



MUNICIPAL PROFILE

Prishtinë/Priština

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1. Introduction: Area and Population

Prishtinë/Priština municipality is located at the north-east edge of the Kosovo plain in the centre of Kosovo, and is the economic, cultural, political, and administrative centre of Kosovo. Comprising a territory of 854 km², Prishtinë/Priština is the most populous municipality in Kosovo, which doubled after the conflict. In 1991 the city was home to about 200,000 inhabitants, but presently, it is estimated that approximately 550,000, including 200,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) from other areas of Kosovo. Furthermore, Prishtinë/Priština is home to a large international presence.

There are an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 Kosovo Serbs remaining in the municipality. The riots of mid-March and burning of homes resulted in a further exodus of the Kosovo Serb population from the centre of Prishtinë/Priština with the few that remain largely confined to the YU Programme building for security reasons. The major Kosovo Serb enclave in the municipality is Gračanica/Gračanica, which contains an historic monastery that is home to a prominent community and religious leader, Bishop Artemije.

Other non-majority communities include approximately 1,000 Roma and 1,500 Bosniaks. There is also a large presence of Turks and a small number of Ashkalis and Goranis in the municipality.

Table 1.1: Ethnic Composition, Including IDPs

Population	Kosovo Albanians		Kosovo Serbs		Roma		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Unreliable 1991 census	161,314	78.7	27,293	13.3	6,625	3.2	9,861	4.8	205,093	100
1998	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	225,388	100
February 2000 estimate	550,000	97.4	12,000	2.2	1,000	0.1	1,800	0.3	564,800	100

Source: 1991 figures from Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) Institute for Statistics – others include Montenegrins, Slav Muslims, Turks, etc. 1999 figures from UNHCR, "Kosovo Village List", 9 March 1999 (1998 population estimate excluding forced displacement). 2001 figures from KFOR – MNB (c) and for minority figures OSCE/UNHCR 'Situation of Ethnic Minorities in Kosovo', February 2001. It is noted that the 1991 census was highly politicised and is thus unreliable.

2. Civil Administration

Civil administration in the municipality confronts major challenges in providing services and political integration. As a burgeoning municipality, it must not only foster ethnic and, increasingly, political coexistence, but also serve a more needy and larger public, despite reduced resources.

The 26 October 2002 Municipal Elections saw the formation of a newly elected Municipal Assembly (MA). The MA has 51 members from eight political entities – 29 LDK, 13 PDK, 4 AAK, 1 PD, 1 PReK, 1 KDTP, 1 DSS and 1 KP. The Municipal Assembly is presided over by a Municipal President, Vice-President and an Appointed Deputy President from the Kosovo Serb community.

Table 2.1: Composition of the Municipal Assembly

Name of Municipal Assembly Member / Professional Background	Political Affiliation
Mr. Ismet Beqiri	LDK / President
Mr. Shefki Gashi	LDK / Deputy-President
Mr. Radojica Mitrovic	DSS Kosovo Serb / Additional Deputy President
Mr. Hajrush Bajraliu	LDK Group leader
Ms. Lirije Hana	LDK
Mr. Shasivar Sadiku	LDK
Ms. Vjollca Rizani	LDK
Mr. Florim Graiçevci	LDK
Mr. Hysem Fejza	LDK
Ms. Ajnishahe Azemi	LDK
Mr. Izet Sadiku	LDK
Mr. Avdi Feri	LDK
Ms. Refiqe Aliu	LDK
Mr. Hajdar Binaku	LDK
Mr. Nebih Zariqi	LDK
Ms. Miradie Jashari	LDK
Mr. Vesel Veseli	LDK
Mr. Salih Gashi	LDK
Ms. Leonora Halimi	LDK
Mr. Osman Vitia	LDK
Mr. Jakup Svirca	LDK

Ms. Lumnije Pervetica	LDK
Mr. Bislim Bajraktari	LDK
Mr. Enver Rakovica	LDK
Ms. Mimoza Gjaka	LDK
Mr. Shaip Xhelili	LDK
Mr. Hetem Kupina	LDK
Ms. Vjollca Krasniqi	LDK
Mr. Naser Gashi	LDK
Mr. Agim Gashi	LDK
Ms. Nazlie Bala	PDK
Mr. Shaban Hoxa	PDK
Ms. Lumnie Rama	PDK
Mr. Ilir Limani	PDK
Mr Shemsi Veseli	PDK Group leader
Ms. Selvie Halimi	PDK
Mr. Sejdi Rexhepi	PDK
Mr. Beqir Hamidi	PDK
Ms Remzije Zhushi	PDK
Mr. Kolë Staka	PDK
Mr. Lah Nitaj	PDK
Mr. Sabri Simnica	PDK
Mr. Selim Daci	PDK
Dr. Xhevat Shkodra	AAK
Mr. Hakif Sheholli	AAK
Ms. Mejreme Berisha	AAK
Mr. Shefqet Sylejmani	AAK Group leader
Mr. Idriz Mumcu	KDTP
Ms. Ana Kostic	KP
Ms. Lumturije Gashi-Luci	PREK
Mr. Idriz Prestreshi	PD

Along with a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and a Deputy CEO, the municipal structure is made up of 12 Committees and 13 Departments with approximately 450 staff.

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)
Sami Hamiti	Chief Executive Officer
Arsim Janova	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Halim Halimi /	Director of General Administration
Agim Dibrani	Director of Finance and Property
Sokol Krasniqi	Director of Economy
-Lulzim Nixha	Director of Planning, Urbanism and Reconstruction
Hafiz Krasniqi	Director of Inspection
Sabedin Haxhiu	Director of Cadastre, Geodesy and Juridical Property Issues
Rrustem Buzhala	Director of Education and Science
Abdurrahman Krasniqi	Director of Public Services, Transport and Environment
Musli Mehaj	Director of Health and Social Policy
Feim Salihu	Director of Rural Development
Mustafe Halili	Director of Culture, Youth, Sport and Gender
Zaim Berisha	Director of Civil Protection and Emergencies
Predrag Vasic	Municipal Community Office (MCO)
Naser Krasniqi	Public Lawyer

Source: UNMIK Municipal Administration, OSCE Regional Center Prishtinë/Priština

Prishtinë/Priština Municipality has a functioning Communities Committee which was established in spring 2003 and exists to protect and promote the rights of communities within the Municipality. The Committee is composed of members from the Bosniak, Ashkali, Turkish and Albanian communities and currently meets without the participation of five Serb representatives who at present have not been appointed.

