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This report presents the work of the Government of Kosovo, from the day of its voting in the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, on 3rd of June 2020, until 30th of December 2020.

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Executive summary

Priorities of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo during June-December 2020, as highlighted in the Work Report, were the fight against COVID-19, economic recovery following the pandemic, strengthening the state, integration and sovereignty, advancing the democracy, combating negative phenomena, i.e. crime and corruption, assuming constitutional responsibilities to further advance the dialogue process with the EU and USA based on clear principles, and advancing the European integration process.

In the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made required endeavours to mobilize the healthcare system and supporting infrastructure to prevent the spreading of the virus and treat persons infected. By virtue of reorganizing and better managing existing spaces of current healthcare institutions, we have increased hospital capacities to treat those infected with the virus and strengthened regional capacities for epidemiological surveillance through peripheral monitoring centres, which are dispersed throughout the entire territory.

For the purpose of overcoming consequences caused by the pandemic, the Government has approved the Draft Law on Economic Recovery - COVID-19, and has drafted the measures for economic recovery amounting to EUR 365 million. These measures include: easing access to loans for private enterprises to fund investment projects and continue cooperation, mitigating tax burdens for businesses, improving their short-term liquidity, supporting employment, agriculture development, stimulating aggregate demand, supporting publicly-owned enterprises for proper operation and capital investments of strategic importance, reviewing the 2020 budget and easing fiscal restraints and ceiling of public debt, as well as measures supporting the economy from the financial sector and mobilization of economic support funds.

In terms of foreign policy, during this period, the Government has managed to re-establish close ties with close friend states, first and foremost with the United States of America and European Union's leading countries, ties which had suffered. Consequently, in the meeting held on 4th of September 2020 at the White House, in the presence of President Donald Trump, we signed the agreement for normalization of economic relations with Serbia, which constitutes an important

step toward a final agreement with Serbia. Furthermore, on 4th of September 2020, at the White House, the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanjahu, stated that Israel has decided to recognize the Republic of Kosovo, whereas the Government of Kosovo expressed its readiness to establish bilateral relations and exchange ambassadors as soon as possible.

The Government of Kosovo has undertaken a series of measures and actions in the sectors of agriculture, justice, employment, finances, public administration, infrastructure, energy, culture, youth and sport, and all development sectors, which have been emphasised in this Work Report. Also, at the end of the Report, we have drafted the Annex with all detailed data on COVID-19 during the period June-December 2020.

1. Management of COVID-19 Pandemic and Economic Recovery

1.1. Management of COVID-19 Pandemic

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to support citizens and businesses in coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, has undertaken all necessary measures for protection, including therein timely response and provision of better healthcare conditions. (Additionally, see other sections, i.e. the healthcare section and Annex 1 for data on COVID-19 in Kosovo June-December 2020).

The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic are as follows:

- The Manual for COVID-19 Prevention and Control, which has served and continues to serve in guiding all of Kosovo's citizens for care and protection against COVID-19, has been presented as a vibrant document that will be updated depending on the epidemiological situation and risk assessment.
- The Administrative Instruction (in health) No. 03/2020 on supplementing and amending the Administrative Instruction 08/2017 - Organizing, Structure, Determining the Structure and Activities of Primary Health Care (PHC) Institutions, on the possibility of having serological testing for antibodies to detect SARS COV-2 performed in PHC and private sector, has been approved.
- Plan for Prevention and Control of COVID-19, version 2.0, which aims to provide for an adequate response to COVID-19 pandemic in future phases, has been approved.
- With regard to building hospitals' capacities, in addition to the Infection Clinic in UCCK, the Pulmonology Clinic, the Central Intensive Care and Paediatrics Clinic (in cases of children with COVID), we have also mobilized the COVID 3 Clinic and the Sport Medicine Clinic - COVID 4 and 7 seven general hospitals. Whereas, three out of five digital mobile x-ray machines have been placed in the UCCK, while one has been placed in the General Hospital of Prizren and one in that of Gjilan.
- For the purpose of building human capacities, we have recruited 200 healthcare specialists (100 doctors – among whom there were microbiologists, 62 nurses, 20 sanitary

inspectors, 4 microbiology specialist, 8 laboratory technicians, and 6 technical support staff).

- The competition for 1,500 specialists has been announced and successfully completed, including about 70 positions for the cadre from the Presheva Valley.
- Through the reorganization of the Kosovo Health Project (loan from the World Bank), 375 professionals in various medical fields and support staff have been recruited in order to strengthen professional capacity against Covid-19.
- With the support of the Ministry of Health, the Hospital and University Clinical Service of Kosovo has opened a competition for 150 unemployed specialists in various medical fields, aiming to ensure that MoH does not leave any specialists or doctor unemployed in Kosovo.
- An agreement has been reached on additional payments for employees in health institutions, which include three levels of health care, by the end of 2020 based on the Anti Covid law for the months of September-December, as follows: Doctors - EUR 250 per month, Nurses - EUR 150 per month, Support staff - EUR 100 per month.
- On 18th of December, a competition for the recruitment of 33 health professionals (20 nurses and 13 technical support staff) was opened.
- The Action Plan for COVID-19 Testing Procedures has been approved, which aims to increase coverage of the testing rate in the population.
- 7 equipment for PCR testing have been provided: 1 for NIPHK and six (6) for the Regional Public Health Centres: Peja, Gjakova, Prizren, Ferizaj, Gjilan and Mitrovica, where these devices (PCR) were placed for performing molecular testing.
- Also, serological testing equipment for antibodies (IgG and IgM) have been purchased and brought to NIPHK, thus increasing testing capacities for COVID-19 diagnosis, and research on the immunological status of the population against COVID-19 infection.
- The support for the health sector has been coordinated with high efficiency, and in this regard a number of agreements with international partners have been reached and implemented:
- In the joint meeting between the two respective governments of Kosovo and Albania, the Cooperation Agreement in the field of health for coping with COVID-19 has been signed.

- A Cooperation Agreement was signed with the Swiss Embassy in Kosovo for quality and more accessible healthcare services to the citizens of Kosovo in the amount of EUR 8.2 million.
- An agreement was signed with UNOPS to assist Kosovo's healthcare system in carrying international procurement activities in the amount of EUR 14 million, while the agreement signed also foresees UNOPS approval for the transfer of EUR 8 million.
- An agreement has been signed for a grant of 800 thousand Euros, which is Japan's assistance to healthcare in Kosovo.
- EU donations received by the Oncology Clinic of UCCK. The third part of the donation consisted of 127 five parameter patient monitors, 75 infusion pumps, 75 perfusion machines - syringes, pumps, 100 intensive care beds, 10 ambulances - Advanced Life Support, fully equipped; and 7 thousand liters of hand disinfectant, which were immediately disbursed to the Hospital and University Clinical Service of Kosovo.
- The Ministry of Health is in the process of purchasing 300 thousand PCR tests via public tender, whereas another 100 thousand tests will be provided by UNOPS, in order to establish a stable stock of tests for the entire first part of 2021.
- The maximum quality and full reliability of tests performed by NIPHK has been confirmed. NIPHK, namely the Department of Microbiology, this year participated in three external quality controls for RT PCR molecular testing, two for Sars-CoV-2 and one for Influenza. Two inspections were organized by the WHO and one by the "Pasteur" Institute in Paris (through the Medilab Secure project and QCMD - Quality Control for Molecular Diagnostics, Scotland).
- In EQA 1 (External Quality Assessment) for detection of Sars-CoV-2 with Real Time PCR, organized by the WHO in April 2020, the five samples sent were 100% accurate.
- 15 thousand packages for Covid-19 testing were received by the NIPHK. In this activity, three Albanian businessmen operating in Germany: Lazim Destani (Ecolog), Remzi Ejupi (Eurokoha) and Nazim Viqa (AWR Abbruch) provided NIPHK with a donation of 15 thousand packages for Covid-19 tests (innuPREP Virus TS RNA kit), which will assist the Coronavirus testing process in Kosovo.

- A memorandum was signed with the organization "Qatar Charity", in the presence of the Ambassador of the State of Qatar, Mr Ali bin Hamad Al-Marri, according to which the NIPHK has received 6,500 (RT-PCR) tests for the Covid-19 diagnosis and 6 respirators.
- A donation has been received from the EU Office containing 6 thousand test kits for COVID-19, 90 hospital beds, over 67 thousand masks and other medical equipment to fight COVID-19 in Kosovo. The shipment also included 350 finger pulse oximeters and 5 pacemaker and wheelchair defibrillators.
- The technical assistance in the amount of \$ 700,000 has been received from Japan to help fight Covid-19.
- The National Institute of Public Health / NIPHK received a donation of 6 thousand RT-PCR tests from Germany for laboratory diagnosis of Covid-19.
- A contingent of 30 ventilators, 200 pulsometers and 20 electrocardiographic machines were received as donation from the European Union.
- A total of 40 oxygen-forming equipment were received as donation from the Government of Luxembourg and UNICEF.
- The Hospital and University Clinical Service in Prishtina received a donation from the Office for Cooperation and Protection at the U.S. Embassy in Prishtina in the amount of EUR 103 thousand containing: hospital waste pedal bins, hospital waste bins for hazardous contaminated waste, hazardous waste bins, infectious material (hazardous) waste bins, metal waste containers/carts for hazardous materials, protected mobile container with pedal for radioactive waste, waste containers with protectors and pedals and sharp bin.
- A donation in the form of 7.4 tons of medical equipment has been provided by UNICEF, which will improve supplies in all municipalities and clinical services.
- A donation of 50 ventilators/respirators was received as assistance from the U.S. Embassy and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
- A donation was received from the World Health Organization/WHO, whereby 238 oxygen concentrators were donated to the University Clinical Centre of Kosovo/UCCK.
- A donation in the amount of \$ 700 thousand was provided by Japan, which includes 12 thousand and 200 tablets of Avigan (Favipiravir).

- The reagents were delivered to the Laboratory of Microbiology at UCCK, worth over EUR 3 million, funded by the "Italian Agency for Development Cooperation" (AICS), under the project "Support to the health system in Kosovo".
- 15 respirators were received by UCCK from Germany, worth around EUR 500 thousand.
- The General Hospital of Gjakova received a Computed Tomography (CT) from the United States of America, through the Military Command for Europe.
- The seasonal flu vaccine has been secured and necessary preparations have been made to secure the anti-COVID-19 vaccine, in coordination with development partners:
- For the purpose of preventing seasonal flu, the Government of Kosovo has purchased 165 thousand quadrivalent vaccines through UNICEF.
- Provision of another 50 thousand vaccines is under process, which increases number of vaccines by 100% compared to the previous year.
- Kosovo's official application for securing the anti-COVID-19 vaccine has been signed under the global alliance GAVI, which has set up the COVAX facility. Initially, 740 thousand doses of vaccine are planned to be provided, whereby about 20% of the population will be vaccinated (THROUGH GAVI).
- At the same time, we have planned for mass vaccination (30%) of the population in Kosovo 2021-2022 with anti-COVID-19 vaccine, where 1 million 45 thousand and 914 doses of vaccine are planned (522,957x2 doses) to be secured.
- Specific groups of the population that need to be vaccinated with the anti-COVID-19 vaccine have been identified. Under the COVID-19 vaccination program, the vaccine will be offered to high priority groups such as:
 - Healthcare employees,
 - All persons above 65 years old,
 - All persons at high risk such as:
 - *People with chronic respiratory diseases such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or bronchitis*
 - *People with chronic heart disease,*
 - *People with chronic kidney disease,*
 - *People with chronic liver disease,*

- *People with chronic neurological diseases, such as Parkinson's disease or other neurological diseases,*
- *People with disabilities,*
- *People with diabetes*
- *People with splenia or asplenia dysfunction*
- *People with weakened immune system*
- *People with obesity (determined as BMI 40 and higher)*
- Family members of high-risk patients,
- People taking care of the elderly or people with disabilities whose well-being may be at risk,
- Workers providing services in nursing homes or rehabilitation centres, who are directly involved in caring for a vulnerable patient/person who is at increased risk of exposure to influenza,
- Health care workers and social workers such as personal assistants providing family care to patients with special needs.
- People over 40 years old
- Education employees
- Police, army and personnel in important state institutions, public sector employees.

1.2. Economic Recovery

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, while supporting citizens and businesses following damages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, has taken a series of measures that have improved economic activity, family income, employment formalization and sustainability. (Additionally, see the other sections, i.e. section on governance, economic development, agriculture and rural development, social protection and integration in employment, and culture, youth and sport.)

The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are as follows:

- The Law on Budget 2020 has been revised, and thus addresses all challenges created by the COVID-19 virus pandemic and finds ways to finance implementation of the Government Program. With this review, the Government of Kosovo has managed to mobilize EUR 370 million to support the private sector and citizens and ensure a successful management of the pandemic.

- In order to reflect changes in main economic indicators, resulting from situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Kosovo has reviewed and approved the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework 2021-2023.
- The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, on 13th of August 2020, approved the Economic Recovery Program amounting to EUR 365 million. This comprehensive program contains 15 measures that aim to mitigate the pandemic's negative impact and initiate economic recovery.
- These measures, *inter alia*, include the following: facilitating access to finance (100 million); reducing the tax burden; subsidising salaries; stimulating aggregate demand; doubling agricultural subsidies; supporting education and healthcare; supporting women-owned businesses; supporting communities; balanced regional development; supporting publicly-owned enterprises; supporting municipalities and our fellow citizens abroad.
- So far, around EUR 260 million have been distributed directly to different economic categories:
 - (1) Over 28 million in Wages and Salaries (top-ups to healthcare, police etc.);
 - (2) Over 23 million in Goods and Services;
 - (3) More than 200 million in Subsidies and Transfers – with the majority being a subsidy to the private sector in order to facilitate coping with the pandemic (measures of subsidising salaries, subsidising rent; and a subsidy in the amount of EUR 60 million based on the number of employees, etc.)

A total of 36 thousand and 679 businesses, who have declared 206 thousand and 852 employees, have benefited from the measure of EUR 60 million. The structure of beneficiary businesses, presented under Table 1, best presents the fact that small businesses employing 1 to 50 workers have benefited most from this measure (over 72% of funds, whereas more than 80% of funds have been allocated to business that have up to 100 workers).

Table 1. Structure of beneficiary businesses

Classification by number of workers	No. of Businesses	Subsidies (Mil. Euro)	No. of workers	% of total subsidies
0-10	33,600	27.30	94,090	45.50%
11-50	2,701	16.00	55,162	26.67%
51-100	217	4.37	15,075	7.28%
101-200	102	4.17	14,390	6.95%
201-300	29	2.06	7,104	3.43%
Over 301	30	6.10	21,031	10.17%
Total	36,679	60.00	206,852	100.00 %

- Another part of subsidies went to most vulnerable groups: doubling of social assistance. Over 25 thousand families have benefited from the doubling of social assistance
- Also, thousands of farmers in the agriculture sector have benefited from the doubling of subsidies (a portion of payments are still undergoing)
- Kosovo municipalities have benefited EUR 10 million to help them deal with the pandemic
- The education sector is supported with EUR 10 million (5 million for 2020 and another 5 for 2021)
- Culture, sport and artists – have been supported with EUR 5 million
- Important publicly-owned enterprises – have been supported with EUR 12 million
- In total, more than 400 thousand citizens (workers in the private sector, families under social assistance schemes, police officers, farmers, women in business, artists, athletes, communities, etc.) have benefited from the Economic Recovery Program

- The Government of the Republic of Kosovo has drafted and implemented the Law on Economic Recovery, which will enable:
 - Stimulating the aggregate demand by allowing early use of KPST funds (around 200 million)
 - Easing access to finances by increasing coverage from KCGF and covering credit risk and interest norms for businesses and farmers
 - Additional support to the private sector for the regular functioning and increase of investments
 - Supporting those who lost their jobs due to the pandemic
 - Reducing the tax burden for service industry by applying a reduced VAT norm of 8% for hotels and gastronomy industry
 - Removing VAT on raw materials produced in Kosovo (used in the production process)
 - Removing VAT on agricultural insurance products

- In the light of International Financial Cooperation, we have concluded procedures for the signing of 9 Agreements amounting to around EUR 250 million, whereby EUR 213 million have been allocated for fighting COVID-19 pandemic: Agreement with the World Bank in the amount of EUR 46 million for the “Kosovo Emergency COVID-19 Project”; Macro-financial assistance agreement with the European Union in the amount of EUR 100 million; Agreement with the Council of Europe Development Bank for the project “COVID-19 Emergency Response” in the amount of EUR 35 million; Agreement with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the “Vital Infrastructure Emergency Loan” in the amount of EUR 30 million, and other related agreements.

- The Draft-Law on ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the International Development Association regarding the funding of the Kosovo Emergency COVID-19 Project has been approved. The Agreement provides the Republic of Kosovo with a loan in the amount of EUR 46 million, at low interest rate and a repayment period of 20 years and a 5-year grace period.

- Four auctions of securities have been successfully concluded, and securities amounting to EUR 90 million have been issued (including a refinancing of EUR 55 million).

2. Governance, institutional reform and social cohesion

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to fulfil its Program, the European Reform Agenda, Stabilization and Association Agreement, has taken measures for good governance, institutional reform and social cohesion.

The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are:

- 12 bylaws have been adopted for the implementation of the law on public officials and for implementation of the law on state administration, the Prime Minister of Kosovo has approved the Regulation on Internal Organization and Systematization of Jobs in the Office of the Prime Minister. This is the first Regulation adopted under the new legislation, which the European Commission has assessed as a model to be applied by all ministries.
- In order to advance digital services, the Central Platform for the provision of electronic services "eKosova" and the Interoperability Platform (Government Gateway) have been developed. The central platform for providing electronic services "eKosova" is in the launch phase and will provide electronic services in a centralized way to citizens, businesses and the administration itself. The interoperability platform enables the secure interconnection of the electronic systems of the institutions of the Republic of Kosovo and the exchange of data between these systems in real time.
- The state portal for vacancy announcement, "konkursi.rks-gov.net", has been functionalized, as well as the room for conducting written testing in electronic form.
- The list has been compiled from the scholarship scheme of the Young Cell Scheme program, the 12th round, with 44 scholarship holders, of whom 20 have accepted the nominations act on 16 December. Also, 1 thousand 852 civil servants have been trained from the managerial, professional and administrative levels of the central and local level of public administration.
- In order to advance the framework for strategic planning, the Concept and Decision for drafting the National Development Strategy 2030 has been approved, which presents the main priorities for all sectors for the next planning period.

- The Administrative Burden Reduction Programme has been approved, in the framework of the Better Regulation agenda, and the implementation of the Concept Document on Administrative Burden Reduction.
- Based on the Legislative Program of the Government of Kosovo, 29 draft laws and 16 bylaws have been submitted to the Government for approval. Some draft laws that are part of the European agenda are as follows: Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing the Law No. 03/L-174 on Financing of Political Entities, Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing the Law No. 02/L-31 on Freedom of Religion in Kosovo, Draft Law on Legal Acts, Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing the Law No. 05/L-010 on Kosovo Property Comparison and Verification Agency, Draft Law on the Government of the Republic of Kosovo which has passed all procedures and has been sent to the Venice Commission which, in December, provided recommendations for advancing this draft law. This law is one of the most important reforms to increase the efficiency of the Government, as well as the Draft Law on amending and supplementing the Law No. 03/L-178 on Classification of Information and Security Clearances: during this period, this draft law has been finalized with all relevant documents and the same is ready to be submitted for approval by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo;
- Phase I of the Report on the Feasibility Study of Local Self-Government has been completed, which aims to diagnose the existing system of local self-government in Kosovo based on the principles of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and the part of the study for phase II for the Establishment of the Thematic Working Group "Supervision of Municipalities by the Supervisory Authority" has been completed.
- The criteria for financing municipal projects have been approved under the "Municipal program for development of socio-economic infrastructure", which has financed 12 projects in 10 municipalities in the amount of EUR 573 thousand 347. While from the program "Co-financing with donors" for the grant scheme based on municipal performance were financed 19 projects in 12 municipalities in the amount of EUR 2 million 499 thousand 770.
- Regulation 01/2020 on the Municipal Performance Management System and the Municipal Performance Grant Scheme has been approved. Based on this regulation, the performance of municipalities for 2019 has been measured.

- Under the Municipal Performance Grant for 2020, 43 projects of 23 municipalities were funded, which met the minimum requirements for qualification.
- In order to create equal opportunities to contribute to and benefit from inclusive economic development and improve social welfare, the Government has concluded the round of selection of NGOs in the field of gender equality, economic empowerment of women and prevention of domestic violence, where 5 NGOs and 7 individuals were selected to be supported through subsidies;
- The Program for Protection and Promotion of Human Rights has been drafted, which will be accompanied by the three-year action plan (2021-2023) for its implementation, as a horizontal plan for the implementation of international human rights standards.
- The Policy Document against sexual harassment in the public administration bodies of the Republic of Kosovo has been approved, which will serve as a guide for the prevention of all forms of sexual harassment in public administration.
- The Technical Group for Protection from Discrimination against the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Communities has been established in order to implement the Declaration of the Western Balkan Partners on Roma Integration within the European Union Enlargement Process approved by the Prime Ministers of the Western Balkans.
- The issue of missing persons has been treated as a matter of special priority. It is the first topic addressed in the 'Brussels dialogue', and also one of the commitments of the 'Washington Agreement'. In this context, the following actions have been taken: (1) Assessment excavations were carried out in nine locations, of which eight locations resulted in the finding and exhumation of the mortal remains of 11 persons, victims of the war. (2) In the territory of Serbia, in addition to the assessment excavations at the location of the mass grave in Kizhevak and the exhumation of the mortal remains found so far at this location, during this time period, assessment excavations were carried out in Kozarevo too, as well as an assessment visit at a location in Shtaval, Sijenica. (3) Pursuant to the Law on Missing Persons, namely in respect of the rights of family members of missing persons, these rights being also guaranteed by law, during this period of time, the mortal remains of two missing persons, identified, were returned to the families for reburial. (4) There are also three new identifications, based on DNA reports submitted by the International Commission on Missing Persons during this time

period, for which we are in communication with the families of the identified persons. (5) In the margins of the Regional Framework Plan, during this period of time, a meeting was held between the representatives of the Government Commission on Missing Persons of the Republic of Kosovo and the Commission on Missing Persons of Serbia.

