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120 BUSINESSES SUPPORTED THROUGH EQUIPMENT PURCHASING



This year, through our Advancing Kosovo Together – Local Solution program CDF has been delivering grants to businesses with aspiring ideas for growth, from 16 municipalities in Kosovo, in order for them to purchase the equipment they need for improving their services and products as well as expand their operations. By supporting startups and existing businesses, the program also promoted self-employment and income generation among youth and women. Furthermore, the program worked with diverse entrepreneurs to increase the potential for community growth and improve livelihood in minority communities which helped in the creation of 431 new jobs.

Upon completion of the program, the business beneficiaries became the official owners of all equipment purchased with the support of the program. The ceremony held on the occasion was also used as an opportunity for the beneficiaries to exhibit their products and exchange contacts for future cooperation.

TB FIGHT IN KOSOVO

Over the recent years, Kosovo's TB mortality rate has been relatively low in comparison with early 2000. According to the Global Fund data, only in 2017 the number of people with TB treated was 700 and the people who are most affected by it are prisoners, ethnic minorities and other vulnerable groups who do not have the same treatment equally, due to lack of policies on health programs.

CDF's TB program is funded by The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and started in 2011, aiming at reducing the TB burden in Kosovo and strengthening the health support system by also using community systems to enable needs-based and integrated interventions. The approach used is to cooperate with all the relevant institutions, for better information and practice. Only this year, in the last three months of 2018, our TB Program held TB management trainings at the Primary Health Care centers with doctors and nurses, to better understand their lack of knowledge on specific matters regarding TB, how to tackle the disease and



Over 20 trainings were held during these months, with more than 100 attendees, showing that the disease is still a major issue in the country.

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CDF TB SUPPORTS THE HEALTH CENTERS WITH IT EQUIPMENT

To detect a disease such as TB, many health institutions use direct microscopy, liquid or solid media, and GenXpert. In our country, such methods are available, thanks to the funding of the CDF – the primary recipient of the TB program by Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Only diagnosing, however, will not be enough to fight a complicated disease such as TB. Health institutions also need to be equipped with technology that will aid the administrative section in better diagnosing it. CDF TB donated IT equipment to 15 Regional TB Centers across the country. The donated IT equipment were: PCs, laptop, servers, printers for SEM-TB, and many more equipment that these Centers need. Making such technology available enables the institutions to be more efficient in battling the disease and come closer to the goal of decreasing the number of TB cases throughout the country.



PREVENTING AND TREATMENT OF HIV IN KOSOVO



In April 2018, CDF signed a new grant for the HIV Program for the period April 2018 – December 2020, in the value of 1,445.502 EUR. CDF is implementing the program with the Kosovo Coordination Mechanism for HIV and TB, in support of the National Program for HIV and TB. The new grant is a continuation of the program that aims at preventing HIV amongst the key population, treatment and care for HIV infected persons as well as to create the favorable conditions for sustainability and transition for the Global Fund funding to Kosovo Government Funding.

One of the most important piles of the new Grant are the activities aimed at addressing human rights for free access to HIV prevention services.

The context includes the Program Advisory Group, an MCR advisory group which continuously tackles the human rights issues. The group is comprised by representatives of the Ministry of Health, People's Advocate Office, the World Health Organization, Kosovo Police, SSSUK, key population and those affected by HIV.

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CDF SUPPORTS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTEGRATED BIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE AND BEHAVIOR SURVEYS

One of the biggest highlights of 2018 for the CDF HIV Program in Kosovo, is the implementation of the Integrated Biological Surveillance and Behavior Surveys (IBBS) research among key population in Kosovo. This activity is implemented in cooperation with the National Institute for Public Health and its purpose was to gather strategic information on the monitoring of the Second HIV Generation, to improve strategic planning and better design the future services.



In order to improve the implementation of the national program for HIV, CDF through its Global Fund program and the implementing partners (Labyrinth, Integra, KAPHA) organized trainings with health and social workers and the Kosovo Police, aiming to raise awareness for capacity building for; counseling and testing for HIV, improvement of the methadone program, improvement of the reporting levels, reduction of stigma and discrimination as well as human rights issues. CDF offered technical assistance to the Ministry of Health in drafting the legal basis for HIV/AIDS (Administrative Instructions), Strategic Planning and drafting of the HIV Prevention Protocols.

