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List of acronyms

- OPM/OGG Office of the Prime Minister/Office on Good Governance
- KAS- Kosovo Agency of Statistics
- MDE Municipal Department of Education
- DFW- Department of Family Welfare
- MESTI Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation
- MIA Ministry of Internal Affairs
- MFLT Ministry of Finance Labour and Transfers
- MFAD Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora
- MCYS Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports
- MoH- Ministry of Health
- MI- Ministry of Infrastructure
- MTI- Ministry of Trade and Industry
- MoH-Ministry of Health
- MRD- Ministry of Regional Development
- MAFRD- Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Rural Development
- MLGA Ministry of Local Government Administration
- MoJ Ministry of Justice
- NAPPWD- National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities 2009-2011
- PWD Persons with Disabilities
- IEP Individual Education Plan
- EC- European Commission
- NGO Non-Governmental Organization
- NIPH- National Institute of Public Health

- CRPD- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- WHO World Health Organization
- OPDs Organization of Persons with Disabilities
- FMDC- Family Medicine Development Center
- UDHR Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- **RC-** Resource Center
- VTC-Vocational Training Center
- EO Employment Office

Executive Summary

The principle of equal rights means that the needs of each and every individual are of equal importance and that those needs should be the basis of society's planning, and that all resources should be used in such a way as to guarantee every individual equal opportunities for participation, especially of persons with disabilities.

Based on this principle and the work of all the institutions of the Republic of Kosovo, we present the **Progress Report** against the implementation of **National Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Republic of Kosovo 2013-2023** and **Action Plan for the implementation of the National Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Republic of Kosovo 2021-2023**.

The National Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2013-2023 and the Action Plan are very important documents that predetermine policies, actions and sectoral strategies of all institutions and society itself.

As a result, these documents are intended to convey the intentions of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in the field of human rights, non-discrimination, equal rights, civil rights and the full participation of Persons with Disabilities in a European disability framework for the coming years.

With the drafting of these documents, we channeled the objectives that must be achieved in all areas of life for Persons with Disabilities from the country's institutions, objectives which were agreed upon in close cooperation with civil society.

At this stage, the country's institutions will reflect on all the achievements and challenges they have had in fulfilling every activity in close inter-institutional partnership and cooperation with the most important local and international actors in the field of protection and promotion of the rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Republic of Kosovo.

The purpose of the report is to reflect the work of all institutions so far, both at the central and local levels, as well as to reflect all the challenges that we encounter every day, which in most cases also constitute delays in the implementation process.

Moreover, this report reflects and reiterates the commitment and promise given by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo for the seriousness, promotion, protection and respect of human rights, especially of Persons with Disabilities.

On this occasion, we thank you and express our gratitude to all institutions at the central and local level, organizations that represent persons with disabilities, international organizations and every individual for their contribution and participation in the process of drafting cooperation and fulfilling these obligations we have for our citizens.

In this common path we believe we will strengthen the efforts of each one of us to make a real change, joining the powers and commitment of each institution in order to improve the quality and living conditions of all persons with disabilities as honorable citizens with equal rights in the Republic of Kosovo.

NATIONAL STRATEGY ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ACTION PLAN

The National Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2023) predetermines the policies, actions and sectoral strategies of all institutions and society itself for a decade. As a result, it aims to transmit the intentions of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in the field of human rights, non-discrimination, equal opportunities, civil rights and full participation of Persons with Disabilities in a European disability framework for the next decade.

The selection of priority areas in the Strategy was made taking into account the existing deficiencies in meeting the basic needs of Persons with Disabilities, such as inadequate health services, the lack of proper planning of social schemes for improving the social well-being of persons with disabilities, the lack of implementing mechanisms for the implementation of legislation on employment and education of persons with disabilities, silent discrimination against persons with disabilities at all levels of society, insufficient and inappropriate access to social, political and economic situation of persons with disabilities, lack of statistical data on persons with disabilities, life situations and other needs.

In this context, the Strategy is structured in five (5) areas which include all the main aspects of the lives of Persons with Disabilities with a focus on the following areas: Health, Social Welfare and Employment, Education, Legal Protection, Access (information, communication, participation) Statistics.

These areas are based on issues that have been raised and highlighted as problematic for Persons with Disabilities all the time, where there is indeed a weakness and inequality that directly affects the life of this community.

The above mentioned areas are described with strategic objectives which are then specified with concrete actions and specific deadlines within the 2021-2023 action plan.

1. Strategic Objective 1: Improving the provision of health services for Persons with Disabilities.

2. Strategic Objective 2: Functional and genuine system for welfare and social security as well as providing equal opportunities for the employment of Persons with Disabilities.

3. Strategic Objective 3: Creation of conditions for inclusiveness in education and for professional support of persons with disabilities.

4. Strategic Objective 4: Equal access to legal protection and the provision of services at the local level for fulfilling the rights of Persons with Disabilities.

5. Strategic Objective 5: Creating equal conditions in access, information, communication, participation, as well as in the creation or establishment of a unified data system for Persons with Disabilities.

On the basis of the five strategic objectives mentioned above, of the National Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2013-2023, all responsible institutions and civil society have drawn up the Action Plan, which is detailed with concrete actions, goals, measurable, specific, achievable and real indicators, institutions responsible for the implementation of each activity, deadlines and budget lines within each activity.

As a result and on the basis of the Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities, we have now drawn up the Progress Report which gives us a real overview of how our goals have been met and specifically the activities planned for the first two years (2020-2021) in guaranteeing the equal rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Monitoring and reporting alongside the strategy is vital to ensure that the lives of Persons with Disabilities are truly improving. Monitoring and reporting is developed in parallel, responding to the achievements and challenges of the Action Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2023.

In this context, the Office on Good Governance/Office of the Prime Minister, based on its mandate, since the adoption of the National Strategy and the Action Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, has put the main focus on monitoring and implementing these important documents in the Disability Sector Monitoring Policies of the Office on Good Governance/Office of the Prime Minister regarding the fulfillment of the rights of persons with disabilities which are spread at different levels starting from close cooperation with the Minister at the central level, all municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo, in coordination with independent agencies, international institutions and organizations that work for the rights of Persons with Disabilities.

However, monitoring policies are achieved at a desired level through institutional mechanisms which are coordinated by the Office on Good Governance/Office of the Prime Minister and are spread over two levels; high hierarchical level led by the Deputy Prime Minister composed of five deputy ministers as well as the organizations of persons with disabilities that are mainly concerned with the orientation of general policies in the Disability sector and the operational level composed of officers from various ministries and organizations of persons with disabilities.