In order to protect and support non-majority communities living in Kosovo, the following measures have been taken:

- The public announcement "Protection and promotion of the rights and interests of communities" has been published in order to finance the project proposals of NGOs and Media of non-majority communities. Within the budget of EUR 700 thousand, 49 beneficiaries, NGOs and Media, were selected.
- In the framework of the implementation of measure 9 of the Economic Recovery Program, a public announcement was published for non-governmental organizations and small businesses to provide assistance to persons at risk among non-majority communities in Kosovo, affected by the COVID-19 virus. The main purpose of this call was to support initiatives and projects aimed at improving the lives of non-majority communities in the Republic of Kosovo, most affected by the Covid-19 virus, and their economic recovery. From the value of EUR 2 million, for the supply of packages with basic food and hygiene items for the people most at risk of the COVID-19 pandemic, the available budget was EUR 900 thousand, while 49 non-governmental organizations were financially supported.
- For financial assistance for small enterprises and family businesses, which have suffered from COVID / 19, the available budget was 800 thousand Euros. A total of 199 small businesses and family businesses were financially supported.
- To help abandoned, sick and elderly people in the form of gerontology services, the budget available was 300 thousand Euros. A total of 19 non-governmental organizations were financially supported.

3. Comprehensive and sustainable economic development

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to fulfil its Program, the European Reform Agenda, the Stabilization and Association Agreement, has taken measures that contribute to sustainable economic development, maintaining macro-fiscal stability, and supporting and developing the private sector. Concrete measures include advancing the legal framework in the field of economic development, partnership with strategic partners, inspections and balanced regional development. The main priority of the Government during this period has been to support the private sector to alleviate the impact of the pandemic and the damage caused to citizens and businesses. The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are:

- The National Council for Economy and Investment has been consolidated to strengthen the public-private dialogue and to address the concerns and challenges that this sector has faced during these months, through the appointment of the Secretariat within the OPM in the framework of the civil service.
- 84 businesses were supported through the financial support to SMEs for the purchase of production machinery (24 beneficiary businesses in a total value of EUR 500 thousand),
- 18 SMEs were supported in the digitalization sector, in agreement with the Austrian ADA, in a total value of EUR 50 thousand.
- 29 companies of women entrepreneurs were supported in a total value of EUR 400 thousand and 13 businesses were supported in the certification and standardization of companies in cooperation with the WB, in a total value of EUR 318 thousand 570.
- The following 4 bylaws have been adopted: Administrative Instruction on the Form and Content of the Conformity Marking and Manner of Recognition of Foreign Documents of Conformity (17.09.2020), AI (MTI) No. 08/2020 for setting the conditions for placing aggregates and fillers for concrete on the market (23.10.2020), AI (MTI) No. 07/2020 for setting the conditions for placing ready-mixed concrete on the market (19.08.2020), AI (MTI) No. 06/2020 for setting the conditions for placing concrete paving products on the market (23.10.2020), Regulation (GRK) - No. 24/2020 on Groups of Products which are Subject to Inspection Surveillance (22.10.2020).

- The Platform for the establishment of the Register of Technical Rules and Appointed Conformity Assessment Bodies has been developed and published.
- In the field of inspections, the Market Inspectorate has conducted 982 inspections, of which 580 are completed, while 402 cases are pending.
- Regulation (GRK) No. 24/2020 on groups of products which are subject to inspection surveillance (26.10.2020) has been approved.
- An inter-ministerial commission for strategic investments has been established. Three operational groups have been formed for the evaluation of three entities applying for obtaining the status of strategic investor.
- Investments are being made in four economic zones (Suhareka, Vushtrri, Lipjan and Viti) where the plans are to prepare about 50 spaces (plots) for the establishment of foreign and local businesses. Regarding the legal framework, the Draft Law on Economic Zones has been approved by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.
- In the field of business registration, the Government has approved the Administrative Instruction No. 01/2020 on storing and using archive material in the Business Registration Agency (24.06.2020), the Administrative Instruction No. 02/2020 on the registration procedure of the official name and trade name of business organisations (25.06.2020), Administrative Instruction on the manner and procedure for registration and amendment of data of business organisations in the Kosovo Business Registration Agency (07.07.2020), and the Administrative Instruction No. 14/2020 on deregistration of businesses in the Business Registration Agency (16.12.2020).
- During this period, 6 thousand 173 new businesses were registered and 841 businesses were closed.
- In the field of trade policy, the National Committee for Trade in Services has been established and the decision to include Kosovo in the list of third countries with the right to export for food products of animal origin in the countries of the European Union has been published for the first time.
- The initiative for the approval of "Protocol number 7 for the settlement of disputes within CEFTA" has been approved and the negotiating team has been appointed.

- Administrative Instruction (MTI) No. 11/2020 on determining the conditions and criteria for entities dealing with trading of tobacco and its products (13.11.2020) has been approved, and 5 licenses for trading of tobacco have been issued.
- In the field of oil market, the Administrative Instruction (MTI) No. 09/2020 on the control and quality of petroleum-derived liquid fuels (11.11.2020) has been approved, and 281 licenses were approved for business entities for retail of oil and petroleum products, while 6 applications for licensing were rejected.
- In the field of industrial property, the Administrative Instruction (MTI) No. 10/2020 on authorized representatives in the field of industrial property (13.11.2020) and Regulation (MTI) No. 01/2020 on the rules of procedure of the expert commission on agricultural products and foodstuffs (25.06.2020) have been approved.

In terms of ensuring sound public finances, the following results have been achieved through reforms in Public Finance Management and cooperation with International Financial Institutions:

- Procedures have been completed for the signing of 9 agreements, with a funding value of about EUR 250 million, of which EUR 213 million is dedicated for the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the total funds, about EUR 26 million were dedicated for medical equipment and about EUR 30 million in interventions in the health sector. Agreements include: Agreement with the World Bank in the amount of EUR 46 million for the “Kosovo Emergency COVID-19 Project”, of which about EUR 28 million has been disbursed so far; Agreement on macro-financial assistance from the European Union in the amount of EUR 100 million, of which EUR 50 million has been disbursed so far and the rest is expected to be disbursed in early 2021; Agreement with the Council of Europe Development Bank for the project “COVID-19 Emergency Response” in the amount of EUR 35 million, of which EUR 17 million has been disbursed so far; and other related agreements; Agreement with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for “Vital Infrastructure Emergency Loan” in the amount of EUR 30 million; Agreement with the World Bank regarding the financing of the Fostering and Leveraging Opportunities for Water Security Program; Agreement with the European Investment Bank for the Wastewater Plant Project in Gjilan.

- Three grant agreements have been signed, which include: 1. Amendment Agreement for Cooperation with the Swiss Government for Exit Phase VI of the Rural Water and Sanitation Support Programme; 2. Grant Agreement with EBRD for Regional Roads - Project Implementing Unit Support; 3. Grant Agreement with the World Bank for the Financing of the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency.
- The Agreement on the Elimination of Double Taxation with Latvia and the Agreement on the Amendment of the AEDT with Albania (January 2015) have been signed, while the Agreements on the Elimination of Double Taxation with Lithuania, Portugal and Italy are expected to be signed soon.
- During this period, negotiations for financial cooperation were also concluded with the German Government, where the German Government has committed support in the amount of EUR 72 million for various projects in the energy, environment and water sectors, support for the private sector, etc.
- Through the agreement with the CBK and KIB, the Government of Kosovo has undertaken to fully cover the border insurance premium for compatriots and parties who are subjected to border insurance and come to Kosovo during 2020.
- As a result of the implementation of the Public Finance Management Reform Strategy (PFMRS), in July 2020, the EU transferred to the Kosovo Treasury a total of EUR 6 million 875 thousand to support progress in the implementation of PFM variable indicators. The request for revision of the variable indicators for 2020 and the request for additional fixed tranches have been approved by the European Commission. The transfer of the additional fixed tranche of EUR 3,125,000 was executed in December 2020. To date, a total of EUR 16 million has been transferred to the Treasury as SBS for PFM (out of a total of EUR 21 million).
- During the reporting period, the Agreement for Sector Budget Support (SBS) from the IPA 2019 funds – “*EU4 Resilience – Kosovo*” between Kosovo and the EU was finalized aimed at alleviation of the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. The agreement amounts to EUR 26.5 million. The request for transfer of the fixed tranche for 2020 in the amount of EUR 20.5 million has been prepared and sent in November 2020. After assessing the fulfilment of the conditions for the fixed tranche, EUR 20.5 million were

transferred to the Kosovo Treasury in December 2020. The variable tranche of EUR 6 million is expected to be transferred to the Treasury in 2021.

The following measures have been implemented as part of macro-fiscal policy:

- The Macroeconomic Bulletin has been published, which provides an economic overview for the first quarter of 2020.
- The Economic Reform Programme 2021-2023 has been prepared, which will focus on the economic recovery in Kosovo after the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Analysis related to the Draft Law on Economic Recovery - COVID-19, Analysis on the Tobacco Excise Calendar and Data Collection by TAK and Customs, as well as the development of the econometric model for the Cost-Benefit Analysis related to Producer Exemptions have been completed.
- The Guidelines on implementation of appropriate customer care measures during the COVID-19 period have been approved by the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-K), in consultation with the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo.
- In the field of customs, revenues have been collected in the amount of EUR 1 billion 13 million 265 thousand 138 and 85 cents. Compared to the same period of the previous year, when we had revenues of EUR 1 billion 131 million 658 thousand 493 and 98 cents, this year revenues were lower by 10%.
- Since the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020 has directly resulted in a decline in revenue collection, the amount collected from debts is EUR 2 million 96 thousand 460 and 62 cents, not including the amount of bank guarantees collected for this period. The amount of funds collected for bank guarantees is EUR 1 million 116 thousand 524 and 59 cents, which will be deducted from debts in the declarations at the moment of issuance of SAD (debt of declarations covered with BGs).
- Necessary actions have been taken to determine the import averages for all importing entities as provided under Article 241 of the Customs and Excise Code, and the application of the excise rate of EUR 48 per conventional unit has commenced as of 01.09.2020 in accordance with the attached decision.
- In the red channel for physical control (IM4, IM5, IM6, IM7, IM9), 19.03% of the statements have been selected, while 55.54% of the statements are in the yellow channel for documentary control. Regarding the method of valuation of goods, in terms of

participation of the value of goods, the first valuation method of 97.64% and the sixth valuation method of 2.35% were applied.

- Actions have been taken in order to facilitate the reduction of regular export control: 88.01% of shipments have completed the export procedure of 0-30 minutes, while 4.08% of shipments went through the 30-60 minutes procedure. This means that about 92.09% of export declarations have been completed within 60 minutes.
- 2,555 patrols were carried out on the green line and inside the territory, where 287 minor offenses were detected, 46 cases were initiated, 47 criminal charges were filed against 15 persons; EUR 2 million 362 thousand and 288 of identified evasions were observed; 1 person was arrested; EUR 367 thousand and 646 and with a fiscal effect of EUR 1 million 685 thousand 596 were seized; 64 customs clearance requests for 277 trademarks were approved; 107 cases, 233 thousand 445 units with EUR 274 thousand and 691 worth of goods that violate the IPR were confiscated; 277 cases of customs contraventions in the amount of EUR 233 thousand and 445 were initiated for verification of authenticity and EUR 408 thousand and 351 of collected fines were initiated.
- Actions have been taken continuously in the fight against corruption through preventive actions: 20 inspections carried out, 14 cases completed, 4 cases resulting in the detection of disciplinary violations, namely in 14 cases received, 20 officials reported and 44 forms of the accepted property declaration.
- The agreement with the European Commission on the “Customs 2020” Program has been ratified and the membership fee for the World Customs Organization has been paid.
- In the field of taxes, tax revenues were realized in the amount of EUR 258 million 465 thousand 437 and 48 cents.
- 648 checks were conducted, as a result of which the additional tax collection reached EUR 26 million 082 thousand 503 and 66 cents, the credit was reduced by EUR 4 million 590 thousand 845 and 23 cents, while the loss was reduced by EUR 21 million 673 thousand 670 and 57 cents.
- Regarding visits, during the reporting period, a total of 5 thousand and 369 visits were carried out, as a result of which turnover has increased by EUR 43 million 129 thousand 869 and 52 cents, taxes have increased by EUR 2 million 908 thousand 184 and 68 cents,

credit has been reduced by EUR 1 million 317 thousand 574 and 45 cents, while loss reduction amounted to EUR 3 million 232 thousand 115 and 65 cents.

- The amount of tax debts created is EUR 41 million 796 thousand 696 and 25 cents, while EUR 44 million 251 thousand and 5 of tax debts have been collected.
- Regarding refunds, the number of requests from taxpayers who requested a refund is 977, the amount requested is EUR 25 million 644 thousand 616 and 40 cents, while the approved amount is EUR 21 million 588 thousand 7 and 56 cents.
- The agreement between the EU and Kosovo on Kosovo's participation in the EU “Fiscalis 2020” Program has been ratified.
- A general assessment of commercial and industrial assets for property tax purposes has been carried out in all municipalities.
- EUR 14.4 million were collected from property tax. Property tax revenues during this period marked a decrease of 13% or EUR 2.2 million less compared to the same period of the previous year.
- In the field of supporting municipalities and the private sector (businesses), the MRD has launched two programs: the Regional Development Program, which aims to support municipalities to improve public infrastructure, and the Balanced Regional Development Program, which aims to support mainly manufacturing businesses to ensure their capacity building and substitute imports.
- In implementing the Regional Development Program (capital investment category) for 2020, 30 Memoranda of Understanding have been signed with 26 municipalities to support capital investment projects in the amount of about EUR 2.5 million.
- In implementing the Balanced Regional Development Program (BRDP) 2020, 155 businesses have been supported at a total amount of EUR 2.4 million.
- In implementing Measure 8 of the Economic Recovery Program 2020, 168 businesses have been supported at a total amount of EUR 2 million.
- In implementing the CSO Support Program, 21 projects/CSOs have been supported.
- In the framework of cooperation with international and local partners, three cooperation agreements have been signed: with the EBRD, the UNICEF and the Kosovo Chamber of Commerce.

Considering that the situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic has also affected the performance and income of publicly-owned enterprises, the Government of Kosovo has taken concrete measures to support these enterprises:

- The criteria for supporting publicly-owned enterprises for the implementation of measures arising from the Economic Recovery Program have been approved. These measures include support for the following enterprises: POE Trepça JSC was supported with EUR 100 thousand due to financial difficulties of falling prices on the stock exchange, which has affected the reduction of revenues and sales; RWC Mitrovica JSC was supported with EUR 200 thousand to overcome the financial difficulties created by the pandemic COVID-19; RWC Hidromorava JSC was supported with EUR 300 thousand to avoid financial difficulties due to the health emergency; RWC Çabрати was supported with EUR 400 thousand in order to transfer waste from the temporary landfill (Transfer Station) to the Landovica landfill, as a means of protecting the environment.
- The activity for the support of SOE Trepça JSC has continued for the implementation of the following projects: opening of new workshops on horizons X-XI of the Trepça Mine in Stanterg, where funds were transferred based on the request of SOE Trepça JSC in the amount of EUR 548 thousand 993 and 62 cents.
- Opening and preparation of the Ore Body between Horizons IV-V-VI in the amount of EUR 200 thousand.
- Installation of filtering equipment to improve technology and working conditions-Factory for conservation of accumulating waste - Zvecan LOT 1-construction of plants - A new filter vacuum with full automation in flotation, supply compressor and freight transport machinery, work and equipment - Zvecan) in the amount of EUR 135 thousand and 700 for this reporting period.
- For the Water Supply & Sewage Support Program in Rural Areas - Phase VI (R -SSP-VI), funded by the Swiss Government (SDC) and the Government of Kosovo (on-going project), funds have been allocated under the Budget Law for 2020. In this reporting period, CDI has requested the transfer of funds in the amount of EUR 3 million. The funds budgeted for 2020 have been transferred in full for the implementation of the project.

- To increase the quality of service, Publicly-Owned Enterprise Trainkos made a request for transfer of funds in the amount of EUR 97 thousand 211 and 76 cents, which has been executed.
- The Publicly-Owned Enterprise Gjakova District Heating made a request for transfer of funds in the amount of EUR 400 thousand as subsidy for fuel oil, funds which have been transferred in full.
- The Water and Waste Publicly-Owned Enterprise requested the transfer of funds for the category of subsidy and transfer expenditures in the amount of EUR 650 thousand for this reporting period.

To achieve the objective “Development of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)”, the following activities have been implemented:

- Draft Law on electronic identification and trust services in electronic transactions has been approved by the Government.
- The draft law on measures to reduce the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks, was approved by the Government on 30.10.2020 and is now in the process of approval by the Assembly;
- The Draft Law on Network and Information Systems Security Measures is being drafted. According to the plans, the draft law should be approved by the Government by the middle of 2021.
- The Administrative Instruction on Postage Stamps was approved by the Minister of Economy and Environment on 11.08.2020.
- The project of establishing a Centre for Digital Excellence in the Innovation and Training Park (ITP) in Prizren is in the final stages of implementation.
- The project for broadband infrastructure deployment in uncovered areas through the KODE program has been implemented with complete success. During the months of February to August, six calls for applications were published according to the grant scheme for the financing of digital infrastructure. A total of 21 grant agreements were signed from these calls, which were completed during the second half of the year, until mid-December 2020. A total of 62 villages were covered with fixed broadband

infrastructure and 36 public institutions (27 schools, 9 ambulantas) were connected in these areas with free internet for at least 5 years.

- The project for establishing a National Network for Research and Education in ITP Prizren, which includes the establishment of a data centre and the connection of Kosovo higher education institutions is in the phase before the signing of the contract. The construction of the National Network for Research and Education, and the connection to the pan-European network GÉANT will enable the use of many services and scientific resources for the institutions of higher education in Kosovo (universities, colleges, etc.).
- The project for the establishment of the fixed station for frequency monitoring is a sub-component of the KODE Project for which the project has completed all procurement procedures and on 18.12.2020 a contract was signed with the implementing economic operator.
- On 2 November 2020, in the framework of the Digital Summit of the Western Balkans, two memoranda were signed between the 6 countries of the Western Balkans: Memorandum of Understanding on the 5G Digital Transformation Roadmap in the Western Balkans Region and Memorandum of Understanding on Interoperability and Regional Reliability Services in the Western Balkans Region.
- The 3rd part of the project “Renovation of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre at UP” has been completed.

4. Independent and efficient justice

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to fulfil its Program, the European Reform Agenda, the Stabilization and Association Agreement, has taken measures in the justice sector to advance and strengthen justice institutions and increase their accountability, improve the implementation of legislation, the fight against organized crime and corruption and terrorism, international legal cooperation, the strengthening of the Kosovo Probation Service, the Institute of Forensic Medicine and the State Advocacy Office.

The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are:

- The Justice Strategy has been drafted, which has been sent for public consultation. The strategy envisages concrete measures to improve the justice sector, which affect the strengthening of independence, integrity, transparency of law enforcement institutions, and which affect the time, cost, reduction of unnecessary bureaucracy, and better implementation of legislation in law enforcement institutions.
- The draft law on the Commercial Court has been drafted, which will review and decide on legal disputes related to economic issues and administrative disputes, which will reduce the time and cost of resolving these cases, for businesses and citizens.
- The draft law on the execution of criminal sanctions has been drafted, which aims to determine the execution of criminal sanctions and measures of compulsory treatment, and the application of detention, and it will apply to the execution of criminal sanctions imposed by local courts and foreign.
- The draft law on the Correctional Service has been drafted, which aims to determine the status, principles, responsibilities, management and general organization of the Kosovo Correctional Service, special or additional conditions for recruitment, specific rights or obligations, special rules for development career according to the rank system, professional development and training needs, transfer and systematization of Kosovo Correctional Service employees.
- The draft law on the Probation Service has been drafted - it aims to determine the status, principles and general organization of the Kosovo Probation Service, in order to rehabilitate and socially reintegrate the persons under supervision, as well as to prevent criminal offenses and reduce the risk of their recurrence, as well as contribute to the protection of the public interest.
- The draft law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Judges and Prosecutors has been drafted, which aims to avoid shortcomings and problems encountered in practice regarding the development of disciplinary proceedings against judges and prosecutors, respectively, regarding the imposition of suspension on judges and prosecutors. The draft law has passed the consultation stages, we have received the relevant statements and that it will soon be processed for approval by the Government.
- The draft code of criminal procedure has been drafted, which aims to eliminate all shortcomings, gaps and difficulties identified during the implementation of the current

Code by the responsible institutions in this field, starting with the Kosovo Police and especially by the courts and prosecution offices of the Republic of Kosovo.

- The draft law on the Bar Exam has been drafted, which aims to eliminate obstacles during the Bar Exam.
- The draft law on State Advocacy Office has been drafted, which aims to determine the functioning of the State Advocacy Office of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to represent as efficiently and transparently as possible in court, administrative and arbitration proceedings.
- The Draft Civil Code has been approved by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, which, *inter alia*, aims to regulate and harmonize the legal provisions of civil law.
- Three essential laws in the field of property rights have been adopted: the Draft Law on Construction Land, the Draft Law on Property Rights of Foreign Citizens, and the Draft Law on Public Property.
- The Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing Law No. 03/L-159 on the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) has been drafted, which changes the status of the Agency and its orientation as an independent and specialized body for the implementation of state policies on prevention of corruption and the responsibilities of the ACA have been clarified.
- The Regulation on determining the procedure for receiving and handling alert cases has been drafted, the purpose of which is to determine the rules and procedures for receiving and handling alert cases, as well as the rights and responsibilities of responsible officials.
- The draft law on international legal cooperation in civil matters has been drafted, which defines the principles, competencies, order and procedures for providing international legal assistance in civil matters between the Republic of Kosovo and foreign countries.
- The draft law amending and supplementing Law No. 04/L-213 on International Legal Cooperation in criminal matters was adopted, in order to eliminate shortcomings leading to substantial problems and inefficiency regarding the extradition procedures, transfer of convicted persons and mutual legal assistance.
- The draft law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the Government of the Republic of Italy on the transfer of convicted

persons has been approved, which aims to eliminate all deficiencies, gaps identified by the responsible institutions in the field of transfer of convicted persons.

