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# LIST OF ACRONYMS

BCC	Behavior Change Communications
CDCS	Country Development Cooperation Strategy
CLE	Contract Law Enforcement
COP	Chief of Party
CRP/K	Civil Rights Program in Kosovo
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CCPR	European Commission Liaison Office Support to Civil Code and Property Rights Project
DCOP	Deputy Chief of Party
DO	Development Objective
E4E	Engagement for Equity
ePORT	Electronic Program Observation, Reporting, and Tracking
EROL	Effective Rule of Law Program
EU	European Commission
EULEX	European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo
FACTS	Foreign Assistance Tracking and Coordination System
G2G	Government to Government
GIZ	<i>Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit</i>
GOK	Government of Kosovo
ILC	Inter-ministerial Land Committee
IIM	Institutional Integrity Model™
IQC	Indefinite Quantity Contract
IR	Intermediate Result
JSP	Judicial Strengthening Project
KAP	Knowledge, Attitudes, Practices
KCA	Kosovo Cadastral Agency
KCLIS	Kosovo Cadastre Land Information System

KJC	Kosovo Judicial Council
KJI	Kosovo Judicial Institute
KPA	Kosovo Property Agency
KWN	Kosova Women's Network
LDT	Legislative Drafting Team
LTPR	Land Tenure and Property Rights
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MAFRD	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Development
MCO	Municipal Cadastral Office
MLGA	Ministry of Local Government Administration
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MOI	Ministry of Interior
MOJ	Ministry of Justice
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPMS	Municipal Performance Measurement System
NCDA	Norwegian Cooperation Development Agency
NPRC	National Property Rights Coordinator
OCBT	Organizational Capacity Building Tool
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
OSR	Own Source Revenue
PMP	Performance Management Plan
PRP	Property Rights Program
RECAP	Real Estate Cadastre and Registration Project
RFA	Request for Assistance
RFTOP	Request for Task Order Proposals
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
STTA	Short-Term Technical Assistance
STARR	Strengthening Tenure and Resource Rights
SWG	Property Rights Working Group (Sector Working Group)



TOT	Training of Trainer
TWG	Thematic Working Group
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNMIK	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

# INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

USAID's Property Rights Program (PRP) is a four-year activity that aims to address the property rights challenges and to develop a plan for the stabilization of the property rights regime in Kosovo. The program will work in partnership with the Government of Kosovo (GOK), selected municipalities and other relevant local and international stakeholders. USAID has allocated \$8.5 million for the implementation of the Property Rights Program.

The PRP supports the following objectives:

- Objective 1: Better Coordination and Policy Priorities,
- Objective 2: Improved Court Procedures Related to Property Claims,
- Objective 3: Enhance Women's Rights to Use Property in Practice,
- Objective 4: Improved Communication, Access to Information and Understanding of Property Rights.

The PRP will support the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) to own and direct the property reform process and coordinate the European Commission Office in Kosovo (ECO/Kosovo) and other donors' support to the MOJ with technical inputs from line ministries and agencies to rationalize reform efforts and maximize development impacts. PRP has a mandate to improve court procedures related to property claims, with emphasis on improving court practices to remove constraints to women inheriting property in practice. The PRP's activities with the courts will inform EU assistance to the MOJ to draft implementation oriented property legislation. PRP results under Objectives 1 and 2 support improved legal regimes and stronger implementation and improved court performance that contributes to achieving USAID/Kosovo's Country Development Cooperation Strategy Development (CDCS) Objective 1 "Improved Rule of Law and Governance that Meets Citizens' Needs." Improved legislation and court procedures also support creation of an Improved Economic Governance and Business Environment under the CDCS Development Objective 2 "Increased Investment and Private Sector Employment."

The PRP supports USAID Forward implementation and Local Solutions by building sustainable organizational and technical capacity of Kosovo Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and municipal governments to manage and administer USAID direct awards through grants and Government to Government (G2G) agreements under Objectives 3 and 4, respectively. Under Objective 3, CSOs will develop and implement public information and advocacy campaigns to inform women and men about women's rights to property and change attitudes and behaviors about women's rights to inherit property. Under Objective 4, municipal capacity will be built to improve delivery of property related services enabling citizens to more efficiently transact their rights to property.

# 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## 1.1 SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

### 1.1.1 OBJECTIVE 1: BETTER COORDINATION AND POLICY PRIORITIES

A final MOU between the EU funded Support to the Civil Code and Property Rights (CCPR) project and the PRP setting out arrangements for cooperation and coordination was signed on behalf of participants, Tetra Tech ARD and GIZ IS and witnessed by the USAID Mission Director on December 12, 2014.

Obtained agreement with the Division for Planning and Coordination at the Ministry of European Integration that the PRP should guide coordination to develop the National Property Rights Strategy and that this would in no way interfere with Ministry of European Integration activities. This division within the Ministry of European Integration is charged with coordination and development of policy priorities and donor coordination activities in the property sector under Regulation No. 4/2011.

Worked with the Director of the Department for EU and Policy Coordination at the Ministry of Justice to organize a high level Property Rights Stakeholders meeting, as part of an effort to establish a Property Rights Sectorial Working Group (SWG) that will provide the institutional platform to ensure formal coordination among all property rights stakeholders.

Agreed with the CCPR that the PRP will specifically identify constraints and obstacles faced by the courts and/or the parties to proceedings related to property cases, and will look for ways to revise procedures and practices to improve the court system with regard to property rights.

The PRP subcontracted the Civil Rights Program in Kosovo (CRP/K) to conduct legislative analysis and prepare a report regarding legislation affecting minority communities including issues of religious properties and challenges to accessing justice in the courts. Draft reports were submitted by CRP/K in late December and are under review by the PRP.

### 1.1.2 OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVED COURT PROCEDURES RELATED TO PROPERTY CLAIMS

The PRP engaged a Court Management Consultant from Tetra Tech DPK to provide short term expert consultation to develop customized assessment tools to assist the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) to assess and analyze current court processes related to the adjudication and processing of property claims.

PRP, together with Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) and the Basic Courts of Ferizaj, Gjilan, and Gjakova used the tool to assess the extent to which applicable legislation, judicial practices, and case processing procedures constrain efficient adjudication of property rights in courts.

### 1.1.3 OBJECTIVE 3: ENHANCE WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO USE PROPERTY IN PRACTICE

The PRP took an active part in launching the National Campaign, under the Patronage of the President of the Republic of Kosovo, to Improve Gender Equality in the Property Registration "For our Common Good".

