



# MUNICIPAL PROFILE

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## Zubin Potok

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## 1. Introduction: Area and Population

Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok municipality is the most western of the three Kosovo Serb majority municipalities in northern Kosovo and borders Serbia proper. It covers 335 square kilometers and includes 64 villages, some being remote places in the mountains and especially difficult to access in the winter. The river Ibar runs from west to east across the municipality and Zubin Potok is known for its artificial lake Gazivode, 35 kilometers long and extending into Serbia proper.

The Kosovo Serb population, also known as “Kolašinci”, represents the majority within the municipality. Kosovo Albanians constitute the other ethnicity in the municipality and they live in the village of Çabër/Çabra, which is connected with other Kosovo Albanian populated areas by the main road to south Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. One part of this road passes the Kosovo Serb populated village Zupče.

The population figures for Zubin Potok are a subject of controversy. The official data for the 1991 census provided by the Yugoslav Institute for Statistics count 8,479 residents of which 6,282 (74.1%) are ethnic Kosovo Serbs and 2,079 (24.5%) are Kosovo Albanians.<sup>1</sup> Since Kosovo Albanians did not take part in the census, these figures are estimates and cannot be confirmed by other data. It is therefore estimated the population prior to the 1999 conflict would have been approximately 12,000.

The Kosovo Albanian enclave Çabër/Çabra was completely destroyed in spring 1999 but about 700 residents returned later back into their houses, re-constructed by 2001 by IRC with EU donation. The latest numbers provided by one of the leaders of Çabër/Çabra indicate the presence of about 1,500 Kosovo Albanians residing in the village. This number however, includes individuals and families who are now living in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. Around 3,000 Kosovo Serb internally displaced persons (IDPs), who had to leave their former places of residence in Kosovo, settled in the municipality in summer 1999. The majority of Kosovo Serb IDPs live in private accommodations. There are also three collective centers with approximately 220 Kosovo Serb IDPs and refugees from Croatia.

Table 1.1: Ethnic Composition, Including IDPs

Population	Kosovo Serb		Kosovo Albanian		[Others]		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Unreliable 1991-census	App. 7750	89,1	App. 850	9,8	100	1,1	App. 8,700	100
January 1999	App. 11000	91,7	App. 850	7,1	N/A	N/A	App. 12,000	100
Current estimated figures	App. 14000	93,9	App. 800	5,4	N/A	N/A	App. 14,900	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 United Nations Municipal Administration (UNMA) took over the existing Municipal Council and following small personnel changes re-appointed it on 20 November 1999. In summer 2000, the UNMA had to cancel most of the council meetings because of inter-ethnic incidents. In August the Serb National Council (SNC) members resigned due to a continuing disagreement with the UNMA. The Council never met formally after this, but was still officially in existence until the October 2000 Municipal Elections. In December 2000 a 17-member Municipal Assembly (MA) was appointed. Two members were LDK affiliated and 15 others were Kosovo Serb appointments by the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG).

After the October 2002 municipal elections the first elected municipal assembly was established. The majority of the elected members are DSS representatives (8 out of 17). There are two elected Kosovo Albanian members (LPD and PDK). What is interesting to point out is that 4 citizens' initiatives are represented in the municipal assembly with one or more candidates. Three independent candidates also ran in the 2002 municipal elections without any success however.

The March 2004 events initially blocked the cooperation between the Kosovo Serb and Kosovo Albanian members of the MA. Two months after the events however, on an MA meeting on 14 May 2004 all members agreed to leave the March events behind and continue with the work of the Municipal Assembly.

<sup>1</sup> Stanovništvo, Federal Institute for Statistics, Belgrade, 1993, p. 124.

Table 2.1: Composition of the Municipal Assembly

Name of Municipal Assembly Member / Professional Background	Affiliation (Party, Independent Candidate or Community represented through appointment)
Slaviša Ristić, Economist	DSS/President
Srdjan Djurović, Electrical Engineer	DSS/ Deputy President
Agim Hasani, unemployed, school teacher	LDK / Deputy President
Marko Jakšić, Doctor	DSS / Member
Gordana Milentijević, Medical Worker/Currently Teacher (F)	DSS / Member
Stevan Božović, Businessman	DSS / Member
Slaviša Mićović, Office employee	DSS / Member
Svetislav Baščarević, Gas station employee	DSS / Member
Sonja Kompirović, Accountant in Primary School (F)	DSS / Member
Sretko Jakšić, technician in Srbija Sume Company	Citizens' Initiative "Opstanak Zubin Potok" / Member
Latinka Utvić, Legal Adviser (F)	Citizens' Initiative "GISK"/ Member
Ljubinko Trifunović, Private business owner	Citizens' Initiative "GISK"/ Member
Miodrag Vukomanović, Private business owner	Citizens' Initiative "GISK"/ Member
Stevan Vulović, Technician in Electro-distribution Company	Citizens' Initiative "GISK"/ Member
Filip Vlašković, Professor	Citizens' Initiative "Gradanska Inicijativa Kolasin" / Member
Radisav Mutavdzic, Businessman	Citizens' Initiative KP / Member
Rustem Ferizi, mining engineer	PDK / Member