- The draft law on Private International Law was adopted, which contains rules for assigning competent law to legal-private relations with an international element, rules for the competence of courts and other bodies for reviewing those relations and rules for procedure, as well as rules for recognition and execution of foreign court decisions and decisions of other bodies of foreign states.
- The Agreement with the Republic of Albania on Mutual Legal Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters and the Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Civil Matters with North Macedonia have been finalized. The purpose of these agreements is to further strengthen cooperation in the field of legal aid in civil and trade matters between Kosovo, Albania and North Macedonia and to facilitate legal proceedings between them in this field.
- A working group has been established for the vetting process, which aims to draft modalities and scenarios for the reform of the justice system, which are awaiting final review by the Government.
- The Concept Document on Compensation to Victims of Crime has been adopted, through which an in-depth analysis of the current program and legislative framework in Kosovo governing this area has been made.
- The “Magnitsky” Concept Document has been drafted – “Magnistky” legislation refers to laws which impose targeted sanctions on foreign nationals involved in serious human rights violations and those involved in serious acts of corruption resulting in abuse of human rights.
- The ex-post evaluation of Law No. 05/L-019 on Ombudsperson has been conducted.
- Administrative Instruction No. 02/20201 on the Legal Protection of Persons Potentially Accused of Alleged Crimes in Trials before the Specialist Chambers has been drafted.
- Administrative Instruction No. 03/20201 on the Necessary Financial Support for close family members of persons potentially accused of alleged crimes in trials before the specialist chambers, on their travel-related expenses when proceedings are conducted outside Kosovo, has been drafted.

- Administrative Instruction No. 04/20201 on the Compensation of Persons accused with alleged crimes in trials before specialist chambers, proclaimed not guilty by a final decision.
- A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed with the Kosovo Women's Network and the Retail Network. The memorandum aims to facilitate access to employment for persons sheltered in domestic violence shelters and survivors of wartime sexual violence.
- The functionalization, as a pilot project, of the Unit of Assessment and Classification of Prisoners, the Intelligence Unit and the Economic Unit within the Kosovo Correctional Service has been achieved, and three Administrative Instructions have been approved by the Ministry of Justice: Administrative Instruction on prohibition of visits for justifiable causes; Administrative Instruction for leave for Minors outside the Correctional Institution as well as Administrative Instruction for the Program of Rights, Obligations and Benefits for Minors in the Educational Correction Centre.
- Within the liberal professions, the draft Administrative Instruction on Notary Fees has been drafted, which sets out notary fees for notarial acts, as well as the Administrative Instruction on fees for intermediaries.
- Regulation No. 01/20201 on internal organization and systematization of the Institute of Forensic Medicine, in order to fully functionalize the Institute of Forensic Medicine was adopted.
- Within the Kosovo Probation Service, the Program for the Execution of Diversity Measures as well as the Work Manual for the full implementation of the measures of the Program have been drafted. In order to strengthen the capacity of the KPS to oversee Alternative Measures and Punishments (AMP), during the reporting period, training materials were drafted for the needs of officials which seek the best possible implementation of diversity measures and punishments.

5. Foreign policy, EU integration and dialogue with Serbia

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to fulfil its Program, as well as to improve relations with strategic partners, has taken concrete measures for the normalization of relations with the USA, key EU countries, visa liberalization, EU funding and donor coordination.

The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are:

- Kosovo's foreign policy has been in view of building, maintaining and deepening relations with strategic partners and other countries.
- The meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the SEECP was chaired, as well as we participated in the closing ceremony of MARRI's presidency by the Republic of Kosovo. We also participated in the 110th Session of the Permanent Council of Francophonie.
- Special attention was paid to the development of relations with the United States through meetings with both holders of state titles and representatives of the Kosovar community in the USA. These include: Meeting with New York Community Council member Mr Mark Gjonaj; Meeting with the Vice President of the "Heritage Foundation", Mr James Carafano, in Washington; Meeting with the US Deputy Assistant Secretary, Mr Matthew Palmer, in Washington; Meeting with the Senior Director of the National Security Council and Ms Amanda B. Ahlers - Director of European Affairs at the US National Security Council; and Meeting with the Assistant Secretary at Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at U.S. Department of State, Ms Marie Royce.
- Numerous developments during this period have also taken place in the initiation of procedures for concluding International Agreements. Some worth mentioning are: Consent for the signing of the Memorandum between RKS and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; Consent for the signing of the Memorandum between the MoH and QATAR Charity; Authorization for delegation of competence to Mr Ilir Dugolli, Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo in Ankara, for the signing of the Agreement on "Donation in the field of health" between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the Government of the Republic of Turkey; Draft-Authorization for signing the Agreement for "Elimination of Double Taxation regarding income tax and prevention of tax evasion and avoidance" between the Republic of Kosovo represented by the Ministry of Finance and Transfers and the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Consent for the signing of

the Agreement regarding the project Accessible Quality Healthcare (AQH) Phase II, between the Republic of Kosovo represented by the Ministry of Health and the Swiss Confederation represented by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, as an inter-institutional agreement; Authorization for the Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo in Portugal, for the signing of the Agreement on "Elimination of Double Taxation between Kosovo and Portugal"; among others.

- A new draft law on foreign service and a draft law on the implementation of targeted international financial sanctions have been drafted.
- After almost two years, the process of dialogue with Serbia has resumed. This is not a technical dialogue, but a dialogue for a final agreement on mutual recognition and normalization of relations between the two countries. This process of dialogue for an agreement on mutual recognition started on 10 July, when the Paris Summit was organized by the President of France, Emanuel Macron, and the Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel. Both parties have presented their positions. Meanwhile, the organizers of the summit gave clear messages that the dialogue is limited in time and is for a final agreement on full normalization of relations, which means mutual recognition. Based on these clear positions, the first video conference between the two parties was held on 12 July 2020. Meanwhile, high-level meetings were held in Brussels on 16 July and 7 September. Several meetings of dialogue coordinators have been held between these dates. The serious approach of the Government of Kosovo in this process has influenced the USA to engage strongly and take an active role. In this regard, on 3 and 4 September, the Government of Kosovo was invited to the White House to dialogue on the normalization of economic relations. These talks culminated on 4 September when, in the presence of President Trump, the commitment agreement for the normalization of economic relations between the two countries was signed. This agreement has 16 points in its content, which include: major infrastructure projects, operationalization of the Merdara border crossing, readiness to join the Mini Schengen Area, recognition of diplomas and certificates, feasibility study by the US Department of Energy on the use of water of Ujman Lake, mutual recognition with the state of Israel, as well as other points. Recognition by the state of Israel represents a great diplomatic victory for Kosovo. This recognition has broken the several-year blockade of the lack of new recognitions for

Kosovo. This recognition has changed the trajectory of strengthening our international subjectivity.

- The process of reorganization of the structures of the former Ministry of European Integration has been completed, after its dissolution by the Government, where all the functions of the former MEI have been transferred to the OPM.
- The ERA has been approved and launched, which contains 15 priorities, divided into three pillars: Pillar 1: Good governance and rule of law - 4 priorities; Pillar 2: Competitiveness, investment climate and sustainable development - 6 priorities; and Pillar 3: Employment, education and health - 5 priorities.
- The National Program for the Implementation of the SAA (NPISAA, containing a total of 193 measures: 107 legislative measures and 86 implementing measures) has been approved.
- Regarding visa liberalization, for solving targeted cases of organized crime and high-level corruption, from January 2020 there are 69 cases, including 7 additional cases targeted until October 2020. Out of 69 targeted cases, 43 are cases of corruption (with 290 accused persons) and 26 are cases of organized crime (with 238 accused persons). 59 indictments have been filed, 10 of them this year. Out of 59 indictments, 34 are cases of corruption (with 239 accused persons) and 25 are cases of organized crime (with 214 accused persons). The situation with cases along the various stages is as follows: 23 cases have been closed; for 19 cases, the court has issued final decisions; for 3 cases, decisions have been issued to terminate investigations; for 1 case, investigations have been suspended; for 1 case, the prosecution has dismissed the indictment due to the death of the accused; 36 cases are in trial procedure, out of which: for 8 such cases, judgments have been issued by the basic courts; 28 cases are pending, and 6 cases are under investigation.
- All Financing Agreements under IPA II have been signed and ratified, except the financing agreement for IPA 2020, which has been approved by the Government and submitted to the Assembly for ratification.
- Requests for disbursement of budget support under the sector contract for public administration reform, requests for disbursement of instalments of the sector contract for

public finance management and that for recovery have been finalized and handed over to the EU, with the country's budget benefiting EUR 24 million from the EU.

6. Education and science

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to fulfil its program, has taken measures in the education sector for the implementation of online learning, educational infrastructure, textbooks and school tools, community education and international cooperation in the field of education.

The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are:

- All necessary preparations have been made for the school/academic year 2020/2021, to face the challenges and problems that have arisen as a result of the pandemic, and the Master Plan for the beginning of the new school year, that has three scenarios for the implementation of the teaching process at all levels of pre-university education (including education and vocational training and education of children with special needs), has been approved.
- Daily and weekly lesson plans for all subjects included in e-Learning for grades 1-9 for the whole school year 2020-2021 have been drafted, and teachers and editors for the implementation of video materials for grades 1-9 has been selected.
- Eight guidelines and protocols have been drafted for the organization of learning and teaching process during the school year 2020-2021, free textbooks were provided for 2,900 supplementary education school students in the diaspora, and the filming of teaching units in Albanian, Turkish and Bosnian languages were organized, which are broadcast on Kosovo Public Television and on the MES channel on Youtube.
- All schools have been disinfected and instructions have been set on how to behave in school during the pandemic. NIPHK has also delivered training for municipal directors, sanitary inspectors, education inspectors and school directors on anti-COVID and hygienic measures.
- The draft law on Textbooks, Teaching Tools and Materials, School Reading Material and Pedagogical Documentation, draft law on Preschool Education - Early Childhood Education, aged 0-6 years, draft law on Ratification of the Agreement with the Austrian

Development Agency (ADA), draft law on Ratification of Completion and Amendment of the Fulbright Program Agreement, the draft law on Higher Education in the Republic of Kosovo, as well as the draft law on the Kosovo Accreditation Agency have been drafted.

- The online platform "Distance Education - Care, Development and Education in Early Childhood" has been launched, which is also provided in Serbian, Turkish and Roma languages, and from October it will be broadcast on RTK, which serves for the education of children at an early age.
- 1543 educators have been trained for preschool institutions and pre-primary class, and the "Protocol on facilitation measures for starting the work of preschool institutions in Kosovo" has been drafted. Also, 54 private kindergartens have been relicensed and 26 of them have been licensed for the first time. 7 thousand 823 children, mainly from communities and families with social assistance, were assisted with didactic packages and hygienic material.
- In support of children with special needs, the platform: "arsimigjithëpërfshirës.net" has been populated with teaching activities and didactic materials, and the package with documents for pedagogical assessment has been finalized; Guidelines have been drafted for supporting students in this category and for organizing learning in resource centres for the school year 2020/2021.
- Regarding the education of the communities, the curriculum subject "Albanian language and literature" for the students of the non-Albanian communities have been reviewed, and all curriculum subjects (except for the national subjects) have been translated from Albanian into Bosnian, while 596 scholarships were awarded to high school students of Roma, Ashkali, and Egyptian communities and to community students for the academic year 2020/2021 according to the MES competition for outstanding students.
- The Agreement for Exchange of Materials and Experiences was signed with Albania and the Government of North Macedonia; 13 National Standards of the Profession have also been approved.
- The Labour Market Barometer has been created, enabling strategic communication and interoperability of databases of 10 institutions that will help in the design of evidence-based policies for strategic planning and development.

- The Council for Vocational Education and Training and the relevant mechanisms within this Council have been functionalized.
- Career Guidance Offices have been opened in several VET schools;
- All procedures for harmonization, according to the legislation in force, of permanent statutes for four public universities have been completed and 52 new standards for the PhD degree have been approved.
- A concept document has been drafted for the Kosovo Accreditation Agency to increase the quality of higher education.
- Agreements have been reached in the field of higher education with the Governments of France, Hungary, Austria; then we had cooperation with the US Embassy on the Fulbright Program;
- Cooperation with the Government of Japan on Bachelor, Master, and PhD scholarships and with the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom has been increased.
- The "Expression of Interest" letter was signed for the advancement of Kosovo's status, within the EU Framework program for research and Innovation "Horizon 2020".

7. Health

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to fulfil its program, has taken measures in the health sector, where almost all the engagement in this sector was focused on combating the COVID-19 pandemic. The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are:

- In order to create conditions for the start of health insurance, the draft law on health insurance has been finalized, and also, in order to oversee the legality of the work of the fund, a new Board of the Health Insurance Fund has been established.
- In order to increase accountability and better management, the Ministry of Health has appointed and functionalized supervisory and decision-making mechanisms such as the committee for senior management of the Kosovo Health Project (the new composition has established a steering committee for overseeing the implementation of the Project "Construction of Paediatric Surgical Hospital" within UCCK and its implementing unit, it established boards for specialist education, board for program of treatment outside public health institutions, board for licensing of private health institutions, and Commission for reviewing complaints;
- In order to prevent communicable diseases, a concept document on communicable diseases has been adopted, which has paved the way for supplementing and amending the law on communicable diseases.
- The Ministry of Health has announced and successfully implemented the competition for 1,500 specialists, including about 70 positions for staff from the Presheva Valley. Specialists in groups have started signing contracts since 9 November and the last groups are being signed, while the recruits through KHP/WB have started working in mid-October.
- In order not to leave any specialist or doctor in Kosovo unemployed, the University Hospital and Clinical Service of Kosovo has opened a competition for about 150 unemployed specialists in various medical fields.
- Consistent supply of Primary Health Care with medicines and consumables from the List of essential medicines was secured.

- In order to increase the testing capacities that create preconditions for licensing of private institutions, the MoH has approved the Administrative Instruction No. 01/2020 on supplementation and amendment of the Administrative Instruction 09/2014 - work conditions concerning space, professional personnel and medical equipment of the outpatient private health institutions, Administrative Instruction (in Health) No. 02/2020 - on supplementation and amendment of the Administrative Instruction 06/2015 on general and special hospital conditions and the Administrative Instruction (in health) No. 03/2020 on supplementing and amending the Administrative Instruction 08/2017 - Organizing, Structure, Determining the Structure and Activities of Primary Health Care Institutions.
- In order to implement the bylaws that precede the Licensing of private health institutions to conduct testing for COVID-19, the Minister of Health has established: the Board for Licensing of Private Health Institutions and the Commission for reviewing complaints of applicants and private health institutions. The Board for Licensing of Private Health Institutions has started reviewing the requests of Private Health Institutions which have requested permission to perform testing for SARS CoV-2. The Board has approved, by 29 September 2020, the requests of 126 private health institutions for testing of SARS-CoV-2 (122 for serological testing and 4 for molecular PCR testing). To date (end of September 2020), close to 3 thousand molecular tests have been performed in private laboratories, as well as 20 thousand serological tests.
- Requests for additional payments for employees in health institutions have been approved, which include three levels of health care, by the end of 2020, based on the Anti-Covid law, for the months of September-December, as follows: Doctors – EUR 250 per month, Nurses - EUR 150 per month, Support staff - EUR 100 per month. Also, it was agreed that, at the beginning of next year, discussions will be held on the possibilities for additional payment for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic in the territory of Kosovo.
- Additional human resources were engaged in health institutions. Initially, 200 health specialists were recruited (100 doctors - including microbiologists, 62 nurses, 20 sanitary inspectors, 4 microbiology specialists, 8 laboratory technicians, and 6 others - technical support staff). Meanwhile, through the reorganization of the Kosovo Health Project

(borrowing from the World Bank), 375 professionals in various fields of medicine and support staff have been recruited, in order to strengthen professional human capacities

- An agreement for the support of primary health care has been signed with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, which will be implemented up to December 2023, at a value of 8.8 million Swiss francs, furthermore, the grant agreement with Japan for equipment at a value of EUR 800 thousand was reached, i.e. Kosovo Health Support Program - Phase II - KSV/017, and an agreement was signed with the Global Fund for HIV and TB programs.
- The Strategic Plan for Health Promotion and Education 2021, the Strategic Plan for Maternal, Child and Reproductive Health 2021, as well as the Action Plan for the Prevention of Nosocomial Infections have been approved.
- Three clinical guidelines have been adopted, in order to assist health professionals in the contemporary treatment of diseases such as cerebral ischemia, hepatitis C and type 2 diabetes in adults, based on scientific data and evidence.
- The finalized project for the construction of Podujeva Hospital was presented, which will have an area of about 7 thousand 700 meters and will provide services such as: Diagnostics (Radiology Laboratories), Specialized Ambulances, Emergency Service, Internal Medicine, Surgery and Orthopaedics, Gynaecology and Neonatology and Paediatrics.
- The draft law on prevention and control of the COVID-19 pandemic has been approved, while the draft law on reproductive health and assisted fertilization and the draft law on health have been drafted.
- Adoption and signature of the Administrative Instruction (In Health) No. 03/2020 - on Supplementing and Amending the Administrative Instruction 08/2017 - Organizing, Structure, Determining the Structure and Activities of the Primary Health Care Institutions, which has legally enabled serological testing for antibodies to detect SARS COV-2 to be performed in PHC and in the private sector, the Administrative Instruction (in Health) 01/2020 on Supplementation and Amendment of the Administrative Instruction 09/2014 Work Conditions Concerning Space, Professional Personnel and Medical Equipment of the Private Health Institutions Outside Hospitals, and Administrative Instruction (in Health) No. 02/2020 on Supplementation and Amendment

of the Administrative Instruction 06/2015 General and Special Hospital Conditions. In terms of standards, 11 clinical guidelines and protocols have been adopted.

8. Agriculture and rural development

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to achieve its program and support citizens and businesses engaged in the field of agriculture and rural development, who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, has undertaken support and mitigation measures in the agriculture and forestry sector.

The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are:

- Online application modules have been developed in order to increase the transparency and better management of the implementation of the Rural Development Program and the protection of farmers' health, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 198 projects (fruits and vegetables/greenhouses) were approved in the first call for the application of Measure 101: Investments in physical assets in agricultural holdings/investments at farm level.

Rural Development Program 2020-21, first call for applications		% of public support	No. of approved projects
Measure 101: Investments in physical assets in agricultural holdings 198			
101.1	Fruit tree	60	66
101.2.1	Nut tree (walnuts, hazelnuts)	60	20
101.2.1	The vegetable and greenhouse sector	60	112
Measure 103 - Investments in physical assets for processing and trade in agricultural products 22			
103.1	Milk processing	50	3
103.2	Meat processing	50	4
103.3	Fruits and vegetables processing	50	11
103.4	Wine production	50	4
Measure 302: Farm diversification and rural business development 127			
302.1	Honey production	65	52
302.3	Processing of agricultural products in households	65	23

302.4	Development of handicraft activities	65	15
302.7	Growing poultry for eggs and meat	65	37
Measure	Measures for irrigation of agricultural lands	80	1
Total			348

- 22 projects in the food processing industry (meat, milk, fruits and vegetables including wine) were approved in the first call for application of Measure 103: investments in physical assets in the processing and trade in agricultural products.
- 131 projects were approved (honey production, processing of agricultural products in households, development of handicraft activities, growing poultry for eggs and meat) in the first call for application of Measure 302: Farm diversification and rural business development.

Sub-measures of the first call for application which have been approved		127		Sub-measures of the second call for application which are being prepared for publication	
302.1.	Honey production	52	302.2.	Collection, processing and promotion of non-wood products of mountain	
302.2	Processing of household agricultural products	23	302.4.	Development of handicraft activities	
302.4.	Development of handicraft activities	15	302.6.	Aquaculture/fish farming	
302.7	Growing poultry for eggs and meat	37			

- The Direct Payments Program for 2020 has been drafted in three sectors of agriculture: grain, horticulture and livestock. 28 thousand 600 farmers were supported in the total budget amount of 35 million 102 thousand 277 Euros and 17 cents. The second phase of Direct Payments, part of the Economic Recovery Package for the Agriculture Sector, is also in the process of implementation.

- A total of 5,096 laboratory tests were conducted in various fields with an impact on food safety (protection of plants, soil, fertilizers and irrigation water, seed quality, food quality and chemical waste).
- The Master Plan for irrigation of agricultural lands has been drafted.
- Vertical integration and value chain development from production to farming - food processing to trade/storage depots and markets - has been promoted. By promoting the contact of producers and processors, who are beneficiaries of projects from RDP and markets, on the other hand, it is foreseen to conclude about 800 -1000 contracts between producers, processors, and traders.
- Much has been done to diversify farms and develop rural businesses where 127 projects have been approved aimed at creating and developing alternative economic activities in rural areas, promoting and developing the business of non-agricultural products, improving access to services for agricultural farms and the rural population, as well as promoting rural tourism.
- 31 requests were received for change of destination of agricultural land for non-agricultural activities, and during the reporting period, 20 consents were given, 6 refusals, and 8 cases are in the review procedure.
- Forest Management Plans (FMP) are being implemented for a total of about 10 thousand 850 hectares of forests in 5 Management Units.
- A total of 290 workers have been hired, for a period of two months. Their engagement was made in the period of activities at the end of the year, in the following activities: marking of timber in quantities of about 55 thousand m³, in afforestation of bare areas, in pruning and maintenance of fire strips as well as pruning of branches in new forests.
- About 1 million 395 thousand seedlings have been produced. Foresting a total of 374 hectares (of which 139 hectares with seasonal workers, and 235 hectares through contracted economic operators);

9. Infrastructure, energy, mining, water and environment

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to fulfil its Program, has taken measures in the sector of infrastructure, energy, mining, water and environment, in order to facilitate the transportation of people and goods, energy efficiency, proper utilization of minerals, healthy water and clean environment. The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are:

- The project for the rehabilitation of the road "Entrance to the City of Ferizaj", which is a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, has been signed. The length of the project is 5.6 kilometres with four lanes and will contain lighting, sidewalks and all standards.
- The tender for the road Kiev-Zahaq has been announced and the general rehabilitation (construction works) for the first phase of the 10th Railway Line (Fushë Kosovë-Hani i Elezit) has continued.
- During the reporting period, in the field of road infrastructure, MI has prepared design tasks for the design of implementation projects and the same have been given to the design company for projects: Drafting the Project for Expansion of the road R101 (Mitrovica-Peja), Segment Mitrovica-Skënderaj; Project for solving the part of the road and the protective wall in Veternik; Drafting of the project for expansion of the road N25-segment Prishtina-Roundabout Besi; Drafting the project for expansion of the road N2 - QMI to the entrance of Lipjan; Drafting of the 'A' road project - M. of Prishtina; Working on the design task for drafting the implementation project for the four-lane expansion of the national road Mitrovica-Leposavic - Border with the northern neighbour.
- Requests for initiation of procurement procedures for projects have been prepared: Construction of the bridge on the National Road N9, segment Peja - Kuqishtë, location Drelaj; and Lighting Adjustment on the Morine-Merdare R7 Motorway.
- The procedures for the selection of the company which will do the general rehabilitation (construction works) of the second phase of the 10th Railway Line (Fushë Kosovë - Mitrovica) are being completed, and afterward, the evaluation by the EBRD and the EU is expected so that the contract will be signed in the first quarter of 2021.