MONITORING PROCESS

Council for Persons with Disabilities

The Council for Persons with Disabilities re-established on June 22, 2021 with the composition and which is led by the Deputy Prime Minister and was established to work for the creation of equal opportunities, full participation and social integration of persons with disabilities, to ensure that the needs and interests of persons with disabilities are always taken into account when the Government makes decisions about something that affects the condition of the latter.

Consequently, the Council for Persons with Disabilities follows, monitors and examines the living conditions of persons with disabilities, as well as advises the Government and responsible institutions in all matters related to a better quality of life for persons with disabilities. In conclusion, all the work of this mechanism is in line with and aims to fulfill the strategic objectives of the National Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2013-2023.

Commission for Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation of the National Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Commission, as a monitoring mechanism, has in its composition all the representatives of the main ministries responsible for the implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan, as well as the representatives of organizations that work for the rights of Persons with Disabilities.

This coordinating mechanism is led by the Office of the Prime Minister/Office on Good Governance, holds regular meetings in order to monitor the entire implementation process of the Strategy and Action Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2023.

MANDATE OF MONITORING, REPORTING AND IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS

The Office of the Prime Minister/Office on Good Governance has been mandated for years to monitor the implementation of the National Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2013-2023 and, consequently, the National Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2023, based on its mandate, since the adoption of the National Strategy and Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, and has put the main focus on monitoring and implementing these important documents in the Disability sector.

Given that already on the basis of monitoring and reporting, the necessary steps have been harmonized to make the reporting as easy and clear as possible, as a result, during the year 2022, under the coordination of the Office on Good Governance/Office of the Prime Minister, the institutional mechanism for monitoring, reporting and implementation of the Action Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has been continuously put into operation.

The matrix for reporting has been continuously forwarded to all responsible institutions to the line ministries based on the activities presented and planned in the document.

Given that the Action Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2023 has defined the main actions in each specific objective, data related to the implementation of the activities of the relevant ministries has been filled in and detailed information related to these data has also been provided.

MONITORING AND REPORTING DEVELOPMENT STAGES

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MONITORING OF THE NATIONAL PLAN FOR THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

Within the Action Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2023, a number of implementing institutions are included, such as: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers, Ministry of Administration and Local Government, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Justice, Kosovo Police, Municipalities,

Organizations for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as well as other local and international partners.

The focus of the document and of all the institutions committed to its implementation, has been the creation of a better life for Persons with Disabilities in our country. The areas of intervention based on the Action Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2023, extend to several aspects such as health, social welfare and employment, education, legal protection, and inclusive approach.

Among the objectives presented in terms of the primary issues addressed by persons with disabilities and the fulfillment of these objectives towards the realization of their rights, are the objectives addressed to health, which consequently constitute the main objective of the needs and rights of persons with disabilities.

PROGRESS REPORT ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

HEALTH

Strategic Objective 1: Improving the provision of health services for Persons with Disabilities

In order to implement and monitor the implementation and monitoring of the Action Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2023, the achievements and implementation of strategic and specific objectives from the field of disability within the Ministry of Health are as follows:

Specific Objective I: Increasing the capacities of health personnel for the provision of health services

Activity I.1.1 Provision of health services for PWDs within the framework of home visits

<u>Performance description</u>: The Ministry of Health, within the framework of activity I.1.1, reports that during the year 2022 in the Municipality of Peja, through home visits/palliative care, 3134 visits were made, of these visits, 50 persons with disabilities were involved.

In the Municipality of Gjilan, it was reported that 23 patients with disabilities received services within the framework of palliative care services.

Provision of health services by the EVP/group and the mother and child group -3 patients.

In the Municipality of Pristina, 460 records were issued, mainly involving patients with congenital retardation and cerebrovascular insults.

In the Municipality of Junik, the persons who receive service at the Junik MFMC have previously been registered in HIS (electronic card).

In the Municipality of Drenas, palliative care visits have resulted in 537 visits for PWDs out of the total number of palliative care visits in 2022.

Progress status: Implemented.

Total planned budget: 7500€

Activity I.1.2 Vaccination of persons with disabilities with seasonal influenza vaccine

<u>Performance description</u>: In the Municipality of Peja, from 35 members of the NGO "Qendra për jetë të pavarur", all the members of this NGO have been vaccinated.

At the same time, the vaccination service carried out the vaccination of persons with disabilities at home, 68 people out of 137 during 2022.

Out of 18 persons in the residential care home for the elderly "Orenda", 3 persons with disabilities have been vaccinated.

In the Municipality of Gjilan, it was reported that 25% were vaccinated.

In the Municipality of Pristina in 2022, a total of: 152 (102 in the field, while 50 in the residential care homes for the elderly).

The number of vaccinated persons with disabilities is 8 people at the Junik MFMC.

The number of people vaccinated in Podujeva, for the year 2022, is 16 people, a total of 20% PWD vaccinated

The number of vaccinated persons with disabilities is a total of 95 people in the MFMC-Ferizaj.

Of the 440 members of the NGO OMPAK, approximately 30% of persons with disabilities have been vaccinated in the Municipality of Lipjan.

Progress status: Implemented.

Total planned budget: No additional costs.

Activity I.1.3 Drafting of materials for health promotion for persons with disabilities and health education for health workers

<u>Performance description:</u> In cooperation with AQH, we broadcast video spots in the patient waiting areas, where sign language was also used in the presentation of the video spots. Once, AQH also published a flyer for PHC Services in Peja, informing about the services and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in health care.

In the Municipality of Pristina in 2022, 3 trainings for PWDs health professionals were offered. In cooperation with AQH, video-spots have been broadcast in patient waiting areas, where sign language has also been used continuously in the presentation of video-spots in 26 MFMC. <u>Progress status:</u> Implemented

Total planned budget: 2500€

Activity I.1.4 Implementation of PWDs health services

<u>Performance description</u>: The survey on satisfaction with PWDs health services has been approved by the OMK. It is expected to be completed during 2023 (due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation, the research has been prolonged).

There have been score sheets in the MFMC throughout Kosovo, for example, within the community score sheet and the patients' council, we have results published by the NGO-POLICE regarding the satisfaction of health services in PHC-Lipjan, Gjilan, Peja.

