THE FIRST 100 DAYS of COVID-19: UNICEF Kosovo’s Response to the Pandemic

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SUMMARY

It has been 100 days and counting since COVID-19 was detected in Kosovo. From a complete lockdown just days after the first registered infection on 13th of March – where only food stores, pharmacies and essential services remained open - on 1st of June, restrictions on movement and economic activity were eased. However, the number of COVID-19 cases are on the rise; as of 29th of June there are 2,173 cases, including 27 deaths.

UNICEF RESPONSE:

Protecting health of children and communities remained a top priority for UNICEF. A lot of progress has been made; however much more needs to be done to establish a new normal in Kosovo. In partnership with the institutions, civil society, media, parents and young people, UNICEF provided COVID-19 response and recovery efforts through a) Infection and Prevention Control and WASH b) Risk communication and community engagement; c) Continued access to essential health and nutrition services for women, children and vulnerable communities; d) Continuous education, social protection, and child protection support.

UNICEF Kosovo has delivered critical life-saving support since the pandemic arrived. On 18 March, four days after the first cases of COVID-19 were detected in Kosovo, health workers on the frontlines of the pandemic received the first of four shipments of personal protective equipment from UNICEF. The second shipment of 3.6 tons of personal protective equipment was provided to the Ministry of Health less than two weeks following the lockdown.

Within a week, UNICEF launched a major social and mass media “#whileathome” campaign providing information on how to seek assistance for and prevent COVID-19. The campaign targeted children, their parents and caregivers, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers and reached more than 170,000 people.

Less than a week after the full lockdown, UNICEF distributed vital supplies to protect communities. A total of 12,000 hygienic kits containing essential toiletries, masks, sanitizer, detergents and information on how to keep families safe were distributed. Three weeks later an additional of 10,150 hygiene kits were distributed to families in need and 249 to family health centres.

Within three weeks of the lockdown, an online Early Childhood Development digital platform was launched to enable at-home skill development. The platform currently has 190,000 active users and has reached 2.3 million viewers.
Little over a month after Kosovo’s schools were closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Learning Passport, an innovative collaboration between Microsoft, Cambridge University, the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) and UNICEF, was launched. This platform allows for continuity of the educational experience through online learning.

In the weeks and months following COVID-19’s detection in Kosovo, UNICEF has continued to provide timely, targeted and vital services to children and their families. With UNICEF support, the vaccination services resumed on 7 May. Additionally, the support to children and pregnant women through home visiting programme continued to become operational through virtual means.

UNICEF has stayed connected with adolescents and youth by, in part, digitizing and continuing the organisation’s innovative youth empowerment and skills development programmes online. Engaging young people through online platforms was initiated few days following the lockdown and continued throughout the 100 days with COVID-19.

From 18 to 23 May, UNICEF and partners campaigned for full inclusion and acceptance of children with disabilities. The “visa4children” awareness-raising campaign included an exhibit of 120 wheelchairs and backpacks physically installed in a central Pristina square; this action elicited extraordinary support. Over one million people were reached through UNICEF Kosovo social media accounts during the weeklong campaign.

A UN Task Force, co-chaired by UNICEF and UNDP was established to undertake a rapid Socio-economic Impact Assessment and produce a socio-economic response plan to COVID-19 based on five pillars: strengthening the health system; social protection and basic services; protecting jobs; championing macroeconomic policies that support the poor; and promoting social cohesion and community-led resilience and response.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the sustained collaboration and support of UNICEF’s global partners. Financial support for UNICEF’s COVID-19 response and recovery in Kosovo was provided by the Governments of Luxembourg, Japan, USAID and The UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund. UNICEF recognizes efforts of donors, institutions and other partners, committed to continue with this strong partnership in order to meet the needs of affected children and women by COVID-19.
INTRODUCTION

COVID-19 arrived in Kosovo at a time of political instability, weak health systems and a fragile socio-economic situation. An almost complete lockdown was implemented to halt the pandemic, with educational facilities, primary health care programmes and social gathering points such as cinemas, restaurants and shopping malls forced to close. All institutions except medical and security entities limited in-office operations to essential staff and services only.