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

Table 2.2: Municipal Assembly Committees

Committee	Chairperson / Affiliation	Vice-chairperson / Affiliation
Policy and Finance Committee	Slaviša Ristić, DSS	Srdjan Djurovic
Community Committee	Rrustem Ferizi, PDK	N/A
Mediation Committee	Shemsedin Uka, n/a	N/A
Gender Equality Committee	Slaviša Ristić, DSS	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)
Miodrag Andrić/Manager/DSS	Chief Executive Officer
Ratomir Božović	Head of Cadastre
Katica Radomirović/Economist/None	Head of Finance and Economics
Jovan Vlašković//None	Head of Administration
Vesna Andrić/Manager/DSS	Head of Urbanism, deleted
Leposava Božović	Legal Affairs
Goran Obradović	Head of Youth, Sports and Culture
Stanica Jakšić	Head of Education
Katica Radomirović	Head of Municipal Economic Development deleted
Goran Baščarević	Municipal Election Officer (MEO)

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

### 3. Political Parties

The political scene in Zubin Potok can be characterized as very diverse whilst being dominated by one party. While there are several parties and citizen initiatives represented in the area, DSS dominates the municipal bodies. Seven Kosovo Serb political parties have branches in Zubin Potok: SPS, SRS, JUL, DSS, ND, AND SPO. In addition the following citizens' initiatives KP (Coalition Povratak), GIK (Gradjanska Inicijativa Kolasin), Opstanak Zubin Potok, GISK (Socijalisti Kolasina) are represented in Zubin Potok. In late 2004 branches of two new political entities established municipal branches. The G 17 Plus is established mainly by former members of Social Democracy (SD). Also Pokret Snaga Srbije (Movement of Serbian Strengths) is formed in summer 2004.

Table 3.1: Political Parties

Party	Municipal Branch Leader	Kosovo-wide Leader	Seats in MA
Democratic Party of Serbia (DSS)	Vladimir Milentijević	Milorad Todorović	8
Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK)	Sherif Rama	Vacant	1
Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK)	Rrustem Ferizi	Hashim Thaçi	1
Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK)	Fehmi Aliu	Ramush Haradinaj	0

G 17 Plus	Radonja Kopmirović	Stojanka Petković	0
Liberals of Serbia (ex New Democracy (ND))	Radisav Mutavdžić <sup>2</sup>	Nenad Radosavljević	0
Movement of Serbian Strengths	Nadežda Božović	Andrija Mijanović	0
Serb National Council	Slaviša Ristić	Milan Ivanović	
Serb Radical Party (SRS)	Predrag Božović	Dobrivoje Dobrić	0
Serb Renewal Movement (SPO)	Jordan Jakšić	Radomir Janičijević <sup>3</sup>	0
Socialist Party of Serbia (SPS)	Miodrag Vukomanović	Dobrosav Radović	0
Yugoslav United Left Wing (JUL)	Ljubisav Jakšić	Radomir Rojević	0

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

Table 3.1: Citizens' Initiatives

Party	Municipal Branch Leader	Kosovo-wide Leader	Seats in MA
Citizens' Initiative "Socialists from Kolašin"	Miodrag Vukomanović	n/a	4
Coalition Return	Radisav Mutavdžić	Dragiša Krstović	1
Citizens' initiative "Remainance" Zubin Potok	Sretko Jakšić	n/a	1
Citizens' Initiative "Kolašin"	Filip Vlašković	n/a	1

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

Three Kosovo Albanian political parties are active in the village of Çabër/Çabra. LDK supporters include most adults of the village. In 2000 a small PDK branch was formed by a non-Çabër/Çabra resident. The AAK has also established the municipal branch in the village.

#### 4. Local and International NGOs

The local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the municipality used to be focused on humanitarian aid, as many families living in the municipality are very poor. Nowadays, the focus has shifted mainly on children and youth activities. In general, limited resources challenge the effectiveness of local NGOs.