- Terms of Reference have been drafted for the drafting of the Technical Detail Design Project for the Rehabilitation and Modernization of the Third Phase of the 10th Railway Line (Mitrovica - Leshak - border with Serbia).
- Preliminary design project for the 7th railway line (Fushë Kosovë - Podujevë - Border with the northern neighbour) is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2021.
- The feasibility study for the line Prishtina - Prishtina Airport is nearing completion. This project is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2021.
- Operators of road passenger transport by bus have been exempted from payment of administrative fees for the period of 3 years, 2020-2023, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A bilateral agreement on international road transport of passengers and goods has been signed between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the United Kingdom, which will provide opportunities for easier access of resident operators to the European market.
- A Memorandum of Cooperation has been signed between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the Government of the Republic of Albania, for the construction of the railway line between the two countries, which would undoubtedly enable easier and safer access to seaports.
- 21 projects of national roads with a length of 54.33km in total have been managed.
- In regional roads, 11 road projects have been worked on in total 96.10km, while 77 local road projects with a total length of 77km have been worked on, financed by MI or in co-financing with municipal assemblies.
- In the framework of national and regional road management, during this period, work has been done on the installation of vertical signalling in seven (7) regions, respectively fourteen (14) sub-regions of Kosovo.
- Activities in horizontal signalling have also started. Vertical and horizontal signalling and road equipment works were performed on five (5) Lots or 912 km of National and Regional roads.
- The maintenance of R6 and R7 Motorways in the length of 148km has been done, as well as progress was done on the summer maintenance - SM of the road network under the responsibility of MI, where work has been done on: patching the potholes, clearing the vegetation from the road strip, opening canals along the roads throughout Kosovo,

collecting garbage on the road strip and laying asphalt on some degraded roads based on maintenance contracts. Elastic restraints have also been placed on dangerous road segments.

- In the framework of the execution of borrowing from the EBRD, the execution of works has started in: entrance to the city of Gjilan; entrance to the city of Prizren and rehabilitation of the road Klllokot - Gjilan in a total value of EUR 14 million. Project "Expansion of the main road M2 Millosheva-Mitrovica": (1). The segment "Gojbulë - Smrekovnica", borrowing from the Islamic Development Bank ended in total on 20 November 2020. (2) The segment "Lumi Madh - Gojbulë", borrowing from the Saudi Development Fund and OFID, due to expropriation problems, the progress of the physical performance of the works have stalled at 15%.

The following measures have been taken in the energy sector:

- The Energy Strategy 2021-2030 has been drafted and the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) 2021-2030 is being drafted.
- The terms of reference for the joint feasibility study for the North Macedonia-Kosovo gas pipeline have been prepared, after the approval of the grant by the WBIF Steering Committee in the amount of EUR 653 thousand and 250.
- Terms of reference have been prepared on the other program planning for natural gas, based on the recommendations from the joint pre-feasibility study for the Albania-Kosovo gas pipeline regarding the preparation of the Master Plan for the distribution of natural gas in Kosovo, after the application and agreement of the grant through the WBIF platform in the amount of EUR 1.5 million.
- The first phase of the project for decommissioning and dismantling of nitrogen, gasification and heating at the location of TPP Kosova A has been completed.
- Energy efficiency measures are being implemented in 27 school buildings, financed through BRK, with a contracted value of EUR 1 million 670 thousand 167. So far, the supervisory commissions have made the acceptances for the performance of the works according to the contracts divided into 4 lots. In the framework of the Program for the implementation of EE measures, the Municipalities of Deçan, Kamenica and Ferizaj were

financially supported in 2020 in the amount of EUR 619 thousand in the field of public lighting.

- EE measures are being implemented in 30 buildings of public institutions that are financed through loans. About 76% of the contract value has been carried out so far. The 6th package of the renovation of 15 public buildings where we are in the process of evaluating bids has been published. Another activity of the WB is the creation of HOA Housing Councils for the preparation of audit reports and designs for 19 residential buildings which include the value of EUR 237 thousand, which is 90% completed so far. The publication of the new activity "Preparing the market study for the Energy Saving Company (ESCO) in the housing sector, public service, private service, and industry" was done during December. We are finalizing two contracts which are completed by the end of the year "Support for the generation of renewable energy integrated in the network" with a contract value of EUR 743 thousand 577 and "3-minute video campaign" at a value of EUR 19 thousand 470.
- The project proposal "Installation of Solar Systems in Schools of the Republic of Kosovo" has been prepared in 1 thousand 216 schools in municipalities, in the amount of EUR 20 million 3 thousand 200. This project is part of the Government investment plan 2021-2025. Also, a draft proposal "Access for people with disabilities and/or reduced mobility to public buildings at the local level" has been prepared for 97 municipal buildings which will be funded by the European Commission.
- The drafting of the Mining Strategy Implementation Program (MSIP) for the period 2021-2023 has started.
- The report of environmental indicators and the annual report on the state of the air in Kosovo for 2019 have been published and the report on the state of the environment 2018-2019 has been prepared, which has been approved by the Government of Kosovo and has been sent for review in the Assembly of Kosovo.
- An inventory of air emission sources and modelling of the distribution of air pollutants for the entire territory of Kosovo has been prepared, within the project for environmental data, which is being implemented by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC).
- The technical specification has been prepared and the economic operator has been contracted for the implementation of the project "Advancement and automation of the

existing meteorological network", through which 5 meteorological stations will be installed for automatic measurement and real-time data transfers.

- In the framework of the program for cooperation with the European Environment Agency, reporting was carried out on protected areas, air emissions, greenhouse gas inventory, large combustion plants, air quality, and the real-time reporting of air quality data for 12 monitoring stations of the national monitoring network is included in the European Air Quality Index.
- 15 new trucks for municipal waste collection have been supplied to the municipalities: Rahovec, Malisheva, Dragash and Suhareka, as assistance from Japan.
- The assessment has been finalized and the Annual Report on the management of municipal waste and illegal landfills in all municipalities of Kosovo for 2019 has been prepared. The construction of a municipal waste separation and recycling plant in the Municipality of Mitrovica is also finalized, a project in a value of EUR 3 million.

Assessment for the distribution of illegal landfills by regions 2018-2019

No.	Regions	Total illegal landfills 2018	Total illegal landfills 2019	Addition-elimination of illegal landfills 2018-2019
R1	PRISHTINA REGION	582	313	-269
R2	MITROVICA REGION	221	222	1
R3	PEJA REGION	342	141	-201
R4	PRIZREN REGION	448	298	-150
R5	FERIZAJ REGION	158	127	-31
R6	GJILAN REGION	377	325	-52
R7	GJAKOVA REGION	118	63	-55

KOSOVO	2246	1489	-757
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- A database on hazardous industrial waste and chemicals has been prepared, data correction was conducted and staff has been trained to maintain and enter these data.
- The cooperation project between the Kosovo Environmental Protection Agency and the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, worth SEK 9 million (Swedish krona), has been finalized and approved by the Swedish Embassy in Kosovo.
- The process of drafting the document of the Spatial Plan for the National Park "Bjeshket e Nemuna" has been completed.
- The Zonal Map of Kosovo has been drafted, which has been sent for approval to the Government.
- During this period, in the framework of the reforms started in order to unify and clarify the procedures for property registration in the cadastre, the following measures have been taken: development of a module for automatic registration of mortgages through the Kosovo Cadastral Land Information System (KCLIS), for the needs of financial institutions; the cooperation between KCA and Post of Kosovo has been capitalized by entering postal areas in the address system; Web service built in the cadastral information system of KCA has been developed, which provides cadastral data for property tax assessment; the COVID-19 stratum has been also developed in the graphical data system and has been updated and replicated in Geoportal on a daily basis.
- A total of 207 cases were processed for property compensation with 327 reports in a financial value of EUR 10 million 854 thousand 385.
- The Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) of a part of the villages of Hade, Palaj, Sibovc, Shipitulle and Leshkoshiq has been approved, in an area of 129 ha, and 15 rulings have been drafted for the allocation of land in the location of Hade e Re in Shkabaj.

10. Defence and security

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to fulfil its Program, has taken measures in the defence and security sector, including those for the implementation of the General Transition Plan and international agreements in the security sector aimed at advancing the legal framework, strengthening the combat against crime and corruption, international cooperation, preparation of forces for participation in peacekeeping missions, border control and integrated border management, as well as increasing the integrity of law enforcement.

The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are:

- The Kosovo Security Strategy 2021-2030 has been drafted and approved by the Kosovo Security Council, as an umbrella security strategy which defines Kosovo's strategic objectives in the security sector.
- The Defence Strategy has been drafted, which aims to define the strategic objectives of defence and the development of the strategic concept of defence.
- The Strategy against Terrorism and Violent Extremism Leading to Terrorism 2021-2025 has been drafted.
- The Government of Kosovo has allocated funds in the amount of EUR 1 million 598 thousand 100 to active police officers for increased engagement in the field and directly exposed while implementing tasks for pandemic management. This amount of funds was allocated to 6 thousand 124 police officers in the amount of EUR 100 for each month in the period October, November and December.
- 332 operations, 42 operational plans and 610 raids were carried out by the Kosovo Police, in the framework of the fight against organized crime and corruption. As a result, 945 cases were handled and 434 criminal charges were filed against 727 persons.
- The operational plan in Karaqevea was successfully implemented, where 12 police officers were arrested in the fight against organized crime.
- 799 persons suspected of serious criminal offenses were arrested and 20 criminal groups were hit.
- 7.69 kg of heroin, 256 kg of cocaine, 96 kg of marijuana and 2.85 kg of amphetamine were seized, and 5,579 cannabis plants were destroyed.

- The draft law on humanitarian demining has been approved by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.
- A concept document for sending KSF members on missions abroad has been approved and a concept document for the military police has been drafted.
- In the framework of the implementation of the General Transition Plan, the process of reorganization of the structure has been completed and the movements in the General Staff, Command and Subordinate Units have been carried out.
- The recruitment of 18 cadets in USC and 8 cadets in academies outside Kosovo has been completed and the recruitment of 400 other recruits in the KSF is continuing.
- 60 different courses/trainings/seminars with 119 members have been completed in 6 different partner countries. 50 members are continuing their training in 30 different courses/trainings in 7 different partner countries. 6 cadets have completed their studies at military academies and colleges in 3 partner countries, while 39 cadets/members are continuing their studies at military academies/colleges in 5 different partner countries. 14 cadets have completed their studies at the KSF University Studies Centre. In the Doctrine and Training Command, 46 specialized course/trainings were conducted with 970 members. Also, 80 KSF members have participated in 3 field exercises abroad.
- A total of 7 projects have been implemented, in the total value of EUR 1 million 457 thousand 140 and 73 cents. Regarding infrastructure investments, a total of 2 projects have been implemented, in the amount of EUR 1 million 736 thousand 686 and 57 cents. Regarding the capital infrastructure projects, of the following investments, for the period 2020-21, there are a total of 4 projects in the total value of contracts, with the amount of EUR 2 million 221 thousand 79 and 07 cents.
- In the framework of cooperation with strategic partners, the MoD and the KSF have participated in various conferences and visits, and have organized the local conference “KSF and Partners 2020”.
- The Kosovo Security Force participated with a contingent of 12 members in the exercises “KFOR 27” and “KFOR 28” held in Germany on 16 February - 10 March 2020 and 1 October - 8 November 2020 organized by “US Army Europe”.
- The MoD and the KSF are in the process of preparing for KSF members to join US military peacekeepers in Kuwait and Iraq, and an agreement is under way with the US to

participate in peace support operations in collaboration with the IOWA National Guard. The deployment of the KSF is planned to take place within the US Central Command (U.S. CENTCOM) which is responsible for US military operations in the Middle East, Iraq and Afghanistan.

- The MoD and the KSF have received donations in the total amount of EUR 1 million 626 thousand 435 and 60 cents in the field of defence.
- The following agreements have been signed within the MIA: Working Agreement with EUROPOL, Working Agreement between the MIA, the Ministry of Health and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), as well as the Agreement on Police Cooperation with the MIA of the Italian Republic. These agreements will provide: direct cooperation between the Kosovo Police and EUROPOL, data exchange and cooperation in the field of drugs, and will strengthen the joint efforts of Kosovo and Italy in preventing and combating all forms of trans-national crime, violent extremism and terrorism.
- The Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Cases of Natural and Other Disasters was signed between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania.
- The draft law on amending and supplementing Law No. 05/L-015 on Identity Card has been approved by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.
- The draft law on public gatherings with the recommendations issued by the Venice Commission, the draft law on cyber security and the draft law on retirement of police officers have been drafted, and the legal framework in the security sector has been advanced through the adoption of 24 bylaws.
- 286 repatriated persons were received in an organized manner, while the Ministry of Internal Affairs supported 956 repatriated persons with reintegration schemes. 19 persons with international protection have benefited from the integration schemes for foreigners. Among other things, the response plan for the management of any possible influx of migrants has been updated and the regulation on the composition and functioning of the Government Migration Authority has been finalized. To define the strategic objectives in the field of migration, the Migration Strategy 2021-2025 has been drafted, which also integrates the objectives for the reintegration of persons.

- The project for “Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in the Western Balkans” was signed worth EUR 5 million.

11. Social protection and integration in employment

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to fulfil its Program, has taken measures for social protection and employment, which include those for the implementation of social schemes provided by the recovery fund, ordinary social schemes, regulation of the legal framework in the field of social protection and employment, development of employment policies and measures for inspections in the public and private sector.

The measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are:

- The right to social assistance has been realized for over 24 thousand and 500 families, with about 100 thousand members, who have received social assistance of EUR 60-180 per month based on the number of family members, as well as additional EUR 5 for families with children aged 0-18 years.
- In the framework of the implementation of the measures of the Fiscal Emergency Package, the new scheme of monthly assistance for families without income has been implemented, benefiting about 30 thousand families, with an amount of over EUR 12 million. The total amount of support for the regular payment of families under the social assistance scheme for 2020 was over EUR 31 million, while the amount of doubling the payments made to families under the social assistance scheme for six months from the two packages was about EUR 15 million.
- Payment of compensations for families caring for children with disabilities has been executed, as part of which over 2 thousand and 288 children with disabilities received EUR 100. Under this program, EUR 100 were also given to over 550 children without parental care and EUR 250-350 to about 60 abandoned children. The amount of support for these schemes from the Kosovo Budget for 2020, including the addition from the Fiscal Emergency Package, was about EUR 4 million.
- About 72 individuals/families have benefited from the one-time/emergency assistance scheme. The payments under this scheme ranged from EUR 100 to 300.

- Electricity consumption has been subsidized for families benefiting from the Social Assistance Scheme, Martyrs' Families and War Invalids Scheme, Blind Persons' Scheme and Paraplegic and Tetraplegic Persons' Scheme for 2019. Over 36 thousand families have benefited from this agreement. The total amount of funds spent is EUR 4.5 million.
- 10 shelters and 29 licensed organizations for the provision of social and family services were supported and financed, where the amount of support for this year was about EUR 800 thousand.
- The concept document on social assistance scheme reform has been drafted and four draft regulations in the field of social entrepreneurship have been approved, which are: draft Regulation (GRK) No. 17/2020 on registration procedures of social enterprises, draft Regulation (GRK) No. 18/2020 on reporting procedures of the achievement of social objectives and financial reports, draft Regulation (GRK) No. 19/2020 of procedures for obtaining, rejection and forfeiture of social enterprise status, draft Regulation (GRK) No. 20/2020 on responsible authorities of monitoring, auditing, and procedures for fines and complaints of social enterprises.
- The draft concept document on regulation and management of the field of pensions and social security benefits and the draft law amending Law No. 04/L-131 on pension schemes financed by the state have been drafted.
- The agreement on social security has been signed between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Republic of Kosovo and an agreement on mobility at work has been reached between the Employment Agency of the Republic of Kosovo and the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Albania.
- The review of the Action Plan of the Sectoral Strategy for the period 2021-2022 has been finalized, the Employment Policy has been prepared, which aims to increase the performance of public employment services, and the draft Intersectoral Strategy on Safety and Health at Work 2021-2026 and Action Plan have been drafted for the first time.
- In terms of employment statistics, the total number of unemployed registered by public employment services until 15 December 2020 is about 201 thousand and 935 people. The Employment Agency, through its employment offices, registered 10 thousand 302

vacancies until 15 December 2020, while the total number of employment intermediaries was about 6 thousand and 854.

- The Government of the Republic of Kosovo has approved the draft law on labour, the draft law on maternity leave and parental leave, the draft law on the Labour Inspectorate and the draft law amending and supplementing Law No. 04/L-004 on the Economic and Social Council.
- The concept document on improvement and advancement of legislation in the field of occupational safety and health has been approved, while the concept document for the posting of foreign workers to the Republic of Kosovo has been drafted.
- The draft administrative instructions on regulation and determination of criteria and procedures for registration of trade unions, and the draft administrative instruction amending and supplementing Administrative Instruction No. 12/2011 on registration of collective agreements have been drafted, while Regulation No. 04/2014 on minimum requirements of safety and health at work has been approved. In addition, Draft Regulation No. 02/2020 amending and supplementing Regulation No. 05/2014 on minimum requirements of safety and health at work for work equipment, the new draft regulation for certification and licensing of persons who exercise activities in the field of SHW, as well as the new draft regulation for risk assessment in the workplace have been drafted.
- Over 6 thousand and 505 inspections have been carried out, involving over 24 thousand and 689 employees, and about 10 thousand and 779 requests of the public and private sector have been handled, which were related to the violation of rights from the employment relationship and safety and health at work.

12. Culture, youth and sport

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to fulfil its Program, has undertaken measures in the sector of culture, youth and sport, including for the construction of stadiums and various sports centres, supporting cinematography, supporting youth employment and entrepreneurship, and supporting cultural heritage.

Measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in these areas are:

- The renovation of the National Library of Kosovo “Pjetër Bogdani”, the first phase of the construction of the building of the Cultural Centre “Ukë Bytyqi” in Suhareka and the Youth Cultural Centre in Hani i Elezit have been completed.
- Construction of the Cultural Centre “Hasan Prishtina” in Vushtrri has commenced, as well as the renovation of the roof of the House of Culture “Hasan Prishtina” in Skënderaj, which are on the verge of completion, while a contract has been signed with the economic operator for the renovation of the National Theatre of Kosovo.
- A Cooperation Agreement has been signed with the University of Prishtina for mutual cooperation for the Museum of Natural History and a Cooperation Agreement for scholarships. Based on the agreement, the evaluation panel concluded the process by selecting 6 scholarship beneficiaries: 3 for studies in the field of archaeology-prehistoric period, 1 for studies in archaeology, 1 for studies of the period of late antiquity and early Middle Ages, 1 for superior studies on classic letters.
- All actions have been taken to launch, develop, monitor and evaluate the youth employment program, which has been developed through four employment schemes as well as a series of necessary activities such as: preparation of terms of reference for entrepreneurship training, evaluation of projects, coordination of all activities, monitoring and evaluation of results.
- As part of the Action Plan for Increasing Youth Employment 2018-2020, three schemes for increasing youth employment have been developed: the soft skills scheme in which about 100 young people have been trained, the entrepreneurship training scheme in which 500 young people have been trained, and the vocational training program including certification, aimed at increasing youth activity through employment and professional capacity development, which, pursuant to the needs of the labour market, is 755 young

people. 162 young people were supported to open their start-up businesses and 74 organizations were supported with their project proposals, in a total value of EUR 230 thousand.

- The renovation of “Adem Jashari” Stadium in Mitrovica (category IV, in accordance with UEFA/FIFA standards) as well as the construction of tennis courts in Ferizaj have started, while the renovation of the stadium in Kamenica has been completed and the Stadium in Runik has been inaugurated.
- The construction of football stadiums has started in Gjilan, Suhareka, Drenas, Hani i Elezit, Shtime, Lipjan, Podujeva, Novoselë of Peja, Prizren, and Kaçanik.
- The construction of sports halls has started in Vrella of Istog, Zhipotok of Dragash, Greme of Ferizaj, Drenoc, Skenderaj, Kaçanik, Viti, Dragash, Peja, Lipjan, Podujeva and Fushë Kosovë.
- A total of 656 clubs have been assisted with EUR 1 million 434 thousand and 200 as part of financial assistance from the economic recovery fund.
- The concept document on copyright and related rights, regulation amending Regulation No. 01/2012 on issuing or obtaining permits of associations for collective administration of rights, and the guide for associations for the administration of copyright and related rights have been drafted, while the regulation on competencies, authorizations and procedures of inspection and complaints of the cultural heritage inspectorate has been approved.
- The Law on the Philharmonic, Opera and Ballet of Kosovo has been approved, while the amendment to the Law on State Archives and the amendment to the Law on Youth Empowerment and Participation have been drafted.
- 153 memoranda of cooperation have been signed in the field of culture, youth and sports, which supported various activities, including municipalities, sports federations, athletes, coaches and other institutions.
- Five (5) international agreements have been signed: Joint Annual Cultural Calendar between the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of the Republic of Kosovo and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Albania; Film Co-production Agreement between the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of the Republic of Kosovo and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Albania; Memorandum of Cooperation in the field of Books

between the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of the Republic of Kosovo and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Albania; Memorandum of Cooperation in the field of Sports between the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of the Republic of Kosovo and the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth of the Republic of Albania to support the Joint League established between the Basketball Federation of Kosovo and the Albanian Basketball Federation; and the Cinematographic Co-Production Agreement between the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Turkey.

- 38 projects have been supported, which brought innovations in terms of the current pandemic situation. The projects mainly pay special attention to the visualization of cultural heritage in general. The budget for supporting projects in the field of cultural heritage for individuals is EUR 70 thousand and 350, while for NGOs it is EUR 186 thousand.
- Individuals and non-governmental organizations were supported at a financial value of over EUR 80 thousand in marking the European Heritage Days.
- 19 projects of individuals at the financial value of over EUR 100 thousand have been supported as subsidizing in the field of culture, cultural heritage, youth and sports.
- In terms of cinematography during this period, a considerable number of films co-financed by the CCK have represented Kosovo in the most prestigious film festivals in the world, such as: 'Andromeda Galaxy', debut film by More Raça and 'Exil' by Visar Morina were part of the main category at this year's edition of the Sarajevo Festival. 'Exil' in Sarajevo has won the main prize of the 'Heart of Sarajevo' festival in a ceremony organized online due to the situation created by Covid-19.
- Kosovo has been represented in the most important festivals in the world, such as the Sarajevo Festival, Work in Progress, Bern, IFF War on Screen, Chalons en Champagne!, Sundance, Cairo International Film Festival, Critics Week Competition, Berlinale, Toronto and Sydney, with the films "Andromeda Galaxy", "Exil", "Fairy" and "Flying Circus". In addition to international awards, the film "Exil" by Visar Morina has been nominated for an Oscar 2021.
- The former Pristina Prison building has been declared a Museum and is open to visitors.
- The Management Plan for the Historic Centre of Prizren and the Management Plan for the Castle of Prizren have been approved.