In September 2004, the OSCE's Democratization Department began implementation of an extensive training programme for the Municipality's Policy and Finance Committee members on participatory budget and public financial management. The aim of the project being to develop the capacities of Policy and Finance Committee members to develop and execute the 2005 municipal budget in an effective, transparent, accountable and participatory manner. A brochure detailing the 2005 budget will be available through the municipality's information officer in early spring.

Table 2.2: Municipal Assembly Committees

Committee	Chairperson / Affiliation
Policy and Finance Committee	Mr. Ismet Beqiri / LDK
Community Committee	Ms. Resadija Redjepagic (Acting Chairperson)
Mediation Committee	Mr. Ercan Kasap (Acting Chairperson)
Housing and Reconstruction Committee	Mr. Avdi Feri
Urban Planning Committee	Mr. Florim Greigevci
Public Service Utilities Committee	Ms. Leonora Halimi
Rural Development Committee	Mr. Agim Gashi
Health and Social Welfare Committee	Mr. Musli Mehaj
Culture, Sport and Youth Committee	Ms. Vjolca Krasniqi
Education and Science Committee	Mr. Bislim Bajraktari
Property Committee	Mr. Naser Gashi
Complaints and Petitions Committee	Mr. Agim Ymeri
Emergencies Committee	Mr. Zaim Berisha

The main challenges confronting Prishtinë/Priština for 2005 include the improvement of a system for the collection of revenues, such as property tax, municipal fees and charges; health and social services; urban development; education; and the use and allocation of public properties.

The control and prevention of illegal constructions also continues to be a challenge. The influx of people from rural areas into the city has more than doubled the size of the population and has contributed significantly to the demand and supply of property for future growth.

3. Political Parties

Prishtinë/Priština is the centre of political developments and affairs in Kosovo, hosting most of Kosovo's political parties, including their presidencies and branches. The municipality includes Kosovo Serb communities and mixed areas that are also politically represented, recently also in the form of political parties.

There are 26 political parties with offices in Prishtinë/Priština, the vast majority of which are Kosovo Albanian. The most prominent parties are the LDK, the PDK and the AAK. PReK (the New Party of Kosovo) and the PD (Justice Party) also gained one seat each in the municipal elections 2002. Other smaller parties have small activities on a local level.

Party structures are similar and include a presidency, a branch in each municipality where the party is active, and a number of sub-branches.

Table 3.1: Political Parties

Party	Municipal branch leader	Kosovo-wide leader	2000 Vote	Seats in MA	2002 Vote	Seats in MA
Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK)	Hajrush Bajraliu	Vacant until elections	65.9%	36	54.5%	29
Albanian Christian Democratic Party of Kosovo (PSHDK)	Besim Govori	Mark Krasniqi	0.6%	-	0.4%	-
Liberal Party of Kosovo (PLK)	Skënder Gashi	Gjergj Dedaj	0.4%	-	0.5%	-
Social Democratic Party of Kosovo (PSDK)	Mustafë Rusinovci	Kaqusha Jashari	0.7%	-	0.5%	-
Albanian National Democratic Party (PNDSH)	Ali Turbedari	Skendër Berisha	0.4 %	-	0.2%	-
National Front (BK)	Daut Bislimi	Kajtaç Fazlia	-	-	0.3%	-
National Movement for the Liberation of Kosovo (LKÇK)		Fatmir Humolli	-	-	0.3%	-
Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK)	Shemsi Veseli	Hashim Thaçi	20,8%	11	25%	13
People's Movement of Kosovo (LPK)	Ismajl Haxhiu	Emrush Xhemajli	-	-	0.2%	-
UNIKOMB		Muhamet Kelmendi	-	-	0.1%	-
Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK)	Shefqet Sylejmani	Ramush Haradinaj	7,7%	4	6.9%	4
Green Party of Kosovo (PGJK)	Arif Krasniqi	Daut Maloku	0,6%	-	0.5%	-
Justice Party (PD)	Idriz Prestreshi	Sylejman Querkezi	-	-	1.4%	1
Coalition VATAN		Numan Baliq	0,1%	-	0.3%	-
KTHP		Sezair Shaip	0,7%	1	-	-
Turkish Democratic Party of Kosovo (KDTP)	Gani Sadik	Erhan Koroglliu	-	-	1.1%	1
Democratic Party of Ashkalis in Kosovo (PDAK)	Avni Rama	Sabit Rrahmani	0,1%	1	0.2%	-
Bosniak Party for Democratic Action of Kosovo (BSDAK)	Hilmo Kandic	Hilmo Kandic	0,5%	1	0.1%	-
New Party of Kosovo (PReK)	Lumturije Gashi-Luci	Bujar Bukoshi	-	-	2.1%	1
Kosovo Objective Party (KOS)					0.3%	-
Democratic Party of Serbia (DSS)	Radojica Mitrović				1%	1
Coalition Return (KP)	Milos Djordjevic				2.3%	1

Source: OSCE Regional Center Prishtinë/Priština

4. Local and International NGOs

There are approximately 1,200 local and international NGOs active in Prishtinë/Priština, according to the complete list from the NGO Registration and Liaison Unit of the UN Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). Some of the strongest and most influential of the local NGOs include the Kosovo Foundation for an Open Society (KFOS), the Kosovo Civil Society Foundation (KCSF), Kosovo Local Initiative Program (KLIP), “Nëna Terezë”, “Kryqi i Kuq”, and Handikos. In July 2004 ODIHR with the support of the OSCE established the Roma and Ashkalia Documentation Centre, an NGO which acts as the focal point for representation of the communities to local and international institutions, at the central and municipal levels. The office is staffed by members of both communities and has recently conducted successful campaigns promoting elections related issues as well as a cultural exhibition.