Few international NGOs have worked in the area. The Community Centre established by OSCE tried to establish contacts between local and international NGOs. The Centre began its work in March 2001 and was officially opened in July 2001. Among the activities the centre offered were computer courses, English classes, project proposal writing, training, modern dance classes for children, and counseling. Another very important aspect of the Community Centre was its attempt to raise the level of co-operation between local and international NGOs by opening its premises for various international NGOs to approach the community and encourage civil society. In November 2003 the Centre was successfully handed over by the OSCE to a local NGO called Centre for Cooperation and Democracy (CCD).

Table 4.1: Local NGOs based in the Municipality

Name	Main focus	Contact Person (phone / fax / e-mail)	Headquarters (phone / fax/ e-mail)
"Božur"	Youth and students	Ivan Milić 028/60-381	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Center for Children and Youth	Youth / Children	Duškanka Vukičević 063 85 50 916	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Centre for Co-operation & Democracy	Youth/Civil society building/Assisting local NGOs	Slavka Milosavljević 063/8066-016	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok, Busyu2001@yahoo.com
Cultural & Artistic Society "Mokra gora"	Culture	Vlastimir Milentijević 063/8001-392	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
"Ekologija"	Environment	Milentije Jakšić 028/60-728	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Fishermen Association "IBAR"	Sport	Slavko Stojanović	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
"Gligorije Bozovic" literature club	Culture	Snežana Baščarević 063/8293519	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Hand to hand	Social work with kids	Simona Djurović 063/8094172	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok P
Hunter society	Environment	Predrag Božović 063/8547614	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Jelena Anzujska	Youth activities	Vezmar Oliver 063/8153382	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
"KOSMOPOLITEN"	Democratic & civil society building	Dragan Božović 028/60-026	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Kosovo Network	Peace building/ media	Živko Biševac	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Mutavdžić appears in the municipal profile as a president of municipal branch of Liberals of Serbia (LS) and Coalition Return ( KP) due to the fact that KP was formed from various political parties and citizen initiatives.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Janičijević is SPO leader for north Kosovo

		028 / 460 - 850	
Kosovo Relief Committee	Youth activities, summer camp	Dragiša Kostić 028/60 – 843; 028 / 60 - 282	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
“Ostajte ovde”	Humanitarian	Ljubinka Jovanović 063/8550-296	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Regional development centre	Economy	Nenad Baščarević - 028/ 60 - 450	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Serb Sisters Organisation	Humanitarian	Radmila Kapetanović 028/460-482; 063 817 4915	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok, Fax: 028 60482
Women’s association	Gender issues/ Humanitarian	Verica Vučetić 063/8180-163	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Women’s rights	Human rights/ Trafficking	Ružica Simić 028 424 688; 063 846 5629	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Youth center “Jelena Anžujška”	Humanitarian	Dragoslav Kompirović 028/60-015	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Youth organisation “MERIDIJAN”	Youth/ Civil society building	Bratislav Galjak 028/60-047	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Youth Union	Environment	Dejan Baščarević 028/60-157	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Yugoslav Red Cross	Humanitarian	Slavujko Božović 028/460-625	Belgrade

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

## 5. Other Civilian International Presence

There is no civilian international presence in Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok other than those organizations mentioned in the table 5.1 and 5.2:

Table 5.1: UNMIK Civil Administration

Name	Number of Staff (nat.+int.)	Contact Person	Title	Phone / Fax / E-mail
UN Civil Administration	4 International and 3 National	Jan Luc Sintes	Municipal Representative	028/32-566 038/504 604 ext. 7454
UN Civil Administration		Kennedy F. Apoe	D/Municipal Representative	038/504 604 ext. 7455
Un Civil Administration		Gwang-Koo Choi	Civil Affairs/LCO	038/504 604
Un Civil Administration		Savuth Prak	Municipal Community Return Officer	038/504 604

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 Wanda Troszczyńska	Human Rights Officer (Municipal Team Coordinator)	028/33 944
OSCE		Ms Raffaella Zoratti	Democratization Officer	028/33 944
OSCE		Ms Jelena Djukanović	Senior Democratization Assistant	028/33 944
OSCE		Mr Ljubiša Velikić	Senior Human Rights Assistant	028/33 944
OSCE		Ms Svetislav Dimitrijević	Democratization Assistant	028/33 944

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

Over 90 percent of the population is Serbian Orthodox. Religious feelings are strong, although the Serbian Orthodoxy is perceived as part of a common culture that keeps the community together. The main religious site is the monastery in Duboki Potok, headed by Father Romilo. An imam coming from the neighboring Kosovo Albanian village Koshutovë/Košutovo serves the religious needs of Muslim residents of Čabër/Čabra.

