

Lipjan/Lipljan

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1. Introduction: Area and Population

Lipjan/Lipljan municipality is located in the central part of Kosovo, covering an area of 422 square kilometres. Lipjan/Lipljan town is located on the junction of the main routes of Prishtinë/Priština to Prizren and Prishtinë/Priština to Skopje, the capital of FYR Macedonia). The Sitinice/Sitnica River runs north to south through the plain with the high ground of Androvacke Planine in the East and the high grounds of Blinaje/Lipovica, Carralevë/Crnoljevo and Drenicë/Drenica in the West.

The municipality includes 71 villages – 52 villages are populated exclusively by Kosovo Albanians, 6 villages exclusively by Kosovo Serbs, while the other villages and Lipjan/Lipljan town have a mixed population. There are various ethnic communities in Lipjan/Lipljan – Kosovo Albanians, Kosovo Serbs, Ashkali, Roma and Kosovo Croats. The current composition of the population is approximately 83.36% Kosovo Albanian, 12.21% Kosovo Serb, 1.96% Ashkali and 2.45% of smaller communities (Roma, Croats, Turkish and Bosniaks).

The outflow of the Kosovo Serb population from Lipjan/Lipljan town has been constant since 1999. This urban population gravitated towards those usually mono-ethnic villages. Although the population figures following the March 2004 riots vary, around 9,800 Kosovo Serbs are estimated to reside within the municipality. At that time, approximately 268 Kosovo Serbs were displaced from their homes in Lipjan/Lipljan town, mostly to the Kosovo Serbian villages and in Lipjan/Lipljan town around the Orthodox church.

Roma and Ashkali communities also live in the town and in some mixed villages, numbering 330 and 1,500 respectively. The Ashkali community can be found in Gadime e Epërme/Gornje Gadimlje, Medvec/Medvece, Hallac i Vogël/Mali Alas, Vrellë/Vrelo, Magurë/Magura and Konjuh (a few families). In Radevo/Radevë village, 60 Roma identify themselves as Egyptians, apparently living in peaceful conditions. The Roma communities suffer from a marginal social status and limited freedom of movement.

The Croat community living in Janjevë/Janjevo village has become significantly smaller over the years. They live together with the Roma and Kosovo Albanian communities, although their houses tend to concentrate around the centre of the village and the Catholic Church. Access to adequate education is a factor of concern to this community and could prompt its members to leave.

Table 1.1: Ethnic Composition, Including IDPs

Population	Kosovo Alba	nians	Kosovo Serbs		Croats		Others		Total	
,	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
1991-census	53,334	77.7	9,679	14.1	2,973	4.3	2,653	3.9	68,693	100
January 1999	62,706	81.3	9,985	13.0	N/A	N/A	5,834	7.6	77,087	100
2000 (est.)	63,478	83.3	9,300	12.2	363	0.5	1,890	2.6	76,143	100

Source: 1991 figure: FRY Institute of Statistics, 1991 – "others" include Roma, Slav Muslim, Montenegrins, etc.; It is noted that the 1991 census was highly politicised and is thus unreliable. 1999 figure: UNHCR Kosovo Village List, 9 March 1999; Figure from 2000, source Municipality of Lipjan/Lipljan.

2. Civil Administration

Prior to the 28 October 2000 Municipal Elections, Lipjan/Lipljan municipality had an Administrative Board and a Municipal Council, which operated in co-operation with the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). In 2000, the Municipal Assembly (MA) was established, with 16 seats allocated to LDK, 13 to PDK and 2 to AAK. AAK lost one seat when LKCK departed from the coalition. Three members of the Assembly were appointed by the UN Special Representative to represent the Roma, Croat and Ashkali communities. Kosovo Serbs were also appointed but started to participate in the MA only two months before the 2002 municipal elections. UNMIK also established a Community Office in Lipjan/Lipljan town, with a sub-office in Donja Gusterica/Gushtericë e Ulët.

A fair election campaign and peaceful elections on 26 October 2002 brought different results compared to the 2000 elections in the municipality. PDK won 14 seats, LDK 13, AAK 1, DSS 1, PDAK 1 and KP 1 seat in the MA. The elected members in the Assembly took the oath of office on 15 November. The election of the president and deputy president took place on 27 November 2002. The MA did not hold any session between December 2002 and June 2003 due to a political gridlock caused by the failure of political parties to reach an acceptable power sharing agreement. Since then, however, it has been operational again.