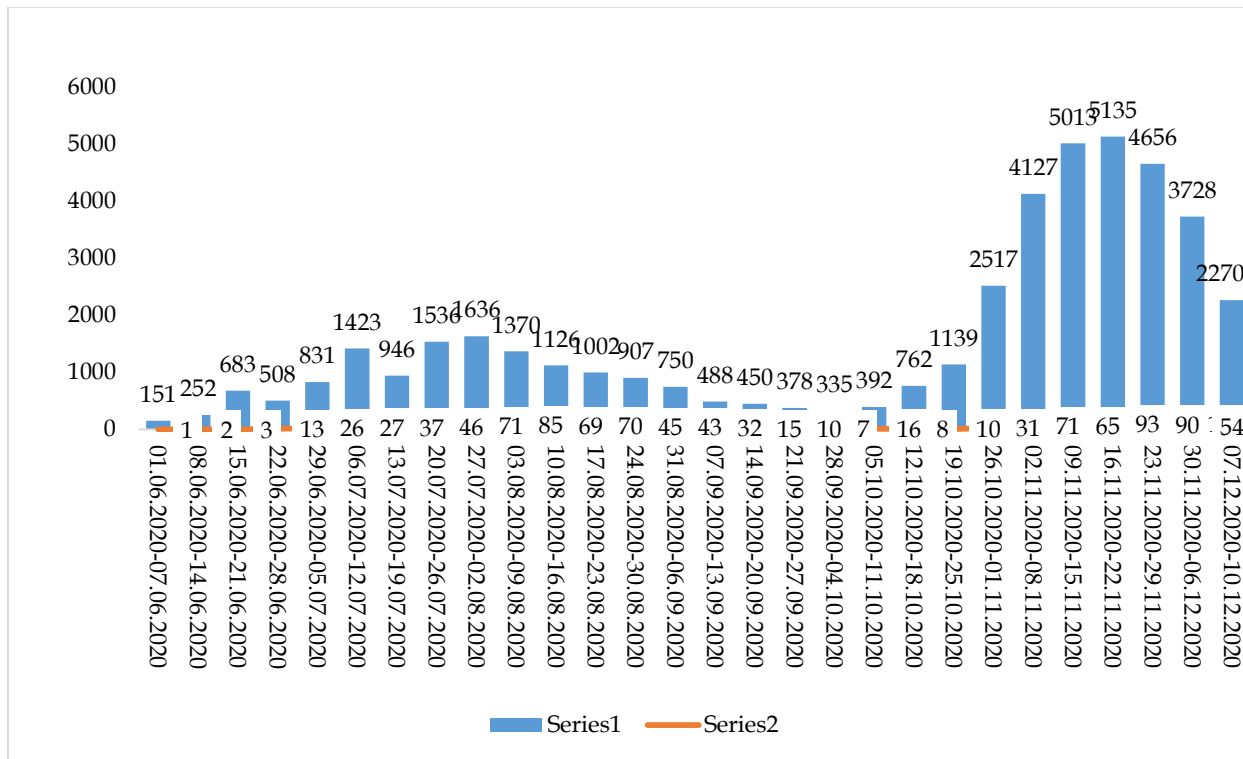
Annex I: Data on COVID-19 for June - December 2020

Number of positive and negative cases with COVID-19 from 01.06.2020 to 10.12.2020.

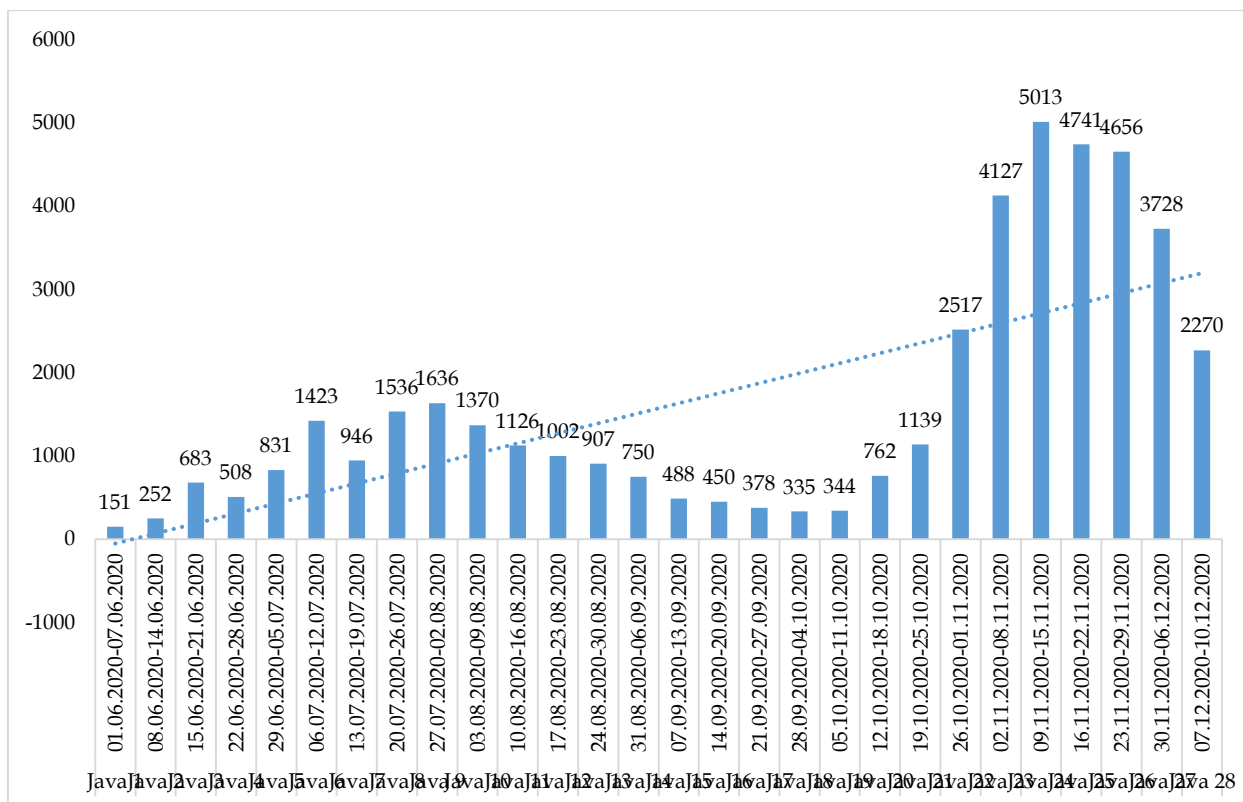
From 01.06.2020 to 10.12.2020, a total of 145.301 samples were tested, suspicious for the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Testing in such large numbers was done in order to track all contacts of confirmed cases which were found proactively by NIPHK teams. A total of 44,511 cases were diagnosed with SARS-CoV-2 (incidence 2500.6/100,000) and 1,144 deaths were reported (mortality 64.3/100,000). (Table 1, Graphs 1 and 2).

Table 1. Number of positive and negative cases with COVID-19 from 01.06.2020 to 10.12.2020

						Numri i banorë	1780000
Javet	Data	Pozitive	Negative	Total i mostrave	Vdekjet	Raste në 100.000 banorë	Vdekje në 100.000 banorë
Java 1	01.06.2020-07.06.2020	151	1555	1706	1	8.5	0.1
Java 2	08.06.2020-14.06.2020	252	1586	1838	2	14.2	0.1
Java 3	15.06.2020-21.06.2020	683	2283	2966	3	38.4	0.2
Java 4	22.06.2020-28.06.2020	508	1413	1921	13	28.5	0.7
Java 5	29.06.2020-05.07.2020	831	1075	1906	26	46.7	1.5
Java 6	06.07.2020-12.07.2020	1423	1488	2911	27	79.9	1.5
Java 7	13.07.2020-19.07.2020	946	2379	3325	37	53.1	2.1
Java 8	20.07.2020-26.07.2020	1536	1642	3178	46	86.3	2.6
Java 9	27.07.2020-02.08.2020	1636	1509	3145	71	91.9	4.0
Java 10	03.08.2020-09.08.2020	1370	1917	3287	85	77.0	4.8
Java 11	10.08.2020-16.08.2020	1126	2155	3281	69	63.3	3.9
Java 12	17.08.2020-23.08.2020	1002	2244	3246	70	56.3	3.9
Java 13	24.08.2020-30.08.2020	907	2467	3374	45	51.0	2.5
Java 14	31.08.2020-06.09.2020	750	2558	3308	43	42.1	2.4
Java 15	07.09.2020-13.09.2020	488	3494	3982	32	27.4	1.8
Java 16	14.09.2020-20.09.2020	450	3732	4182	15	25.3	0.8
Java 17	21.09.2020-27.09.2020	378	3639	4017	10	21.2	0.6
Java 18	28.09.2020-04.10.2020	335	3914	4249	7	18.8	0.4
Java 19	05.10.2020-11.10.2020	392	4023	4415	16	22.0	0.9
Java 20	12.10.2020-18.10.2020	762	4836	5598	8	42.8	0.4
Java 21	19.10.2020-25.10.2020	1139	6065	7204	10	64.0	0.6
Java 22	26.10.2020-01.11.2020	2517	6448	9058	31	141.4	1.7
Java 23	02.11.2020-08.11.2020	4127	7207	11334	71	231.9	4.0
Java 24	09.11.2020-15.11.2020	5013	7316	12329	65	281.6	3.7
Java 25	16.11.2020-22.11.2020	5135	7176	11917	93	288.5	5.2
Java 26	23.11.2020-29.11.2020	4656	6604	11260	90	261.6	5.1
Java 27	30.11.2020-06.12.2020	3728	6368	10096	104	209.4	5.8
Java 28	07.12.2020-10.12.2020	2270	2813	6268	54	127.5	3.0
TOTALI		44511	99906	145301	1144	2500.6	64.3



Graph 1. Positive cases and deaths COVID-19, 01.06-10.12.2020, Kosovo

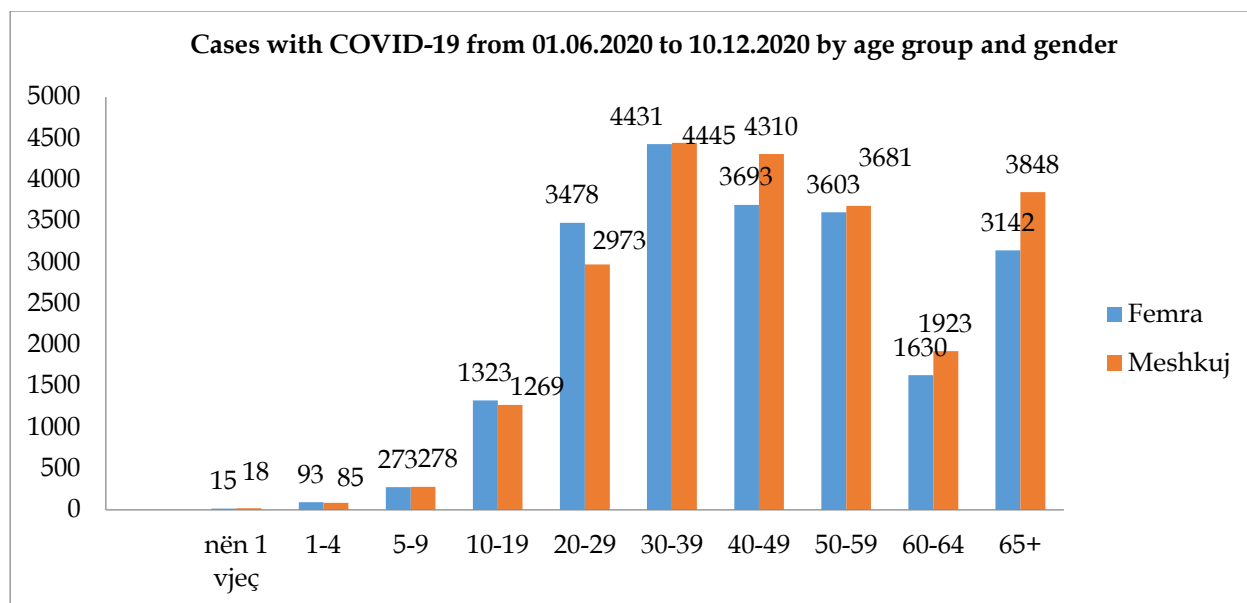


Graph 2. Progress of cases with COVID-19 by weeks, 01.06-10.12.2020, Kosovo

Out of 44.511 confirmed cases, the most affected age group was 30-39 years old with 8876 cases (19.9%), followed by the age group 40-49 with 8003 cases (18%). In the age group over 65 years there were a total of 6990 positive cases (15.7%). The least affected were under 1 year old with a total of 33 cases (0.1%). School ages (5-19 years) are presented with a total of 3143 cases (7.0%). Analysed in terms of gender, in total the most affected were men with 51.3%. The average age of those affected was 44.7 (44.7 ± 18.0) years with a very slight difference between the genders (M: 45.6 ± 18.1 ; F: 43.9 ± 17.9) (Table 2, Graph. 3)

Table 2. COVID-19 cases by age group and gender, 01.06-10.12.2020, Kosovo

Grup mosha	Femra	Meshkuj	Gjithsej	
			N	%
nën 1 vjeç	15	18	33	0.1
1-4	93	85	178	0.4
5-9	273	278	551	1.2
10-19	1323	1269	2592	5.8
20-29	3478	2973	6451	14.5
30-39	4431	4445	8876	19.9
40-49	3693	4310	8003	18.0
50-59	3603	3681	7284	16.4
60-64	1630	1923	3553	8.0
65+	3142	3848	6990	15.7
Total	21681	22830	44511	100.0
Mosha mesatare\pmDS	43.9\pm17.9	45.6\pm18.1	44.7\pm18.0	

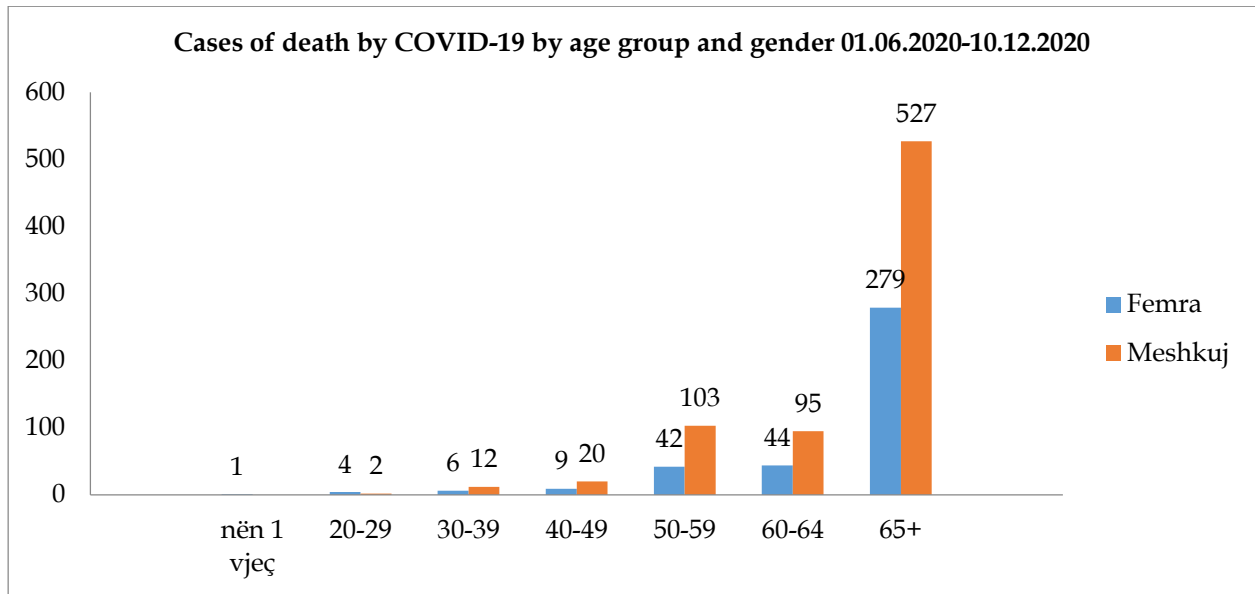


Graph 3. COVID-19 cases, by age group and gender, 01.06-10.12.2020, Kosovo

From 01 June 2020 to 10 December 2020, a total of 1,144 deaths from COVID-19 were reported. Divided by age group, most deaths occurred in the age group over 65 years with a total of 806 cases (70.5%), followed by the age group 50-59 years with 145 cases (12.7%). By gender, the reported cases of death are mostly male with a total of 759 cases (66.3%) compared to female with a total of 385 cases (33.7%). The average age of the deaths in total was 69.3 years (69.3 ± 11.3). (Table 3 and Graph. 4)

Table 3. Cases of death from COVID-19 by age group and gender 01.06.2020 - 10.12.2020

Grup mosha	Femra	Meshkuj	Gjithsej	
			N	%
nën 1 vjeç	1		1	0.1
20-29	4	2	6	0.5
30-39	6	12	18	1.6
40-49	9	20	29	2.5
50-59	42	103	145	12.7
60-64	44	95	139	12.2
65+	279	527	806	70.5
Total	385	759	1144	100.0
Mosha mesatare\pmDS	69.6\pm12.1	69.1\pm10.8	69.3\pm11.3	



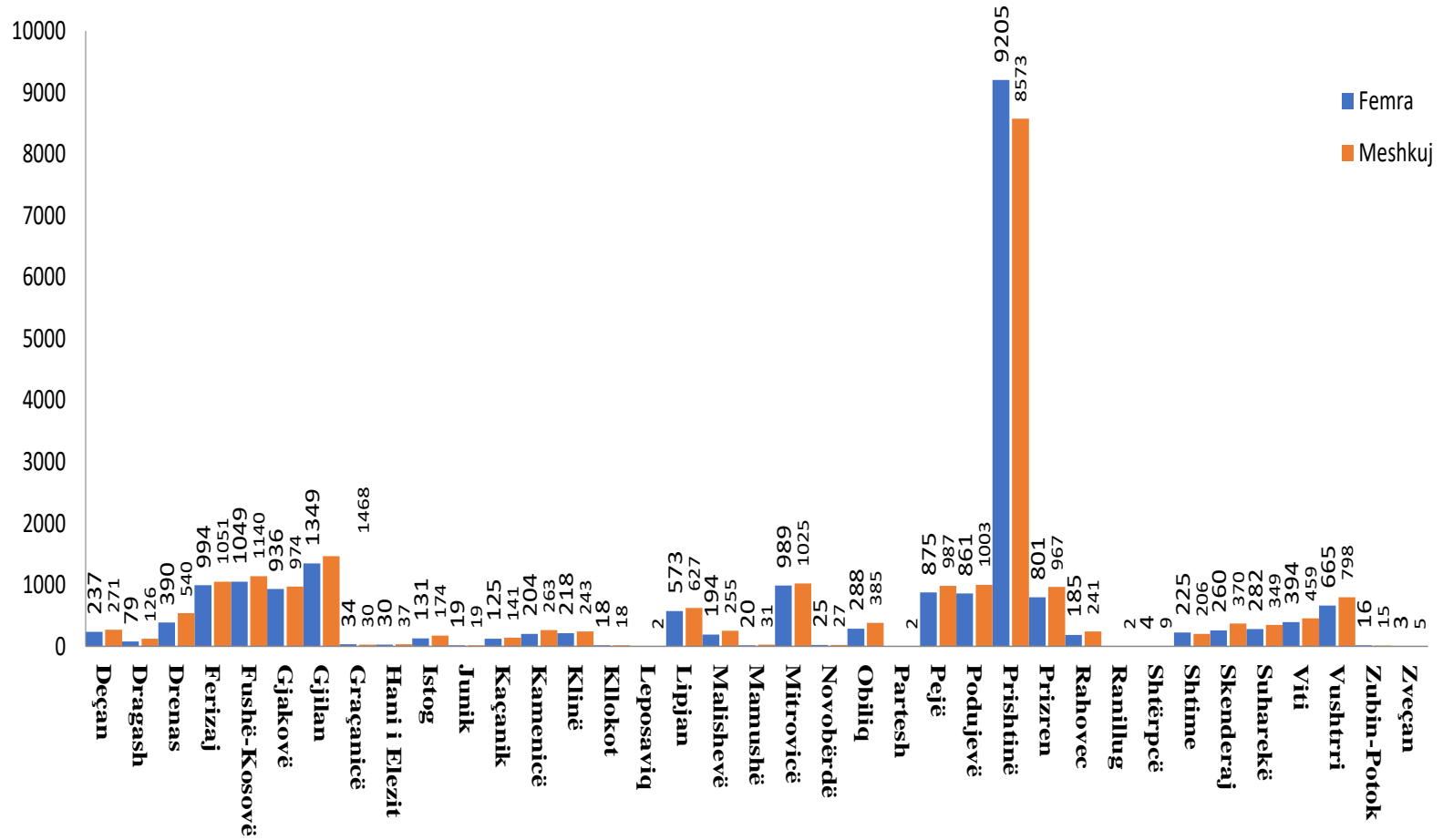
Graph 4. Cases of death from COVID-19 by age group and gender 01.06-10.12.2020

The confirmed cases are presented in the table and graph below, by municipalities and settlements. The most affected municipality turns out to be the municipality of Prishtina with a total of 17,778 COVID-19 confirmed cases, followed by the municipality of Gjilan with 2,817 cases and the municipalities of Ferizaj, Fushe Kosova, Mitrovica, Prizren, Vushtrria, Mitrovica and Peja, as presented in Table 4 and Graph 5.