<u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Total planned budget:</u> No cost

Activity I.1.5 Trainings for nursing staff and support staff in the topics of access and treatment of persons with disabilities

<u>Performance description:</u> Participation in the training team for the implementation of "Home Visits for Mothers and Children up to the age of 3", which is being implemented in a total of 25 municipalities (until the end of 2022) these activities are organized by the Division of the PHC and MoH, with technical support from UNICEF. <u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: 10,000€

Activity I.1.6 Coordination of activities with MFLT

<u>Performance description:</u> It is at the institutional satisfactory level <u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Total planned budget:</u> No cost

Within the Ministry of Health, also within the framework of Specific Objective I.1, the overall budget offered for 2022, which covers the activities foreseen for this objective, is a total of \in 20,000.00.

Specific objective II: Early detection and identification of disability from perinatal, natal and postnatal time

Activity I.2.1 Carrying out research in the field of health conditions related to PWD.

<u>Performance description</u>: The survey on satisfaction with PWDs health services has been approved by the OMK. It is expected to be finalized during 2023. <u>Progress status</u>: Under implementation <u>Total planned budget</u>: $25,000 \in$

Activity I.2.2 Carrying out the health education program for parents in the discovery of causes that result in disability.

<u>Performance description</u>: Within the framework of the Drenas MFMC, there is the counseling center for mothers and children and the corners for the promotion of health education. The program of home visits supported by UNICEF during 2022 was carried out.

In the framework of the maternity hospital in MFMC-Lipjan, there is a class for mothers and children in the first 1000 days supported by AMC and UNICEF, where during 2022, 401 mothers and women in labor have been counseled, while in group counseling with pregnant women and

women in labor supported by AMC and "Horisont" with 4 groups of 8-10 members pregnant women have benefited.

Within the framework of the MFMC-Peja is the class for mothers and children in the first 1000 days supported by AMC and UNICEF, where during 2022, 560 mothers and pregnant women were advised. During 2022, informative meetings were also held with parents of children with disabilities within the NGO PEMA.

Progress status: Implemented

Total planned budget: Within HUCSK budget

Within the Ministry of Health, also within the framework of Specific Objective II.1, the overall budget offered for the year 2022, which covers the activities planned for this objective, is the total amount of €25,000.00

Specific objective III: Increasing the provision of health services for PWDs.

Activity I.3.1 Researching the needs on completing the essential list of medicines.

<u>Performance description</u>: The essential list of medicines has been sent to the Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) with the request that their representatives analyze the list, research the needs of persons with disabilities (each OPDs the needs of their members) and then asked to submit their proposals to the Ministry of Health. Then the Committee and Subcommittees for Compilation of the Essential List of Medicines were established (in the process of work).

It is worth noting that the Government of Kosovo at the 102nd meeting of the Government has approved the request of the University Hospital and Clinical Service of Kosovo for the allocation of budget funds in the amount of \notin 4,200,100.00, (four million two hundred thousand and one hundred euros) for the purpose of purchasing medicines from the essential list.

Activity I.3.2 Continuation of providing examinations (Mammography and PAP test) for women with disabilities

Progress status: Not implemented

Activity I.3.3 Oral hygiene care for children with disabilities

Progress status: Not implemented

Activity I.3.4 SOPs drafting for PWDs specific health treatment

Progress status: Not implemented

Activity I.3.5 Drafting of the informative circular for the notification of health institutions with the number of the center for the provision of services in sign language

<u>Performance description</u>: It was stopped at the request of the Kosovar Association of the Deaf, as it was planned to create an inter-institutional program for this issue. <u>Progress status</u>: Not implemented

Activity I.3.6 Carrying out visits to the PWDs community for health promotion and education

<u>Performance description</u>: In the Municipality of Pristina, it was reported that on average a patient was visited 8 times within a year. If we calculate 8x460=3680 visits to these patients (total number of visits for 2022 was 9222) In the Municipality of Lipjan, it was reported that through home visits for mothers and children, 1365 were carried out (this number also includes persons with disabilities), as well as 633 home visits by ambulance.

In the Municipality of Mitrovica, 2 visits were made in 2022.

Progress status: Implemented

<u>Total planned budget:</u> 7500€

Within the Ministry of Health, also within the framework of Specific Objective III.1, the overall budget offered for the year 2022, which covers the activities planned for this objective, is the total amount of €7500.00.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Strategic Objective: Functional and genuine system for welfare and social security as well as providing equal opportunities for the employment of Persons with Disabilities

Specific Objective I: Community service delivery

Activity I.1.1 Implementation of the pension scheme for persons with disabilities, aged 18-65.

<u>Performance description</u>: The number of beneficiaries of the Pension Scheme for persons with disabilities, aged 18-65, for the year 2022 was a total of 19419. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: 29.896.800.00 €

Activity I.1.2 Implementation of benefit and compensation schemes <u>Progress status</u>: Not implemented

Activity I.1.2 Implementation of benefit and compensation schemes <u>Progress status</u>: It has not been reported regarding the fulfillment of the activity in question. Activity I.1.3 Implementation of Law No. 03/L-022 on Material Support for Families with Permanent Disabilities

<u>Performance description</u>: During 2022, payments for material support for families with children with permanent disabilities aged 1-18 have been made. The number of children who realize this right is 2921 children with permanent disabilities, with a monthly payment of 100 euros. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: 3,600,000.00€

Activity I.1.4 Implementation of the Scheme for Compensation of Blind Persons.

<u>Performance description:</u> During 2022, the number of beneficiaries of the Scheme for Compensation of Blind Persons for the year was 1855 people. <u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: 5,519,540.00€

Activity I.1.5 Implementation of the Scheme for the Compensation of Paraplegic and Tetraplegic Persons.

<u>Performance description</u>: During 2022, the number of beneficiaries of the Scheme for the Compensation of Paraplegic and Tetraplegic Person was 2743 people. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: 11,194,909.00€

I.1.6 Drafting of sublegal acts for the implementation of the Comprehensive Disability Law

<u>Performance description</u>: From the reports provided by MFLT regarding the Comprehensive Disability Law, it is said that it has been sent to the Minister's Cabinet, and they are awaiting approval.

Progress status: Not implemented

Total planned budget: No additional costs

Activity I.1.7 Training of the Bio-Psycho-Social Commission for the use of the KNF instrument <u>Progress status</u>: Not implemented

Activity I.1.8 Continuation of service provision in residential centers (ISSH)

<u>Performance description</u>: From the reports provided by MFLT, it is stated that the protection against this category consists in the provision of 24-hour services including: shelter, food, clothing, provision of health services, accommodation and all other services assessed as necessary for persons with disabilities, or mental retardation.