The three mandatory committees: Policy and Finance Committee, Mediation Committee and Communities Committee are established, along with six non-mandatory committees. The Communities Committee does not function, while the Mediation Committee holds pro-forma sessions.

Table 2.1: Composition of the Municipal Assembly

Name of Municipal Assembly Member	Political Affiliation
Mr. Xhevat Ollluri	Independent – President of Municipal Assembly
Mr. Fitim Selimi	PDK
Ms. Magribe Neziri	PDK
Mr. Heset Sahiti	PDK
Ms. Hajrije Salihu	PDK
Mr. Bahtir Bahtiri	PDK
Mr. Naser Kaçarra	PDK
Ms. Hanushe Berisha	PDK
Mr. Selatin Retkoceri	PDK
Mr. Shukri Ibrahimi	PDK
Ms. Xhyla Korpuzi	PDK
Mr. Lulzim Rrustemi	PDK
Mr. Ismail Gashi	PDK
Ms. Adifete Thaqi	PDK
Mr. Shemsi Reçica	AAK/ Deputy President
Mr. Hetem Arifi	PDAK
Mr. Borivoje Vignjević	DSS/ Additional Deputy President
Mr. Nehat Terpeza	LDK
Mr. Bekim Zaskoku	LDK
Ms. Mevlyde Shamolli	LDK
Mr. Basri Demiri	LDK
Mr. Muhamet Shabani	LDK
Ms. Zethane Sefedini	LDK
Mr. Ragip Mehmeti	LDK
Mr. Naser Sopjani	LDK
Ms. Hanëmshahe Osmani	LDK
Mr. Fadil Sylejmani	LDK
Mr. Hasan Nishori	LDK
Ms. Mevlide Dulahi	LDK
Mr. Feti Krasniqi	LDK
Mr. Momir Čanković	KP

Source: OSCE Regional Center Prishtinë/Priština

The Board of Directors went through personnel changes in April 2004. As a result of a political agreement between the two major political parties dominating the MA, the composition today reflects a mixed, but continuously political nature with six PDK, 4 LDK affiliated directors and 1 Kosovo Serb Director. Prior to the change, all directors were LDK affiliated.

Table 2.2: Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors and Municipal Departments

Director / Professional Background / Affiliation (if any)	Municipal Department (Incl. Community Office, if any)
Imri Ahmeti / CEO / Lawyer / LDK	Chief Executive Officer
Xhavit Dakaj/ Director / PDK	Administration
Shaban Syla/ Economist/ PDK	Finance & Budget
Rexhep Rudari/ Economist/ LDK	Economy & Development
Sefer Tasholli / Director / Engineer/ LDK	Public Utilities
Florent Hoxha/ PDK	Cadastre & Geodesy
Muhamet Rudari/ LDK	Inspectorate
Muje Prekupi/ Director / Teacher/ PDK	Education
Naser Bytyqi / Director / Doctor/ PDK	Health & Social Welfare
Hasan Luma/ Director / PDK	Culture, Youth & Sport
Radmila Simionovic /Director	Agriculture & Forestry
Imri Semetishti/ Director / Lawyer / LDK	Planning & Urbanism
Milazim Bytyqi	Emergency & Civil Protection

Source: OSCE Regional Center Prishtinë/Priština

3. Political Parties

A high number and variety of political entities characterized the 2002 Municipal elections in Lipjan/Lipljan. Fifteen political entities (seven Kosovo Albanian, six Kosovo Serb, one Ashkali and one Croat) ran in the elections. The Hrvatska Zajednica Janjeva – HZJ was the only Croat political initiative running for municipal elections in Kosovo. Five political entities are represented in the Assembly: PDK, LDK, AAK, DSS, KP and PDAK.