Table 4. Cases with COVID-19 by municipalities and gender 01.06-10.12.2020

Komuna	Femra	Meshkuj	Gjithsej
Deçan	237	271	508
Dragash	79	126	205
Drenas	390	540	930
Ferizaj	994	1051	2045
Fushë-Kosovë	1049	1140	2189
Gjakovë	936	974	1910
Gjilan	1349	1468	2817
Graçanicë	34	30	64
Hani i Elezit	30	37	67
Istog	131	174	305
Junik	19	19	38
Kaçanik	125	141	266
Kamenicë	204	263	467
Klinë	218	243	461
Klllokot	18	18	36
Leposaviq		2	2
Lipjan	573	627	1200
Malishevë	194	255	449
Mamushë	20	31	51
Mitrovicë	989	1025	2014
Novobërdë	25	27	52
Obiliq	288	385	673
Partesh		2	2
Pejë	875	987	1862
Podujevë	861	1003	1864
Prishtinë	9205	8573	17778
Prizren	801	967	1768
Rahovec	185	241	426
Ranillug		2	2
Shtërpcë	4	9	13
Shtime	225	206	431
Skenderaj	260	370	630
Suharekë	282	349	631
Viti	394	459	853
Vushtrri	665	798	1463
Zubin-Potok	16	15	31
Zveçan	3	5	8
Total	21678	22833	44511

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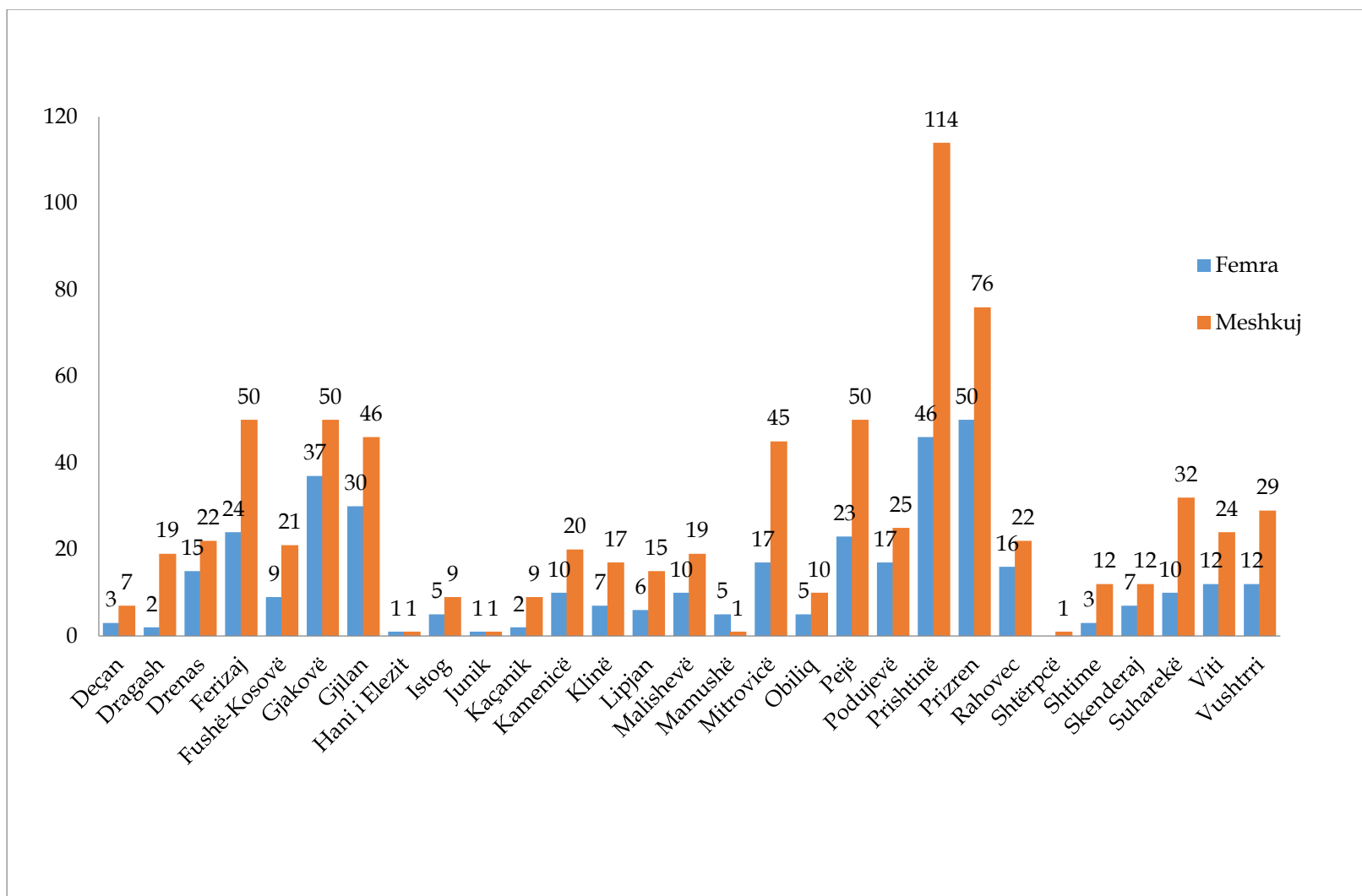


Graph 5. Cases with COVID-19 by municipalities and gender, 01.06-10.12.2020, Kosovo

Out of a total of 1,144 deaths from COVID-19 in Kosovo, analyzed by municipalities, 160 deaths were reported in the municipality of Prishtina, followed by the municipality of Prizren (126 cases), Gjakova 87 cases, Gjilan 76 cases. (Table 5 and Graph. 6)

Table 5. Cases of death by municipalities and gender from 01.06-10.12.2020

Komuna	Femra	Meshkuj	Gjithsej
Deçan	3	7	10
Dragash	2	19	21
Drenas	15	22	37
Ferizaj	24	50	74
Fushë-Kosovë	9	21	30
Gjakovë	37	50	87
Gjilan	30	46	76
Hani i Elezit	1	1	2
Istog	5	9	14
Junik	1	1	2
Kaçanik	2	9	11
Kamenicë	10	20	30
Klinë	7	17	24
Lipjan	6	15	21
Malishevë	10	19	29
Mamushë	5	1	6
Mitrovicë	17	45	62
Obiliq	5	10	15
Pejë	23	50	73
Podujevë	17	25	42
Prishtinë	46	114	160
Prizren	50	76	126
Rahovec	16	22	38
Shtërpcë		1	1
Shtime	3	12	15
Skenderaj	7	12	19
Suharekë	10	32	42
Viti	12	24	36
Vushtrri	12	29	41
Total	385	759	1144



Graph 6. Cases of death by municipalities and gender from 01.06-10.12.2020

HEALTH INSPECTORATE

Inspections and number of reports for the period 01 June - 09 December 2020.

During this period, a total of 503 inspections were performed, presented in tabular form according to the nature (type) of inspections and regions.

Table No. 1. Number, type and distribution of inspections

Inspections during 01 June - 09 December 2020	Region							Total
	Ferizaj	Gjakova	Gjilan	Mitrovica	Peja	Prishtina	Prizren	
Planned	3	15	32	12	6	29	9	106
Re-inspections	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Specific	4	1	/	/	9	41	6	61
Thematic	36	28	30	27	47	138	30	336
Total	43	44	62	39	62	208	45	503

During the period, 1 June to 09 December 2020, a total of 503 inspections were conducted throughout the territory of Kosovo, of which:

- **208 inspections in Prishtina (surroundings):**
 - 29 planned,
 - 41 specific,
 - 138 thematic,
- **43 inspections in Ferizaj:**
 - 3 planned,
 - 4 specific,
 - 36 thematic,
- **44 inspections in Gjakova:**
 - 15 planned,
 - 1 specific
 - 28 thematic,

- **62 inspections in Peja:**
 - 6 planned,
 - 9 specific
 - 47 thematic,
- **45 inspections in Prizren:**
 - 9 planned
 - 6 specific
 - 30 thematic,
- **62 inspections in Gjilan:**
 - 32 planned
 - 30 thematic,
- **39 inspections in Mitrovica:**
 - 12 planned
 - 27 thematic,

Inspections on a monthly basis June-December with tables

Inspections during June 2020	Region							Total
	Ferizaj	Gjakova	Gjilan	Mitrovica	Peja	Prishtina	Prizren	
Planned	/	1	/	/	/	2	/	3
Re-inspections	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Specific	/	/	/	/	2	2	/	4
Thematic	10	14	13	14	23	12	11	97
Total	10	15	13	14	25	16	11	104

Inspections during July 2020	Region							Total
	Ferizaj	Gjakova	Gjilan	Mitrovica	Peja	Prishtina	Prizren	
Planned	1	/	4	/	/	6	/	11
Re-inspections	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

Specific	1	/	/	/	/	7	/	8
Thematic	5	2	1	4	2	16	4	34
Total	7	2	5	4	2	29	4	53

Inspections during August 2020	Region							Total
	Ferizaj	Gjakova	Gjilan	Mitrovica	Peja	Prishtina	Prizren	
Planned	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	1
Re-inspections	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Specific	/	1	/	/	4	6	/	11
Thematic	7	5	7	3	11	33	4	70
Total	7	6	7	3	15	40	4	82

Inspections during September 2020	Region							Total
	Ferizaj	Gjakova	Gjilan	Mitrovica	Peja	Prishtina	Prizren	
Planned	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	1
Re-inspections	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Specific	/	/	/	/	1	10	/	11
Thematic	9	3	5	3	5	31	2	58
Total	9	3	5	3	6	42	2	70

Inspections during October 2020	Region							Total
	Ferizaj	Gjakova	Gjilan	Mitrovica	Peja	Prishtina	Prizren	
Planned	/	/	/	5	2	2	3	12
Re-inspections	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Specific	3	3	/	/	1	10	3	20
Thematic	2	4	2	3	2	42	6	61
Total	5	7	2	8	5	54	12	93

Inspections during November 2020	Region							Total
	Ferizaj	Gjakova	Gjilan	Mitrovica	Peja	Prishtina	Prizren	
Planned	/	8	17	4	3	10	2	44
Re-inspections	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Specific	/	/	/	/	1	5	2	8
Thematic	3	/	2	/	4	2	4	15
Total	3	8	19	4	8	17	8	67

Inspections during the month of December 2020 (01-09.12.2020)	Region							Total
	Ferizaj	Gjakova	Gjilan	Mitrovica	Peja	Prishtina	Prizren	
Planned	2	3	11	3	1	7	4	31
Re-inspections	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Specific	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	1
Thematic	/	/	/	/	/	2	/	2
Total	2	3	11	3	1	10	4	34

Decisions taken on violations found during inspections:

45 first instance decisions with a fine of 64,900 Euros

- 2, health institution carrying out activities without fulfilling the legal conditions defined by the law on health, Article 42 of paragraph 1
- 1, provision of health service without a decision by the Central Board for Registration and Licensing of Health Professionals, of non-Kosovar civil health professionals,
- 1, provision of health service without a decision by the Central Board for Registration and Licensing of Health Professionals, for temporary engagement of a non-Kosovar civil health professional,
- 1, failure to complete health documents according to the manual of AI 02/2010

- 2, non-compliance and disobedience to written remarks by the HI and non-collection, storage and management of data in an orderly and secure manner,
- 1, provision of health service without a valid work license,
- 6, without licence,
- 1, no license of the institution and lack of health professionals,
- 1, health professional has provided health service ignoring the recommendations of the health inspectorate
- 2, health professional practice health care by not adhering to ethical and professional principles,
- 1, promotion and advertising of health services in the field of FAM in contradiction with AI No. 06/2013,
- 1, RTG service not reported to DLA
- 1, violation of legal provisions in force of Article 9 of AI 02/2010,
- 1, administrative violation and for minor offenses in cases when it does not provide the conditions for supervision or prevents the authorized body from performing its duty in accordance with the law,
- 23, violation of the legal provisions of Article 9 and Article 13 of AI 02/2010, violation of the legal provisions of Article 9 and Article 13 of AI 02/2010, where the doctor's signature and facsimile are missing in the patient's medical history or laboratory test sheet

81 second instance decisions:

- 1 second instance decision of the HI, (second instance decision based on the judgment by the Basic Court in Prishtina)
- 27 second instance decisions of the HI
- 53 second instance decisions of the FI

Staff of the Health Inspectorate,

- 1 Chief Health Inspector,
- 1 Executive Assistant,

12 Health Inspectors,

Out of them:

7 officials of the Health Inspectorate have tested positive for Covid 19,

1 inspector has been released due to chronic diseases,

2 self-isolated inspectors as contact person (family) with persons infected with Covid 19 (2 weeks).

PHARMACEUTICAL INSPECTORATE

The work of the Pharmaceutical Inspectorate for the period 01 June - 10 December 2020.

During this period, Pharmaceutical Inspectors have participated in inspections with gastronomic and hotel entities together with the Sanitary Inspectorate and other relevant supervisory bodies implementing these decisions in the management of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For your information refer to the data below:

The total number of inspections for the period 01 January - 10 December 2020 is 658,

The total number of decisions for the period 01 January - 10 December 2020 is 251.

Inspections in Pharmaceutical Institutions

During the period June - December 2020, a total of 304 Inspections were performed.

From 304 inspections that have been carried out, it has resulted that 121 pharmaceutical institutions (warehouses, pharmacies, entities, etc.) have not complied with the legal provisions in force.

Out of 121 pharmaceutical institutions, 74 pharmacies have supplied illegal medicaments, while in 25 pharmacies services were provided in the absence of a pharmacist. In 22 other cases, there have been cases when in Retailers for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices, violations were found for lack of pharmacist and illegal medicaments at the same time.

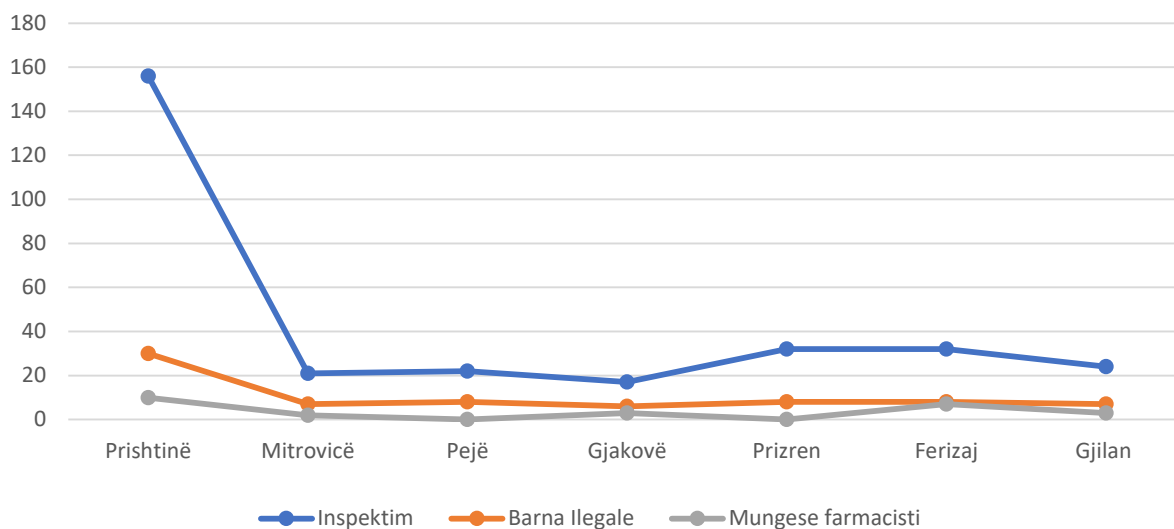
According to the data, in the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic (APRIL) there was an increase in the supply of illegal medicaments from pharmaceutical institutions (warehouses, pharmacies, entities etc.).

It is also worth noting that in the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic (SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER) there was an increase in the supply of illegal medicaments in pharmaceutical institutions.

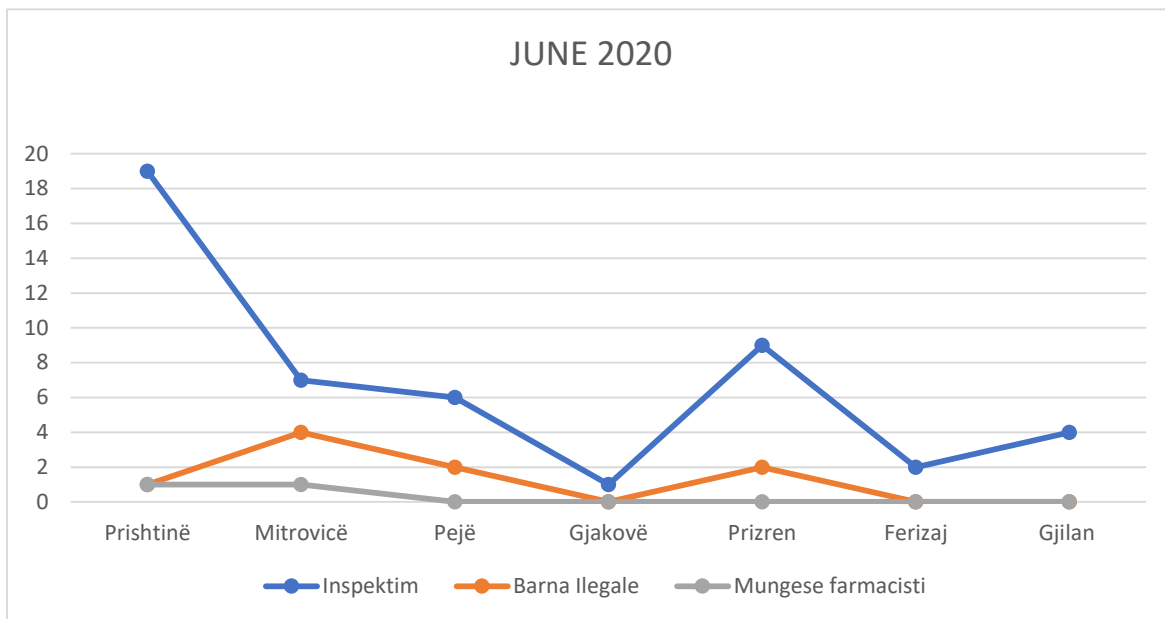
Table 1 - Findings of illegal medicaments, lack of pharmacists and others, for the period June-December 2020

JUNE- 09 DECEMBER 2020						
No.	Region	Inspections	Illegal medicaments	Lack of pharmacist	Others	Decisions
1	Prishtina	156	30	10	16	56
2	Mitrovica	21	7	2	1	10
3	Peja	22	8	0	1	9
4	Gjakova	17	6	3	0	9
5	Prizren	32	8	0	2	10
6	Ferizaj	32	8	7	1	16
7	Gjilan	24	7	3	1	11
	TOTAL	304	74	25	22	121

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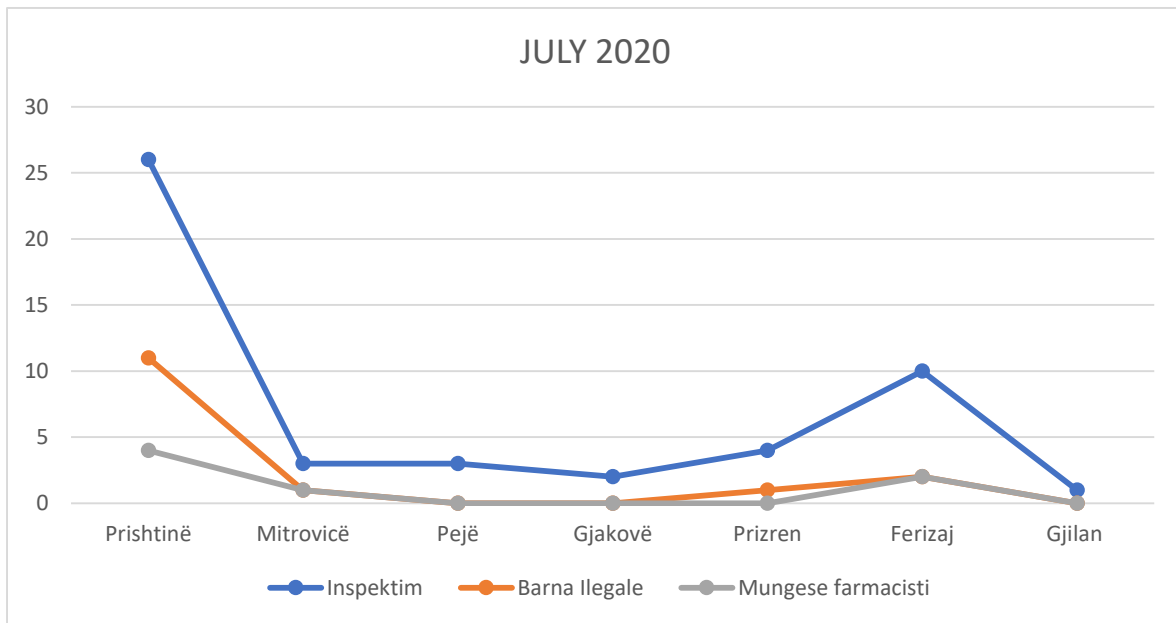


No.	Region	Inspections	Illegal medicaments	Lack of pharmacist	Others	DECISIONS
1	Prishtina	19	1	1	0	2
2	Mitrovica	7	4	1	0	5
3	Peja	6	2	0	0	2
4	Gjakova	1	0	0	0	0
5	Prizren	9	2	0	0	2
6	Ferizaj	2	0	0	0	0
7	Gjilan	4	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	48	9	2	0	11



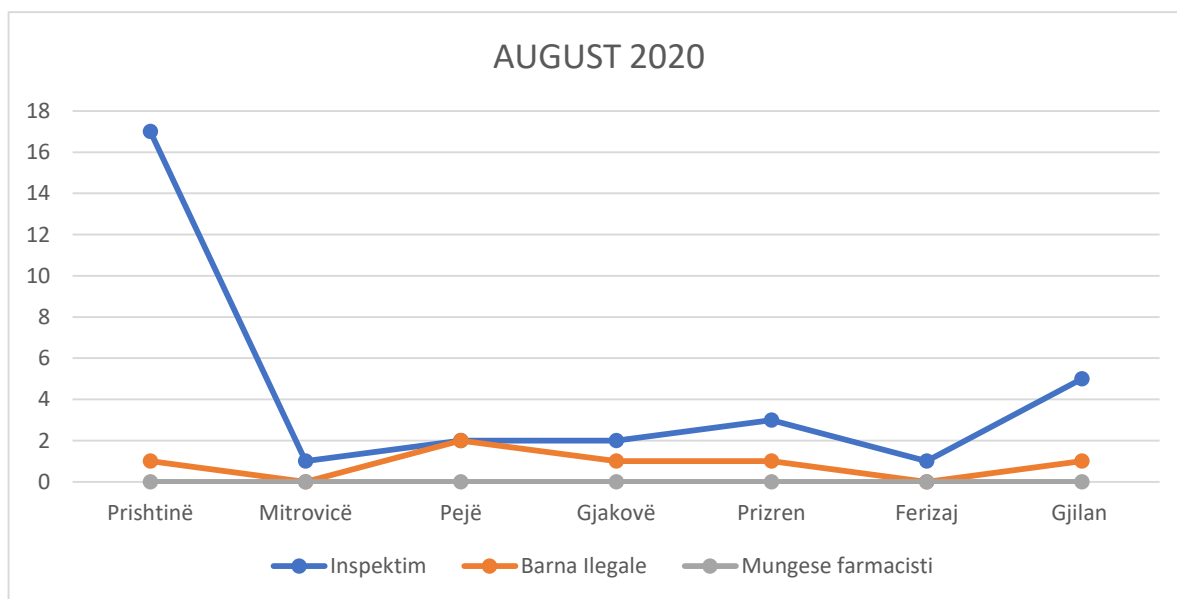
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No.	Region	Inspections	Illegal medicaments	Lack of pharmacist	Others	DECISIONS
1	Prishtina	26	11	4	4	19
2	Mitrovica	3	1	1	0	2
3	Peja	3	0	0	0	0
4	Gjakova	2	0	0	0	0
5	Prizren	4	1	0	0	1
6	Ferizaj	10	2	2	0	4
7	Gjilan	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		49	15	7	4	52