Many international NGOs such as the International Red Cross (IRC), Islamic Relief, SIDA, Regional Environment Service (REC), Save the Children, Catholic Relief Service (CRS), Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation (SDC), and the Swedish Helsinki Committee For Human Rights (SHCHR), play a large role in relief, psycho-social development programmes, reconstruction, environmental, humanitarian assistance, education, youth, civil society, media, and women’s programmes. However, Prishtinë/Priština has seen a significant reduction in the number of international NGOs operating in the area, and as a consequence, co-ordination among organisations has become even more important.

Table 4.1: Local NGOs active in the municipality

Main Focus	Full name of organisation
Agriculture	Agricultural Association, Agricultural Recovery, Association for Development of Agriculture in the Farms of Kosovo (AGRARI) , Dukagjini, Mlyshi
Art	Arts in Service of Kosovar Woman and Child, ARTKOS, Association for the Promotion of Theatre Arts, Sythi
Civil Development	Kosovo Found for an Open Society (KFOS) , Kosovo Action for Civic Initiatives (KACI),Kosovar Civil Society Foundation (KCSF) , Association for Democratic Initiatives, Institute for Democratic and Ethnic Relations, Action for Democratic Reconstruction (ARD),Future of Democratic Family (AFD)
Education	Anadrini, Association for Education and Economic Development, Mamusha, Peshorja
Health	Anti-Smoking, Alcoholism, Drug-Addiction and AIDS, Association for the Healthy Planning of the Family, Association for Support to the Mentally Disadvantaged Persons of Kosovo, Centre for Recovery of Mother and Child, Kosovo Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims, Mens Sana
Human Rights	Action for Democratic Reconstruction, Council for the Defence of Human Rights and Freedom, Rugulla, Shpata
Humanitarian	Agmia, Aid for survival of Kosovo, Amanet, Ananda Marga, Universal Relief Team, Association for the Return of Displaced Albanians from their Lands, Humanikos, Handikos, Merhamet, Renesansa Shpirtore Vizioni
Law	Association for Law Advocacy and for Democratisation of the Law System, Association for Legal Aid for Women-NORMA , Professional centre for Human Rights and Juridical Initiative (PCPJ)
Media	Civic House, Independent Media Group, Women in Development
Women	Aureola, Centre for Protection of Women and Children, Drita, Friends of the Kosovo Protection Corpses, Gruaja 2000, Legjenda, Liria, Motrat Qiriaz, Nëna, Teuta, Shpresa.
Youth	Ahmadyya Muslim Jamaat, Aksioni I Dashurisë/Love in Action, Albanian Youth Action-Pjetër Bogdani, Alternativa, Group of Young Ecologists, Kosovar Youth Council, Open Club (KLUBI).

Source: OSCE Regional Center Prishtinë/Priština

Table 4.2: International NGOs active in the municipality

Sector	Name/Acronym
Civil Society	Olof Palme Centre, Swedish Helsinki Committee, International rescue Committee, World Relief
Health	Help Age International HAI, International Medical Corp IMC, IRC, Mine Action Group MAG, Medicin du Monde France MDM-F, MDM-Greece, Medicin sans Frontieres MSF-Belgium, Norwegian Refugee Council NRC, Pharmaciens sans Frontieres
Humanitarian/ Reconstruction	Action Against Hunger AAH, AAR-Japan, Adventist Development Relief Agency ADRA, AJJDC Alwaqf Alislami, ATLAS International, Associazione Volontari per il Servizio Internazionale AVSI, CARE International, CARITAS, Cesvi, CRIC Italy, Catholic Relief Service CRS, Hilfe fuer Kosovo, Horizons International, International Catholic Migration Centre ICMC, International Islamic Relief Organisation IIRO, INTERSOS, International rescue Committee IRC, IWC-Kuwait, Kosovo Relief Fund, -USA-Macedonian Center for International Co-operation MCIC, Munazzamat Alda'wa Alislamiyya MDI, Nouva Frontiera NF/ALISEI, NORWAC, OXFAM, Pacificana, Solidarites, TSF, UMCOR, Uniteti Volontari Italiani VIS, World Vision WV
Women	Kvinna till Kvinna KTK, Malteser, UNIFEM, Women for Women International
Education	CECI, Ceis-Cresci, Human Aid Support Committee HASC, , International Islamic Relief Organisation IIRO, International rescue Committee IRC, Kosovo Foundation for Open Society
Children/ Youth	Associazione Amici dei Bambini AiBi, American rescue Committee ARC, Children Aid Direct CAD, Kinderberg, Mercy Corp MC, War Child-UK, Enfant du Monde, Save the Children, Foundation Secours Mondial, Human Aid Support Committee, Kosovo Foundation for Open Society
Legal	ABA-CEELI

5. Other Civilian International Presence

The original four pillars of UNMIK [UN, OSCE, European Union (EU), and UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)] arrived in Prishtinë/Priština immediately at the end of the conflict in 1999. The UN has three main buildings in town, UNMIK Headquarters (Administrative), the Government Building (where the Assembly of Kosovo Assembly), and the Prishtinë/Priština Municipal Building. UNHCR, located across from UNMIK headquarters, has gradually scaled down operations and no longer is part of the pillar structure. The new UN Pillar, from mid-2001, is responsible for Police and Justice concerns.

The OSCE Headquarters is located in the centre of Prishtinë/Priština while the EU Agency for Reconstruction is located in the historical Museum Building

As the following table indicates UNMIK is now comprised of four pillars: Police and Justice (I), Civil Administration (II), Institution-Building, represented by the OSCE (III) and Economic Reconstruction, represented by the EU (IV).