Table 3.1: Political Parties

Political Party	Municipal branch leader	Kosovo-wide leader	2000 Vote	Seats in MA	2002 Vote	Seats in MA
Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK)	Mr. Naser Osmani	vacant	50,8 %	16	41.99%	13
Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK)	Mr. Shukri Buja	Mr. Hashim Thaci	39,4 %	13	43.51%	14
Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK)	Mr. Sylejman Reçica	Mr. Ramush Haradinaj	5,3 %	1	3.55%	1
Democratic Party of Serbia (DSS)	Mr. Borivoje Vignjevic	Mr. Vojislav Kostunica	-	-	2.21%	1
Movement for Kosovo and Metohija (PKM)	Mr Vlada Dimic	Mr Momcilo Trajkovic	-	-	0.68%	0
Democratic Ashkali Party of Kosovo (PDAK)	Mr. Shaqir Ibrahimi	Mr. Sabit Rrahmani	-	-	2.06%	1
Coalition Return (KP)	Mr Momir Cankovic	Mr Nebojsa Covic	-	-	1.65%	1
Kosovo Objective Party (KOS)	Mr Dusko Talic	Mr Milija Popovic	-	-	0.44%	0
Croatian Community – Janjevo (HZJ)	Ms Olga Gucic	N/A	-	-	0.3%	0
ORA	Mr Zyfer Aliu	Mr. Veton Surroi				0
	Mr. Rašić					

Source: OSCE Regional Center Prishtinë/Priština

4. Local and International NGOs

There is a variety of local and international NGOs operating in Lipjan/Lipljan municipality, although very few remain active. Sustainability is one of the main difficulties the civil society faces given the scarcity of resources and international funding. Lately, international NGOs have started to phase out, while the large number of NGOs have now been reduced to a handful of active ones operating on the ground.

Table 4.1: Local NGOs based in the Municipality

Name	Main focus	Contact Person (phone / fax / e-mail)	Headquarters (phone / fax/ e-mail)
Council for Defence of Human Rights and Freedom (CDHRF)	Human rights monitoring and protection, protection of minorities, election monitoring	Ismajl Gashi	Lipjan/Lipljan
HANDIKOS	Humanitarian aid; advocacy for handicapped & disabled persons	Ibrahim Zogaj 038 581 539	Lipjan/Lipljan
Flaka	Woman's issues & development	Melihate Dedushi	Lipjan/Lipljan
Youth Association for Human Rights	Youth and community development	Bekim Krasniqi, 063 828 4599	Magurë/Magura
Mother Theresa Society	Humanitarian aid distribution	Ahmet Jashari	Lipjan/Lipljan
Bice bolje	Youth Association	Branko Subaric	D. Gusterica/Gushtericë e Ulet
Youth Vision	Youth Organisation	Artan Rrustemi, 044 136 832	Lipjan/Lipljan
IRC Youth Centre	Youth Organisation	Bashkim Meta, 044 152 434	Lipjan/Lipljan
Qëllimi	Students' Organisation	Besnik Duriqi	Lipjan/Lipljan
Youth Vision	Youth Organisation	Ramiz Gashi, 063157 79 36	Janjevë/Janjevo
Era	Youth Organisation	Ylber Zejnullahu 044-345 156	Lipjan/Lipljan
Humanitarian Association Ashkalija	Re-integration/education	Lulzim Qerimi 063-8091987	Magure/Magura

Source: UN Municipal Administration

Table 4.2: International NGOs operating in the Municipality

Name	Main focus	Contact Person (phone / fax / e-mail	Headquarters (phone fax/ / e-mail)
World Vision	Reconstruction		044/156 688
IRC	Training; Reconstruction		044/127 626
CARE	Inter-ethnic dialogue	Refki Morina	038 549 49/95
Mercy Corps	Lead agency of UNHCR BPRM project – agriculture MISI	Marian Cadogan	missiondirector@mercycorps- kosovo.org
European Perspective	Development/reconstruction	Vangelis Tsebelis	europers@Eunet.yu 038-543 014
ICRC	Reconstruction/Return		Pristine.pri@icrc.org
ERIKSHJALPEN	Reconstruction/Return	Remzi Bunjaku	remzibunjaku@hotmail.com
GOAL	Reconstruction/Return	Teuta Osaj	Goalkosovo-cam@hotmail.com
Danish Refugee Council	Reconstruction/Return/Go and See Visit	Stephan Maurer	038 243793

Source: UN Municipal Administration

5. Other Civilian International Presence

Many of the international organizations and agencies present in the municipality have either decreased or ceased their activities altogether. UNHCR, based in Prishtinë/Priština, primarily deals with creating the pre-conditions for the return of smaller communities in the municipality. In the aftermath of the March 2004 riots, it concentrated on humanitarian assistance to the recently displaced Kosovo Serb population.