AUGUST 2020

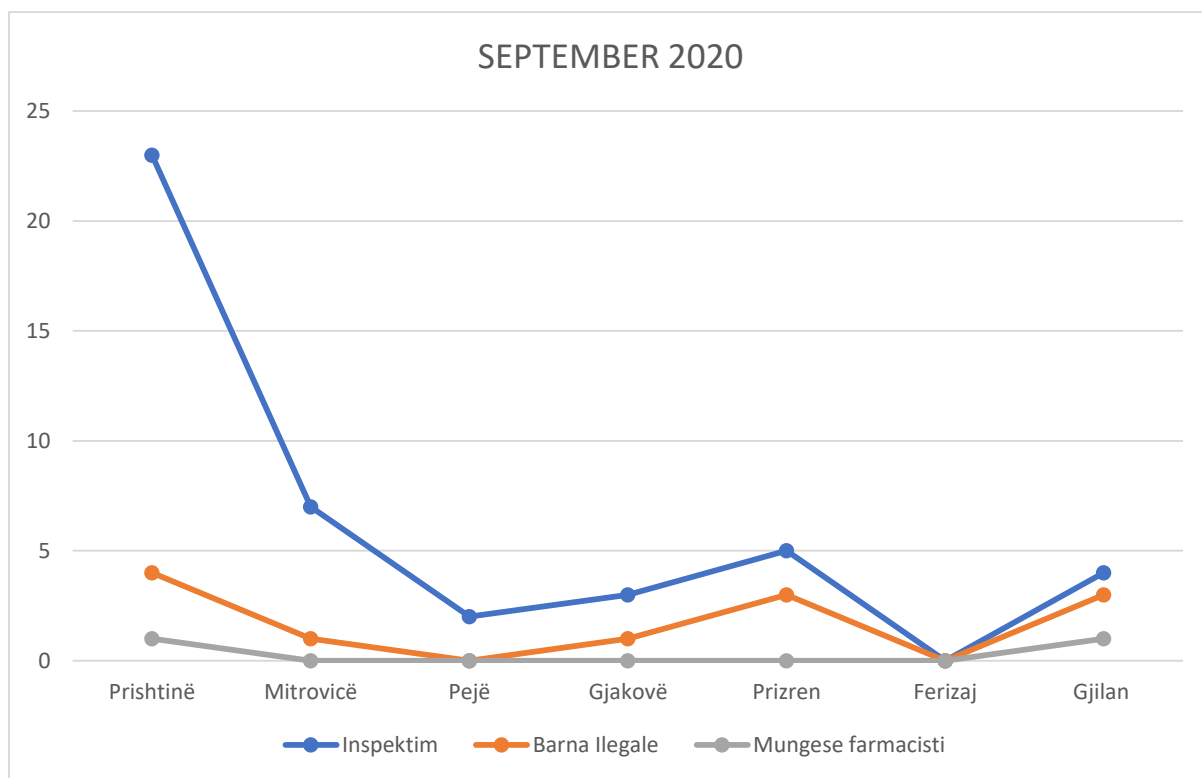
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1	Prishtina	17	1	0	2	3
2	Mitrovica	1	0	0	0	0
3	Peja	2	2	0	0	2
4	Gjakova	2	1	0	0	0
5	Prizren	3	1	0	1	2
6	Ferizaj	1	0	0	0	0
7	Gjilan	5	1	0	1	0
	TOTAL	31	6	0	4	7



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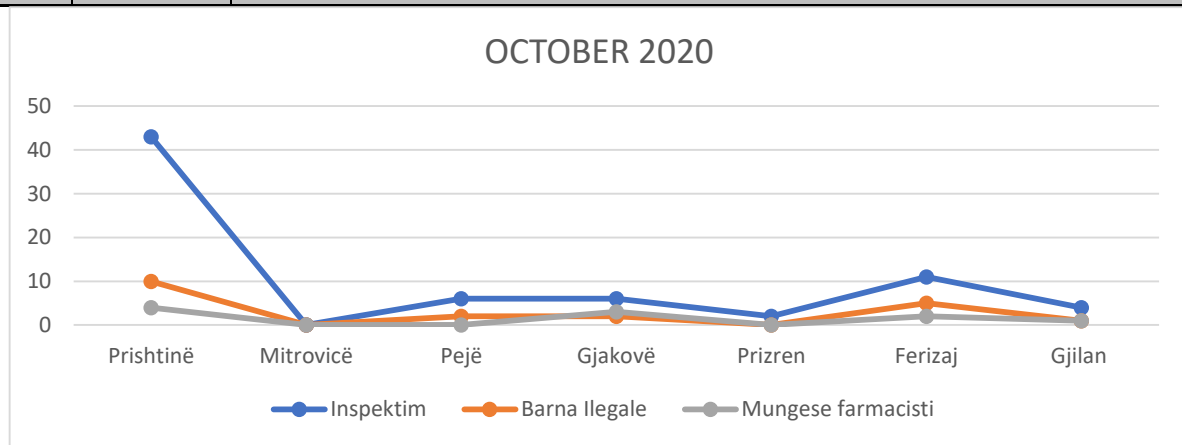
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1	Prishtina	23	4	1	5	10
2	Mitrovica	7	1	0	1	2
3	Peja	2	0	0	0	0
4	Gjakova	3	1	0	0	1
5	Prizren	5	3	0	1	4
6	Ferizaj	0	0	0	0	0
7	Gjilan	4	3	1	0	0
TOTALI		44	12	2	7	17



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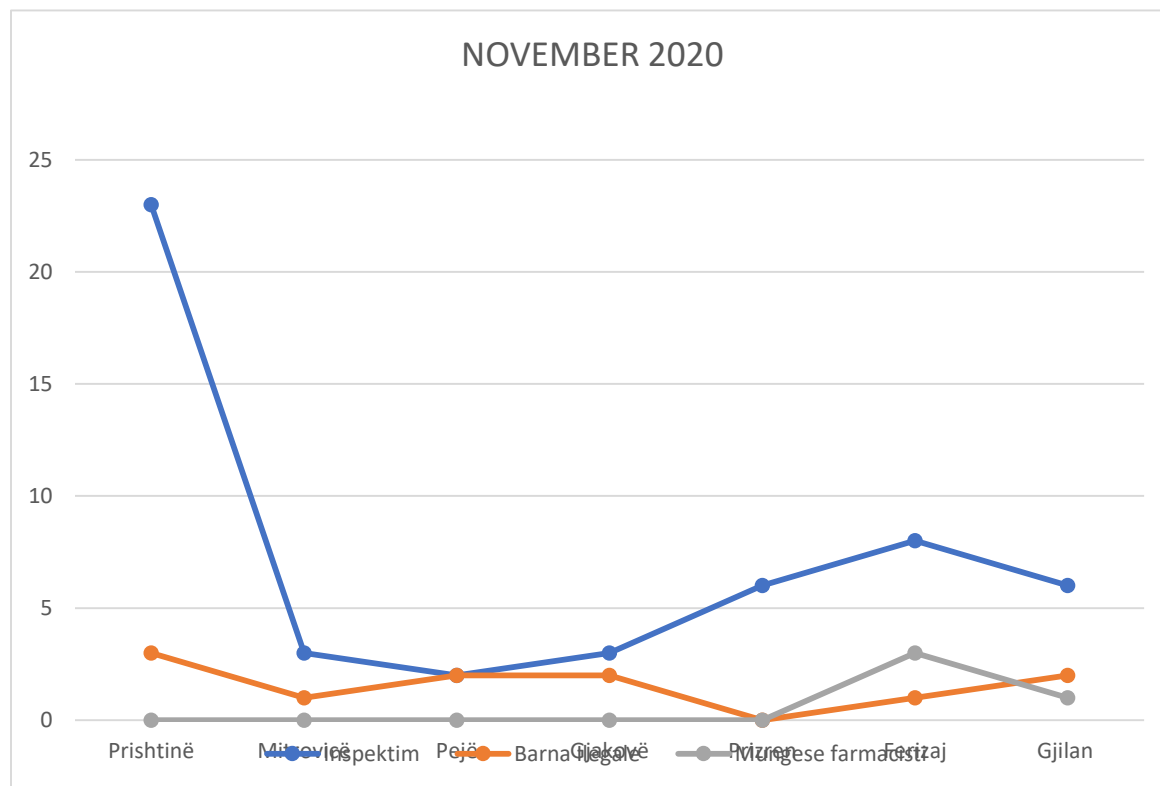
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1	Prishtina	43	10	4	3	17
2	Mitrovica	0	0	0	0	0
3	Peja	6	2	0	0	2
4	Gjakova	6	2	3	0	5
5	Prizren	2	0	0	0	0
6	Ferizaj	11	5	2	0	7
7	Gjilan	4	1	1	0	6
TOTAL		72	20	10	3	37



NOVEMBER 2020

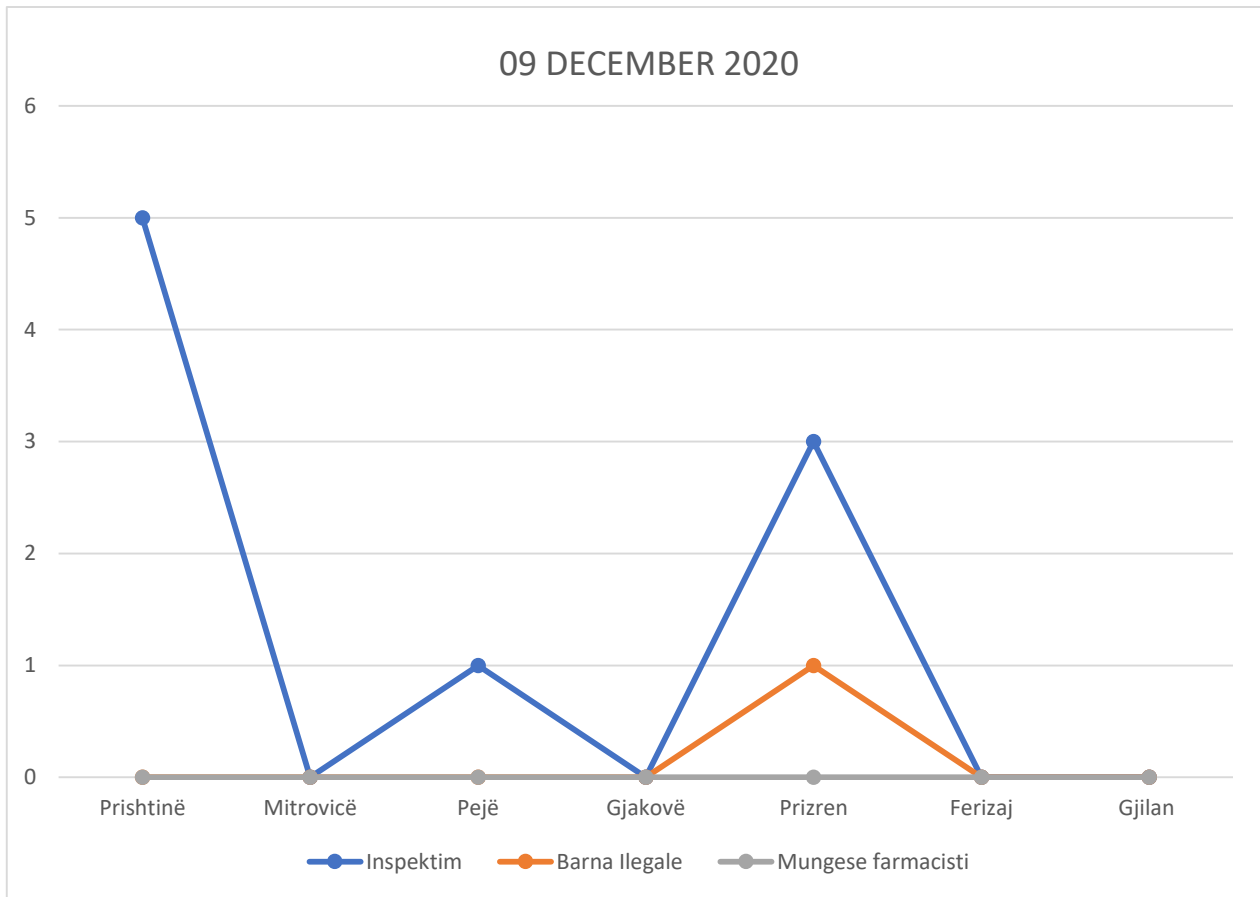
No.	Region	Inspections	Illegal medicaments	Lack of pharmacist	Others	DECISIONS
1	Prishtina	23	3	0	1	4
2	Mitrovica	3	1	0	0	1
3	Peja	2	2	0	0	2
4	Gjakova	3	2	0	0	2

5	Prizren	6	0	0	0	0
6	Ferizaj	8	1	3	1	5
7	Gjilan	6	2	1	0	3
TOTAL		51	11	4	2	17



09 DECEMBER 2020

No.	Region	Inspections	Illegal medicaments	Lack of pharmacist	Others	DECISIONS
1	Prishtina	5	0	0	1	1
2	Mitrovica	0	0	0	0	0
3	Peja	1	0	0	1	1
4	Gjakova	0	0	0	0	0
5	Prizren	3	1	0	0	1
6	Ferizaj	0	0	0	0	0
7	Gjilan	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		9	1	0	2	3



Inspections assisted by the Sanitary, Municipal Inspectorate and Kosovo Police

Pursuant to the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo No. 01/10 dated 11 June 2020, Decision No. 1/17 of 28 July 2020, Information Circular of the Ministry of Health and the Manual of the Ministry of Health for the management of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pharmaceutical Inspectorate, from 13 July 2020 until 30 September 2020 is available, every day, to the Sanitary Inspectorate for assistance in joint inspections, with at least 7 Pharmaceutical Inspectors.

During this period, Pharmaceutical Inspectors participated in over 526 inspections with over 6 thousand gastronomic and hotel entities inspected together with the Sanitary Inspectorate and other relevant bodies supervising the implementation of these decisions in the management of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Participation of the Pharmaceutical Inspectorate and other activities in the management of the COVID-19 pandemic

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pharmaceutical Inspectorate was also engaged in extra hours at the Emergency Operations Centre with 6 Pharmaceutical Inspectors, in two shifts of extra hours (08:00 - 20:00 and 20:00-08:00), at least once a week, where they still continue to help prevent this situation.

Regarding the management of the pandemic, with the Decision of the Secretary General, the Commission for collection of prices for medical products and equipment was established. This commission led by the Pharmaceutical Inspectorate had another member of the Pharmaceutical Inspectorate as a member.

From June to October 2020, there were over 36 exits for price collection and over 100 entities (pharmaceutical warehouses and pharmacies) were contacted through electronic letters.

7 price collection reports have been compiled.

Number of minutes issued - 36

Number of reports - 7

In this context, the Head of the Pharmaceutical Inspectorate has participated at least once a month since June in the meeting of the Covid-19 Pandemic Management Committee together with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo.

As a representative of the coordination group of joint inspections with other Inspectorates and the Kosovo Police, in coordination with the Sanitary Inspectorate, since July this year, we have been in full coordination for the development of joint inspections.

Food and Veterinary Agency/Kosovo Sanitary Inspectorate

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection of hotels, gastronomy, schools, hospitals, shopping centres, recreational and sports centres and public and private institutions in compliance with the Law No. 07/L-006 ("Law on Preventing and Combating Covid-19 Pandemics") • Implementation of all Government Decisions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The largest concentration of inspections in general has been in the municipalities of Prishtina, Prizren, Gjakova, Peja, Mitrovica, Gjilan, Ferizaj, Fushë Kosovë regarding the implementation of general measures for protection from COVID-19 such as: provision of hygienic drinking water, sanitary protection of springs, facilities and distribution network, for public supply of drinking water, disinfection, wearing a mask, keeping distance, personal hygiene, cleaning and disinfection of hands and all decisions of the Government of Kosovo. • Inspection of gastronomy facilities, shopping and recreation centres, stores, school institutions, state institutions, health institutions in the subjects of games “Sony play station” and other entities according to requests and complaints in cooperation with the Kosovo Police. • The measures taken have the effect of eliminating the defects found during the preliminary inspections such as: marking, disinfectants, masks, distance and respecting the schedule according to the Government Decision. • <u>For entities that have not complied with the measures provided by law and decisions, legal measures are taken such as temporary closure, imposition of fines in the country, etc.</u> • Measures taken: Inspectors have taken care of monitoring and observance of measures issued through Government Decisions in the last month, and inspections are carried out

	<p>depending on the categorization of municipalities as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Imposition of fines for natural persons - Imposition of fines for legal entities - Isolation decisions - Decisions to exit isolation - Supervision of funeral procedures - Decisions of closing entities - Monitoring cases
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Semi-annual Report, June, July, August, September, October, November 2020

Sanitary Inspectorate	Number of inspections	Imposition of fines for natural persons	Imposition of fines for legal entities	Isolation decisions	Decisions to exit isolation	Supervision of funeral procedures
June	535	0	151	397	37	25
July	5860	1460	187	1208	458	308
August	7700	577	332	684	473	307
September	6832	103	72	188	271	118
October	6582	340	221	235	107	63
November	15112	233	537	2841	1152	355
Total	42,621	2,713	1,500	5,553	2,498	1,176

HOSPITAL UNIVERSITY AND CLINICAL SERVICE OF KOSOVO (HUCSK)

The Hospital University and Clinical Service of Kosovo (HUCSK), in February, began preparations to deal with suspected and confirmed cases of Covid-19, although officially there were no suspected and confirmed cases yet. For this, a Committee has been established at the level of HUCSK, which has dealt with the management of the general situation in HUCSK clinics as well as in general hospitals.

Covid ambulances were opened on 8 February, within the Infectious Diseases Clinic, although there were still no suspected and confirmed cases with COVID.

On 10 February, this clinic had the first suspected case, which is registered as the first suspected case of COVID in Kosovo, which after analysis by NIPHK, resulted negative.

The first cases with clinical diagnosis for COVID-19 were hospitalized in the Infectious Diseases Clinic on 12 March 2020 and were confirmed in the Laboratory of Microbiology NIPHK the next day on 13 March 2020. After filling the capacity with beds, at the recommendation of the HUCSK Committee, expansion began with new spaces.

On 12 March, a decision is made to expand the capacity for central intensive care in the premises of the Sports Medicine facility, where the first case is hospitalized on 23 June 2020.

The expansion of capacities has continued with other spaces, on 17 March, it was decided to designate the Pulmonology Clinic for the admission of patients, initially with those suspected of COVID, and then also confirmed patients. After filling the capacities in this clinic, HUCSK Committee decided to further expand the spaces, freeing up the Dermatology Clinic for the accommodation of patients.

On 27 March 2020, at the recommendation of the Committee, a ward of the Paediatric Clinic is designated for the treatment of children suspected and confirmed with COVID. With the filling of these spaces, the Committee on 8 July 2020, decided to vacate the spaces, i.e. one floor in the Neurology Clinic, which ward has served for the hospitalization of suspected cases with COVID. The first cases were accepted on 14 July. Subsequently, the same Committee decided to vacate the premises of the Operative Ward in Gynaecology, where the suspected patients were also accommodated.

Treatment of patients suspected and confirmed with Covid-19 has also been carried out in general hospitals. On 13 July 2020, the HUČSK Committee decided to transform the General Hospital of Vuštrri into a Covid hospital, which will treat patients from the region of Mitrovica, i.e. Vuštrri, Mitrovica and Skenderaj.

On 31 August, the Neurology Clinic and the Gynaecology Operations Ward are released from receiving suspected cases and returned to normal work.

On 4 September, some patients were transferred from the intensive care unit of Sports Medicine to the Central Intensive Care Unit COVID.

As of 21 September, the Vuštrri Hospital was vacated from the COVID premises and the Hospital returned to providing health services to patients.

Currently Covid services are offered in the Infectious Diseases Clinic, Pulmonology Clinic, COVID Intensive Care, Neurology Clinic, Hospital of Prizren, Peja, Gjilan and Gjakova.

28 September marked the beginning of the provision of outpatient services throughout the HUČSK, as well as the electronic program of surgical interventions; however, again after government decisions and the increase in the number of patients with COVID-19, the regular outpatient service was terminated and elective surgeries were terminated.

In November, the interior spaces were reorganized as an immediate need to use the spaces in the clinics, where there is central oxygen in order to save the cost of oxygen cylinders. Demands for the supply of oxygen cylinders are increasing not only in our country, but also other countries and companies that have had contracts have failed to supply as required.

The Clinic of Nephrology, Rheumatology, Gastroenterology and Haematology have been transferred to other spaces, in order to free the spaces that have central oxygen systems. We have gained 72 places with connection to the central oxygen system and there are approximately 100 oxygen cylinders saved within 24 hours.

Through the commission for reorganization of the staff, the schedule of the state of readiness for all the staff in UČCK and HUČSK has been compiled, including all internist-surgical clinics. This includes the involvement of doctors and nurses who are obliged to be on standby 24 hours in all units.

Increased discipline and accountability of clinic and hospital managers, 24-hour preparedness and immediate response, as needed.

All annual leave of medical staff, doctors and nurses, as well as administrative staff has been suspended.

A medical leave commission has been established, where all requests for medical leave will be reviewed. According to the MoH manual, only persons over the age of 60 with chronic health problems can be given leave.

Relevant services are obliged to make the Sports Medicine facility operational as soon as possible with 100 other locations to extend the network.

Urgent procedures have been started for the extension of the oxygen network in UCCCK and General Hospitals. Very soon we will have the projects in detail and the extension of the central network and the switch to liquid oxygen supply will start urgently.

All clinics and hospitals have been ordered to have 30% of the capacity of the beds of each clinic and hospital, in case of need, ready for admitting patients with COVID.

Since Prizren Hospital has a tank for the supply of liquid oxygen, it should expand the capacities to other wards for COVID, to help municipalities from the Dukagjini region. This hospital has also helped supply general hospitals.