The PRP engaged a Behavior Change Communications Expert from Tetra Tech ARD to deliver training of trainers for the PRP Communications and Public Outreach Manager and the Gender and Property Rights Specialist to build their capacity in BCC methods. The Behavior Communication Expert also provided the PRP with training materials for the training of the CSOs under the USAID Engagement for Equity (E4E) program.

The PRP engaged a gender expert consultant to conduct a legal review of all relevant legislation, develop a process map of the inheritance process identifying administrative procedures that enable exclusion of women from inheritance proceedings, and to provide analysis of the cultural issues and power dynamics between women and men that prevent women from exercising their property rights.

The PRP took part in the organization of and presentations at three workshops on the financing of women's businesses and the role of women's property rights in the process with Crimson Finance Fund; Gjakova on October 10, 2013 with 32 owners of women's businesses; Gjilan on November 25, 2014 with 62 women's businesses participating; and in Peja on December 10, 2014 attended by over 100 local women's businesses.

#### **1.1.4 OBJECTIVE 4: IMPROVED COMMUNICATION, ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF PROPERTY RIGHTS**

The PRP engaged an expert consultant to conduct a series of interviews with Kosovo Cadastral Agency (KCA), Municipal Cadastre Offices (MCOs), Civil Registries, notary offices, and relevant officials in the municipalities of Vushtrri, Istog, Gjakova, Shterpce, Ferizaj, and Gjilan and Fushe Kosova to identify needs, capacity of existing systems, and procedures employed to obtain, manage and share data and to make preliminary suggestions for the use of USAID Government to Government (G2G) funding to support activities with municipalities to improve the sharing of property related information to assist courts to more efficiently adjudicate claims and facilitate market transactions. The consultant's report was submitted to USAID.

# 2.0 PROJECT ACTIVITIES

## 2.1 OBJECTIVE 1: BETTER COORDINATION AND POLICY PRIORITIES

### 2.1.1 Support Property Rights Coordination Strategy

Strengthening property rights in Kosovo to improve the rule of law and create a proper framework for economic growth requires coordination among donors and also among the line ministries and agencies of the Government of Kosovo (GOK).

On December 23, 2014, the PRP Policy Development Specialist met with Krenare Bektashi and Kastriot Halili, Division for Planning and Coordination at the Ministry of European Integration. Regulation No. 4/2011 was adopted to coordinate donor support and develop strategies for sector development, including the property sector. Article 1 of the regulation states that the purpose of the regulation is to increase the role of the GOK “creating a system that ensures the effectiveness and transparency between the activities of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the Donor Community. Article 6 states that Sectoral Working Groups (SWG) will be established, and Article 8 provides that the Ministry of European Integration shall be the Secretariat of SWGs. Although in effect for over three years the regulation has been largely ineffective. The PRP proposed at this meeting that the PRP will guide the GOK under this regulation with coordination and development of policy priorities and donor coordination activities in the property sector. Mr. Bektashi and Mr. Halili agreed that the PRP should adopt this role and that this would in no way interfere with its activities.

On November 12 and November 26, 2014 the Policy Development Specialist met with the Director of the Department for EU and Policy Coordination at the Ministry of Justice to continue discussions regarding the PRP plan to organize a high level Property Rights Stakeholders meeting, as part of an effort to establish a Property Rights Sectoral Working Group (SWG) that will provide the institutional platform to ensure formal coordination among all property rights stakeholders to avoid duplication of effort in the property rights sector. The Policy Development Specialist shared a draft agenda for the meeting, a list of donors and partner institutions which will be invited in the meeting. It was pointed out at this meeting that the Ministry of Justice will likely take the lead regarding the SWG and it is paramount that in coordination with Office of the Prime Minister, the GOK should appoint a Chair of the SWG. However as of November 12, 2014 the GOK had not yet been established and the MOJ was reluctant to nominate a candidate as possible Chair until a new Minister of Justice is appointed. On December 8, 2014 the Assembly of Kosovo appointed a new GOK keeping all officials of the MOJ in place, including Mr. Hajredin Kuçi, as Minister. A candidate for Chair of the SWG to be established has not yet been nominated.

The PRP COP and the Policy Development Specialist continued throughout the quarter to work with the Team Leader of the EU Civil Code and Property Rights Project (CCPR), and the Property Law Expert of the CCPR, Judge Godwin Muscat Azzopardi, to refine areas of cooperation and reduce an agreement to writing in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Tetra Tech ARD and GIZ IS. The draft MOU provides that the CCPR will draft an overall Plan for Reforming Property Law (PRPL) that will provide the basis for the analysis of the policy and legal framework of the overall Strategy. The PRP will contribute to the drafting process by providing inputs identifying problems affecting property rights, including gaps and shortcomings in the substantive property law, both primary and secondary, and proposing practical solutions on how to address those problems as mutually agreed upon with the CCPR. The PRP will specifically identify constraints and obstacles faced by the courts and/or the parties to

proceedings related to property cases, and will look for ways to revise procedures and practices to improve the court system with regard to property rights. The PRP will also address problems related to the socio-economic, cultural, behavioral and historical aspects of law implementation and enforcement.

A final MOU between the EU funded Support to the Civil Code and Property Rights (CCPR) project and the PRP setting out arrangements for cooperation and coordination was signed on behalf of participants, Tetra Tech ARD and GIZ IS and witnessed by the USAID Mission Director on December 12, 2014.

The PRP Policy Development Specialist continued through November and December 2014 with arranging a Property Rights Stakeholders' meeting to take place in early 2015. It is expected that the Minister of Justice and the Mission Director of USAID will introduce the participants to the concept of establishing a Property Rights SWG at this meeting to be directly supported by the PRP. The SWG will be established and the PRP will guide the development of an operational plan for the SWG, a draft of which has been prepared by the Policy Development Specialist to be presented at the meeting. The draft operational plan defines the roles and obligations for line ministries and agencies of the GOK and donors active in the property sector. The SWG will be fully operational with appropriate membership, defined roles, and specific schedules for proceedings and membership accountability within the SWG. At this meeting a Chair of the SWG will be introduced. The first meeting of the SWG will be held within two weeks of the stakeholders' meeting.