There is an OSCE sub-office in Lipjan/Lipljan town, which covers Lipjan/Lipljan Municipality. Starting from January 2006, the Lipjan/Lipljan Municipal Monitoring Team was established with the main task of pro-actively monitoring the functioning of the municipal bodies.

Table 5.1: The Pillars

Name	Number of Staff (nat./int.)	Contact Person	Title	Phone / Fax / E-mail
UN Civil Adm.	03 Local. 05 Int.	Mr Xavier Blais	UN Municipal Representative	Loc. Phone 038 581 027
OSCE	9 Local.4 Int.	Mr Oleg Ungureanu	Head of Regional Center PR	Loc. Phone 038 581 844

Source of information: OSCE Regional Center Prishtinë/Priština

Table 5.2: Other International Organizations and Agencies

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Name	Contact Person (phone/fax/e-mail)	Headquarters (phone/fax/e-mail)				
UNHCR	Anna-Marie Messiaen, Mohamed Tejan-Cole	messiaen@unhcr.ch				
		tejan@unhcr.ch tel: 038/241 509				
UNICEF	Dren Hoxha	mail:drexha@unicef.org				
IFRC	Kris Hurlburt	038/ 590 074,501 517, 044/124 196				
IOM		038 549 042				
USAID	Cara Feys	cfeys@usaid.gov				
ARC	Birame Sarr, Markus Huep	038 243154				

Source: UN Municipal Administration

6. Religion, Places of Worship, and Cultural Institutions

There are several Islamic and Serbian Orthodox places of worship in the municipality and one Catholic Church in Janjevë/Janjevo. The only religious building in Lipjan/Lipljan town is the Serbian Orthodox Church, while a mosque is under construction. The president of the Islamic Union has a seat in Lipjan/Lipljan town. There is a Catholic Priest who at the same time performs the duty of Croat community leader in the municipality.

Table 6.1: Main Religious Leaders

Name	Title	Religious Organisation
Xhavit Qerimi	Imam	Islamic Union
Randjel Denic	Orthodox priest	Serbian Orthodox Church
Father Mate Palic	Catholic priest	Catholic Church

Source: Religious leaders

Table 6.2: Major Mosques, Churches, etc.

Type of Building	Towns/Places			
Mosques	Gllogovc/Glogovce, Bujan/Bujance, Gadime e ulet/Donje Gadimlje, Sllovi/Slovinje, Ribar I madh/Veliko Ribare,			
	Smallushe/Smalusa, Banulle/Bandulic, Gadime e eperme/Gornje Gadimlje, Dobraje e madhe/Veliko Dobranje,			
	Shale/Sedlare, Vrelle/Vrelo villages, Lipjan/Lipljan town, Qallapek/Callapek, Janjevë/Janjevo,Magure/Magura,			
	Mirenë/Mirena, Ribarë I Vogel/Malo Ribare, Llugaxhi/Logadjie, Babush i Muhaxherëve/Babush			
	Plus a Masjid in Teqe village			
Catholic Church of St. Nicolas	Janjevë/Janjevo			
Orthodox Church of St. Flor and Lavr	Lipjan/Lipljan town, Lepina/Lepine, Skulanevo/Skullan, Dobrotin/Dobrotin, Donja Gusterica/Gushterice e ulet, Gornja			
Orthodox Church of St. Vevedenja	Gusterica/Gushterica e eperme, Livadje/Livadh, Rubovc/Rabovce, Sllovi/Slovinje (destroyed) villages			
Other orthodox churches				

Source: Religious leaders

There are five Cultural Houses in Lipjan/Lipljan, Magurë/Magura and Janjevë/Janjevo. The one in Lipjan/Lipljan town is functional but not fully operational for political/inter-ethnic reasons; it has the capacity for different activities such as a municipal archive, atelier, cinema, library, and promotion of cultural activities. OSCE contributed to the opening of a multi-ethnic library at the Cultural Centre, which opened in September 2003. Prior to 1989 the building was used mutually by Kosovo Albanian, Kosovo Serb and other communities. The renovation of the Cultural Houses in Donja Gusterica/Gushtericë e Ulët and Dobrotin/Dobratin has been accomplished.

