

### MiniMarathon “Run for Knowledge”



On August 31, under the motto "Run for Knowledge", a humanitarian MiniMarathon was held in order to help educate the children of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities in Prishtina.

All those who participated in this MiniMarathon had to buy a number that cost 5 euros, after which all the funds that were raised will go to the learning centers for additional learning managed by the Voice of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians organization.

In the MiniMarathon of 5 km about 200 people were as participants, who joined this cause to "Run for Knowledge" organized by NGO-VoRAE in cooperation with the Kosovo Athletics Federation and the Municipality of Prishtina.

The MiniMarathon was divided into two categories, for children (women - men) with 1 km of running (going, coming) and adults (women - men) with 5 km of running (going, coming).

After the finish of the marathon, a total of 12 prizes have been awarded, three awards for each one of the categories: first, second and third place.

Undoubtedly this activity could not have been carried out without the sponsors who made their contribution: Water Rugova, Pit Power, and Hotel Gracanica.

Special thanks also go to the Emergency Medicine Center in Prishtina and the Kosovo Police.

NGO-VoRAE also thanks in particular the people who supported this cause: Ms. Saranda Bogujevci, Mr. Veton Berisha, Mr. Artan Berisha, Mr. Burim Krasniqi, the media and tireless staff of VoRAE headed by the organizer Mr. Orhan Butic with the staff and tutors of additional learning centers.

We wish that this cause in the years to come would be even more inclusive, given its importance and purpose for Knowledge and the support for further education for these three communities: Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian

### **EDI - Phase 3 - Empowering non-majority communities in Kosovo through education, dialogue and inclusion in municipal decision making processes**



The third phase of the EDI project, which is funded by the Austrian Development Agency, has been launched.

The project will be implemented by a consortium which consists of Balkan Sunflowers, The Ideas Partnership and PLAY International Kosovo. The main goal of the project is to involve non-majority communities in Kosovo through quality education and social cohesion. Based on the successes and achievements of EDI 1 (2013-2016) and EDI 2 (2016-2019), the third phase will aim to establish solid foundations for inclusion through institutionalization and advocacy.

The consortium of the project will implement the drafted project in order to cover three main areas, all of which will be supported by ongoing advocacy work with key stakeholders:

- 1) Improving of the Learning Centers and the sports programs that contribute to the quality of education and social cohesion for children in the four targeted locations;
- 2) Capacity building for teachers, teaching staff of the learning centers and volunteers, to ensure that they are qualified, committed and motivated to provide inclusive and qualitative education;
- 3) Official registration of the four Learning Centers and the submission of two Learning Centers to Kosovo institutions which would make them financially viable and active beyond project completion.

The activities of the project will respond to the needs of communities in four municipalities: Fushe Kosove, Lipjan, Shtime and Obiliq. The deadline for implementation of the EDI 3 project is July 2022.

### Renovation of the Learning Center in Mitrovica

The project "EU Support for the Implementation of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Strategy 2 - Education for Integration" (EU SIMRAES 2) which is funded by the European Union Office in Kosovo and implemented by the Kosovo Education Center (KEC), KFOS and 6 other civil society organizations on August 22 renovated the RADC Roma Mahalla Learning Center in Mitrovica. Renovations to this center have included the repair of the doors and windows, the change of floors in two classrooms and the interior walls of the Learning Center. This renovation has created a more suitable environment for work and for more qualitative services for the children of these communities in this learning center.



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### Summer school of 3 days for the teachers of the partner gymnasiums

As part of the Program "After School Support for Teens" - ASSET, on the date of August 22, a 3 day summer school for the teachers of the partner gymnasiums teachers was held. The aim of this summer school has been for teachers of the different fields to implement the use of educational technology equipment in teaching and school projects. Through short workshops, participants gained hands-on knowledge of using equipment such as:



Arduino / Electronics, PocketLab, Electron Microscopy, CNC Router, 3D Printer, Laser Cutter and Computer Sewing Machine.

The ASSET program is funded by USAID and implemented by the Kosovo Education Center (KEC) in partnership with FHI360 and Crimson Capital Corp.

### **The EPRBM holds a meeting at the Plemetin Learning Center**



On August 30, at the BSFK Additional Learning Center in Plemetina, the Team for Prevention, Abandonment Response and Non-Enrollment of students at school on the municipal level held a working meeting with parents of Ashkali, Roma and Egyptian children. In this meeting was discussed about the regular attendance in the pre-university education and the identification of those students who dropped out of school for economic reasons.

At this meeting the parents were informed about the scholarships and the road subsidies that this year the Municipality of Obiliq, respectively the Municipal Directorate of Education will provide. At the end of this meeting the parents were informed of the children who have dropped out of regular schooling and are now 17-18 years old and can attend non-formal classes from 1-9 at Shfmu: "Dr. Ibrahim Rugova" in Obiliq.

At thi meeting were present : Ms.Fatime Beka Pllana, Municipal Head of Education, at the same time Chair of EPRBM, Bedri Neziri, Principal of Sfm: "Pandeli Sotiri" along with teachers: Zojnie Mehmeti and Azize Shaljani, Miranda Fondaj, and Nazmije Hoxha from Plemetin Additional Learning Center.

Following this meeting the school principal along with the members of the EPRBM team visited the school facility and Company N.N.P. "Builders" who have completed the work in renovating the yard with cubes from the road in front of the school building to the parking lot. This project was funded by the municipality of Obiliq.