On October 28, 2014 the COP and the Policy Development Specialist attended the semi-annual meeting of the KCA Donor Coordination Committee. Mr. Murat Meha, CEO of KCA made presentation of the progress of projects that support the KCA, and representatives of donors outlined their current activities. The COP presented the objectives of the PRP and emphasized that the PRP will coordinate closely with World Bank Real Estate Cadastre and Registration (RECAP) project. Coordination with the KCA and RECAP will be a key component in identifying specific activities and recommendations regarding the institutional framework within which to implement G2G activities under Objective 4 to identify legal, technical, procedural, and/or practical constraints faced by municipalities to manage and use real property assets and share property information among those needing the information to dispose of property disputes or engage in property transactions.

The COP and the Policy Development Specialist also participated in an Inter-ministerial Land Administration Committee meeting on October 29, 2014. The main presentations at this meeting were by the Kosovo Environmental Protection Agency describing its organization and activities and by the legal expert of the World Bank RECAP project describing legislative plans to introduce a new Law on Cadastre to the next Parliament. There was also discussion of the need to subordinate MCOs to the KCA rather than the municipalities. The main argument made for this is that every time there is a new local municipal election and a change in administration, a new Director of the MCO is appointed who needs training. The suggestion that MCOs be subordinated to the KCA would represent increased centralization of land information, which may not be appropriate policy. The issue needs to be discussed among donors.

On October 23, 2014, the Policy Development Specialist attended a meeting of OSCE Human Rights International Contact Group attended also by representatives GIZ- Civil Code and Property Right Project, GIZ, Land Administration/Cadastre Project, EUSR, UNMIK and three NGOs. The NGO "Social Housing and Property Rights" made a presentation property issues of the Roma, Ashkali, and Egyptian community in Gracanica. Also at this meeting the participants note that there is policy regarding restitution of nationalized property, property taxation of displaced persons, and enforcement of Kosovo Property Agency (KPA) decisions. These issues will be an important part of a national policy strategy the development of which will be facilitated by the PRP under Objective 1.

On November 13, 2014, the Policy Development Specialist met with Ms. Christiane Jaenicke, Implementation/Facilitation Adviser at the EU Office/EU Special Representative Office in Kosovo, to

discuss on implementation of a technical agreement related to cadastral documents and a draft Law on Kosovo Comparison and the Verification Agency. This activity relates to the sharing of cadastral information under Objective 4.

### **2.1.2 PROVIDE INPUTS WITH ANALYSIS FOR A PROPERTY RIGHTS STRATEGY DOCUMENT**

The PRP has discussed the need for a Property Rights Strategy Document with the CCPR and has provided an analysis of the topics that ought to be in this document, which has been shared with the CCPR. However, the strategy is to be developed by the SWG. The establishment of a government in Kosovo was delayed until December 8, 2014 and this new government has not yet appointed a coordinator for the property rights sector in this quarter, though the PRP has asked both the MOJ and OPM to do so. Because of this delay and the request that the new USAID Mission Director take an active role in the property rights stakeholders' meeting, discussed in the previous section, further development of the strategy is premature.

### **2.1.3 REVIEW INHERITANCE LAW AND PROCEDURES TO IMPROVE SECONDARY LEGISLATION AND COURT DIRECTIVES**

On November 11, 2014, the PRP subcontracted the CRP/K to conduct legislative analysis and prepare a report regarding legislation affecting minority communities including issues of religious properties and challenges to accessing justice in the courts. On November 24, 2014, the Policy Development Specialist reviewed and approved a draft list of legislation related to strengthening and protecting the property rights of members of minority communities prepared by CRP/K as part of its desk review to identify gaps, omissions, and provisions that are inconsistent with Kosovo Law and European Human Rights standards and otherwise constrain members of minority communities from exercising their rights to property. Four laws were added to the list: Law 02/L-31 on freedom of Religions in Kosovo, Law 03/L-039 on special protective zones, Law 04/L-062 on the Village of Hoçë e Madhe and Law 04/L-066 on the Historic Centre of Prizren. By-laws (Administrative instruction 11/2014 on the establishment, selection, responsibilities and the operation of the Council on Hoçë e Madhe/ velika Hoca and Administrative instruction 12/2014 on the establishment, selection, responsibilities of the Council for Heritage of office of historic center of Prizren were also included.

A draft legislative report was submitted by CRP/K to the PRP on December 16, 2014 and the Technical Report was received on December 29, 2014. Both are under review by the PRP.

### **2.1.4 PROJECT INTRODUCTION EVENT**

This activity has been postponed until early 2015 at the request of USAID, because of the delay in the establishment of the government and to allow participation by the USAID Mission Director.

## **2.2 Objective 2: Improved Court Processes Related to Property Claims**

### **2.2.1 ASSIST KJC AND STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY GAPS TO RESOLVE PROPERTY CLAIMS**

The PRP engaged a Court Management Consultant from Tetra Tech DPK to provide short term expert consultation with the PRP Judicial Reform Specialist to develop customized assessment tools to assist the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) to assess and analyze current court processes related to the adjudication and processing of property claims including but not limited to: judicial policy making, legal and procedural issues, judicial and staff resources, personnel systems, case management procedures and practices related to the adjudication and processing of property claims and disputes. Special assessment

tools were developed to identify challenges and constraints faced by women and members of minority communities to exercise their property rights.

At a bi-weekly meeting with the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) on October 7, 2014 moderated by the USAID COR and attended by the Chair of the KJC, the Deputy Director – Democracy & Governance Office of USAID, and the COPs of the USAID EROL and CLE projects, the PRP COP and Judicial Reform Specialist reported on the development of the court assessment tools that Court Management Consultant was being engaged to develop and requested KJC support and participation. Also on October 7, 2014, the PRP Judicial Reform Specialist and the Court Management Consultant met with the KJC Chair and the KJC Secretariat Director to brief them regarding the approach and development of the assessment methodology. The KJC Chair and the Secretariat Director agreed to collaborate with the PRP in developing the methodology and tools and assigned two staff members; one from the legal office of the KJC and research office of the KJC to take part in the development of the assessment tools. On October 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the PRP Judicial Reform Specialist and Court Management Consultant conducted site visits to the Basic Courts of Ferizaj, Gjilan and Gjakova, meeting with Presiding Judges, the Court Presidents, and Civil Judges to customize the assessment tool and to plan the process of interviews and round table discussions to be conducted the following month.