Table 5.1: The Pillars

Organization	Contact person	Phone/fax/e-mail	Location
Police and Justice (UN)	John Wise CIMIC Officer in BG	Tel: 504 604	38000 Pristina
Civil Administration (UN)	Yilmaz Ismail UN Municipal Representative	Tel: 504 604 ext.6431	UNMIK Municipality
Institution Building (OSCE)	Oleg Ungureanu Head of PR RC	Tel: 500 162	32 Belgrade Street
OSCE Municipal Team Prishtinë/Priština	Martina Duetman	Tel:500 162	Industrial zone BBC 2
Economic Reconstruction (EU)	Joachim Rucker D/SRSG Head of Pillar IV	Tel: 504 604	Government Building

Table 5.2: Other International Organizations and Agencies

Name	Focus	Contact person (phone/fsx/e-mail)	Phone/Fax
Office of Albania	Official Representative of the Albanian Government in Kosovo	Head of Office: Mr. Bujar Muharremi	038-248 369/248 208
Austrian Liaison Office	Official Representative of the Government of Austria in Kosovo	Head of Office: Mr. Alexander Bayerl	Phone: 038/249 285 Fax 038/249 285
Office of Belgium	Official Representative of the Belgium Government in Kosovo	Head of Office: Mr. Wim Peeters	038-517 698 Fax: 038 /517 698
Office of Croatia	Official Representative of the Croatian Government	Ms. Iliriana Shehu, Representative Croatian Chamber of Commerce	038-243 399 038-243 398
Office of Denmark	Official Office of the Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kosovo	Head of Office: Ms. Anne-Maria Madsen Danste@mobilixnet.dk	038/549 381 038/549 384
Department for International Development (DFID)	Development Agency of the British Government	Lirim Osmani	Phone: 038/549 724
European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR)	Reconstruction and development program under political guidance of the European Commission	Richard Zink http://www.ear.eu.int	Phone: 038/5131 200
Office of Finland	Official Representative of the Government of Finland in Kosovo	Head of Office: Mr. Markku Laamanen	038-243-098 038/ 232 863 Fax
Office of France	Official Representative of the Government of France	Head of Office: Mr. Thierry Reynard	044 158 722 038 549 611 Fax
Office of Germany	Official Representative of the German Government	Head of Office: Mr. Eugen Wolfarth	038-254 500 038-254 515
German office for Reconstruction and Development (GORED) DEG, GTZ, KfW	Reconstruction and Rehabilitation	gtz_pr@kohamail.net	038/549 011 038/548 011
Grand –Duchy of Luxembourg Co-operation and Humanitarian Action in Kosovo	Official Representative of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	Jean-Marc Lentz Manuel Vega-Mahliz lmlentz@netcourrier.com Manuel.vega@netcourrier. Com	044 249 389 038 226 787 038 226787 Fax
Office of Great Britain	Official Representative of the Government of Great Britain	Head of Office: Mr. David Blunt	038-249 801 038-249 559 038 249 799 Fax
Office of Greece	Official Representative of the Government of Greece	Head of Office: Mr. Nicolaos d. Kanellos	038-243 013 038 245 533 Fax
Human Supporting Aid Committee (HSAC)	Humanitarian and Reconstruction	Dr. Mohammed Mustafa	Phone/fax 038/ 46 680

International Islamic Relief Organisation (IIRO)	Humanitarian	Saleh Al Thibani	038/549 296
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Relief and psycho-social Development programs	Joshua Nadel Koscbp@yahoo.com	
Office of Italy	Official Representative of the Government of Italy	Head of Office: Mr. Patric Mura	038 549 715/6/7 038 244 929 Fax
Japan Liaison Office	Official Representative of the Government of Japan in Kosovo	Head of Office: Mr. Yoshihide Nakai Jplopr@jpemb.org.yu	038 249 995 038-245 434 Fax
Kosovo Local Initiatives Program (KLIP)	Canadian Government's primary support mechanism in Kosovo for local NGOs	Sonia Dumont Klipkosovo@hotmail.com	038/545 895
Office of Luxembourg	Official Representative of the Government of Luxembourg	Head of Office: Mr. Manuel Vega-Mahlitz	038-226 787
Office of Malaysia	Official Representative of Government of Malaysia	Head of Office: Mr. Abdul Rashid Raszlan	038-243 467
Office of the Netherlands	Official Representative of the Government of the Netherlands	Head of Office: Ms. Margaret Struijff	038- 224 610
Office of Norway	Official Representative of the Government of Norway in Kosovo	Head of Office: Mr. Sverre Johan Kale	038-248 010 038/548 202 Fax
Office of Bulgaria	Official Representative of Government of Bulgaria	Head of Office: Mr. Nikolaj Koljev	038 245 540
Regional Environmental Centre REC	Environment	Christy Duijvelaar rec_kos@yahoo.com	038/549 072
Russian Liaison Office	Official Representative of the Russian Federation	Head of Office: Mr. Sergei Bazdikin	063 366 664
Office of Saudi Arabia	Official Representative of the Government of Saudi Arabia	Head of Office : Mr. Abdurrahman Al Mansur	038-549 203 038-549 211 Fax
Save the Children	To support the social and economic recovery of Kosovo	Michele Lipner melipner@hotmail.com	038/549 693 fax: 038/549 693
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency SIDA	Supporting the development efforts in Kosovo	Annika Palo sida@swed.ipko.org sida_pristina@hotmail.com	038/549 524
Office of Sweden	Official Representative of the Government of Sweden	Ms. Ann-Sofie Nilsen	038-245 795 038 243 144 Fax
Office of Switzerland	Official Representative of the Government of Switzerland	Head of Office Ms. Ivana Ynzler	038-248 088 038-548 078 Fax
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	Official Representative of the Government of Switzerland in Kosovo	Hans-Peter Fischer	038/548 091 fax: 038/548 096
Office of Turkey	Official Representative of the Government of Turkey in Kosovo	Head of Office : Mr.Vulkan Turk Vural	038-548 540 038-548 559 fax
Office of the United States of America	Official Representative of the Government of the United States of America in Kosovo	Head of Office : Mr .Philip Goldberg	038-549 516 038 549 517 038 549 890 fax
US Office Public Affairs Section	Promoting democratic civil society in Kosovo	Luan Nimani Lnimani@pd.state.gov	038/549 516 fax: +873 761 912 436
United Nations Children's Fund UNICEF	Children's protection	prishtina@unicef.org	038/ 549 230 /31/32 fax: 038/549 234
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Humanitarian programs	Frode Mauring registry.ks@undp.org	038/249 064 038 249 065
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	UNFPA activities aiming at fostering reproductive rights and improving the quality of life of women and infants in Kosovo	Jane Schuler Repp repp@unfpa.org unfpa_pristina@hotmail.com	038/549 090 fax: + 871 762 208 231
Slovenian Liaison Office	Official Representative of the Government of Slovenia	Head of Office Mr. Jozef Hlep	038 246 255
Romanian Liaison Office	Official Representative of the Government of R	Head of Office Mr. Daniel Banu office@romanian-office.ipko.org	038 246 272 038 246 273 Fax
Hungarian Liaison Office	Official Representative of the Government of Hungaria	Head of Office Mr. Zoltan Inecs	038 247 763
FYROM	Official Representative of FYROM	Head of Office Mr.Stojan Karajanov	038 247 462 038 247 463 Fax
KFOR Joint Visitors Bureau	Leut. Col. Bond	KFOR HQ	038 503 603
European Commission Liaison Office		Head of Office Mr. Giorgio Mamberto	038 51 31 321
European Union Monitoring Mission		Mr. Mario Dottori	038 245 387
Ombudsperson Institute	Kosovo Ombudsperson	Mr. Ahmet Jashari	038 548 087
World Bank	Resident representative in Kosovo	Mr. Kanthan Shankar	038 249 459
COE		Head of Office Mr. Zurab Manchatskhvili	044 200 400