## Campaign for enrollment of Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali children in schools

During the month of August, advocacy campaigns for school enrollment of children in the framework of the EU Simraes II project were held. During this campaigns meetings with parents were held in the villages of Srebrobran and Gurrakoc in the localities where the program is implemented within the school system in "Martin Camaj" Gurrakoc.



## Summer Camp 2019



On August 7, 8 and 9, 2019, a summer camp was organized with students from 6 primary schools in the municipalities of Peja, Klinë and Istog. The goals of this three-day camp, which was attended by about 150 children, were: developing intellectual and physical skills, stimulating creative ideas in group work and socializing and learning through games.

## Janjeva's women benefit from the ReLOaD project

As part of the ReLOaD project (Regional Program on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans), has begun the activity of preparing 15 Janjeva women for tailoring and handicrafts, through trainings to which are led by 5 women from the Sa-pune microfinance project. Training in entrepreneurship and business will also be part of the preparation.

The Regional Program on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans, part of which is also a project being implemented by The Ideas Partnership in Janjevo, funded by the European Union in cooperation with the Municipality of Lipjan, and implemented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

This project aims to empower women in business and raise awareness about Janjeva youth's broader participation in culture and sports.



## Children visit the National Gallery of Kosovo

Children from the minority communities Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian who attend intensive classes at TIP center in Fushë Kosovë, had the opportunity to visit the National Gallery of Kosovo by observing closely the work of artist Muslim Mulliqi and were inspired to draw on their own at the premises of the gallery.

TIP is grateful to the National Gallery of Kosovo for initiating this collaboration and to the staff for welcoming the children, teaching them about art and gave them the opportunity to see a close up of an art exhibition.



### Training in agriculture

In the framework of the project "Encouraging young Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities to engage in agriculture" in Ferizaj, several trainings were held on topics:

- a. Drafting of Projects
- b. Drafting Business Plans
- c. Training for vegetables
- d. Trainings for trees
- e. Training for livestock
- f. Training for grain

The purpose of this project is to encourage the young people to engage in agriculture and through these trainings these young people have gained basic knowledge of agriculture and its branches, and have also increased their capacities in drafting business proposals and plans.



### Training for young job seekers



As part of the project "Integration and Inclusion of Minority Communities in Economic Development" supported by the Enhancing Youth Employment- EYE Project and implemented by the WELD Tech company, a training was held with ISO EN 9606-1 certification for 15 young jobseekers from Ashkali and Roma in Ferizaj. After training these young people are expected to be employed in private metal processing companies in Ferizaj region.

The project is also strongly supported and assisted by the NGO BRAN. KIMERK is where economic development happens.

## Activities in the Learning Center in Mitrovica



From August 20th to August 25th, 2019, in Mitrovica, after the renovation of the Roma Neighborhood Learning Center, the children had the opportunity to have a few days before the start of the school year to enjoy free activities in the Mitrovica Learning Center. These activities were organized by the RADC learning center staff under the EU SIMRAES 2 program.

## Encouraging meeting for high school enrollment

On the date of August 20 in Prizren, NGO Nevo Concept organized a joint meeting with parents and students of lower secondary schools.

During the meeting, several brochures were distributed to the primary school seniors regarding their enrollment in upper secondary schools. In addition to the brochures, supplementary information was provided regarding the second term option of secondary school enrollment. During the meeting with the students, they were informed about the subject majors offered by upper secondary schools and the options they have to choose voluntarily.



The organization of this meeting was implemented in the framework of the EU Support for the Implementation of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Strategy 2 - Education for Integration" (EU SIMRAES 2), that is implemented by the Nevo Concept.

## Activities with students in Pirana



Psychosocial and leisure activities were organized on the date of August 22, 2019 with the students of the lower secondary school "Two Martyrs" in Pirana, Prizren.

In this activity students from different ethnicities and age groups of this school participated. The purpose of the activity was to include all children of different ethnicities and motivate them to participate in other school activities. The purpose of this activity is to raise the interest of children from Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities in school and also to change their access to school.

This activity was implemented within the project "EU Support for the Implementation of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Strategy 2 - Education for Integration" (EU SIMRAES 2), that is implemented by Nevo Concept.

## Cooperation agreements with the Municipality of Prishtina

Terre des hommes has consistently demonstrated a commitment to providing quality and specialized services to children on the streets; for children that are at high risk as well as for the children that are victims of abuse. Creating new opportunities to provide specialized and emergency services to these children, through the creation of the Daily Center, Terre des hommes has signed cooperation and co-financing agreements with the Municipality of Prishtina. We are very pleased about the opportunities this center will offer for these children and the productive cooperation with the Municipality of Prishtina.



## Summer Program of VoRAE



The education program of Non-governmental organization VoRAE has again started the implementation of the summer program also during this year in the 19 additional learning centers in Kosovo.

The summer program is a challenging, healthy and rich experience, with educational activities where they contribute constructively to the personal development of our children. The children during this summer program have created a sense of their responsibility and awareness of their school potential.

The summer program offers the students an unforgettable summer where they develop: their skills, knowledge and their understanding in sports, language and spelling improvements, teamwork, culture and everything else in a fun and clean environment.

This learning experience, is discovering and challenging and constructive development, which is shared with children from different backgrounds and cultures.