Table 6.1: Main Religious Leaders

Name	Title	Religious Organisation
Father Milija Kevkić	Priest	Holy Trinity Church
Father Radoslav Dončić	Priest	Holy Trinity Church
Father Romilo	Abbot	Duboki Potok Monastery

Source: Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok Municipality

There are 16 Serbian Orthodox churches and chapels in the municipality. Six of them date from the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. The dedication ceremony of the newly built Holy Trinity Church took place on 5 June 2001 in the presence of the Serbian Patriarch Pavle and several representatives of the Serbian Orthodox Church. The church is expected to meet the religious needs of the 10,000-strong community.

Table 6.2: Primary Churches, Mosques, etc.

Type of Building	Towns/Places
Serbian Orthodox church of Saint Lazar, 14 <sup>th</sup> century	Banje
Serbian Orthodox church of Saint Nedelja (Sunday), 13 <sup>th</sup> century, destroyed in 1941.	Brnjak
Serbian Orthodox church of Saint Paraskeva (Friday), 15 <sup>th</sup> , restored in 17 <sup>th</sup> century	Crepulja
Serbian Orthodox monastery, 14 <sup>th</sup> century	Duboki Potok
Serbian Orthodox church, 1455, restored in 1777	Jabuka
Serbian Orthodox church of Virgin, 14 <sup>th</sup> , destroyed in 16 <sup>th</sup> century, rebuilt recently	Jagnjenica
Two Serbian Orthodox churches, both from 1762	Lučka Rijeka
Serbian Orthodox church of Saint John the Baptist, 14 <sup>th</sup> , destroyed in 17 <sup>th</sup> century, rebuilt in 1912	Varage
Serbian Orthodox church of Holy Trinity, recently dedicated	Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok
Serbian Orthodox church, 1990.	Zupće

Source: Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok municipality, Orthodox clerics

The public Cultural Centre contains a concert hall/cinema with 270 seats, an art gallery, library, discotheque, and a restaurant. The cinema shows Serbian and international movies twice a week that are usually attended by 100 visitors. There is also a private art gallery of the local artist Mr. Mladen Popović on the main road to the lake.

## 7. Media

There are two private Kosovo Serb radio stations mostly broadcasting music and include Radio Kolašin and Radio M. Newspapers such as “Blic”, “Večernje Novosti” and “Politika” are daily delivered from Serbia.

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 Kolašin	FM Radio – 89.1 Mhz	Živko Biševac	Serbian
Radio M	FM Radio – 101.2 Mhz	Marko Radojević	Serbian

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

## 8. Judicial System

Until January 2003 Zubin Potok only used to have courts under the jurisdiction of the Serbian Ministry of Justice. Now UNMIK opened two courts, a Municipal Court and a Minor Offences Court. Currently the courts are only run by their Presidents. Since the inauguration of the courts UNMIK has had problems to fill all positions. Since the end of 2005, the K/Serb Judge Vukosava Maxhuni from Vushtrri/Vučitrn Municipal Court is delegated to Zubin Potok Municipal Court from time to time for certain cases, which is however not sufficient to remedy the lack of judges at the Zubin Potok Municipal Court.

The Serbian Ministry of Justice still maintains a Court in the Municipality as branch of the Serbian parallel “Municipal Court of Kosovska Mitrovica”, mainly dealing with civil cases.

Table 8.1: Judges

Name	Title	Ethnicity
Ružica Simić	President (Municipal Court)	Kosovo Serb
Radmila Kapetanović	President (Municipal Court for Minor Offences)	Kosovo Serb

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, May 2006

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

Forty nine KPS Officers are working at Zubin Potok Police station, 42 K-Serb KPS, 2 K-Albanians and 3 Bosniaks. On 7 August 2005 the police station was transitioned. 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. Zubin Potok Police has opened a Police Sub-station in Čabër/Čabra village, 2 K-Albanian KPS officers from the same village serve in the sub-station. The sub-station is composed of a container and it is very well operating. 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.

Another unsolved problem is the location of the police station inside the municipal building due to the lack of a separate building for police in a separate location. Despite the fact that the station is located inside the municipal building, it was attacked and shot at twice. The main concern of police is drunk driving, thefts, burglary and smuggling due to the administrative boundary in the AoR.