6. Religion, Places of Worship, and Cultural Institutions

Prishtinë/Priština has houses of worship for the Islamic, Serbian Orthodox and Catholic religions. Religious landmarks in the city include the Imperial (Fatih) Mosque, built in 1461 by the Turkish Sultan Mehmet II Fatih, the 13th century Gračanica Serbian Orthodox church and monastery, and the Catholic Church in the Ulpiana district of Prishtinë/Priština. Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church was destroyed during the March riots last year and has yet to be reconstructed.

Table 6.1: Primary Religious Leaders

Name	Title	Religious Organisation
Naim Ternava	Mufti of Kosovo, President of the Islamic Community	Muslim
Nosh L. Gjollaj	Priest	Catholic
Driton Krasniqi	Priest	Protestant
Bishop Artemije	Bishop (Resides in Gračanica/Gračanice Monastery)	Orthodox
Myrtesa Studenica	President	Kosovar Jewish Committee

Source: Religious leaders

One of the main Islamic religious leaders in the municipality is the Mufti of Kosovo and the President of the Islamic Community of Kosovo. He has twice met the head of the Orthodox Church in Kosovo, informally establishing co-operation between Kosovo's two main religious communities.

Table 6.2: Primary Mosques, Churches, etc.

Name	Type of Building
Mehmet II Fatih	Mosque
Kryesia e Bashkësisë	Secretariat of the Islamic Community
Saint Nicholas	Orthodox church
Protestant evangelical church "Bashkësia e popullit të zotit"	Protestant chapel
St. Anthony	Catholic church
Kaderi Lodge	Tekke (Place of worship for the Dervish order, a Muslim Sect)

Source: Religious leaders

In terms of culture, Prishtinë/Priština offers a variety of activities, ranging from the fine and performing arts to cinemas and sports. The National Theatre houses approximately 300 seats and one large stage. There is also another smaller theatre in town, 'Dodona', which is operated by a private company.

7. Media

Prishtinë/Priština media can be divided into several different categories. The first category is the division between public and private media. Radio Television Kosovo (RTK) with its one TV and two radio channels (Radio Kosova and Radio Blue Sky) is the public broadcaster for Kosovo. All remaining television and radio stations are privately owned and run.

The second category is comprised of stations serving both the local market and broadcasting Kosovo wide. In addition to RTK, TV 21 and KTV (TV Kohavision) possess Kosovo-wide TV broadcasting licenses. Radio 21 and Radio Dukagjini, the latter being based in Pejë/Peć, are also Kosovo-wide radio broadcasters. The same applies for the Prishtinë/Priština based Radio KFOR (Kosovo Force).

All of the daily newspapers published in Prishtinë/Priština have a readership throughout Kosovo, as do most of the magazines. Through co-operation between several local radio stations, some stations in Prishtinë/Priština are participating in joint broadcasting (like the Serbian radio network 'KOSMA').

The third category is comprised of community based media outlets. There are no exclusively Kosovo Serb television stations in Prishtinë/Priština. As public broadcaster, RTK is obliged to broadcast a portion of its programmes in Serbian and other minority languages. TV 21 and KTV, as the local TV AA broadcasts exclusively in Albanian. Three of the radio stations in Prishtinë/Priština broadcast multi-ethnic programming. Private Radio Kontakt has been broadcasting in Albanian, Serbian and Turkish and received substantial support from foreign donors. Both public Radio Blue Sky and Radio KFOR air multi-ethnic programming. Prishtinë/Priština municipality is home to five radio stations that broadcast in Serbian, all located in Kosovo Serb enclaves: Radio Gračanica (in Gračanica/Gračanice), Radio KIM in Caglavica/Çagllavicë, Radio Antena in Lapje Selo/Llapllasellë and Radio Vitez in Preoce/Preoc. Radio KIM also has a weekly news programme in the Roma language. Radio As in Donja Brnjica/Blërnice e Poshtme is authorised to broadcast while its application for a license is presently evaluated by the Temporary Media Commissioner (TMC). One

Turkish language station (Radio Kent FM) operates in Prishtinë/Priština, all other (7) radio stations in the municipality exclusively speak Albanian.