As part of the provision of services, 24-hour residential services for the elderly and disabled have been provided by the Special Institute of Shtime, the Home for the Elderly in Pristina and twelve (12) Community Homes in the municipalities of Kosovo. Over 273 residents/clients located in these institutions have benefited from these residential services. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: 1,100,000.00

Activity I.1.9 Individual and NGO licensing for the provision of social services for PWDs.

<u>Performance description</u>: From the reports provided by the MFLT, it is said that the GCSFS completed its mandate in March 2022 and therefore managed to license only 71 providers of social and family services at the superior level, while at the basic level it licensed 12 providers of social and family services. MFLT/SFPD based on the legislation in force has continued to implement the licensing process of legal entities (NGOs and businesses). The Department of Social and Family Policies and the Licensing Commission as the institution responsible for licensing legal entities/NGOs in 2022 have licensed 7 legal entities that provide services for PWDs. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: No additional costs budget

Activity I.1.10 Strengthening the monitoring and inspection mechanism for the services and funds of beneficiary organizations

<u>Performance description</u>: From the reports provided by MFLT it is said that as part of the implementation of programs to support the licensed non-governmental sector in the provision of social and family services for 2022, MFLT/SFPD provided support through a public call to (44) licensed NGOs, where the amount of support from the 2022 funds for licensed NGOs was \in 1,000,000.00.

<u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: No additional costs budget

It is worth noting that the overall budget related to the implementation of activities for the year 2022 for *Specific Objective II*.1 was expected to be $37,845,380.00 \in$, while the amount spent amounts to 50,278,249.00, which falls with a difference of some $12,432,869.00 \in$ offered more for the year 2022.

Specific objective II: Creating equal conditions for the employment of PWDs

Activity I.2.1 Provision of services for PWDs in Career Services

<u>Performance description</u>: From the services provided based on the reports provided by the Departments for Career Services, it is said that in 2022, services for PWDs were provided, 179 people received Career Counseling services, 110 people with disabilities received service from Employment Counseling, and a total of 41 PWDs received Intensive Counseling services. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: 200,000€

Activity I.2.2 Strengthening the labor inspectorate for monitoring the implementation of Law No. 03/019 on Training, Retraining and Employment

<u>Progress status: under implementation</u> <u>Total planned budget</u>: No additional costs

Activity I.2.3 Mediation of PWDs in employment

<u>Performance description</u>: MFLT reports that during the 2022 the number of PWDs in mediation in regular employment is 9 persons with disabilities. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: 300,000.00€

Activity I.2.4 Inclusion of PWDs in employment through Active Labor Market Measures

<u>Performance description:</u> MFLT reports that throughout 2022, the number of persons with disabilities included in Active Labor Market Measures is a total of 2 persons. <u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: 500,000.00€

Activity I.2.5 Awareness campaigns for the employment of PWDs in the public and private sector. <u>Performance description</u>: MFLT reports that throughout 2022, job fairs were organized, where the services provided by EO and VTC for PWDs were reflected. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: 100,000.00€

It is worth noting that the overall budget related to the implementation of activities for 2022, precisely the overall budget for Specific Objective II.2 was 1,000,000 euros

Specific objective III: Professional training and retraining for the preparation of Persons with Disabilities for the labor market

Activity I.3.1 Expansion of professional training and retraining profiles according to labor market requirements.

<u>Performance description</u>: In the framework of the expansion of professional training and retraining profiles for the preparation of persons with disabilities, the MFLT reports that during 2022, the 12 existing profiles of VETs that are most in demand in the labor market have been operationalized. The profiles operationalized/opened include: Construction in VTC in Prishtina and Prizren; Kitchen in VTC in Gjilan and Gjakova; Hairdressing/Make-up in VTC in Gjakova and Mitrovica; Tailoring in VTC in Gjilan, Gjakova and Prizren; Carpentry in VTC in Ferizaj; Welding in VTC in Prizren; Bakery in VTC in Prizren. <u>Progress status:</u> Implemented

Total planned budget: No additional costs are foreseen

I.3.2 Training of PWDs in Vocational Training Centers

<u>Performance description:</u> During 2022, 35 Persons with Disabilities have been involved in trainings within the framework of the VTCs. <u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: No additional costs budget

Activity I.3.3 Adapted curricula for persons with disabilities

<u>Performance description</u>: From what is reported by MFLT regarding the adapted curricula for persons with disabilities for 2022, it is said that regarding the revision and development of new curricula within the the VTCs, supported by EYE project, curricula and teaching packages have been developed based on the occupation standards in the following qualifications: Accounting Clerk, Bricklayer, Carpentry and Electrical Installations (these curricula are also used by PWDs). <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented

Total planned budget: No additional costs budget

Activity I.3.4. Adaptation of workshops with equipment for the needs of persons with disabilities

<u>Performance description</u>: Throughout 2022, it is said that with the support of Save the Children, within the VTC, sanitary facilities have been arranged for better access of PWDs. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Total planned budget</u>: 25,000.00€

Activity I.3.5 Training of trainers at the VTC for the implementation of the curriculum adapted for PWDs

Performance description: During 2022, it was planned to train and prepare 20 trainers for the implementation of the curriculum and the approach to PWDs. During the design of such curricula, the training of trainers of VTC on the implementation of the curricula for PWDs was also done. Progress status: Implemented Total planned budget: 5,500.00€

The budget spent for 2022 related to Specific Objective III.3 is \in 30,500.00, while the overall budget for Strategic Objective 2: is worth the amount of 38,975,880.00 \in .

EDUCATION

Strategic Objective 3: Creation of conditions for inclusiveness in education and for professional support of persons with disabilities

Specific Objective I: Creation of mechanisms for the identification and early education of children with disabilities

Activity I.1.1 Drafting of 3 educational guidelines for the approach and work with children with disabilities

<u>Performance description</u>: Throughout 2021, as an activity, the guidelines for early identification and intervention, guidelines for the pedagogical approach with children, and guidelines for rehabilitation were intended to be drawn up, but due to the impossibility of drafting, these guidelines were carried over to 2022, where also in the following year, the budget plan was missing and there was no interested donor.

Progress status: Not implemented

<u>Total planned budget</u>: 4000€

Activity I.1.2 Raising the capacity of educators to implement the guidelines

<u>Performance description</u>: Given that this activity is related to the previous activity and that the raising of the training capacities of the staff is planned to be done based on the possible drafting of the guides mentioned in activity I.1.1, the training was not possible due to the lack of guidelines.