At the beginning of June, after weeks of limited commerce and activities, the authorities lifted most restrictions on movement and service providers. While this was welcomed, the limited uptake of masks and social distancing has caused concern. During lockdown, the average daily number of cases was 13. Since lockdown was lifted, that number has risen to 46. As of 30 June, there were a total of 2,756 cases and 39 deaths due to COVID-19.¹

The Kosovo economy, initially projected to grow about four percent in 2020, is now likely to contract by 4.5 per cent with sharp declines expected in investment, exports and remittances. The authorities have announced a stimulus package equivalent to 2.8 percent of GDP to support citizens, businesses, and professions affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Depending on the length and trajectory of the pandemic, this amount may need to be increased.²

FIGURE 1. COVID-19 Tally by week in Kosovo

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The effects of COVID-19 could reverse many of the hard won social and economic gains of the recent past while increasing poverty and inequality. Reduced economic activity and increased unemployment could, in the worst-case scenario, increase the overall poverty rate from 18 to 28 per cent.³

Kosovo’s only poverty-targeted programme, the Social Assistance Scheme (SAS), as a percentage of GDP, is only one fifth of the regional average and only reaches 10 per cent of all households while excluding nearly two-thirds of households in the bottom quintile.⁴ The poorest and most vulnerable households in Kosovo rely heavily on public services and have been the hardest hit by the crisis.

Globally, the response to COVID-19 is expected to reduce revenue and fiscal space, which is expected to translate into reduced availability of already low funding for health, education, social protection and other essential services. UNICEF is working to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Kosovo, minimize its impact on young people and maintain the focus on achieving rights and results for children by re-prioritizing internal resources and expanding partnerships.

**UNICEF KOSOVO IS:**

- helping to slow the spread of the virus, especially in the most vulnerable communities, by providing public information on COVID-19 prevention.
- ensuring the continuity of maternal and child health, education and child protection services for children and their families.
- providing hygiene items, personal protection equipment (PPE), and other medical supplies.
- working to address the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 and long-term recovery.

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SUPPORTING FRONTLINE HEALTH WORKERS

Kosovo entered the pandemic with the lowest ratio of doctors, nurses and beds to population in Europe. Public health care centres faced a severe shortage of qualified staff and limited availability of drugs, lab equipment and services leading to long wait times by clients. Health expenditures in Kosovo are also amongst the lowest on the continent, with private out-of-pocket payment constituting a significant share of total health expenditure. Implementation of a recently agreed health insurance reform has been delayed, making health care virtually unaffordable for poor and vulnerable households.\(^5\)

The resource-strapped health system faced the dual challenge of responding to the outbreak while maintaining essential services. Redirection of resources towards the COVID-19 response has, at times, limited or put on hold other essential health services such routine pre- or post-natal check-ups. Routine child immunisations were suspended on 13 March and the Ministry of Health (MoH) has struggled to secure hygienic supplies.

UNICEF provided critical life-saving support to frontline health workers through rapid provision of personal protective equipment, with the first batch provided four days after the first cases of COVID-19 were detected and the 3.6 tons of the second of four shipments arriving by day ten of the emergency. Two additional shipments with personal protective equipment were provided within a period of two months following the lockdown.

\(^5\) UNKT, A U.N. Framework for the Immediate Socio-economic Response to COVID-19 in Kosovo, 5 June, 2020
TABLE 1. Personal protective equipment delivered to MoH Kosovo

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<td>N-95 Masks</td>
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<td>Protective Aprons</td>
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<td>Rubber Boots</td>
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UNICEF supported the National Institute of Public Health (NIPH) and MoH in adopting guidelines for maintaining essential health services and community-based health care. Previously suspended routine vaccination services were resumed on 7 May, with UNICEF support. With the objective of maintaining immunization coverage at 95 per cent for all children and ensuring safe immunization of children, tents were set up away from the main primary health care buildings and immunisations administered under strict hygienic conditions. An online social media campaign has been initiated to increase parental awareness of the importance of routine vaccination.