Seven daily newspapers and a number of weekly, bi-weekly and monthly magazines are published in Prishtinë/Priština. Apart from the bi-weekly “Alem”, which serves the Bosniak community, they all publish in Albanian. Each are commercial enterprises with some having a strong political backing and party support. All four existing television stations are commercial, as even RTK has had to develop its own sources of income via advertising. Kosovo Serb radio stations in the enclaves suffer from the poor economical situation in their environment and have difficulties to generate decent income.

Apart from Radio KFOR, different national KFOR contingents operate own radios in their area of responsibilities within the Prishtinë/Priština municipality, some of them broadcasting in the respective mother tongue to serve the needs of their own personnel, others in Albanian and Serbian directed towards the local audience.

Table 7.1: Primary Newspapers, Radio/TV Stations, etc.

Name of media	Type of Media (newspaper, radio, etc.)	Editor/Correspondent	Language of Programmes/News
Radio Television Kosova (RTK)	Television	Agim Zatriqi	Albanian, Serbian, Bosniak, Turkish
TV 21	Television	Afërdita Kelmendi	Albanian
Kohavision (KTV)	Television	Lekë Zherka	Albanian
TV AA	Television	Agim Avdiu	Albanian
Radio 21	Radio	Afërdita Kelmendi	Albanian
Radio Antena	Radio	Sasa Trajković	Serbian
Radio Blue Sky	Radio	Avni Spahiu	Albanian, Serbian, Turkish
Radio Gracanica	Radio	Dejan Milenković	Serbian, Roma
Radio Kent FM	Radio	Engin Beyoglu	Turkish
Radio Kim	Radio	Fr. Nektarije Vorgucić	Serbian, Roma
Radio Kontakt	Radio	vacant	Albanian, Serbian, Turkish
Radio Kosova	Radio	Avni Spahiu	Albanian
Radio Kosova e Lire	Radio	Ahmet Qeriqi	Albanian
Radio Top Kosova	Radio	Margarita Kadriu	Albanian
Radio KFOR	Radio	KFOR	English, Albanian, Serbian
Radio Plus	Radio	Ermal Hasimja	Albanian
Radio Urban FM	Radio	Dusi Ramadani	Albanian
Radio As	Radio	Zvonko Marković	Serbian
Radio Vala Rinore	Radio	Ekrem Çitaku	Albanian
Koha Ditore	Newspaper	Veton Surroi	Albanian
Zeri	Newspaper	Blerim Shala	Albanian
Bota Sot	Newspaper	Skënder Buçpapaj	Albanian
Epoka e Re	Newspaper	Muhamet Mavraj	Albanian
Kosova Sot	Newspaper	Margarita Kadriu	Albanian
Pavarësia	Newspaper	Naim Kelmendi	Albanian
Lajmi	Newspaper	Behxhet Pacolli	Albanian
VIP Ekskluzive	Monthly	Ermira Shpetimi	Albanian
Kosovarja	Monthly		Albanian
Nacional	Periodical		Albanian
Teuta	Monthly		Albanian
Titanic	Periodical		Albanian
Zeri i Kosoves	Periodical		Albanian
Zeri (Weekly)	Weekly	Blerim Shala	Albanian
Java	Weekly	Migjen Kelmendi	Albanian
Fokusi	Weekly	Rasim Selmanaj	Albanian
Çlirimi	Weekly	LKÇK	Albanian
Anza	Weekly	Ali Mehmetaj	Albanian
Prishtina	Monthly	Besnik Kada	Albanian
Rreze	Monthly	Nafije Latifi	Albanian
Alem	Bi-Weekly	Nadira Avdë-Vllaci	Bosniak

Source: OSCE Regional Center Prishtinë/Priština and Press and Public Information Office

8. Judicial System

The Supreme Court of Kosovo, the Kosovo Prosecutors' Office, the High Court for Minor Offences, and the Commercial Court are all based in Prishtinë/Priština. The Supreme Court of Kosovo deals with third and last instances for civil and criminal cases. This court examines cases in order to confirm or reverse the District's Court's decisions.

The High Court for Minor Offences deals with second and last instances for offence cases. This court is composed of a College or Panel of three judges who, after examining a case, confirm or reverse the decision of the Minor Offence Court.

The Commercial Court deals with commercial cases and claims.

At District level, it has a District Court with a District Prosecutors' Office. The District Court deals with second instances for civil and criminal cases and has a regional mandate.

Lastly, there is a Municipal Court with a Municipal Prosecutors' Office and a Minor Offences Court. Municipal Courts deal with first instance for civil cases and criminal cases that require a sentence of less than five years imprisonment. The Minor Offences Court deals indeed with first instances for offence cases.

Table 8.1: Judges

Court	Composition	Ethnicity
Supreme Court of Kosovo	President – Mr Rexhep Haximusa	Kosovo Albanian
	13 Judges	
	Chief Prosecutor – Mr. Mustafa Shala	Kosovo Albanian
	4 Prosecutors	
District Court	President – Mr. Anton-----	Kosovo Albanian
	12 Judges	
	District Prosecutor Chief – Mr Osman Kryeziu	Kosovo Albanian
	4 Prosecutors	
Municipal Court	President – Mr. Nuhi Uka	Kosovo Albanian
	23 Judges	
	Municipal Prosecutor Chief – Mr -----Rrecaj	Kosovo Albanian
	5 Prosecutors	
High Court for Minor Offences	President – Mr Mehmet Neziri	Kosovo Albanian
	4 Judges	
Minor Offences Court	Mr. Ali Latifi	Kosovo Albanian
	14 Judges	

Source: Department of Judicial Administration, Ministry of Public Services

9. Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

UNMIK Police is the only law enforcement unit in Kosovo with headquarters in Prishtinë/Priština. The Regional Commander, also based in Prishtinë/Priština city, co-ordinates all operations for the region through two Deputy Regional Commanders. One Deputy Regional Commander is directly responsible of the Operations. Four stations are located in Prishtinë/Priština municipality, including a sub-station in Gračanica/Graçanicë. The second Deputy Regional Commander is directly responsible for Municipal Liaison, Election Co-ordination, Media Relations, Human Rights Community Policing, Logistic and Quality Control.