Danish KFOR is responsible in the AoR. Danish KFOR implements projects that include repairing minor roads and cleaning septic tanks. They also co-operate in larger projects with international NGOs and other agencies. A new Danish military monitoring structure LMT (Liaison Military Teams) now works in the AOR. The co-operation with KPS is going very well.

Table 9.1: Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

Name	Telephone	Number of Police Officers, Soldiers, etc.	Ethnic Composition, Nationality
Kosovo Police Service	n/a	47	42 K/Serbian; 3 Bosniak, 2 K/Albanian
UN Civil Police	n/a	2	US, Romania
KFOR	+ 381 28 30 178	282 (AoR)	Danish

Source: UNMIK Police, DANBAT, OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovçë/Mitrovica

## 10. Economics

Zubin Potok has always been an agricultural community with few industrial employers. The level of agricultural production is decreasing due to the fact that there are no proper investments necessary for agricultural development has remained constant, while the general economic situation in the area has deteriorated since 1999.

Those who used to work in the industrial sector are hit heavily by unemployment. Industrial enterprises were neither destroyed nor looted during or after the conflict, but they are strongly affected by the lack of consumers in the Albanian parts of Kosovo. Most factories in Zubin Potok were established as branches of main Serbian factory chains in order to serve the Kosovo market. As there is no market today and the people who are still employed in those factories only work - and get paid - irregularly. For instance, "Ivo Lola Ribar" produces spare parts for the power station in Obiliq/Obilić, but workers have not received a payment for more than one year.

The numbers of employees do not necessarily indicate fulltime employment. The same is true for the almost 1000 employees from Zubin Potok (1000 unemployed from Trepca and 500 unemployed from other companies/factories in Zubin Potok = 30%-35% of total unemployed people) who used to work in the "Trepça" mine (Zvečan/Zvečan municipality). Some private enterprises are not operating; on the other a small quantity of consumer goods is produced in the Municipality. The mushroom factory that is not producing but drying and conserving mushrooms was modernized in compliance with European standards with cooler of 80 tones of capacity and drying premise in 2004. The vast majority of items sold in the municipality's shops and kiosks are bought in Serbia proper.

### 10.1 Prominent Employers in the Region

Employer	Service/Products	Production ongoing?	Size of Workforce
Agricultural co-operative "Zubin Potok" (joint-stock)	Fish, eggs, animal food	Yes	120
Factory "Bar bilje" (private)	Products from mushrooms, forest fruits etc.	No (in transition)	20
Factory "Grade"	Screws	Not productive	50
Factory "Javor" (joint-stock)	Clothes, shirts	Yes (in transition)	120
Furniture factory "Simpo" (state-owned)	Furniture	Yes	120
Factory "VIK" (joint-stock)	Chocolates, wafers	Yes (occasionally)	60
Handicraft co-operative "Kolasin"	Various handicraft products	Yes	80
Hydro-electric power plant "Gazivode" (state-owned)	Electric power	Yes	60
"Ibar-Invest" (joint-stock)	Trade, tourism, printing	Yes	30
"Ibar - Zubin Potok"	Protection of forest and wood exploitation	Yes	30
JPK "Ibar"	Public utility	Yes	120
"Kolasin Prevoz" (private)	Transportation of people	Yes	40
Plant "Ivo Lola Ribar" (joint-stock)	Spare parts for machinery	Yes	50
Plant "Elektrodistribucija" (state-owned)	Distribution of electric power	Yes	20
"Stari Kolasin"	Publishing/Culture	Yes	25

Source: Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok municipality

## 11. Infrastructure

The Adriatic Highway - in European road maps marked officially as M-20 - crossing the Municipality through the villages of Zupče, Varage, Ugljare, Zubin Potok, Donji Jasenovik, Gazivode and Banje is in good condition and connects the town with south Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. However, Kosovo Serbs need to travel to north Mitrovicë/Mitrovica via a gravel mountain road as the main road leads through Kosovo Albanian populated villages and is not used for security reasons. This alternative route, improved by French and Danish KFOR units in 2000 and paved by municipality in 2004, is still difficult to pass in bad weather conditions. This makes it difficult for Kosovo Serbs to travel to Mitrovicë/Mitrovica on a daily basis. However, there are local minibuses and taxi as well as "Kolasin Prevoz" that are operating during daytime. The local road network is in need of repair.