UNICEF is supporting implementation of the home visiting programme using telehealth approaches. Nurses received phone cards to enable outreach to families while tablets were given to home visiting coordinators to ensure accessibility to online training and workshops. Implementing partners provide counselling on healthy pregnancy, nutrition, child development, immunization and psychosocial support via telephone. In addition, information about breastfeeding during COVID-19 reached around 35,000 caregivers.
• Within eight weeks since the first case with COVID-19 was detected, UNICEF rapidly procured and delivered around 7.9 tons of essential personal protective equipment to help kick-start the health response to the pandemic.
• In close collaboration with MoH and WHO, UNICEF supported resumption of routine vaccination services for children.
HYGIENE AND CORRECT COVID-19 MESSAGING

Knowledge, attitudes and practice towards appropriate hygienic practices at the household level are an essential component of COVID-19 response. These practices include regular hand washing, cleaning of surfaces, wearing of masks, and maintaining appropriate physical and social distances. Ensuring awareness of and buy-in to the appropriate measures requires clear, consistent and accurate public communication. However, securing the essential hygiene commodities may not be affordable for vulnerable households, especially in times of lockdown.

Nine days after Kosovo institutions declared a public health state of emergency, UNICEF Kosovo had distributed 12,000 family hygienic kits through its implementing partners in 30 municipalities. In less than a month following the first distribution, a second round of over 10,000 family and baby kits were provided to vulnerable families and primary health care facilities. These kits, contained soap, shampoo, cleaning products, masks, alcohol-based sanitizers and information on how to protect the family against COVID-19.

To further inform the emergency response plan, UNICEF Kosovo Office conducted a rapid phone assessment with a random sample of 204 beneficiary households.6 Eighty per cent of respondents indicated that they felt at risk of contracting COVID-19, with staying at home the most frequently mentioned measure undertaken to avoid infection, followed by maintaining personal hygiene, sanitizing and washing hands, and using personal protective equipment. Ninety-eight per cent of households who received UNICEF hygienic kits considered the support very useful or useful. All respondents indicated that, as economic conditions prevent them from meeting their family’s basic needs, this type of support is significant to them.

On 14 March, UNICEF launched a major campaign aimed at providing timely and accurate information on how to safely cope with the pandemic. Topics included suggestions on ways to talk with children about the pandemic, sharing advice on preventing COVID-19, breastfeeding during COVID-19, raising awareness on the need for inclusion of children with disabilities and a number of topics of interest to adolescents and youth.

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6 All data and information in the 4 following paragraphs are from the Rapid Assessment
CONTINUING DISTANCE LEARNING FOR ALL CHILDREN

The advent of COVID-19 has caused all educational institutions to close and learning to move online. Successful e-learning requires access to computers, provision of digital content, teachers with digital skills and parental support. Analysis by the World Bank suggests that reliance on e-learning is likely to widen the achievement gap between the poorest and richest students, increase the dropout rate by those from vulnerable households nearing transition points and, in general, lead to learning loss. In PISA 2018, only 22 per cent of school principals indicated that there was an effective online learning platform available.7

With approximately 345,540 children in Kosovo housebound due to COVID-19 related school closures, UNICEF is providing advice and assistance to parents, caregivers and educators to aid home and remote learning, and is working with partners to design innovative education solutions.

UNICEF supported the development of an Early Childhood Development (ECD) digital platform to share the most critical principles and practices for preschools and in the home. To date, this invaluable resource has 190,000 active users and reached 2.3 million viewers. An additional 300 educators have been trained on use of the platform and the importance of ECD and Early Childhood Intervention. UNICEF, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI), shared guidance on the safe return of children to nurseries in two official languages.