The Court Management Consultant assisted the Judicial Reform Specialist, with insights from the Gender and Property Specialist in developing instruments to be used to solicit data from judges from the basic court in Ferizaj, Gjilane, and Gjakova, as well as court personnel from those courts and attorneys who practice before those courts. The Judicial Reform Specialist and Senior Technical Advisor/Manager, met with the OSCE Court Monitoring unit to add questions regarding minority community property rights to the assessment tool. The court assessment tools were finalized with the help of the Gender and Property Rights Specialist, the week of November 3, 2014. The assessment tool was developed with active participation of the KJC and was reviewed by the Gender Consultant, referred to in Section 2.3.2 below and informed by discussions with the OSCE.

The PRP Judicial Reform Specialist and the Court Management Consultant met with the Head of OSCE monitoring unit. The OSCE is monitoring cases effecting property rights and is preparing a report. Its staff identified 40 property cases where the defendants failed to appear and the court assigned temporary representation, and completed the adjudication. This discussion informed the development of the assessment tools and the PRP will continue to collaborate with the OSCE regarding the development of effective court procedures.

The assessment tools consisted of questionnaires to assess:

- Laws and implementing regulations constraining efficient resolution of property claims and the challenges and constraints faced by women and members of minority communities to exercise their property rights;
- Court procedures and practices constraining efficient resolution of property claims (with emphasis on procedures and practices that prevent women and members of minority communities from exercising their rights to property);
- Automation and Information Technology equipment and applications to manage property cases;
- Case-flow management practices, judicial workload requirements and statistical reporting of property case backlog;
- Access to and sharing of information between parties to a case and government institutions and agencies with data required to resolve claims;



- Transparency and accountability within the courts and judiciary to consistently and efficiently resolve property claims and protect property rights, especially the rights of women and members of minority communities;
- Process of formulating judicial policies to efficiently resolve property claims and protect property rights.

The assessment tool was tested in Ferizaj and modified based upon input from that basic court and was administered consistently in the three basic courts Ferizaj, Gjilane, and Gjakova.

Prior to starting the court assessments the PRP Judicial Reform Specialist met with the Presidents of the Basic Courts in Gjakova, Gjilan and Ferizaj to inform them regarding the PRP work plan objectives emphasizing requesting collaboration of their courts in conducting the assessments. All three Court Presidents agreed that the judges and staff would assist the PRP with the assessment.

The Court Management consultant together with the Judicial Reform Specialist and Gender and Property Rights specialists began court assessments in the basic courts of Ferizaj, Gjilan, and Gjakova the first week of November 2014, and the Court Management Consultant arrived on November 4, 2014 to assist in the assessment of these courts. A representative of the Kosovo Judicial Council took part on site in all of the assessments. The assessment analyzed legal and procedural issues, judicial and staff resources, personnel systems, case management procedures and practices related to the adjudication and processing of property claims and disputes. This ground work continued until November 21, 2014. At the same time the Judicial Reform Specialist and the Gender and Property Rights Specialist began to compile the results of the assessments from the Basic Courts in Ferizaj, Gjilane, and Gjakova. Before the Court Management Consultant reviewed the results and planned the format for the report on November 18, 2014.

On December 3, 4 and 5, 2014, the Judicial Reform Specialist supported by the Communications and Public Outreach Manager conducted three consultation meetings with Civil Judges and administrative staff of the Basic Courts of Ferizaj, Gjilan and Gjakova to go over preliminary findings from the interviews conducted with judges regarding the applicable legislation, new legislation needs, judicial practices and the role of the decisions of Court of Appeals and Supreme Courts, case processing delays and other constraints related to adjudication of property rights in courts.

The PRP Judicial Reform Specialist and the Court Management Consultant completed first draft of the preliminary assessment report and submitted it to project management for comment. The Judicial Reform Specialist reviewed all the comments submitted by the COP and STA/M and worked on corresponding revisions to the report. In addition, the Judicial Reform Specialist received statistics from Basic Courts of Ferizaj, Gjilan and Gjakova, which will be included as an annex to the report.

### **2.2.2 ESTABLISH FOUR COURTS OF MERIT**

A scope of work has been drafted to develop selection criteria along with the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) and to advise and support the KJC in the selection of the four “courts of merit” utilizing those selection criteria and this will be a priority in the next quarter.

### **2.2.3 ASSIST KJC TO EXPAND THE COURT-REFERRED MEDIATION PROCESS FOR PROPERTY CLAIMS**

### **2.2.4 DEVELOP TRAINING MODULES AND OVERSEE DELIVERY THROUGH APPROPRIATE KOSOVAR TRAINING INSTITUTIONS**

The Judicial Reform Specialist and the COP met with the COP of the USAID Kosovo Legal Profession Program (KLP) and discussed future collaboration between both projects to support the Kosovo Chamber

of Advocates (KCA). The KLP COP informed about the structure of the Kosovo Chamber of Advocates, its committees and particularly its training center. The Kosovo Chamber of Advocates may provide an avenue for developing a property rights curriculum and the training of lawyers regarding property rights in Kosovo, as well as the preparation of bench books, (procedural manuals for judges) and legal commentaries in Year 2 of the PRP to help improve judicial performance.

## **2.3 OBJECTIVE 3: ENHANCED WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO USE PROPERTY IN PRACTICE**

In order to enhance women's rights to use property in practice there must be a bold and dynamic communications program to improve citizens' awareness, knowledge and access to information about property rights and how these rights can be exercised in practice. The program must inform citizens, government officials and donors about improvements to property legislation and court procedures to strengthen women's property rights and support opportunities for women to access finance and develop businesses. The implementation of the communications program must be coordinated and consistent with the many activities of donors and representatives of the GOK regarding gender equality in Kosovo. This initiative was discussed on October 2, 2014 between the PRP and a political advisor to the President. The initiative was highly appreciated, and as a result, President's Office is keen to coordinate with USAID projects supporting communications, advocacy and outreach campaigns with the aim of informing women and empowering them to engage in Kosovo's economic sector.

To this end, on October 22, 2014, the Gender and Property Rights Specialist together with the Communications and Public Outreach Manager participated and contributed to a meeting hosted by the Office of the President of the Republic of Kosovo attended also by the Agency for Gender Equality and GIZ. The purpose of the meeting was to plan a Launching Event for a National Campaign, under the Patronage of the President of the Republic of Kosovo, to Improve Gender Equality in the Property Registration "For our Common Good". The event took place on October 30, 2014 and the COP, along with the Gender and Property Rights Specialist and the Communications and Public Outreach Manager, provided valuable participation, the COP signing a pledge along with the President of Kosovo, and several ambassadors, to support the President's program. The Gender and Property Rights Specialist was part of the panel in a roundtable discussion regarding Gender Equality and Property Rights at the conference.