7. Media

There is no local radio station operating in Lipjan/Lipljan and the licence of the previously existing radio station was revoked in January 2002. The plan to have a new Serbian language radio station could not yet be implemented due to lack of frequencies. TMC (Temporary Media Commissioner) has not issued any licenses since 2002. As for written media, no local newspaper is published in the municipality, although local correspondents represent the Kosovo-wide daily newspapers. Although TMC in September 2005 shortlisted and licensed Radio Galla in the municipality, the radio still awaits to be operational.

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

Name of media	Type of Media (newspaper, radio, etc.)	Editor/Correspondent	Language of Programming/News
Bota Sot	Daily Newspaper	Mr. Rexhep Isufi	Albanian
Zeri	Daily Newspaper	Mr. Ismail Rexhepi	Albanian
Koha Ditore	Daily Newspaper	Mr. Safet Krivaca	Albanian
RTS / Tanjug	News Agencies	Mr. Zarko Joksimovic	Serbian
Epoka e Re	Daily Newspaper	Ms. Arjeta Gashi	Albanian
Express	Daily Newspaper	N/A	Albanian
Lajm	Daily Newspaper	N/A	Albanian

Source: OSCE Regional Center Prishtinë/Priština

8. Judicial System

Lipjan/Lipljan municipality has a Municipal Court and a Court for Minor Offences, located in the centre of Lipjan/Lipljan town. All the working judges are Kosovo Albanian, while places are reserved for Kosovo Serb judges. The President of the Municipal Court reports a general lack of evidence and authority to deal with cases like property issues, specifically inter-ethnic sales.

Table 8.1: Main Judges

Name	Title	Ethnicity
Mr. Habib Arifi	President of the Municipal Court	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Jusuf Bytyqi	Municipal Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Besim Kolshi	Municipal Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Gani Zabeli	Municipal Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Nebi Reqica	Municipal Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mrs. Mejreme Zeka	President of the Court for Minor Offences	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Selman Salihaj	Court for Minor Offences Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Zenel Tasholli	Court for Minor Offences Judge	Kosovo Albanian

Source: Municipal Court in Lipjan/Lipljan

9. Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

In 2004, the Finnish Battalion merged with the Irish Transport Company to form the Finnish Irish Battle Group. Today, this joint international military force is in charge of Lipjan/Lipljan municipality. Following the riots of March 2004, the German KFOR reinforced the Battle Group.

The security situation in Lipjan/Lipljan was generally improving prior to the riots, although numerous minor and a few serious crimes with possible inter-ethnic dimension were registered and the freedom of movement for minority communities remained limited.

During the March 2004 riots, 268 Kosovo Serb residents were displaced from Lipjan/Lipljan town and 35 houses were burnt. In addition to Lipjan/Lipljan town, the Kosovo Serb population of Rubovc/Rabovac village also had to be evacuated during the second night of the riots. Three Kosovo Serb houses have been reported burnt on three separate occasions since that time and the security situation in the municipality remains volatile. As a result of the riots, most of the Kosovo Serbs are not yet back in town or are located in the central Orthodox Church area to date. Freedom of movement remains limited to Kosovo Serbs. The reconstruction process is ongoing.

Table 9.1: Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

Name	Phone/fax/e-mail	Number of Police Officers, Soldiers, etc.	Ethnic Composition, Nationality
KPS	581 010, 582 902	115	79 Kosovo Albanian, 33 Kosovo Serb, 2 Ashkali, 1
			Bosniak
UN Civil Police	581 010, 582 902	3 + 2 in monitoring team from region	N/A
KPC		N/A	N/A
KFOR MNB(C) HQ		App. 800	Czech command/ Finnish/Irish

Source: Finnish KFOR, UN Police.