Another such initiative is the recently launched Learning Passport— a global partnership between UNICEF, Microsoft, and the University of Cambridge. The Learning Passport is a digital remote learning platform facilitating Kosovo curriculum for those whose schools were forced to close in response to COVID-19. The platform provides key resources to educators and a digitized


"120,900

In less than two months following the lockdown, around 120,900 people from marginalized families benefited from UNICEF support with essential hygiene commodities."
curriculum with textbooks and a selection of supplemental content in local languages, jointly curated at Kosovo-level to best serve learners’ and educators’ specific needs. The Learning Passport captures a record of the subjects each student learns and guides learners with little additional support needed.

Kosovo, Timor-Leste and Ukraine are the pioneers to roll out online curricula through the Learning Passport.

• Three weeks following the lockdown, an online Early Childhood Development digital platform was launched to enable at-home skill development for children age 0-6 years. In less than two months, the platform reached 2.3 million viewers and 190,000 active users.

• The Learning Passport programme is the result of an innovative partnership between UNICEF, the MOE, MICROSOFT and Cambridge University which once completed will enable ongoing curriculum-based learning for children affected by COVID-19 school closings.
UNICEF’s Innovation Lab creatively engaged adolescents and youth through a variety of digital platforms to promote online education activities and inspirational speeches. Activities such as UPSHIFT and PODIUM converted as online solutions, disseminated via social networks using the #WhileAtHome, #StayConnected, including Virtual Activate Talks. The #WhileAtHome #StayConnected Campaign has reached 81,450 young people to date.

UNICEF stayed connected, listening to and constructively engaging with adolescents and youth to ensure that their voices are heard, and their unique needs understood and addressed. Active engagement was maintained through U-report, which revealed a number of challenges facing adolescents and young people during the pandemic. In addition, youth empowerment and skills development programmes are being digitized during the immediate crisis for future use during the recovery phase.
UNICEF-developed skills-based learning programmes UPSHIFT, PODIUM and PONDER have been formally accredited by the MEST, allowing for their inclusion into secondary education curricula and school-level activities. In this regard, UNICEF Kosovo’s UPSHIFT programme, replicated in 21 countries worldwide, will be adapted for both self-learning and online-facilitated group learning, with the aim of producing adaptable open source content able to be iterated, improved and scaled across multiple countries.

UNICEF Innovations Lab held a PONDER: Critical Media Literacy Workshop online for the first time, with 58 young participants. Following the workshop, girls and boys in selected municipalities participated in organized virtual activities aiming to increase awareness of environmental pollution and its impact on human beings and nature; a round of selected youth-led projects were presented online.

- **UPSHIFT and PODIUM** were converted to online learning solutions and disseminated virtually.
- Over the three-month period, **550 young girls and boys** were engaged in virtual capacity building activities on environment, advocacy and gender issues.
INCLUSION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

UNICEF continues to work toward inclusion of children with disabilities. From 18 to 23 May, UNICEF launched the “visa4children” campaign with partners that included social media outreach and an exhibit of 120 wheelchairs and backpacks physically installed in a central Pristina square. In a call to parliamentarians, government, civil society, media and the private sector, the campaign advocated for greater inclusion of children living with disabilities and it elicited extraordinary support. The aim was to raise awareness that the general public’s feeling of isolation brought on by COVID-19 lockdown measures is experienced by children with disabilities throughout their lives.