Prishtinë/Priština also hosts the security headquarters for all of Kosovo with KFOR headquarters located in Prishtinë/Priština City.

The Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC) provided provisional legal status for the Corps within Kosovo and when the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) disbanded, many of the former members were recruited to the KPC. In Prishtinë/Priština region, there are a total of 1,519 KPC members.

Table 9.1: Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

KPC UNIT	MEMBERS	MINORITY	FEMALES MALES
HQ	124	0	9 115
Guards of Kosovo	525	3	9 516
Fifth Zone	527	21	8 519
Medical Battalion	68	1	16 52
Communication Battalion	42	1	1 41
Helicopter Squadron	41	2	2 39
Main Logistics base	135	4	4 131
Defence Academy	57	3	3 54
	1519	29	52 1467

Kosovo Police Service	local commander/Contact	MINORITY	FEMALES - MALES
KPS Central	173 Afrim Ahmeti	1 K/ Bosniac, 1K/turkish	33 - 140
KPS North Station	160 Sami Shabanaj	2 K/Bosniac, 1K/Serb	35 - 125
KPS South Station			38 - 123
KPS Gracanica Station		41K/Serbs, 11K/Albanians, 1K/Bosniac	3 - 38
UNMIK Police North Station			
UNMIK Police South Station			
UNMIK Police central Station			
UNMIK Police Gracanica Station	2 Gheorghe M Raceanu Joshua L Lindsay		
KFOR		SOLDIERS	NATIONALITY FEMALES MALES
PWRR/SWEBAT		300	British/Swedish N/A

Source: UN Administration, KFOR, and OSCE

10. Economics

Historically, Prishtinë/Priština is known for its fairs of crafts and trade articles, especially woodworks, textiles, hides, copper works, pottery, and embroidery. These crafts and trades have partially been preserved. In addition, the municipality's inhabitants are engaged in a wide range of economic activities including industry, agriculture, construction, communication, trade, hotel business, and tourism.

Large municipal enterprises are located in Prishtinë/Priština. At the municipal level, the biggest 100 registered business activities employ approximately 35, 000 workers.

10.1 Prominent employers in the region

Employer	Service/Products	Service/Products	Size of Workforce
KEK PRISHTINA	State Enterprise	Electricity	10,241
KEK ELEKTROKOSOVA	SOE	Electricity	1,910
PTK PRISHTINA	SOE	Public Post	1,210
SHTEPJA E SHENDETIT	SOE	Hospital	806
NP METAL HOLDING	SOE	Light metals	600
KHT KOSOVA BESA II	Private	Hotels	571
GERMIA	State Enterprise	Food	481
KHT KOSOVA GRAND	Private	Hotel	384
NSHIP RTP	SOE	Radio TV	384
KOSOVA PETROL	Private	Petrol Oils	380
NTSH URATA	SOE	Food	369
KPTU	SOE	Transport	344
NSHIT KOSOVATEX	SOE	Textile	343
KNI RAMIZ SADIKU	State Enterprise	Construction	290
MAGJISTRALA PRISHTINA	Private	Construction	249
BAUTECH	Private	Construction	260
RILINDJA	SOE	Publishing	200
NPK HIGJIENA TEKNIKA	SOE	Public Services	225
NP IL	SOE	Electricity	252
BT DARDANIA SHOQERI AKSIONR	SOE	Metallurgy	240
KOSOVA SECURITY COMPANY	Private	Security services	250
IKSHPK	SOE	Health Services	250
QSUP	State Enterprise	Social housing	255
KFK	State Enterprise	Pharmaceutical	300
UJESJELLES BATLLAVA	SOE	Water supply	313
SH A INA PRISHTINA	Private	Petrol	241
INS SH GEZIMI YNE	State Enterprise	Pre-school	200
NT GERMIA	SOE	Trading company	170
NSHIMN KOSOVA	SOE	Trading company	130
PECON	Private	Textile production	100

Source: Department of Economic and Finance Prishtinë/Priština

Many efforts have been put in place by several international organizations to promote micro-credit schemes at municipal level, in Prishtinë/Priština the reference for all stakeholders is economic activities. The *Interim Credit Unit (ICU)* started in September 2000 with joint funding from the World Bank and the European Agency for Reconstruction, where long-term credits for small and medium sized enterprises are being provided. At this point 55 loans have been approved, two of them for minorities.

11. Infrastructure

At the end of the 1999 conflict, Prishtinë/Priština's population significantly increased, placing tremendous pressure on the available infrastructure. Concerns also arose over the region's ability to provide accommodation for the thousands of new arrivals. Public services such as roads and canalisation systems have been inadequate for this influx, although the municipality rapidly increased its interventions through intensive repair processes and reconstruction. Prishtinë/Priština also faces serious difficulties with regards to the provision of water and electricity.

Communications within the municipality are adequate. The landline telephone network has been upgraded and the two mobile telephone networks, Mobtel and Alcatel are reliable. Prishtinë/Priština residents also have access to the internet through both the PTK and private enterprises with coverage extending to most of the urban centre.

12. Social Services, Health, and Education

Health and Social Welfare

International medical NGOs have served the Kosovo Albanian and Kosovo Serb communities in Prishtinë/Priština, including primary health care, building/rehabilitation as well as assisting 'ambulantas' in terms of equipment, pharmaceuticals and technical assistance, and running mobile medical teams in different areas. Nevertheless, major constraints to easy access to primary health care structures are still present in rural areas.