<u>Progress status:</u> Not implemented <u>Planned budget</u>: 5000€ Activity I.1.3 Designing and providing pedagogical materials on the 2 platforms of MESTI

<u>Performance description</u>: Based on the most recent reports from MESTI regarding the design of the provision of pedagogical materials related to the 2 Platforms for MESTI, which have been provided with materials and information related to early childhood education and comprehensive education platforms equipped with pedagogical materials for children with disabilities, both of these platforms throughout 2022 have been designed and are in use by educators/teachers and parents. Progress status: Implemented

Planned budget: No additional costs

Activity I.1.4 Awareness campaign for the importance of early intervention for children with disabilities

<u>Performance description</u>: During 2022, guidelines were drawn up that included early childhood for the persons with disabilities. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Planned budget</u>: 2000€

The overall budget for Specific Objective III.1 throughout 2022 has been planned at €7,000.00

Specific Objective Creating, strengthening and improving the services of inter-sectoral mechanisms and other support mechanisms for the inclusive school

Activity I.2.1 Employment/or provision of support teachers in schools

<u>Performance description:</u> Currently, based on reports from MESTI, there are 52 support teachers for children with disabilities in schools. <u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Planned budget:</u> Both the number and the cost depend on the municipalities

Activity I.2.2 Employment of school support assistants <u>Performance description</u>: The activity in question was also part of the activities within the calendar of activities where it was planned to employ 100 assistants for children with disabilities throughout the country by 2023, and the employment of another 300 assistants is foreseen. <u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Planned budget:</u> 787,662.00€ Activity I.2.3 Increasing the capacities of assessment teams for pedagogical assessment of children with needs

Performance description: the product of the activity in question has been planned for 215 members of the municipal assessment teams to be trained in the use of the plan within 2022. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Planned budget</u>: $5,000.00 \in$

Activity I.2.4 Provision of Braille, orientation and mobility services for blind children in regular schools

<u>Performance description</u>: In the framework of providing services in Braille, orientation and mobility services for blind children, a teacher for mobility and orientation based in the Municipality of Ferizaj has been hired.

<u>Progress status:</u> Implemented Planned budget: 10,000€

Activity I.2.5 Increasing the capacities of teachers for approach and work with pupils with disabilities

<u>Performance description</u>: In the framework of the capacity building for teachers in working with children with disabilities during 2022, a total of 5000 teachers were trained in a total of 25 schools in the country.

<u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Planned budget:</u> 8,000.00€

The overall budget for Specific Objective III.2 during 2022, funds allocated for the realization of the activities as above are a total of &810,662.00.

I.3. Specific Objective Creating a suitable environment for inclusiveness in school and community

Activity I.3.1 Drafting of the 5-year plan for resource centers

<u>Performance description</u>: The 5-year plan for the resource centers was drawn up and approved during 2021, while during 2022 the plan is already being implemented. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented

Activity I.3.2 Increasing services from resource centers for regular schools

<u>Performance description</u>: Early intervention is considered service in resource centers and the services of traveling teachers to support teachers in IEP designing. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Planned budget:</u> 10,000€

Activity I.3.3 Increasing the capacities of staff in resource centers

<u>Performance description</u>: From the latest reports, MESTI reports that during 2022, the staff of the resource centers was trained by the experts engaged by the INCLUDE project. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Planned budget</u>: €3,000.00

Activity I.3.4 Designing and accreditation of training programs for teachers in regular schools

<u>Performance description</u>: Throughout 2021, MESTI reports that the planned programs for 2022 have been drawn up and accredited. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Planned budget:</u> Budget for 2021, €3,000

Activity I.3.5 Designing and accreditation of programs by AKM for writing Braille and sign language

<u>Performance description</u>: During 2022, 2 programs for Braille writing have been drawn up, while the Resource Center has recommended that it is not necessary to accredit the program in the national authorities.

<u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Planned budget:</u> No additional costs

Activity I.3.6 Providing courses for teachers, assistants and parents on Braille writing and sign language

<u>Performance description</u>: MESTI reports that during 2022 education is being offered in courses with full capacities for teachers, assistants, and parents in Braille, depending on the need. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Planned budget</u>: 10000€

Activity I.3.7 Program development, Level 5 in sign language

<u>Performance description</u>: MESTI reports that the development of the Level 5 program in sign language has been done and that they are procedurally awaiting the accreditation of the program. <u>Progress status</u>: Under implementation <u>Planned budget</u>: 3000€

The overall budget for 2022 for Specific Objective III.3 is €17,000.00

1.4 Specific objective: Improving the quality of teaching and learning in comprehensive education at all levels of pre-university education

Activity I.4.1 Drafting of the document for the inclusion of students with disabilities in upper secondary education, specifically VET schools

Performance description: The activity was planned to be realized during the 2021 period of the Action Plan and as an activity it was realized in the same year. Progress status: Implemented Planned budget: 5000€

Activity I.4.2 Designing guidelines for teachers on the approach, pedagogical work and specifics of pupils with disabilities

<u>Performance description</u>: The guide on the approach, pedagogical work and the specifics of pupils with disabilities was drafted during 2021 for upper secondary education and was distributed to schools. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Planned budget</u>: 5000€

Activity I.4.3 Increasing the capacities of teachers on the approach and specifics of pupils with disabilities

<u>Performance description</u>: Throughout 2022, within the framework of activity 1.4.3, 230 teachers from 25 schools have been trained on the approach and specifics of students, 33 teachers from resource centers have been trained as trainers, and 80 teachers from resource centers have been trained for comprehensive education.

Progress status: Implemented

<u>Planned budget</u>: 32,000.00€

Activity I.4.4 Provision of non-formal education in resource centers

<u>Performance description</u>: MESTI reports that even during 2022, the provision of non-formal education has continued in the Resource Centers as always. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Planned budget</u>: No additional costs

Activity I.4.5 Use of materials during the work process of teachers (materials prepared by NGOs) <u>Performance description</u>: MESTI reports that all materials designed to facilitate the work process of teachers are in use by teachers. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented <u>Planned budget</u>: No additional costs

The overall budget foreseen for 2022 within the framework of Specific Objective III.4 is €32,000.00

LEGAL PROTECTION

Strategic Objective: Creation of the legal infrastructure for respecting and fulfilling the rights of Persons with Disabilities

Specific Objective Drafting of laws to protect and respect the rights of Persons with Disabilities

Activity I.4.1 Involvement of OPDs in the drafting of legislation

<u>Performance description</u>: Regarding the inclusion of OPDs in the drafting of legislation, the institutions of the Republic of Kosovo have always given the right space to Organizations for Persons with Disabilities. <u>Progress status</u>: Implemented

<u>Planned budget</u>: No additional costs

The overall budget for Specific Objective IV.1 has no additional costs planned.