### **2.3.1 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO USAID-ENGAGED CSOS TO DEVELOP LOCALLY SENSITIVE FILM/TV CONTENT TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT WOMEN'S PROPERTY RIGHTS AND ADMINISTER AWARDS**

As part of the Task 3.1.1 of its annual Work Plan the PRP has undertaken to employ Behavior Change Communication (BCC) strategies to inform citizens, government officials and donors and to promote positive behaviors that strengthen women's property rights opportunities and for women's to access finance to develop women's businesses. develop the PRP communications strategy to improve citizens' awareness, knowledge and access to information about property rights and how these rights can be exercised in practice. On October 13, 2014, the PRP engaged a Behavior Change Communications Expert from Tetra Tech ARD to deliver training of trainers for the PRP Communications and Public Outreach Manager and the Gender and Property Rights Specialist to build their capacity in BCC methods. The Behavior Communication Expert also provided the PRP with training materials for the training of the CSOs under the USAID E4E program.

The training is the first step in a training of trainers approach where PRP staff will then train USAID engaged CSOs under its E4E grants program to implement BCC activities and develop communication products that will be disseminated at the grass roots level to begin the process of changing cultural attitudes and behaviors about women's rights to property and roles in the economic sector. As a part of

the training, PRP staff implemented a participatory stakeholders' event to identify key communication messages and content included in a draft BCC strategy that was submitted to USAID/Kosovo for review and comment. On October 20, 2014, the PRP Communications and Public Outreach Manager conducted a training exercise for the PRP objective leaders using the techniques suggested by Behavior Change Communications.

### **2.3.2 CONDUCT AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATIVE GAPS AND PROBLEMS RELATED TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

The PRP contracted with Gender Expert, Dr. Sandra Joireman, to conduct a legal review of all relevant legislation, develop a process map of the inheritance process identifying administrative procedures that enable exclusion of women from inheritance proceedings, and to provide analysis of the cultural issues and power dynamics between women and men that prevent women from exercising their property rights. She also identified obstacles that women must overcome to engage in the economic sector. The assignment began with desk review of legislation, drafts of the PRP assessment report, the PRP G2G expert consultant's report, PRP's draft Behavior Change Communication (BCC) strategy, and relevant publications regarding gender issues in Kosovo and the region.

From December 6 to December 16, 2014, the Gender Expert travelled to Kosovo, and supported by the PRP Gender and Property Rights Specialist and objective leaders, met with municipal officials for gender equality in Shterpce and Gjilan municipalities, the Agency for Woman's Equality, women's NGOs, and a notary office in Pristina. She also attended a workshop on the financing of women's businesses and the role of women's property rights in Peja on December 10, 2014. The Expert is preparing a report and findings and recommendations from the report will be shared with the CCPR project to inform development of legislation to strengthen and protect the property rights of women and the KJC to assist it to develop procedures and practices providing safeguards against the exclusion of women in inheritance proceedings. Recommendations will also assist the PRP develop activities to assist women to more productively engage in the economic sector.

### **2.3.3 IMPROVE LAWS RELATED TO WOMEN'S OWNERSHIP AND INHERITANCE RIGHTS**

### **2.3.4 ANALYZE GAPS AND IMPROVE COURT PROCEDURES RELATED TO WOMEN'S PROPERTY RIGHTS**

The Judicial Reform Specialist and Gender and Property Rights Specialist attended a roundtable on October 3, 2014 organized by a local Civil Society Organization (CSO), ATRC, regarding findings from court monitoring, as a part of a USAID project on Access to Justice. Several CSOs presented findings regarding women's inheritance of property rights in several courts. The analysis also contained findings on gender issues affecting women and minority communities. The data discloses that the number of female who inherit property is significantly lower than that of male heirs. In Lipjan, for example, out of all court determined heirs 65% were male and 35 % were female among Albanians. Among Serbian communities 53% of the heirs were male and 47% female. This shows that within the same legal framework the Serbian majority finds fewer obstacles for women to claim inheritance rights.

On October 22, 2014 the PRP Gender and Property Rights Specialist met with the Director of the Kosovo Gender Studies Center that is starting activities with 7 courts in relation to women's inheritance, as a grant from the US Embassy in Kosovo. This CSO has also been awarded an EU grant to address municipal services in areas across border with Macedonia to raise awareness regarding the rights of citizens and the services offered by municipalities and other institutions. Collaboration with this program will assist in refining recommendations for reform of court practices preventing women from exercising their rights.

### **2.3.5 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO CSOS THAT ASSIST WOMEN TO DEVELOP STRONGER BUSINESSES USING PROPERTY AS COLLATERAL**

The PRP took part in the organization of and presentations at three workshops on the financing of women's businesses and the role of women's property rights in the process with Crimson Finance Fund; Gjakova on October 10, 2013 with 32 owners of women's businesses; Gjilan on November 25, 2014 with 62 women's businesses participating; and in Peja on December 10, 2014 attended by over 100 local women's businesses. Welcoming remarks were made by the mayors of the respective municipalities and the PRP Chief of Party, and the PRP Gender and Property Rights presented at each regarding the role of property rights in obtaining business financing. The USAID AKT and EMPOWER Private Sector Programs participated in the workshops in Gjilan and Peja, and the USAID Acting Mission Director took part in the Workshop in Gjilan. These workshops raise awareness about the objectives of the PRP and increase women's knowledge of property rights.

The Gender and Property Rights Specialist began gathering data from banks and other lending institutions including Procredit Bank, TEB Bank, and Atlantica Microfinance Institution to make an assessment of baseline data regarding financial institution portfolios of women-owned businesses receiving loans from banks in Kosovo. The bank while identifying gaps, obstacles or shortcomings faced by women in the lending procedures. The PRP will make recommendations on how to increase the access to credit of women owning small and medium enterprises.