The Municipality still faces problems of electric supply due to the inadequate supply network, which is 35 years old and needs repair. However, the municipality is able to secure electricity to a larger part of the area. The municipality claims the greatest obstacle to modernize the electric supply system lies in the fact that the producer doesn't get any funds from the "Ibar Lepenac" company seated in Pristina/Prishtinë that collects electricity bill payments. The water allocation has improved considerably due to the investments of IOM, CDF and OXFAM on the repair of pumps, but in the mountains outside the Ibar Valley drinking water is supplied from local wells and springs. The sewage system needs repair as half of it does not function. In spring, sewage waters pollute the River Ibar, the source of drinking water.

At the end of 2002, The Telephone Company PTT (Serbian) installed new digital switchboard enlarging initial 3,000 phone connections with 1,000 new ones. The reason for the installation of a new switchboard was that even before conflict the old one was often not functioning. In 2001, after a six-month cut of landlines by the PTK Office in south Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, the situation was slightly improved. At the end of 2001 the Mobtel mobile telephone network established a network in Zubin Potok. Since 2004 another mobile telephone network "Telekom Srbije" was established in Zubin Potok and therefore, 90% of the area is covered by mobile network.

At the beginning of 2006 EU financed project of paving the three streets in Zubin Potok / Zubin Potok municipality that was recently completed. Also, there is ongoing project of paving the regional road Zubin Potok – Novi Pazar (Serbia proper) financed by Serbian government. One of the planned prioritized projects for 2006 is building of the Sport Centre and Serbian government will finance it.

## 12. Social Services, Health, and Education

### Social Services

Most social services are the responsibility of the Centre for Social Work, which is a unit of the corresponding municipal directorate and functions as a co-ordination centre for social assistance and services. Approximately 800 local pensioners are united in an Association. In Zubin Potok there are 559 families who are beneficiaries of Social Welfare, 480 families are in category I and 79 families are in category II. In these figures are included also the inhabitants of Čabër/Čabra village.

### Health

The local "Health House" in Zubin Potok includes seven doctors and 63 other employees, seven "ambulantas" are in villages (one in the Kosovo Albanian village Čabër/Čabra) and there is one pharmacy. Most are reachable by standard means of transportation, but the equipment is limited. The pharmacy has not been supplied with appropriate resources for months. In spite of insufficient staff and facilities these structures try to provide basic medical treatment. Doctors from the Health House consult in the "ambulantas" once or twice a week. Seriously ill patients are sent to the hospital in north Mitrovicë/Mitrovica or to Serbia proper, but access to these places are extremely difficult, especially during winter, as it is a mountain road. The Health House has only one ambulance vehicle for the moment and if two urgent cases appear at the same time, one patient has to arrange their trip to the hospital by himself.

### Education

There are three Serbian primary schools in Zubin Potok, one high school and one kindergarten. In primary school there are 101 employees, 76 of them are teachers and 25 are support staff. In this school there are up to 600 students. In high

school there are 43 employees, 33 of them are teachers and 10 are support staff, there are 230 students attending high school. In kindergarten there are 38 employees, 27 of them are teachers and 11 are support staff, there are 246 children. Since September 2002 the dislocated Faculty of Economy, University of Pristina, has been established in Zubin Potok. In the Albanian enclave Çabër/Čabra, there is one primary school, and there are 19 employees, 14 teachers and five support staff for 207 students.

All primary, secondary and high education employees, except in primary school in Çabër/Čabra, are paid by the Serbian Government Ministry of Education. Primary and secondary schools employees have recently renounced salaries from PISG following a directive issued by the Serbian Government Coordination Centre for Kosovo.

### 13. Return Issues

In the year 2000, it is recorded that 1,320 Kosovo Albanian IDPs returned to the village of Çabër/Čabra, since then, no returns to this village have been recorded. As mentioned in Chapter 1, there is a large number of IDPs currently residing in the municipality and so far almost none of them returned to their place of origin.

### Municipal Working Group

When it was held on a monthly basis. The Municipal President or his Deputy President always attended, as did the Head of Local Community Office from Çabër/Čabra, community police (KPS and international) and various International Organizations. After March 2004 riots and other security incidents that affected Kosovo Serbs the Municipality boycotted almost all meetings with the International Community. But recently, MWG reconvened and is held on regular, monthly basis and it is usually chaired by the Deputy President.

### Return Projects

No.	Community	Location	No. of returnees	Amount (€)	Donor	Implementing partner
1	Albanian	Cabra/Caer	1,320	170,000	IRC	Fund for Reconstruction of Kosovo