One Million

Over one million people were reached through UNICEF Kosovo social media accounts during the weeklong campaign and, as of mid-June, there were more than three million views. Many important public figures joined the cause of UNICEF, including the Speaker and 15 other members of Parliament, Prime Minister of Kosovo, EU Special Representative, Quint Ambassadors and the Ambassadors of Japan, Sweden and Croatia. The German Ambassador to Kosovo participated in a video, distributed through social media, on the challenges of living with a disability.
Seven television interviews were organized and one of the most prominent television shows, RUBIKON, initiated advocacy discussions with the Speaker of the Parliament, UNICEF, HANDIKOS and Child Rights Advocate on inclusion of children living with disabilities. Further campaign efforts reached more than nine million people on Facebook in one month with COVID-19-related and inclusion messages.

In partnership with HANDIKOS, direct virtual support on physiotherapy and psychosocial treatment was provided to children with disabilities and their parents. Thirty-five children with disabilities and an equal number of parents were supported with didactic materials and Portage plan (an early childhood development and intervention plan useable by teachers and families alike).

UNICEF in collaboration with the MESTI supported the online provision of education and psychosocial support for children with disability through Kosovo Disability Forum. On the first month of its implementation, 350 children with disabilities and 322 parents of children with disabilities were provided with psychological support, education and information on prevention and protection from COVID-19. Weekly activities organised by implementing partners Handikos, KDF and OFAP support children with disabilities, children in foster care and their parents through online education, psychosocial support and social mobilisation activities.

With advocacy support of UNICEF implementing partner Kosovo Disability Forum, the Ministry of Finance agreed to support all children with permanent disabilities with an additional 100 Euros every month from April to June. However, given the long duration of the pandemic, additional support will be needed.
COLLABORATION WITH UN KOSOVO TEAM (UNKT)

UNICEF is working closely with the UN Kosovo Team (UNKT) to respond to the pandemic. WHO is the lead agency in providing technical support whereas the UN Development coordinator brings together agencies, funds and programmes. UNICEF and UNDP co-chair the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) Task Force Coordination Team. The Team produced a Socio-Economic Response Plan to COVID-19 based on five pillars: strengthening the health system; social protection and basic services; protecting jobs; championing macroeconomic policies that support the poor; and promoting social cohesion and community-led resilience and response. The plan has been formally shared and advocated for with Kosovo institutions.

UNICEF, in coordination with UNWOMEN and UNFPA, provided family hygiene kits and personal protective equipment to ten centres for the protection of women and children.

In coordination with IOM and UNHCR, a situation and needs mapping exercise of refugee and migrant children in Kosovo took place and a concept document produced that will inform UNICEF response, including relating to their COVID-19 situation.
RESOURCES MOBILIZATION

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WHAT NEXT?

Although a lot of progress has been made, much more needs to be done in establishing a new normal in Kosovo. Protecting health of children and communities remains a top priority for UNICEF. We will continue strengthening risk communication and community engagement through multiple channels and listening to and engaging with adolescents and youth in response to COVID-19. UNICEF will continue to strengthen Kosovo’s health system and community response, including provision of personal protective equipment and family hygiene services, furthering vaccination and supporting home visiting. Online platforms such as for ECD and the Learning Passport will be expanded to include games for young children and data collection features. Inclusion and support of children with disabilities will be a cornerstone of UNICEF’s programme response. Additionally, UNICEF will continue with evidence generation to inform programmatic interventions and ensure reaching the most marginalized.

Additional movement measures set by the Kosovo institutions.

Student center designed as a quarantine space.

First shipment of PPE delivered to the Ministry of Health for healthworkers.

#WhileAtHome campaign for engaging parents and young children during lockdown initiated reaching to more than 170,000 people.


#WhileAtHome and #StayConnected campaign for engaging and connecting young people during lockdown initiated reaching to 81,450 young people. Amplifying young people voices: U-Report on young people’s awareness about COVID - 19.
MARCH

NATIONAL EVENTS/MEASURES

DATE

24

Breastfeeding tips during COVID-19 shared from UNICEF.

25

Online Yoga Sessions initiated. Distribution of 12,000 Hygiene Kits to families in need.

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Virtual ActivateTalks Week with young people reaching 40,500 virtual engagements.