The PRP Chief of Party, Gender and Property Rights Specialist and Senior Technical Advisor/Manager met with the Chief of Party and staff of the NOA project to develop ideas linking property rights and women in the agricultural sector. The PRP through NOA contacts will identify successful women in business who are willing to grow and expand their businesses, but may face obstacles regarding property rights, security of tenure, and access to credit. This may lead to property rights activities designed to assist women in the agricultural section increase business opportunities through more secure property tenure.

## **2.4 OBJECTIVE 4: IMPROVED COMMUNICATION, ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF PROPERTY RIGHTS**

### **2.4.1 COORDINATE STAKEHOLDER PROPERTY INFORMATION TO FACILITATE SELECTION OF MUNICIPALITIES TO RECEIVE USAID FORWARD G2G FUNDING AND HELP ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE FUNDING SUPPORT**

### **2.4.2 DEVELOP CRITERIA AND PROCESSES FOR SELECTION OF MUNICIPALITIES**

The selection criteria and processes will be dependent on agreeing to G2G activities with USAID and will begin in the next quarter.

### **2.4.3 ASSESS POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES SELECTED FOR G2G FUNDING**

The PRP engaged a Municipal Land Information Specialist in September and October 2014 to conduct a series of interviews with KCA, MCOs, Civil Registries, notary offices, and relevant officials in selected municipalities to identify needs, capacity of existing systems, and procedures employed to obtain, manage and share data (See next Section 2.4.4 of this report) and to make preliminary suggestions for activities for municipalities for USAID G2G activities under its Forward initiative. The consultant proposed possible activities in a preliminary findings.

The Municipal Service Delivery Specialist held roundtable discussions with the municipalities in a series of roundtable discussions held in November 2014 with representatives from the municipalities of Vushtrri, Istog, Gjakova, Shterpce, Ferizaj, Gjilan, and Fushe Kosovo along with the Policy Development Specialist to review the findings and obtain comments on the findings from the technical representatives

of these municipalities. The PRP Chief of Party, Policy Development Specialist, and Municipal Service Delivery Specialist also met with the CEO of the KCA to narrow issues on linking land and real estate information between municipal MCOs and the KCA.

After all comments were received, the Municipal Land Information Specialist produced a technical report listing findings and conclusions and containing recommendations for municipal activities that was submitted to USAID on December 12, 2014. One of the main findings is that there is consensus that a local Geographic Information System (GIS) application instituted at the local level would assist municipalities to aggregate existing real property databases to better manage and share data between municipal departments within the municipality, between the municipality and central authorities (for example the KCA and Ministry of Finance), between MCOs and courts, to allow courts to more efficiently resolve property claims and to facilitate market transactions. The PRP will use the technical report and suggested report activities to refine recommendations for the design of the specific activities to be funded under the G2G Forward program.

#### **2.4.4 ASSESS MUNICIPAL BUSINESS PROCESSES FOR SHARING PROPERTY RELATED INFORMATION AND PROPOSE TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS**

See Section 2.4.3 above.

### **2.5 PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD**

- Hold a high level stakeholders meeting to establish the SWG and hold the first SWG meeting to plan operations assign roles and set schedules for donors and line ministries and agencies dealing with the property rights sector in Kosovo.
- Share the legislative analysis and report regarding legislation affecting minority communities including issues of religious properties and challenges in the courts by members of the minority communities with CCPR.
- Continue coordination with the CCPR to support the GOK to develop its property reform strategy and develop a comprehensive and coherent property rights legal framework.
- In collaboration with the KJC develop and propose selection criteria and lead the selection process for four Courts of Merit.
- Select Courts of Merit and plan implementation of recommendations along with the KJC from the court assessment report and develop action plans.
- Continue to implement participatory activities with stakeholders to develop its BCC approach to change cultural attitudes and behaviors about women's rights to property.
- Coordinate with the Ministry for Local Self-Government Administration to refine information sharing solutions and inform all municipalities regarding the USAID G2G program to be piloted in selected G2G municipalities.

### **2.6 COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH**

On November 6, 2014, the PRP Communications and Public Outreach Manager secured space in the newsletter of the Kosovo Banking Association, The Kosovo Banker. This newsletter is published twice a year and is distributed in more than 10,000 copies through the daily newspaper "Koha Ditore". This will create greater awareness of the PRP for lenders and those seeking access to credit, including women's businesses.

## **2.7 MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

The PRP Project Management was approved.

# 3.0 PROJECT SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline Value	Target Yr. 1 2014/15	Actual Yr. 1 2014/15	LOP Target	LOP Actual	Comments
<b>OBJECTIVE 1: IMPROVE COORDINATION AND POLICY PRIORITIES</b>							
1.1} Number of policies drafted and approved	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	0	1	0	2	0	N/A
1.2} Number of laws drafted and approved	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>	0	0	0	6	0	N/A

Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline Value	Target Yr. 1 2014/15	Actual Yr. 1 2014/15	LOP Target	LOP Actual	Comments
	<i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>						
1.3} Number of secondary legislation drafted and approved	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	0	1	1	19	0	N/A
<b>OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVED COURT PROCESSES RELATED TO PROPERTY CLAIMS</b>							
2.1} Number of court procedures and secondary legislation related to court function and/ or improved	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>	0	1	0	12	0	N/A



Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline Value	Target Yr. 1 2014/15	Actual Yr. 1 2014/15	LOP Target	LOP Actual	Comments
court performance adopted and approved	<i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector</i>						
2.2) Number of days it takes for courts to resolve a property case reduced	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector</i>	<i>January, 2015</i>	0	0	>25%	0	N/A
2.3) Percent of property disputes cases resolved in courts	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector</i>	<i>January, 2015</i>	0	0	>40%	0	N/A
2.4) Percent of court users satisfied with court services on resolving property disputes	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>	<i>KAP-Survey April, 2015</i>	0	0	>40%	0	N/A

Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline Value	Target Yr. 1 2014/15	Actual Yr. 1 2014/15	LOP Target	LOP Actual	Comments
	<i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector</i>						
2.5) Number of judges, lawyers and court staff trained with USG assistance	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector</i>	0	0	0	450	0	N/A
2.6 Number of USG-assisted courts with improved case management related to resolution of property claims and disputes	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector</i>	0	4	0	9	0	N/A
2.7 Number of legal courses or curricula developed/upgraded with USG assistance	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>	0	1	0	12	0	N/A

Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline Value	Target Yr. 1 2014/15	Actual Yr. 1 2014/15	LOP Target	LOP Actual	Comments
	<i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector</i>						
<b>OBJECTIVE 3: ENHANCED ABILITY FOR WOMEN TO ACCESS THEIR PROPERTY RIGHTS IN PRACTICE</b>							
3.1 } Number of “E4E CSO-s” staff trained to implement program activities in support of USAID/ Kosovo program objectives	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen’s Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	0	0	0	80	0	N/A
3.2} Number of communication outreach products, developed and disseminated by PRP and “E4E CSO-s	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen’s Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	0	10	3	70	3	1) An Activity Brief (product) on Program’s activities;  2) A leaflet (product) on Women’s Right to Property was developed and distributed by PRP;

Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline Value	Target Yr. 1 2014/15	Actual Yr. 1 2014/15	LOP Target	LOP Actual	Comments
							3) One page PRP information published at The Kosovo Banker Magazine.
3.3} Number of communication outreach campaigns, activities and events developed and implemented by PRP and "E4E CSO-s to change cultural attitudes and behaviors about women's property rights	<p>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</p> <p>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</p>	0	7	5	114	5	<p>1) Presentation at the Finance Fair (Information in three languages about the PRP has been published in the Catalogue of the Fair.</p> <p>2) Launching Event of the National Campaign "For our Common Good" that was under the Patronage of the Office of the President (A TV SPOT developed broadcasted in RTK for one month, at least once a day. The USAID identity has been</p>

Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline Value	Target Yr. 1 2014/15	Actual Yr. 1 2014/15	LOP Target	LOP Actual	Comments
							incorporated at the end of it)  3) Women in Business Workshops: Obtaining Finance & Property Rights for Woman-Owned Businesses, organized in three municipalities:  1. Gjakova, 2. Gjilan, and 3. Peja
3.4) Number of citizens reached by communication outreach campaigns, activities and events implemented by PRP and "E4E CSO-s	DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs  IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government	0.	200	9190	100,500	9190	<b>190 Citizens</b> attended "Workshops for Obtaining Finance and Property Rights for Women-Owned businesses" held in: Gjakova, Gjilan and Peja  <b>9000 Citizens</b> reached through Kosovo Banking

Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline Value	Target Yr. 1 2014/15	Actual Yr. 1 2014/15	LOP Target	LOP Actual	Comments
							Association Magazine No 6
3.5} Percentage of citizens who recognize the PRP and E4E CSO campaign/ brand/ identity/logo/messages/content	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	0	0	0	<40%	0	N/A
3.6} Percentage of citizens who report changing their attitude/behavior about women's rights to inherit property and engage in economic activities after exposure to PRP and/or E4E CSO communication and outreach products, activities and events	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	KAP-Survey April, 2015	0	0	<20%	0	N/A

Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline Value	Target Yr. 1 2014/15	Actual Yr. 1 2014/15	LOP Target	LOP Actual	Comments
3.7} Number of women who file inheritance claims in the court	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	January 2015	0	0	<30%	0	N/A
3.8} Number of women inheriting property	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	January 2015	0	0	<30%	0	N/A
3.9} Percentage of commercial bank loan collateral-based portfolio comprised of women	<i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs</i>  <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent &amp; Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	January 2015	0	0	<15%	0	N/A

Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline Value	Target Yr. 1 2014/15	Actual Yr. 1 2014/15	LOP Target	LOP Actual	Comments
<b>OBJECTIVE 4: IMPROVED ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF PROPERTY RIGHTS</b>							
4.1} Number of days to conduct property transactions reduced due to improved information systems	DO: Increase Investment and Private Sector Employment  IR: Improved Economic Governance & Business Environment	28	0	0	24	0	N/A
4.2} Percent of citizens with increased knowledge of their property rights	DO: Increase Investment and Private Sector Employment  IR: Improved Economic Governance & Business Environment	KAP-Survey April, 2015	0	0	<25%	0	N/A
4.3} Number of parcels corrected or incorporated into land system	DO: Increase Investment and Private Sector Employment  IR: Improved Economic Governance & Business Environment	0	0	0	440	0	N/A



Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline Value	Target Yr. 1 2014/15	Actual Yr. 1 2014/15	LOP Target	LOP Actual	Comments
4.4} Land rights formalized	<i>DO: Increase Investment and Private Sector Employment</i> <i>IR: Improved Economic Governance &amp; Business Environment</i>	0	0	0	440	0	N/A
4.5} Land administration offices established or upgraded: The number of land administration and service offices or other related facilities that the project physically establishes or upgrades	<i>DO: Increase Investment and Private Sector Employment</i> <i>IR: Improved Economic Governance &amp; Business Environment</i>	00	0	0	4	0	N/A

# 4.0 COLLABORATION WITH GOK, OTHER DONOR PROJECTS, AND OTHER USAID PROJECTS

DATE	WHO / WHERE	WHAT / WHY	SUMMARY
October 2, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist (PRP)	<b>Property Forum</b>	The topic for this forum organized by the GIZ Land Management and Cadastre Project was Property Rights Challenges in Kosovo, and the PRP COP was one of the keynote presenters. In addition, the PRP Policy Development Specialist gave an update on the establishment of the Sector Working Group (SWG) for property rights and future donor coordination.
October 2, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party, and Mr. Enver Fejzullahi Judicial Reform Specialist (PRP)  Mr. Harold D. Dampier, Jr. Chief of Party, USAID Kosovo Legal Profession Program (KLP)	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To discuss future collaboration between both projects towards support of the Kosovo Chamber of Advocates.
October 3, 2014	Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist (PRP)  Ms. Florije Kika	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To discuss on steps to implement the agreement between the Republic of Kosovo and Republic of Serbia for return of cadastral documents, where Serbia agreed to return pre-1999 original scanned cadastral documents. Parties are awaiting the passage of a Law on Kosovo