The Health House of Prishtinë/Priština municipality employs 83 general practitioners, 94 specialist doctors, 28 doctors who are training to be specialists, 428 nurses and technicians, and 168 administration staff. Approximately 50,000 patients visit the Prishtinë/Priština centre each month.

At the Gračanica Health House 124 medical staff and 270 non-medical staff are employed. Amongst them, two are general practitioners, one podiatrist, two internal medicine specialists, one dermatologist, one urologist, a surgeon for children, and one neuro-physiologist. Dental and immunization services are also available. Approximately 150 patients visit per day.

Access for the Kosovo Serb community to secondary health care, especially for women in need of pre-natal and ante-natal care from the villages Lapje Selo and Donja Brnica is difficult as they have to travel through unsafe areas in Lipjan/Lipljan municipality. Secondary care for Kosovo Serbs in the region is heavily dependent on their access to the Mitrovicë/Mitrovica hospital, though in emergencies, US Camp Bondsteel reportedly accepts Kosovo Serb patients.

Due to the destruction of the hospital in Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje during the mid-March riots, the Llapje Sellë/Lapje Selo and Mitrovicë/Mitrovica hospitals are the only ones serving the Kosovo-Serb and Roma community in the Prishtinë/Priština area. These minority communities do not visit other hospitals because of problems related to perceived security threats and freedom of movement/transport.

Prishtinë/Priština hosts the University Hospital where secondary and tertiary health care is provided, including 2,500 beds and 3,600 staff.

Under the UNMIK Social Assistance scheme in Prishtinë/Priština municipality, approximately 4,700 families receive social assistance under Category one and approximately 880 in Category two. Almost 20,000 people from the municipality benefit from this social assistance, among these cases, about 470 belong to minority communities of a total of approximately 800 persons.

The Centre for Social Work (CSW) in Prishtinë/Priština manages just over 5,000¹ social assistance cases; approximately 300 are Kosovo-Serb. The CSW has a satellite office in Gračanica/Gracanice.

¹ Following a change in the criteria for social assistance implemented in February 2004, 1,300 beneficiaries in Prishtinë/Priština municipality are no longer receiving assistance. Of these, approximately 10% are Kosovo-Serb.

Education

The major challenge the municipal Education and Science Ministry faces at this point in time is represented by the transition of competencies from the central to municipal level. Due to refugees and IDPs within the municipality, the department cannot rely on data regarding the illiteracy rate for school-aged students. The riots of mid-March had a minor impact on education for the minority communities in Prishtinë/Priština municipality. Kosovo Serb schools worked to accommodate additional students who had been displaced from other municipalities.

Prishtinë/Priština municipality has the following educational institutions:

1. The pre-school Educational Institution “Gëzimi Ynë” conducts its activities on 9 different premises, having a total 535 pupils, split into 30 groups aged one to three. There are 35 organised groups of children aged 3 to 6 and an educational staff of 70. The total number of children attending these pre-educational schools is 1,522 and the total number of educational and administrative staff is 192.
2. A new school for special education is for children who suffer from mental and physical disabilities and performs activities in one compound of the Primary School Naim Frasheri and can accommodate 58 pupils. Classrooms to accommodate special needs students are also being constructed in Llapje Sellë/Laplje Selo.
3. In Prishtinë/Priština municipality there are 40 primary schools, 14 in Prishtinë/Priština city and 6 out of the total are in rural Kosovo Serb areas. In Prishtinë/Priština city there are two schools where students from the Kosovo-Turk and Kosovo Bosniac communities can go to be taught in their mother tongue. The total number of primary pupils is 29,270.
4. There are 13 High (Secondary) Schools including the following:
 - Three general (Gymnasium) Schools and a Philological High School, for a total number of 3,353 pupils;
 - Three Professional Profiled Technical High Schools with 4,192 pupils with 12 classes;
 - One High Medical School with 1,924 pupils and 52 classes with 7 different professional profiles;
 - One High Juridical-Economic professional School with 1,331 pupils and 42 classes within 3 branches;
 - One High Trading-Tourists School with 581 pupils and 24 classes;
 - One Agricultural High School, with 3 branches, 7 professional profiles and 437 pupils in 18 classes
 - One High Musician School, with three branches of 176 pupils, 9 classes;
 - A Turkish American College (private School), “Mehmet Akif”;
 - A Religious School Medresa Alaudin

In the municipality there is an extreme necessity for some other High School buildings, especially for Gymnasium Schools.

Source: [Department of Education and Science, Prishtinë/Priština]

13. Returns

A Municipal Working Group on Returns (MWGR), aiming at improving the returns coordination process, was established in March 2003. The group meets on a monthly basis and includes all local counterparts as well as IDP representatives. Answering to this working group, two sub-working groups in the form of Task Forces have also been created. These task forces facilitate the dialogue between the displaced persons and the communities to which the IDPs hope to return. The first task force deals with Roma/Ashkali returns to the Moravska/Dodona area of Prishtinë/Priština town, and the second with returns of Kosovo Serbs and Bosniaks to Prishtinë/Priština town.

According to UNHCR information, 998 Kosovo Serbs, 218 Roma and 178 Ashkali IDPs have returned to the municipality since 2000, most of which are so called “spontaneous returns”. Many other IDP families have shown a genuine interest to return. Unfortunately, the mid-March riots have not only stopped the process of returns, but have increased the number of IDPs. Almost all remaining urban Kosovo Serbs, mainly living in “YU building” in Prishtinë/Priština town, left their flats which were burnt or vandalized. With the support of Kosovo government who has renovated the damaged apartments, about 60 of the displaced Kosovo Serbs returned after two months.

Since the last meeting in February 2004, the MWGR has not resumed its activities, but returns activities have continued to be dealt with at Task Forces level and on an ad hoc basis. Municipality has recently appointed a Municipal Returns Officer (MRO) and is currently working on the elaboration of the Municipal Returns Strategy 2005.