Engaging with young people and equipping them with information on how to get connected during the self-isolation time.
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<td>Online ECD Platform for children age 0-6 years and their parents launched jointly with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and Save the Children</td>
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**UNICEF RESPONSE**

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Additional measures set to prevent, combat and eliminate the contagious disease COVID-19 in the municipality of Prishtina

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New measures to prevent COVID-19 introduced: citizens allowed to move 90 min per day.

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19

Launched the first virtual lecture on financial literacy for young people; engaging and connecting young people during the self-isolation.

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22

Learning Passport online education platform launched - a joint initiative with Microsoft, Cambridge University and Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

Rapid Assessment of UNICEF’s emergency programme response during COVID-19 pandemic with Hygiene Kits beneficiaries

Training of Home Visiting nurses on community-based health care during Covid-19
The second round of over 10,000 Hygiene Kits distributed to families in need and Family Medicine Centers across Kosovo

1.9 tons of essential personal protective equipment for health workers arrived in Prishtina - third batch

1,600 preschool teachers and educators virtually trained on delivering distance learning through ECD platform.

ECD expert provides instructions and guidance on the role of parents during early childhood years

"Children with Disabilities" video for raising awareness on the importance of adequate care and development for children with disabilities.
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<td>How to create and deliver your story: online lecture for youth lead startups</td>
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<td>Establishing trends for maintaining social distancing during vaccination of children</td>
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<td>“Child Development” video for parents on early childhood development milestones published</td>
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<td>0.5 tons of personal protective equipment for immunization health workers - fourth batch</td>
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<td>“Children and Play” video focusing on the importance of learning through play during early childhood published</td>
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First online PODIUM workshop with young children on Advocacy for Change launched

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Investing in a brighter future: how to motivate yourself to achieve your full potential in life

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Polishing your public speaking style: virtual lecture on communications skills with young people

13

How are young people adapting to the situation with COVID-19: U report results

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Second phase of easing lockdown restrictions

18

Visa4children- wheelchair campaign for inclusion of children with disabilities reaching to about 3 million viewers

19

Virtual lecture on the importance of youth participation in UPSHIFT: Social impact and PODIUM: Advocacy for Change programs took place.

20

LIVE RUBIKON on Visa4Children
**Date: 21**

Importance of youth involvement towards achieving gender equality: virtual lecture with young people.

**Date: 22**

Connecting with UNICEF Youth Reference Group to discuss on ways to engage young people during COVID-19.
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**NATIONAL EVENTS/MEASURES**

- The third phase of easing lockdown restrictions
- Kindergartens are re-opened
- Supplementary education for 9th grade students re-starts

**UNICEF RESPONSE**

**DATE**

1. Children take over the Kosovo Assembly: International Children’s Day
   - Video of children reciting for International Children’s Day launched
   - Educators and parents share their experience on using ECD platform with children - video launched

2. Guideline on reopening of kindergartens published

3. Recognizing health workers "Faces Behind the Mask Campaign" launched

4. Virtual information session on Sexual Education held by youth-led project from Gjakova, aiming to engage and inform more young people about sexual education.

5. Organized a virtual information session on Mental Health with youth-led project based on PODIUM workshop; empowering and engaging young people.
Supplementary education for 9th grade students stops

JUNE

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<td>Announcing another PODIUM: Advocacy for Change workshop, aiming to engage young people in Gjakova.</td>
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<td>Training of parents from the ECD Centers on the importance of early childhood development and approaches towards child care and development</td>
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<td>The manual on protection against COVID-19 launched</td>
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<td>Call for respecting social distancing and mask as protective measures</td>
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<td>Advocacy for Change PODIUM workshop with Innovations Hub in Lipjan.</td>
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<td>Effective Management of Digital Marketing; adapting to the situation and engaging young people: virtual lecture</td>
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LINK ACTIVITY

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10 March:
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