A considerable amount of medicines and medical products necessary for the treatment of COVID-19 have been purchased.

The Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Clinic has been ordered to prepare semi-intensive surgery facilities to serve patients with polytrauma.

It has been ordered that all patients from the regions who are in the Intensive-Polytrauma Treatment at UCCCK, be transferred to the General Hospitals

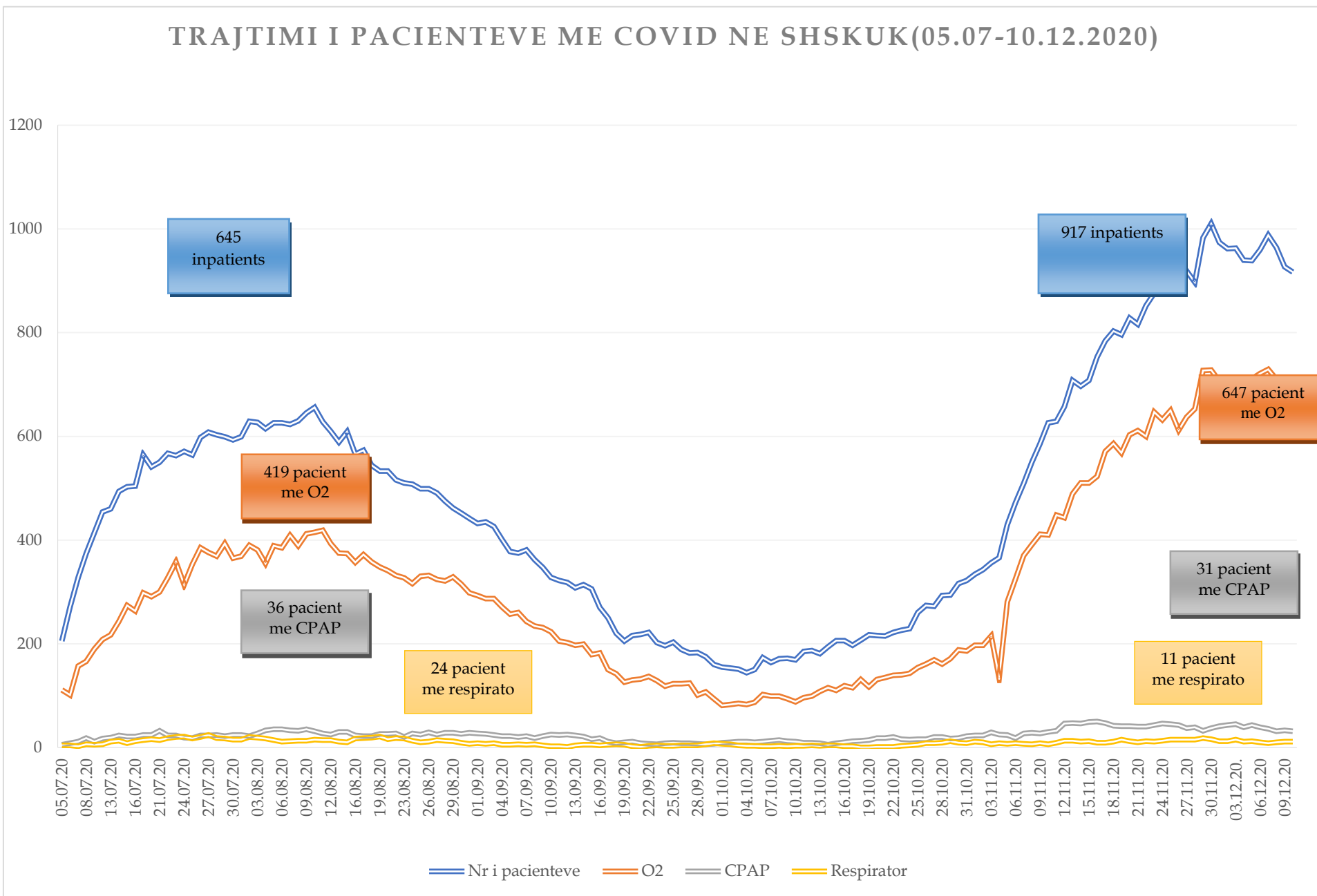
A strategy for surgery rooms is being planned. Due to the situation, only urgent cases will be treated, but also cases that can change rapidly, i.e. in the case where within a few days the patient's life is endangered.

All surgeons, if required, will be engaged in COVID clinics.

Hundreds of different decisions, contracts of doctors and nurses recently hired by the Ministry of Health have been signed.

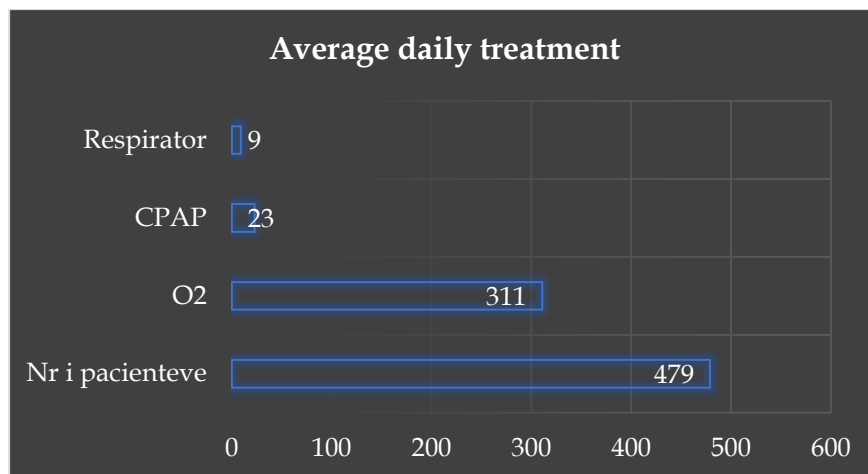
Patient treatment with COVID-19 at the constituent units of the HUCSK

TRAJTIMI I PACIENTEVE ME COVID NE SHSKUK (05.07-10.12.2020)

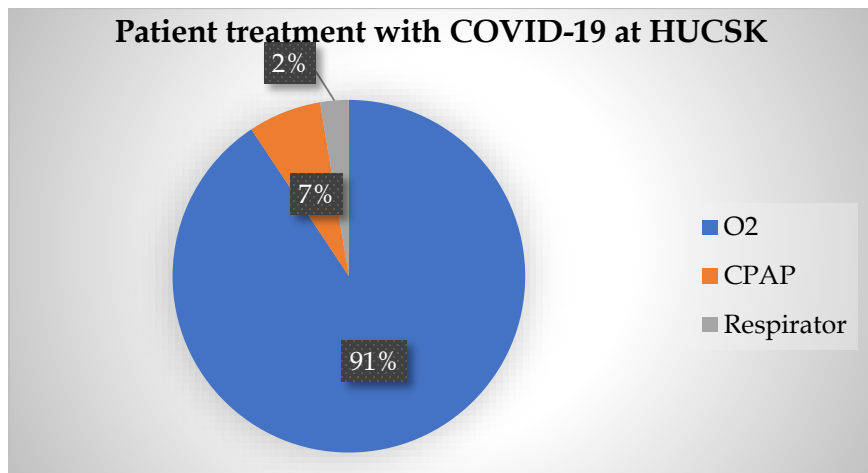


The number of patients admitted for treatment from day to day was followed by different ups and downs. The blue curve indicates the number of patients hospitalized by days in HUČSK. In the first “wave” of the pandemic, the highest number of inpatients in units of the HUČSK reached in August with 645 cases, while now in the second “wave” we have a record number of inpatients, 1010 inpatients were recorded on 30.11.2020, which represents the highest number of hospitalized patients during this pandemic, while on 10.12.2020 we had 917 inpatients.

Whereas, the orange curve shows the number of patients that were treated with oxygen support. In August, we had 419 patients who were treated with oxygen, while on 30.11.2020 there were 728 patients who were treated with oxygen, and on 10.12.2020 there are 647 patients with O₂. The highest number of patients who were treated with CPAP in August was 36 patients, while now (10.12.2020) we have 31 patients who are treated with CPAP. In August, the number of patients with respirators (intubated) was the highest, with 24 patients, while on 10.12.2020 there are 11 intubated patients.



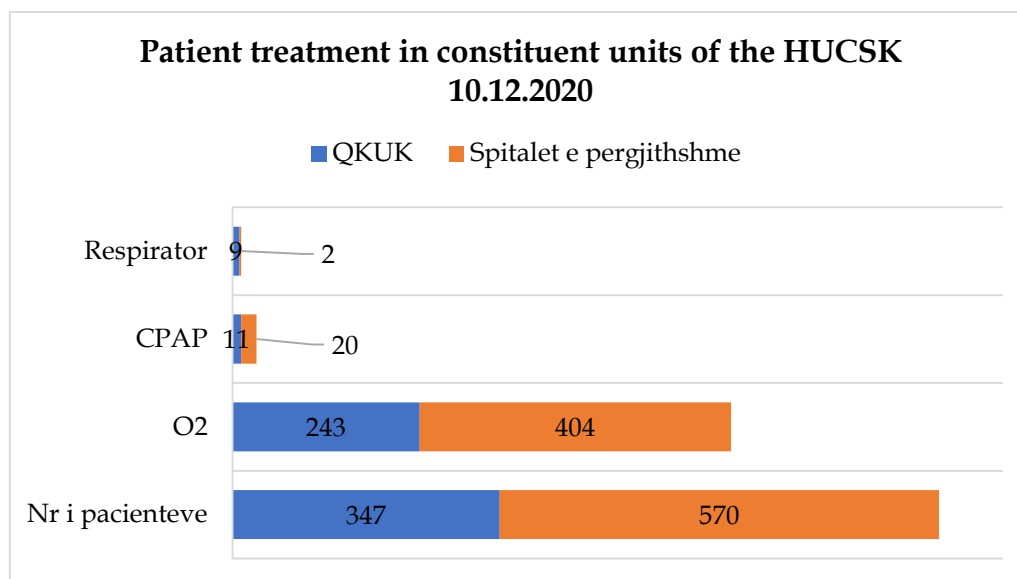
In 152 work days, the average daily treatment is as follows: 9 patients with respirator, 23 patients receive CPAP treatment, and 311 patients receive O₂ treatment. While the average number of patients admitted to the HUČSK is 479 patients per day.



Of these patients, 90% are treated with oxygen, 7% of patients are treated with CPAP and 3% of patients are treated with respirator.

Treatment of patients by units on 10.12.2020

Unit	Patient treatment with COVID-19 at HUCSK 10.12.2020														Total	%
	UCCK						General Hospitals									
	Infective Clinic	Pulmology Clinic	Intensive care unit (COVID)	COVID3	Pediatric clinic	MS-COVID 4	Prizren	Gjakova	Peje	Ferizaj	Gjilan	Mitrovica	Vushtrri			
No: Inpatients	107	85	20	72	6	57	153	72	146	58	79	41	21	917		
O2	55	60	8	66		54	119	44	101	56	40	26	18	647	71%	
CPAP	3		5	3			9	2	4	2	3			31	3%	
Respirator	2		7				2							11	1%	



The total number of patients admitted for treatment in all constituent units of the HUČSK is 917 (10.12.2020). 570 patients are being treated in 7 General Hospitals, 153 patients are being treated in Prizren Hospital, 146 patients in Peja Hospital and the rest of the patients are being treated in other Hospitals. At UČCK, 347 different patients are currently being treated. The Infective Clinic has 107 patients, Pulmology Clinic has 85 patients, Intensive Care Clinic has 20 patients, in COVID3 unit premises there are 72 patients, Paediatric Clinic has 6 patients, and MS-Covid4 premises has 57 hospitalized patients.

There are 647 patients that are currently being treated with oxygen therapy, 404 patients are being treated in General Hospitals, where most of them are being treated in Prizren General Hospital (119 patients with O₂). In Peja Hospital, 101 patients are being treated with O₂. In different premises of the UČCK, 243 patients are being treated with O₂.

Of 11 patients treated with respirator, 9 patients are being treated at UČCK, and 2 patients at Prizren Hospital. A total of 31 patients are being treated with CPAP, 11 patients are being treated at UČCK and 20 patients are being treated at General Hospitals.

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

MFMC	No. of teams	Number of team members	No. of days engaged	No. of staff engaged
Deçan	6	3	14 days 24/7	21
Dragash	27 and 15	27x2 = 54 x 12 hours, and 15x4 = 60 x 24 hours	28.5 days	114
Ferizaj	4 teams: June-July; 2 teams: November-December	June (5); July (4); November-December (3 including the driver)	58	16
Gjakova	8	2	a total of 64	16
Hani i Elezit	2 teams	5 (2 Physicians, 2 Nurses, 1 Driver)	30	150
Istog	14	3	7	42
Kaçanik	9 teams	2	30	18
Kamenica	6	24	143 days	All staff
Klina	14 teams	2 (1 Physician, 1 Nurse)	24/7	28
Mamusha	2	4		
Mitrovica	4	3	73	12
Peja	3	3	28	252
Podujeva	4 teams	2 members	24/7	8 members
Prishtina	2	3	31	186
Prizren	4	2	54	216
Rahovec	1	3	38	103
Shtime	3	3	10	9
Skenderaj				
Suhareka	2	2	24/8	4 members

Viti	22	2	50	44
Vushtrri	3	4	50	12
Gjilan	8	3	95 days	285
Lipjan	3	3	39	351
Fushë Kosovë	2	4 (July , August) 3 (November, December)	34 / 12 hour shifts	12 Nurses & 13 Physicians
Obiliq	1	2	26	16
Drenas	2	2	19	4

KOSOVO POLICE

Information report on the overall engagement of Kosovo Police 01.Oct.2020 – 09.Dec.2020

The following data are presented from 01 October 2020 to 09 December 2020, as preliminary report submitted by the police was until 30 September 2020.

Field Police Officers have provided ASSISTANCE, they made various escorts and have stayed at checkpoints and static points at different times and locations, and they are presented as follows:

- Assistance to Sanitary Inspectorate and other Inspectorates.....1,339
- Assistance to Health care services (mainly various escorts).....111
- Various police escorts (from the airport, border points, of persons in self-isolation at home, hospital and vice-versa)292
- Checkpoints and static points.....28,951

Also, the Kosovo Police was engaged in monitoring and checking the persons in self-isolation, and they did this 24/7 by direct monitoring/checking in the neighbourhood and at home, as well as by telephone. Police Officers also conducted monitoring and oversight of burial ceremonies, along with the Sanitary Inspectorate.

- 24/7 engagement of Police Officers in monitoring and checking the citizens in self-isolation..... 4,271
- Police Officers engaged in escorting funerals, monitoring and oversight of burial ceremonies..... 1,151

Other engagements

Police was additionally engaged at the Student Centre, which was adapted as a quarantine centre from 18.03.2020, and during the period until 30.05.2020, in this centre were accommodated 1,733 persons. This Centre was supervised and monitored 24/7, by 1 Police Major, 4 Police Captains and an average of 55 Police Officers, and in total there were engaged about 3,586 Police Officers.

During this period, until the entry into force of Law 07/L-006, the Kosovo Police has initiated criminal charges under Articles 249 and 250 of the Criminal Code of Kosovo, and has notified the Sanitary Inspectorate for offenders encountered by the Police in streets, bars, swimming pools, etc. In the following, we will provide you with the statistics of criminal charges proceeded by the Police and with the notifications to the Sanitary Inspectorate:

- Criminal charges initiated under Articles 249 and 250 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo.....5
- Individuals involved in criminal acts under Articles 249 and 250 of the CCRK..... 5
- Individuals detained for 48 hours due to violation of the CCRK, namely Articles 249 and 250..... 0
- Premises, swimming pools, etc., closed due to non-compliance with the Government decisions..... 112

Following the entry into force of the Law No. 07/L-006 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO, Kosovo Police enforced the above mentioned law and has taken necessary actions, issuing the following fines:

- Issued fine tickets..... 62, 478
- Persons arrested..... 0
- Fine tickets send to the Court..... 16
- Issued warnings..... 14,197

During the above mentioned period, the Kosovo Police and Civil Staff was also faced with personnel self-isolated and infected with COVID-19, but police engagements in the field have not stopped for a moment.

In the following we present the data of Police Officers and Civilian Staff self-isolated and infected with COVID-19 during the period October - 09 December 2020:

SELF-ISOLATED AND INFECTED POLICE OFFICERS

- Police Officers infected by COVID - 19..... 537
- Civil Staff infected by COVID-19 22
- Police Officers in self-isolation 859
- Civil Staff in self-isolation..... 103
- Police Officers who died as a result of COVID-19 3
- Active with COVID-19..... 343

Some of the Police engagements during 01.Oct.2020 - 09.Dec.2020						
			<i>Assistance, escort and checkpoint and static points</i>			
Closed premises, swimming pools, etc.	Police Officers engaged in escort of funerals and in monitoring burial ceremonies	Police Officers engaged in monitoring self-isolated persons	Assistance to Sanitary Inspectorate and other Inspectorates	Assistance to Health Care Services (mainly in various escorts)	Various police escorts (from the airport, border points, of persons in self-isolation at home, hospital and vice-versa)	Checkpoints and static points
112	1151	4271	1339	111	292	28951

Criminal charges issued by the police since 13.03.2020, under Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo, Article 249 - Transmitting contagious diseases, and Article 250 - Failure to comply with health provisions during an epidemic			
Total cases	Individuals involved in cases	Individuals detained for 48 hours	Individuals released to regular procedure
5	5	0	5

Cases submitted to prosecution		Open cases		
1		4		
Engagement of Police Officers in enforcing the Law No. 07/L-006 on Preventing and Combating COVID-19 Pandemic in the Territory of the Republic of Kosovo from 26.08.2020 to 31.09.2020				
Total fine tickets	Individuals arrested	Individuals detained	Fine tickets sent to the COURT	Police warning
62478	0	0	16	14197

Police Officers / Civil Staff in self-isolation and infected by COVID - 19	
Police Officers with COVID-19 since the beginning	537
Civil Staff with COVID-19 since the beginning	22
Police Officers in self-isolation since the beginning	859
Civil Staff in self-isolation since the beginning	103
Deceased	3
Active with COVID - 19	343

Annex II: The list of draft laws approved by the Government: June – December 2020

No.	Meeting	Draft Laws approved by the Government: June - December 2020
1	1/*06	Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing the Law No. 07/L-001 on Budget Appropriations for the Budget of Republic of Kosovo for Year 2020 (MoF) 922-2
2	1/*15	Draft Law on Economic Recovery - COVID 19 (MoF) 1215\3
3	2/*15	Draft Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the International Association for Development in Relation to the Financing of the Emergency Project Covid-19 for Kosovo (MoF) 1136\5
4	2/*20	Draft Civil Code of the Republic of Kosovo (MoJ) 1207\4

5	3/*20	Draft Law on Public Property (MoJ) 453\6
6	4/*20	Draft law on Construction Land (MoJ) 1182-4
7	5/*20	Draft Law on Property Rights of Foreign Citizens in the Republic of Kosovo (MoJ) 1156\4
8	1/*22	Draft Law on Ratification of the Loan Facility Agreement between the European Union and Kosovo on Macro Financial Assistance to Kosovo (MoF) 1334-4
9	4/*24	Draft Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Republic of Kosovo and the International Development Association regarding the Financing of the Program - Promotion and Expansion of Opportunities for Water Security 1333-3
10	2/*26	Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing the Law no. 03/L-174 on the Financing of Political Entities (Amended and Supplementing by Law no. 04/L-058 and Law no. 04/L-122), and Law no. 03/L-073 on General Elections in the Republic of Kosovo (Amended and Supplementing by the Law no. 03/L-256) 970-6
11	4/*28	Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing Law no. 04 / L-008 for the Economic and Social Council (MLSW) 1206\4
12	5/*28	Draft Law on Labor Inspectorate (MLSW) 1106\4
13	1/29	Draft Law on Ratification of the Financial Agreement for IPA 2019, Part Two, Objective 1, between the Republic of Kosovo and the European Union (OPM)
14	2/29	Draft Law on Ratification of the Framework Loan Agreement between the Council of Europe Development Bank and Kosovo - COVID-19 Emergency Response Public Sector Financing (MoF)
15	3/29	Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing the Law no. 04/L-089 on Humanitarian Demining (MoD)
16	1/30	Draft Law on Private International Law (MoJ) - 1788/2
17	2/30	Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing Law no. 04/L-213 on International Legal Cooperation in Criminal Matters (MoJ) - 1786/2
18	3/30	Draft Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the Government of the Republic of Italy on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (MoJ) - 1787/2
19	4/30	Draft Law on Ratification of the Finance Contract between the Republic of Kosovo and the European Investment Bank for Gjilan the Wastewater Plant Project (MoF)
20	5/30	Draft Law on Ratification of the Vital Infrastructure Emergency Liquidity Loan Agreement between the Republic of Kosovo and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (MoF) - 1853/2

21	2/31	Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing of Law no. 02/L-31 on Freedom of Religion in Kosovo (OPM) 977-7
22	1/33	Draft Law on Electronic Identification and Trust Services in Electronic Transactions (MEE)
23	1/*38	Draft Law on Budget Appropriations for the Budget of the Republic of Kosovo for 2021 (MoF) 3005/3
24	2/*38	Draft Law on Ratification of the Financial Agreement for IPA 2020 between the Republic of Kosovo and the European Union (OPM) 2954/3
25	3/*38	Draft Law on Measures to Reduce the Cost of Deploying High Speed Electronic Communication Networks (MEE) 2021/3
26	3/*43	Draft Law on Legal Acts (OPM) 3085-4
27	4/*43	Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing the Law no. 05/L-010 on Kosovo Property Comparison and Verification Agency (OPM) 2326-11
28	5/*43	Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing Law no. 05/L-015 on Identity Card (MIA) 1128-8
29	5/*48	Draft Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the Government of Hungary on the Amendment No. 1 of the Agreement regarding the Framework Program for Financial Cooperation (MoF) 1184/6
30	6/*48	Draft Law on Amendment and Supplementation of the Law no. 04/L-061 on Sale of Apartments where Tenure Rights Exists (MEE) 3471/3
31	20/*48	Draft Law on Lottery in the Republic of Kosovo (MoF) 3804/5
32	02/*50	Draft Law for the Ratification of the Amendment of the Financial Agreement between the Republic of Kosovo and the European Investment Bank for Railway Line Rehabilitation Project 10 (MoF) - 4105/5
33	03/*50	Draft Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the Government of Montenegro in the Context of Accession to the European Union (MFAD) - 3766/4
34	04/*50	Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing the Law no. 04 / L-159 on Economic Zones (MTI) - 4350/3
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