Specific Objective Amending and supplementing the current PWDs legal framework

Activity I.2.1 Implementation of Regulation GRK No. 15/2014 on Provision of Services in Sign Language

<u>Performance description</u>: in the framework of the communication approach, below are presented some data of sign language services provided by professional sign language interpreters, from the Office on Good Governance / Office of the Prime Minister (OGG/OPM) in cooperation with the Kosovar Association of the Deaf (ShKSh) during January - November 2022. The data is collected from the booking and payment list for the services provided. During this period, there were a total of 1,949 bookings from the deaf community and 4,449 hours of sign language interpretation services were provided in the value of 44,490 euros in public institutions. For more please see the tables below.

Note: These data are collected from the booking and payment list, and no analysis has been made for certain issues.



Table 1. Sign language service hours provided

Based on table no. 1, during January 168 reservations were provided, during February 183, during March 212, in April 188, in May 156, during June 212, during July 191, in August 123, in September 154, in October 179, during November 183 as well as in December 152 total bookings offered

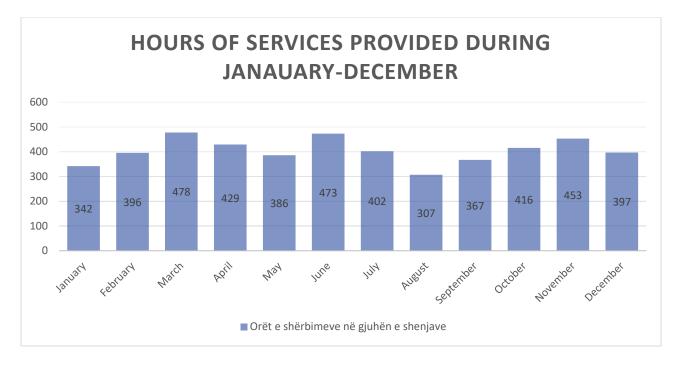


Table 2. Hours of Services provided during January-December

Based on table no. 2, the hours of services provided during January-December are presented, where 342 hours were provided in January, 396 hours in February, 478 hours in March, 429 hours in April, 386 hours in May, 473 hours in June, 402 hours in July, in August 307 hours, in September 367 hours, in October 416 hours, in November 453 hours and in December 490 hours in total.

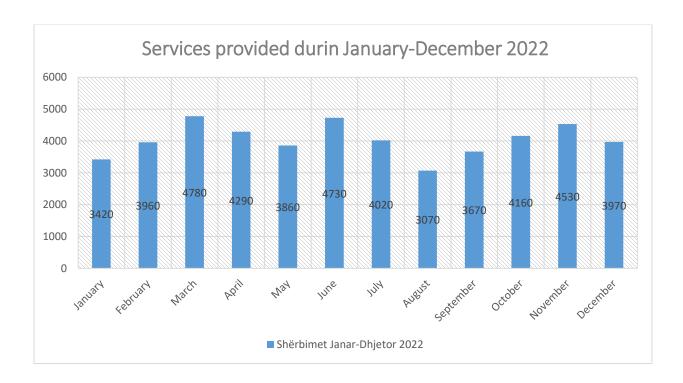


Table 3. The amount of services provided during January-December

Table no. 3 presents the total number of services provided in €, where during January 3420€, during February 3960€, during March 4780€, during April 4290€, during May 3860€, during June €4730, during July €4020, during August €3070, during September €3670, during October €4160, during November €4530 and during December €4190 were provided

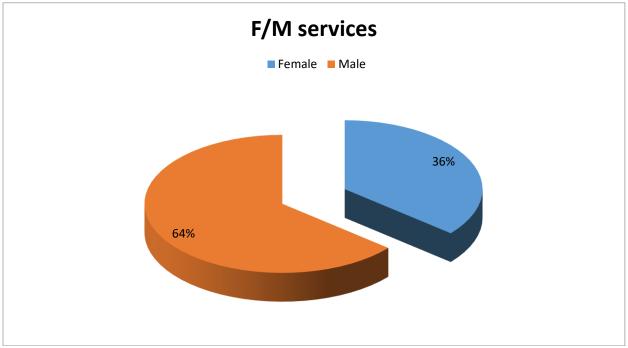


Table 4. Total number of services

Services provided on a monthly basis by gender and according to the table, 36% of service beneficiaries are female and 64% male.

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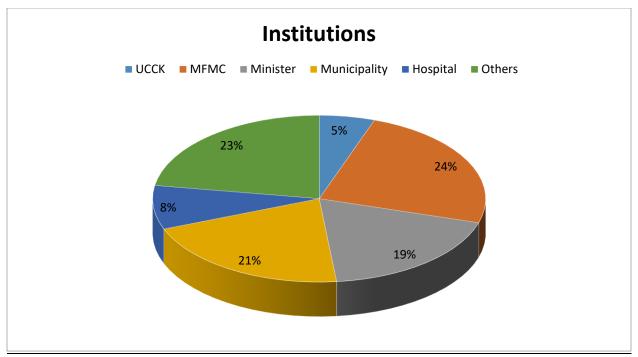


Table 5. Separation of services based on various factors

Based on table No. 5, the largest number of services in sign language is provided for services in municipalities with a total of 24%, followed by MFMC 5%, Regional Hospitals 10%, Municipality 21%, UCCK 8%, Ministry 4%, and other 23%.

Likewise, the Office on Good Governance/Office of the Prime Minister with the support of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo has worked on improving the overall functionality of the Online Platform for public consultations, with special emphasis on the access of persons with disabilities to this platform. Undoubtedly, this will improve overall inclusion by enabling deaf and blind people to access and contribute to policy and legislation making. As part of this initiative, promotional videos have been presented for access to the platform for public consultations for persons with disabilities https://konsultimet.rks-gov.net/ Progress status: Implemented Planned budget: 44,490€

Activity I.2.2 Coordination about the functionalization of the National Council on Disability

<u>Performance description</u>: The Council for Persons with Disabilities re-established on June 22, 2021 with the composition and which is led by the Deputy Prime Minister and was established to work for the creation of equal opportunities, full participation and social integration of persons with disabilities, to ensure that the needs and interests of persons with disabilities are always taken into account when the Government makes decisions about something that affects the condition of the latter.