10. Economics

The economic situation in the municipality is a clear reflection of a Kosovo-wide reality with a high unemployment rate and general lack of economic development. Traditionally, the municipality is predominantly agriculture-oriented. The mines in Magurë/Magura and Babush/Babuš do not function, mainly due to damaged and outdated technology. Similarly,

the paper factory, Metalac, Termovent and the Coca-Cola Company and other public enterprises never resumed production after the conflict. Both private and public sectors were efficient before the conflict, but now only the public sector has been able to resume work up to 20% of its former capacity. Many shops and restaurants have opened in town, but approximately 80% of the population remains unemployed.

10.1 Major Employers in the Region

Employer	Service/Products	Production ongoing?	Size of Workforce
PTK Branch In Lipjan/Lipljan town		N/A	
PTK Subbranch in Magure/Magura		N/A	
PTK Subbranch in Janjevë/Janjevo		N/A	
Mine Quarry in Gadime village		N/A	
Socially Owned Enterprise (SOE) KOSOVA		N/A	
Soc. Enterprise Kosova		N/A	
Prishtina Airport		N/A	
SOE Blinaja		N/A	
Soc. Enterprise Vlaznimi		N/A	
Private Enter. Ulpi Commerce		N/A	
Private Enterprise Bestin		N/A	
Water Factory BONUS	Water	Yes	
Private Enter. Aragonit		N/A	
Chicken Farm Mona	Poultry/eggs	yes	
Salcon International	Spices	yes	
NTU Kosovatrans		N/A	
NN Ulpiana		N/A	
Metal Holding Janjeve/Janjevo		Yes	
Golesh Mine		No	
Paper Factory			

Source: Business registration office, Dept. for Economy and Finance Department of Education Lipjan/Lipljan

11. Infrastructure

There are many paved roads in the municipality, although mostly in poor condition and in need of repair. The amount of vehicles creates a strain on the infrastructure in the municipality. The main railway track between Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polie and Skopie passes through the town.

Housing conditions have improved. Reconstruction in the year 2001 was concentrated in building new schools or reconstructing primary schools throughout the municipality, mainly in the villages where pupils previously had to walk long distances to their nearest school. Many Kosovo Albanian houses have been repaired or reconstructed, particularly in the heavily damaged surrounding villages. Currently, the focus has shifted to the reconstruction of the Kosovo Serb property, burnt during the riots. To date all of these houses have been reconstructed. In addition, the municipality has recently committed to build a Primary School for Kosovo Serb pupils in Lipjan/Lipljan town.

The electrical grid in Kosovo Albanian and Kosovo Serb inhabited villages is also in poor condition. The supply of electricity is not sufficient and is often interrupted. Lately, KEK's refusal to repair electricity network failures has led to considerable tension within the communities. The water supply situation is better than in the surrounding municipalities. The European Union has funded efforts to improve the water supply network during the year 2002.

In 2006, a Social House building was opened in the Magura/Magure village for 17 RAE IDPs from Plemetina camp and 5 Albanian social cases. The project was funded by the PISG.

12. Social Services, Health and Education

Social Services:

The Centre for Social Welfare (CSW) in Lipjan/Lipljan provides social assistance to the most vulnerable people. The acting director of the CSW is Mr. Sahit Zeqiri, who began employment in early 2006. No pension, but some small-scale assistance is provided. Social assistance is given in two different categories, i.e. in the case of 80% intra-family unemployment rate or with no-one employed in the family with at least one child younger than five years. 1,487 families in Lipjan/Lipljan receive social assistance, constituting 6,494 people; of these families 1,243 are Kosovo-Albanian and the remaining 244 are other than Albanian, mostly Kosovo Serbs.

Health:

Kosovo Albanians use the main Health House in Lipjan/Lipljan town, while Kosovo Serbs use a private house as a separate health house (ambulanta). Several small health houses provide health assistance in villages, though care is limited to very basic services (injections, doctor's visit once per week, etc). For hospital services, Kosovo Albanians and Ashkali travel to Prishtinë/Priština, while Kosovo Serbs and Roma go to Laplie Selo/Llapie Selle or Mitrovicë/Mitrovica.