LITTLE DREAMS OF KACANIK YOUTH

Building Resilience in Individuals and Communities in Kosovo – BRICK is a two year program signed in 2018, aiming at positive youth development – respectively elementary and high school pupils. This was done in cooperation with other CSOs and many cultural and sports events in the region of Kaçanik were held. Soon after the start of the implementation of the first quotation of the program, CDF signed the agreement to continue the same work in Ferizaj. During 2018, CDF as the leading partner of the program, together with NGO Integra, ICK, CCPA-Kosova and Columbus Institute, organized several sports activities for the youth in these two



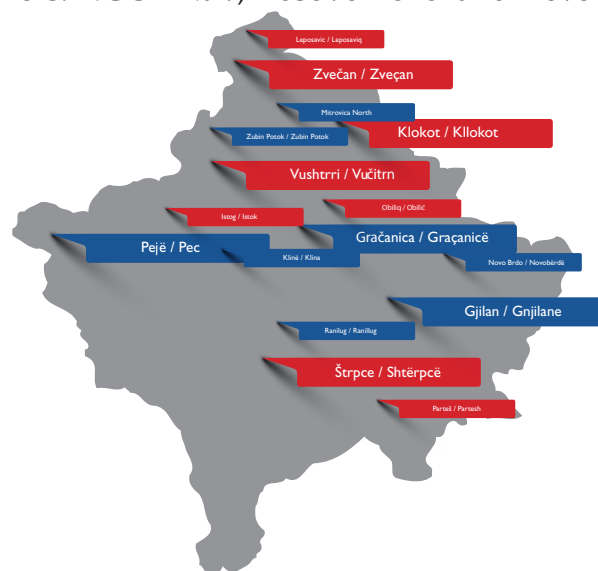
cities. In June, a football tour was organized in Kaçanik where 15 elementary and secondary schools participated with their teams, including 2 girl teams. Similar football tours were organized until the end of the year and the increased number of participants didn't even stop while the temperatures outside were minus. When asked about the tour, the director of the organization CDF, Mrs. Nermin Mahmuti expressed that she was even prouder at the end, when the number of girl teams increased from 3 to 9.

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CDF CELEBRATES THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE USAID AKT LS

In October 2014, CDF was trusted with the implementation of one of the biggest USAID programs, Advancing Kosovo Together – Local Solution. Together with the partners: NGO Aktiv, Kosovo Relief and Development (KRD) and Center for Peace and Tolerance (CPT), the organization spend 4 years of engagement aiming at bringing all communities together and to create the opportunities to get them thinking, talking and working together, respectively Improve communication and integration between minority and majority populations; Improve economic opportunities for non-majority communities in target municipalities; Increase efficiency and capacity of target municipal administrations to respond to the needs of their citizens.

In October 2018, the organization celebrated the successful implementation of the 4 year program. CDF shares the high result and gratification of the work with all the partners and other actors involved.



VIA PEAKS OF DINARICA

In March 2016, CDF in partnership with Orienteering Club from Kosovo, Centre for Sustainable Tourism Initiatives and Mountaineering Association of Montenegro started the implementation of the 'Expansion of ViP Dinarica in the CBC Region Albania-Kosovo', a program funded by the EU. The project contributes to the creation of the new tourism product labelled ViA Dinarica through which a total of 599 km of hiking and biking trails have been selected and infrastructure improved in the cross-border region (66 km of hiking and 100 km of biking trails in Kosovo and 259 km of hiking and 174 km of biking trails in Montenegro).

In 2018, CDF together with the Albanian Development Fund launched the new program Expansion of ViP Dinarica in the CBC Region Albania – Kosovo, which will help increase the economic activity in the cross-border area through unique sustainable tourism models based on natural, tradition and cultural values, while bringing forth the shared characteristics of the region. Respectively, the program will develop 2 new hiking and cycling trails connecting Kosovo with Albania through the Accursed Mountains (Bjeshkët e Nëmura), the municipalities of Gjakova/ Đakovica, Deçan/ Deçane, Junik, Pejë/Pec with the Albanian municipalities of District of Kukës and District of Shkodra.

