System

Before 1999, a Minor Offences Court operated in Zvečan/Zvečan under Serbian authority. Currently, there are no UN-recognized courts operating in the Municipality. Judicial proceedings are administered by the courts in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica.

9. Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

Thirty seven KPS Officers are working at Zvečan/Zvečan Police station, 36 of them are Serbian and 1 Albanian. The police station in Zvečan/Zvečan was transformed from a sub-station into a regular station. On the 02 December 2004 Zvečan/Zvečan police station was transitioned. The building was renovated to hold the additional KPS Officers who were stationed there due to the transition process. All operational competencies were handed over to the KPS. UNMIK Police only maintains a monitoring function. For this monitoring function only two International Police Officers are permanently based at the Station.

The general security situation is calm on the surface. The AoR is covered by Danish and Greek KFOR. The *Sokolica* monastery is guarded by Greek KFOR but was recently unfixed. KFOR still carries out random frequent patrol in the area close to the monastery. A new Belgian military monitoring structure LMT (Liaison Military Teams) now works in the AOR.

Table 9.1: Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

Name	Telephone	Force Strength	Ethnic Composition, Nationality
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KPS	n/a	37	36 Kosovo Serbian, 2 Kosovo Albanian
UNMIK Police	Ext.7471	2	US, Russia
KFOR	+ 381 28 30 178 + 381 63 76 20295	2175 (AoR) 282 (AoR) 186 (AoR)	French Danish Greek

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

10. Economics

The largest employer in Zvečan/Zvečan is the lead and zinc smelting factory Trepča. At the height of its operation, Trepča employed up to 4,000 people in the region. In April 2000 the factory re-started a limited production, operating at about 5% of its capacity but at the same time causing serious pollution in the area since proper filtering devices were not used. UN and KFOR, after taking control of the complex on 14 August 2000, shut down the factory due to the environmental pollution. The only ongoing production is the alloy for batteries and battery recycling. But in general there is a significant lack of economic development due to missing capital investments or loans. Around 60 small private companies and 150 shops officially registered in Zvečan/Zvečan with a total workforce of approximately 500.

The low level of production by the Trepča lead and zinc-smelting factory since 1999 has had a devastating affect on the economy. Its re-activation could encourage a new economic development.

10.1 Prominent Employers in the Region

Employer	Service/Products	Production ongoing?	Size of Workforce
Trepča	Lead & Zinc products	Yes, low capacity of alloy production and battery recycling	n/a
Zvečan Company	Public Utilities	Yes	53
Brest	Civil Works	Yes	15
DES Komerc	Civil Works	Yes	11
MID Kompanija	Civil Works	Yes	24
Ozring	Civil Works	Yes	21
PP MGMB "Cole"	Civil Works / Construction	Yes	15
Commercial Bank	Finance	Yes	2
Jugobanka – Zvečan	Finance	Yes	7
Kosovo-Metohia Bank	Finance	Yes	23
Cooperative "Banjska"	Agriculture	Yes	28
Gradina	Charcoal production/Fuel sales	Yes	10
"Klub Soda"	Juice production/ Poultry	Yes	12
Markoni	Restaurant Management	Yes	18
P.G.P. "Mostkolor"	Recycling	Yes	30
Yugo Petrol	Gas Station	Yes	15
Zvečan Bread Factory	Bread	Yes	10
Zvečan Dairy	Dairy products	Yes	14

Source: CEO Zvečan/Zvečan Municipality

11. Infrastructure

In general, the whole infrastructure of Zvečan/Zvečan municipality needs investments for urgent renovation work. The most serious infrastructure problem of the town is the limited water supply. The repair of the network will not increase the supply of water in itself, but rather limit present leaks. In 2005 the cleaning of the water wells slightly improved the situation; however the supply remains modest. In most parts of the town that are even slightly elevated there has been very little water during the past. Today the upper parts of the municipality are provided only for two hours a day with water. For the time being only the IDP settlement "Mali Zvečan" is being supplied by the newly reconstructed water system. The municipality is undertaking the needs assessment and plans to fund the follow up of the project that would enable a proper water supply to the whole territory of the municipality.

The public utility company "Zvečan" provides street-cleaning, maintenance and garbage collection services. Electricity for Zvečan/Zvečan town and Rudare village is supplied by Trepča Power Plant "Energetika" while the "Elektrokosmet" from Mitrovicë/Mitrovica (North) supplies other villages. Mitrovicë/Mitrovica (North) Post Office, part of "PTT Srbija", provides PTT communications for the Municipality while "MobTel" and "Telecom" provide mobile telecommunication.

Zvečan/Zvečan's Municipality did not suffer large-scale housing damages during the conflict. Some houses were destroyed in the villages of Grabovac and Žitkovac, while more extensive damage was reported in the Kosovo Albanian villages of Žaža/Zhazhë and Lipa/Lipë.

12. Social Services, Health, and Education

Social Services and Health

The Centre for Social Work provides social assistance and services for residents. There are 542 families who are beneficiaries of Social Welfare, in category I there are 455 families and in category II there are 97 families. An Unemployment Centre gives support to unemployed residents and a Health House provides health services, with a special department for occupational medicine and toxicology and an Institute for Public Health. The Health House has two ambulances and 167 employees.

Education

The total number of staff employed in education is 168, out of who 42 work in one kindergarten, 72 in three primary schools in Serbian language, 17 employees in the primary school in Albanian language, whereas one secondary school has 37 employees.

In March 2006, the Serbian primary and secondary school employees declined their revenues from PISG budget in line with instructions of Serbian Coordination Centre for Kosovo.

Since 2002 two Universities has been established: the University of Arts and Music. The working conditions of both education facilities have to be considered as positive. One out of two Kosovo Albanian School in the municipality is located in Boletin/Boljetin (an elementary school, which accommodates around 80 children). The branch of the school located in Zhazhë/Žaža village (an elementary school up to the grade four holding lessons in two containers). There is a vocational school in Doljane which is part of the Kosovo network of vocational centres funded by the PISG Ministry of Labour.

13. Return Issues

Returns to this municipality have been very low. 22 Kosovo Albanian families have returned since the year 2000, two of whom returned spontaneously within the past few months. There is a Roma collective centre located within the municipality, which will be closed upon completion of Roma mahala reconstruction in Mitrovica/Mitrovice South, due to high level of lead poisoning amongst exposed Roma IDPs. Currently, the Municipality remains burdened by over four thousand Kosovo Serb IDPs, some who fled in '99, and approx 1200 who fled, particularly the village of Svinjare/Frasher, after the March 2004 riots.

Municipal Working Group

The MWG is normally held on a monthly basis. The attendance is high, despite the fact that the municipality is a host municipality; normally the President of the municipal assembly and 2 assembly members (both IDPs) attend.