Place	Building/Facility	Service	Community served
Lipjan/Lipljan	Main Health House	Maternity, Surgery Unit (small operations), Dentist, Pediatry, Internist, Blood	Kosovo Albanian/Roma/
		and Urine test, Injection services, X-rays, Vaccination.	Ashkali/Croat and a few
			Kosovo Serbs
Magurë/Magura	Small Clinic	Injection services, Medical checks, Vaccination	Kosovo Albanian
Shalë/Sedlare	Small Clinic	Medical checks, Injection services, Vaccination	Kosovo Albanian
Rubovc/Rabovce	Small Clinic	Medical checks, Injection services, Vaccination	Kosovo Albanian
Janjevë/Janjevo	Small Clinic	Medical checks, Injection services, Vaccination	Kosovo
			Albanian/Roma/Croat
Banullë/Bandulic	Small Clinic	Medical checks, Injection services, Vaccination	Kosovo Albanian
Gadime/Gadimlje	Small Clinic	Medical checks, Injection services, Vaccination	Kosovo Albanian/Roma
Sllovi/Slovinje	Small Clinic	Medical checks, Injection services, Vaccination	Kosovo Albanian
D.Gusterica/Gustericë e U.	Main Health House	Maternity, Dentist, Blood and Urine test (uncompleted), Injection services,	Kosovo Serb
		Vaccination.	
Lipjan/Lipljan	Small Clinic	Medical checks, Injection services, Vaccination	Kosovo Serb
Lepina/Lepinë	Small Clinic	Medical checks (not every day), Injection services.	Kosovo Serb
Babush/Babus	Small Clinic	Medical checks, Injection services, vaccination	Kosovo Albanian
Dobraj e Madhe/Veliko	Small Clinic	Medical checks, Injection services, vaccination	Kosovo Albanian
Dobranje			
Kraishte/Kraiste	Small Clinic	Medical checks, Injection services, vaccination	Kosovo Albanian

Source: Department of Health in Lipjan/Lipljan. As of June 2004

Education:

Lipjan/Lipljan has 16 primary schools for Kosovo Albanians and 11 for Kosovo Serbs. There is one secondary school with two units for Kosovo Albanians (the biggest secondary education unit in Kosovo, with 2,824 pupils for the 2001/2002 academic year) and one agricultural secondary school for Kosovo Serbs. In addition, there is a medical secondary school in Donja Gusterica/Gushterice e Ulet for Kosovo Serbs. Following the March riots, safe travel for students to this school has become a concern for parents.

In July 2003, the Municipal Assembly allocated municipal land for the construction of an additional primary school in Lipjan/Lipljan town. This school is planned for Kosovo Serb children with the perspective of becoming a multi-ethnic one. The school includes premises for Kindergarten, which has to be equipped. In the beginning of 2006, the construction of the new primary school for Kosovo Serb, Roma and Croat communities residing in Lipjan/Lipljan municipality was completed and is now fully operational.

13. Returns Process

Lipjan/Lipljan municipality has mostly seen spontaneous/individual return of Kosovo Serbs and more organized return of Roma/Ashkali/Egyptiani (RAE) population over the course of the past five years. The return of the RAE population fled from Lipjan/Lipljan municipality seems to show some more concrete results. With the help of the Austrian/ Swiss governments, as well as NGOs GOAL, EAR and Erikshjalpen, the return of RAE families materialized in the villages of Magure/Magura, Dobraje e Vogel/Malo Dobranje and Medvec/Medvece.

As regards Kosovo Serb return, departures have also been observed, mostly from the urban area of Lipjan/Lipljan town. The outflow of the urban Serbs gravitates towards Serbia proper or Serb majority surrounding villages. Regarding the return of 17-19 March IDPs, a few urban Kosovo Serb families returned after the riots, while the majority of them continue to live as IDPs in the Orthodox Church area of Lipjan/Lipljan town, in the surrounding villages or Serbia proper.

The Municipal Working Group is the main forum, which reviews return projects and oversees their implementation. It was established in March 2002, first co-chaired by UNMIK and UNHCR and taken over by PISG at a latter stage. The municipality hired a Municipal Returns Officer (MRO) in January 2005, the Municipal Return Strategy was finalized. Despite the active involvement of the MRO in the process, only a handful of small-scale return projects materialized in 2005. The Municipal Return Strategy for 2006 is under consideration by the competent municipal authorities.