

REPORT ON THE WORLD POPULATION DAY 2012 IN KOSOVO

Roundtable Marking the World Population Day

UNFPA Office in Kosovo commemorated the World Population Day by organizing a Roundtable chaired by UNFPA Kosovo Head of office Ms. Doina Bologna and the Minister of Health Mr. Ferid Agani. Professor of demographics Ms. Mimoza Dushi provided her expertise on population issues. Representatives of relevant institutions as Ministry of Health, parliament, health institutions, UN agencies, and NGO's were present at the event.

Roundtable was organized to focus attention on importance of Reproductive Health in the context of growing population specified as **“Reproductive Health as a guarantee for healthy generations – today and tomorrow”**



Participants of the Roundtable



Welcoming speech of Ms. Bologna, Head of UNFPA's Kosovo Office



Minister of Health Mr. Agani talks about planned activities for the year 2012

Presentation explaining concept of reproductive health and main achievements in the world was introduced by Ms. Doina Bologa, Head of the UNFPA Kosovo Office. It was followed by presentation by Minister of Health Mr. Ferid Agani on Reproductive Health situation in Kosovo stressing achievements and challenges. Last presentation Family planning and population in Kosovo was held by Professor at the University of Prishtina Ms. Mimoza Dushi.

Discussion following the presentations raised different issues on population in Kosovo. There were raised issue of dealing with more than 50 % of people younger 25 years in terms of family planning, consideration of decreasing fertility and migration, and need of multisectoral strategy for enhancing access to Reproductive Health.

As a special appreciation of work towards improving the health of population in Kosovo, Letters of Recognition were handed over to Dr. Merita Vuthaj, the Mother, Child and Reproductive Health Officer, for contribution towards improving reproductive health for all citizens of Kosovo, to the Center for Development of Family Medicine in Kosovo and its Training Centers in Ferizaj, Gjakova, Gjilan, Lipjan, Mitrovica, Peja, Prishtina, and Prizren for improving the health of the population through strengthening the professional skills of health staff.



Ms. Bologa congratulates to Dr. Merita Vuthaj, Mother Child and Reproductive Health Officer, for her contribution to reproductive health in Kosovo



Representative of the Training Center in Pristina awarded by Letter of Recognition

Involvement of Media

National TV RTK was present at the roundtable, moreover, UNFPA Kosovo communication focal point Visare Mujko – Nimani was invited to the morning shows at RTK and National Radio Blue Sky where the World Population Day was commented and UNFPA's activities in Kosovo were discussed.

Press Release

Press release was prepared based on the Message of the UNFPA's Executive Director Babatunde Osotimehin and Secretary General Ban Ki-moon adjusted to the situation in Kosovo explaining the general state of reproductive health in Kosovo. Press release in English and Albanian are both available online at UNFPA Kosovo website.

English version is accessible at <http://www.unfpakos.org/new/?p=1345>