Consequently, the Council for Persons with Disabilities follows, monitors and examines the living conditions of persons with disabilities, as well as advises the Government and responsible institutions in all matters related to a better quality of life for persons with disabilities. In conclusion, all the work of this mechanism is in line with and aims to fulfill the strategic objectives of the National Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2013-2023. Among the procedures followed by the Council are at least 2 meetings per year, and the most recently held meeting of the Council for Persons with Disabilities was held on 22.06.2022. Progress status: Implemented

<u>Planned budget</u>: No additional costs

The overall budget for Specific Objective IV.2 I foreseen in means for 2022 is €40,000.

Specific Objective Raising the capacities of professional staff in the justice system for PWDs rights

Activity I.3.1 Staff training in Probation and Correctional Services

<u>Performance description:</u> KCS/MoJ in cooperation with OSCE during 2022 has organized training for frontline management, for 28 supervisors, while one module was on human rights. <u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Planned budget:</u> No additional costs

Activity I.3.2 Drafting of the informative guidelines on the rights of persons with disabilities in the justice system Performance description: No Guidelines have been drawn up

The Ministry of Justice in cooperation with the "Kosova Gjithëpërfshirëse" Project, a project financed by the European Union, has held workshops on "Rights of Persons with Disabilities". This workshop was carried out in implementation of the calendar of activities for the year 2022 - Year of Persons with Disabilities, and was aimed at informing persons with disabilities about their legal rights, notarial services and the actions they must take to realize their rights. The workshop was attended by HandiKOS, SHKSH, SHVK and FKAK;

With the amendment of the Administrative Instruction MoJ-NO.05/2022 on Notary Fees for Compensation of Notary Work and Expenses, PWDs will also benefit from this instruction. Also, it is worth noting that the Ministry has provided transport service for two officials of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, for going to and from work as a measure to support PWDs. <u>Progress status:</u> Not implemented <u>Planned budget:</u> No additional costs Activity I.3.3 Raising the capacities of the KP through training of police officers for the protection and assistance of victims on PWD specifics

<u>Performance description</u>: 5 Workshops on the prevention of re-victimization of children with disabilities in the defense sector were held by HANDIKOS, where 20 participants from the Kosovo Police participated.

1 Roundtable was held - Prevention of errors in infrastructure works and proper access of persons with disabilities, organized by OPDMK with a participant from KP.

13 members of KP participated in the World Congress for Persons with Disabilities.

2 participants from KP took part in the Round Table "Alignment of Kosovo's legislation with the principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities organized by IAP.

Progress status: Implemented

Planned budget: No additional costs

Activity I.3.4 Drafting guidelines for the treatment of PWDs based on the specifics of the disability.

<u>Performance description</u>: During 2022, a program plan for persons with disabilities was drawn up and approved, as we have planned in the calendar of activities for persons with disabilities. Initially, this training will be incorporated into the training for human rights and will start with the training of cadets for police officers who are in AKSP.

Progress status: Implemented

<u>Planned budget:</u> No additional costs

ACCESS AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Objective: Creating equal conditions in access, information, communication, participation, as well as creating a unified data system for Persons with Disabilities

Specific Objective Research as needed on the situation on the ground regarding access to PWDs facilities

Activity I.1.1 Awareness activities with this community, respectively meetings with NGOs that represent the interests of persons with disabilities, with special emphasis on the integration and employment of persons with disabilities.

<u>Performance description</u>: Strengthening the cooperation between MLGA, MAFRD and the Municipality in implementation of the decision of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo No. 08/46.

The Ministry of Local Government Administration, in the joint organization with the Unit for Human Rights and Protection from Discrimination of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, visited the municipality of Mitrovica, recalling the obligations of the municipality in implementation of the calendar of activities for Persons with Disabilities, 2022. In the framework of this representative meeting from the Human Rights Unit and the Director of the Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development, it was discussed the respect and promotion of human rights in the municipality, in particular child protection, gender equality policies - women's empowerment at the local level.

This visit was part of the field visits by the MAFRD and the monitoring of the MLGA to farmers to see closely the implementation of the Law on Protection from Discrimination and the Law on Child Protection.

The Ministry of Local Government Administration has held a workshop with the municipalities of the region of Peja on the obligations of the municipalities in implementation of the Child Protection Law, in cooperation with the non-governmental organization "Terre des Hommes". This workshop was held with the municipalities of the region of Peja: Peja, Deçan, Istog, Junik and Klina. In the framework of the workshop, the obligations of the municipalities in implementation of the Child Protection Law were discussed,

The Ministry of Local Government Administration organized a visit to the municipality of Kamenica, specifically the Human Rights Unit, as part of the awareness campaign to prevent human trafficking, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Ministry of Health.

They were received by the UHRPD Coordinator, Officer for Gender Equality, Repatriation and Reintegration, - PSC Director, - Chief Nurse at the MFMC as well as the DHSW director. In this meeting it was discussed about:

Cooperation and coordination of activities at the local level;

·Health indicators of trafficking victims;

·Information about the guide for municipal officials on agriculture, of Article 51 of Law No. 06/L-84 on Child Protection, as well as Article 4 of Administrative Instruction No. 05/2013 to Prevent and Prohibit Hazardous Child Labour in the Republic of Kosovo, as well as the empowerment of women farmers in deep rural areas, as well as protection from discrimination

Progress status: Implemented

Planned budget: No additional costs

Activity I.1.2 Organized workshops for NGOs for persons with disabilities

Performance description: MAFRD reports that during 2022, meetings were organized for persons with Autism on the topic "The importance of cultivation and growing trees for children with autism" and the training discussed about the strawberry fruit. <u>Progress status: Implemented</u> <u>Planned budget:</u> 500€

I.1.3 Awareness campaign on grants in agriculture for persons with disabilities and parents of PWD children, MAFRD

<u>Performance description:</u> MAFRD reports that during 2022 it has not developed any activity, considering that all farmers are generally treated equally in the Ministry of Agriculture. <u>Progress status:</u> Implemented <u>Planned budget:</u> No additional costs

Activity I.1.4 Promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities in rural areas for the possibility of applying for subsidies and grants.

<u>Performance description</u>: We have not made visits to rural areas, we do not have an exact number of farmers with disabilities or families of persons with disabilities who have benefited from grants since everyone is treated equally (in general (last year) we have dedicated some other activities to mark the year of persons with disabilities.

