



FACT SHEET

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Mission

Advancing Together has taken upon the mission of advocating, promoting, and developing measures and programs to ensure that the rights of all communities and their members are respected. Through active engagement in policy debate and development, watchdog activities, education, service delivery and active engagement of communities in building social safety nets, we undertake to promote the rights of vulnerable groups within Kosovo and internationally.

Working with Partners

Advancing Together (AT) for 2019 has signed project partnership agreement with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, mission in Pristina.

AT is implementing ROMACTED, “Promoting good governance and Roma empowerment at local level”, a Joint Programme between the European Union (DG NEAR) and the Council of Europe.

AT supports and cooperates with Kosovo institutions: The Ministry of Communities and Return, The Ministry of Justice, The Ministry of Education Science and Technology, The Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, The Ministry of Local Government and Administration, Office of Good Governance, Kosovo Property Comparison and Verification Agency, Judicial Institutions, Ombudsperson Office, Kosovo Legal Aid Agency, as well as, Municipal Offices for Communities and Return and relevant Municipal Departments.

The Organization cooperates also with other international organizations and local NGOs: the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, UNMIK, IOM, Danish Refugee Council, Voice of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian, Kosovo Red Cross and others.

Main Activities

with UNHCR, The UN Refugee Agency

Monitor and identify potential protection risks that returnees and internally displaced persons may face and assess level of compliance by the authorities against relevant international instruments and domestic legal framework that provide protection against such risks.

Advocate for support of the local and central level authorities in addressing the basic needs of Kosovo returnees and internally displaced persons in the areas of physical, legal and material safety.

Undertake capacity building activities to the relevant authorities with aim to improve and expand the institutions' commitment, capacities, knowledge and skills in protecting people UNHCR cares for.

Facilitate communication between people UNHCR cares for and the Municipal Offices for Employment and Regional Vocational Center(s), with the aim to provide youth counselling on educational and vocational training opportunities and public employment services.

Through its community advocates, AT will empower people UNHCR cares for and ensure proper representation and participation in decision making processes, organize actions and joint activities with authorities resulting with inclusion of IDPs and returnee communities' needs expected to be addressed by the local and central level authorities.

Support development and pursue the implementation of relevant legal framework affecting the rights of people UNHCR cares for by also paying a particular attention to the implementation of the Kosovo National Strategy on Property Rights.

Provide to the most vulnerable IDPs and voluntary minority returnees direct legal aid, and legal assistance, counselling and in-court representation with regard to access to rights and services.

with ROMACTED

Engage local authorities in creating sustainable policies and actions that will help stimulate (empower) Roma Ashkali communities to contribute in the design, implementation and monitoring of plans prepared to improve the overall situation.

Empower Roma Ashkali communities in; a) practicing their basic rights (in individual level) and b) getting organized and voice their interests in the community problem –solving.

Improve and expand the institutions' commitment, capacities, knowledge and skills in: working for Roma inclusion, putting into practice the concepts of good governance.

The programme is being implemented in the following municipalities: Gjakovë/Đakovica; Gračanica/Graçanicë; Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South; Lipjan/Lipljan; Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje; Ferizaj/Uroševac; Istog/Istok and Obiliq/Obilič municipality.

Our Presence

Advancing Together has its office in Pristina and covers the entire Kosovo. A total of 22 staff members from different ethnicities are engaged currently with AT. The office is divided into four structures:



Management



Protection
Unit



Legal Unit



Community
Advocates

The Community Advocates operates in Obiliq/Obilić, Graçanicë/Gračanica, Gjilan/Gnjilane, Pejë/Peć and Gjakovë/Đakovica.

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