Progress status: Implemented

Planned budget: No additional costs

Activity I.1.5 Promotion, cooperation and advancement of the rights of Persons with Disabilities in municipalities

<u>Performance description</u>: MLGA- Implementation of the World Bank project 'Municipalities for Youth - Component I' or M4Y Project is a \$2.7 million grant provided by the Japanese Government through the Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF), which is administered by the World Bank. The project aims to increase socio-economic opportunities for marginalized youth (15-24 years) in Kosovo. Through this project, the selected municipalities will address the socio-economic needs of young people, by financing the initiatives that originate from them, in order to increase the cooperation between the youth and local governments, for solving problems in the community. The project is implemented in 10 selected municipalities. The objective of the project is to improve the socio-economic inclusion of at least 3,000 marginalized youth in vulnerable communities in Kosovo through civic engagement and building their capacities and skills. The project is implemented in 10 municipalities, which have been selected as follows: Junik, Ranillug, Hani i Elezit, Zveçan, Kaçanik, Skenderaj, Rahovec, Gllogoc, Vushtrri and Ferizaj. In the preparation of the first cycle of sub-grants, 1,557 young people were trained in soft skills and project management (out of a total of 2020 applicants for training) and of which 838 women and 719 men were certified. More than half of the cycle 1 training beneficiaries were from rural and peri-urban communities, of which 79% were from vulnerable communities. As for the ethnic composition, 86% were young Albanians, 13% were Serbs, 1% were Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian. Compared to the population in the 10 municipalities, the ethnic composition of the participants in the training represents a favorable representation of Serbian youth (2.65 times the size of the population) and a representative percentage of the population of Roma and Ashkali youth. Most initiatives focus on youth employability (e.g. ICT courses, access to creative spaces, vocational training, job mediation), improvement of community facilities (e.g. libraries, school facilities) , cultural and sports activities, and raising awareness of topics related to youth. eg, PWD, environmental issues, delinquency, gender-based violence). **Progress status:** Implemented Planned budget: 500€

Activity I.1.6 Promotion of human rights in municipalities/PWDs. Full inclusion of PWDs in social life on equal terms with everyone.

<u>Performance description</u>: The Ministry of Local Government Administration (MLGA) in cooperation with OGG/OPM, MESPI, have agreed on direct cooperation with the selected municipalities for the implementation of the project/activities from the calendar: South Mitrovica, Gjakova, Mamusha, Peja and Gjilan.

In this direction, what completes this activity are NGOs with a cooperation and coordination of activities such as Handikos and the Kosovar Association of the Deaf.

In order to help the municipalities, MLGA has drawn up a draft proposal for the progress of the work in identifying the barriers and obstacles to the PWDs access.

Initially, the municipalities were notified about the activities from the calendar according to the decision by the Government of Kosovo, meetings were organized with the mayors of the aforementioned municipalities.

Meetings were held with mayors of the following municipalities: Peja, South Mitrovica, Gjilan, Gjakova and Mamusha.

The municipalities have issued a decision on the formation of the commission/working group, which WG identifies PWDs obstacles, and barriers.

MLGA and Handikos have organized workshops, where members from the WG participated in the project "Improving the legal framework in Kosovo according to the standards of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" and were informed about the assessment of the accessibility of the built environment in Kosovo's cities". On the basis of this training/workshop, the members of the working group of the municipalities were informed how to identify the PWDs obstacles/barriers by completing the form prepared by Prof. Rozafa Basha. Also WGs have narratively reported on PWDs obstacles/barriers.

As progress, we see that the municipality of Gjilan has launched sign language on the Web - the website of the municipality, monitoring of the municipal assembly, other important meetings. Within the project "Kosova Gjithëpërfshirëse", supported by the Office of the European Union in Kosovo and implemented by HANDIKOS in partnership with the Kosovar Association of the Deaf, Kosovo Blind Association, Kosovo Disability Forum, "Threshold" and "Disability Partnership Finland", MLGA officers have held the training and have been certified in "Auditing Access to Built Environments". The aim of the training was to increase the knowledge of different aspects of the access as well as to enable them to audit the access in the built environment. Progress status: Implemented Planned budget: 1000€

Activity I.1.7 Drafting of the Municipal Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities in municipalities

Performance description: MLGA: regarding the plan, we are collecting data for 2022 reports that the Consultative Committee for Persons with Disabilities has been operationalized in 20 municipalities, while in 17 municipalities (Klina, Kllokot, Istog, Podujeva, Partesh, Zveçan, Skenderaj, Shtime, Novobërdë, Dragash, Obiliq, Ferizaj, Mamusha, Ranillug, Leposaviq, Shtërpce, Zubin Potok) has not yet been operationalized. As for free legal aid for all citizens of the Republic of Kosovo, in 7 regions (South Mitrovica, Prishtina, Prizren, Peja, Ferizaj, Gjilan, Gjakova). While mobile offices for free legal aid as a form of organization of legal services, have been established in 18 municipalities, in 19 municipalities (Vitia, Kllokot, Podujeva, Hani Elezit, Partesh, Zveçan, Junik, Rahovec, Novobërdë, Obiliq, Mamusha, Shtërpce, Ranillug, North Mitrovica, Zubin Potok, Suhareka, Malisheva, Vushtrri, Gracanica) have not yet been established. The number of requests for free legal aid in 16 municipalities is 1,671. January-June 2022. Progress status: Implemented

Planned budget: 1000€

Specific Objective Providing access to facilities for PWDs

Activity I.2.1 Implementation of the Administrative Instruction No.33/2007 "On technical conditions for disabled persons accessibility to construction buildings"

<u>Performance description</u>: The Ministry of Infrastructure reports that within the framework of activity 1.2.1, it is said that the circular was approved by the Minister of MESPI in August 2022 "On the implementation of Administrative Instruction No. 33/2007 "On technical conditions for disabled persons accessibility to construction buildings". While, in September, it was sent as notification by e-mail, to the directorates of urbanism and the inspectorate, as well as to the offices of NJDNJ.

In the deadline that is foreseen in the middle of December 2022, out of 38 municipalities, only 5 municipalities have given answers. <u>Progress status:</u> Under implementation <u>Planned budget:</u> No additional costs

In the ongoing effort to fulfill the activities of the Action Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2023, the overall budget for the Action Plan for 2022 includes the amount of \notin 39,931,042.00 in funds provided.

In accordance with the total amount pledged by the Institutions of the Republic of Kosovo, in parallel with the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2023, specifically for 2022, there is also the implementation of the calendar activities which are documented in the Final Report of the calendar of activities drawn up in the framework of the announcement of the Year 2022 as the Year of Persons with Disabilities.