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	Acting Deputy Executive Director of the Kosovo Property Agency (KPA) <a href="mailto:florie.kika@kpaonline.org">florie.kika@kpaonline.org</a>		Comparison and Verification Agency, which is expected to assign the role to the Kosovo Property Agency (KPA).
October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2014	Mr. Enver Fejzullahi Judicial Reform Specialist (PRP)  Court Presidents of three Basic Courts of Gjakova, Gjilan and Ferizaj	<b>Briefing Meetings</b>	To discuss the PRP work plan objectives emphasizing the initial assessment that will be undertaken in three Basic Courts of Gjakova, Gjilan and Ferizaj. All three Court Presidents committed themselves and their staff to assist the PRP to achieve program objectives.
October 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014	Mr. Nehat Ramadani Municipal Service Delivery Specialist (PRP) Mr. Carlos Beale, the short term Municipal Land Information Specialist (MLIS)	<b>Information sharing</b>	To obtain preliminary information in Gjakova and Shterpce Municipalities regarding the internal organization of MCOs, status of the archives, and internal communication between the municipal departments and sectors as well as their communications with line ministries and other central line institutions.
October 3, 2014	Mr. Enver Fejzullahi Judicial Reform Specialist Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist (PRP)	<b>Roundtable</b>	Organized by a local NGO, ATRC, the roundtable presented findings from court monitoring, as a part of a USAID project on Access to Justice. Several NGOs presented findings regarding women's inheritance of property rights in several courts.
October 7, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist (PRP)	<b>Networking</b>	The Visibility Event was organized by the Civil Code and Property Right Project (CCPR) and the coordination with the PRP was highlighted.
October 7, 2014	Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist PRP  Mr. Godwin M. Azzopardi, <a href="mailto:muscata@gmail.com">muscata@gmail.com</a> , The Property Law Expert of the CCPR	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To present the draft list of laws related to property issues and the preliminary mapping of activities of donors and Kosovo line ministries and agencies dealing with property that is being prepared by the PRP.
October 7, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party, and Mr. Enver Fejzullahi Judicial Reform Specialist (PRP)	<b>Bi-weekly Meeting with the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC)</b>	To discuss on the status of backlog reduction and enforcement of civil judgments. The PRP reported that it is employing a Court Management Consultant to develop and customize a methodology for assessing the legal and procedural constraints for efficient court disposition and reduction of backlog of property rights claims.

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October 7, 2014	Mr. Enver Fejzullahi Judicial Reform Specialist (PRP) Mr. Bob Dean, the Court Management Consultant  The KJC Chair and the KJC Secretariat	<b>Coordination Meeting</b>	To brief them regarding the approach and development of the assessment methodology with the three Basic Courts.
October 8, 2014	Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist Mr. Nehat Ramadani Municipal Service Delivery Specialist (PRP) Mr. Carlos Beale, the short term Municipal Land Information Specialist (MLIS)  Dr. Murat Meha CEO of KCA <a href="mailto:murat.meha@rks-gov.net">murat.meha@rks-gov.net</a> and Mr. Xhevdet Shala, specialist from the World Bank RECAP <a href="mailto:xhevdetshala@gmail.com">xhevdetshala@gmail.com</a>	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	The purpose of the meeting was to examine cadastral evidence, access to cadastral data, and cooperation between KCA and Municipal Cadastre Offices (MCOs) to ascertain the extent of the sharing of cadastral information and the relation between the central cadastral data and that of the MCOs
October 8 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	Mr. Enver Fejzullahi Judicial Reform Specialist (PRP) Mr. Bob Dean, the Court Management Consultant  Meeting with Presiding Judges, the Court Presidents, and Civil Judges	<b>Site visits</b>	To assess and analyze current court processes related to the adjudication and processing of property claims in the Basic Courts of Ferizaj , Gjilan and Gjakova,
October 9, 2014	Mr. Enver Fejzullahi Judicial Reform Specialist (PRP) Mr. Bob Dean, the Court Management Consultant  The Head of OSCE monitoring unit	<b>Coordination Meeting</b>	The meeting was aiming to explain the focus activities of the PRP and discuss coordination possibilities. .
October 9, 2014	Mr. Enver Fejzullahi Judicial Reform Specialist (PRP) Mr. Bob Dean, the Court Management Consultant	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To discuss legislative constraints, gaps and needs in the sphere of property rights cases.

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	Pristina University Law Professor		
October 9, 2014	<p>Mr. Nehat Ramadani Municipal Service Delivery Specialist (PRP) Mr. Carlos Beale, the short term Municipal Land Information Specialist (MLIS)</p> <p>Mr. Sami Istrefi, Director of the Department for Urbanism and Environment, Contact: <a href="mailto:sami.istrefi@rks-gov.net">sami.istrefi@rks-gov.net</a></p> <p>Mr. Bedri Dobra, Director of the Department for Geodesy, Cadastre and Property, Contact: <a href="mailto:bedri.dobra@rks-gov.net">bedri.dobra@rks-gov.net</a></p>	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To obtain preliminary information in Vushtrri Municipality and to begin enquiry into land information sharing.
October 10, 2014	<p>Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist PRP</p> <p>Gjakova Municipality</p>	<b>Workshop</b>	Co-organized with Crimson Capital the purpose of the workshop was to discuss discuss regarding financing using property as collateral directed toward women owning businesses.
October 22, 2014	<p>Mr. Enver Fejzullahi Judicial Reform Specialist (PRP) Mr. Jack Keefe, Senior Technical Advisor / Manager</p> <p>The OSCE Court Monitoring unit</p>	<b>Coordination Meeting</b>	The purpose of the meeting was to add questions regarding minority community property rights to the assessment tool.

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October 22, 2014	Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist PRP  Ms. Luljeta Vuniqui, the Director of the Kosovo Gender Studies Center	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	The purpose of the meeting was to mutually inform each other regarding current activities involving women's property rights and discuss areas where there may be cooperation.
October 22, 2014	Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist PRP  Mr. Michael Gold Managing Director/CEO of Crimson Capital <a href="mailto:michael.gold@crimsoncapital.org">michael.gold@crimsoncapital.org</a>	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To discuss statistic regarding women's access to credit using property as collateral.
October 22, 2014	Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager  Ms. Jeta Krasniqi, the Political Advisor to the President of Kosovo, <a href="mailto:jeta.krasniqi@president-ksgov.net">jeta.krasniqi@president-ksgov.net</a> and Mr. Gunter Fehlinger <a href="mailto:guenther.fehlinger@giz.de">guenther.fehlinger@giz.de</a> CCPR Project Leader	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a Launching Event of the National Campaign, under the Patronage of the President of the Republic of Kosovo, to Improve Gender Equality in the Property Registration "For our Common Good".
October 23, 2014	Mr. Xhevat Azemi, Policy Development Specialist PRP <a href="mailto:Silke.Nebenfuhr@osce.org">Silke.Nebenfuhr@osce.org</a>	<b>Coordination Meeting</b>	A meeting of OSCE Human Rights International Contact Group attended also by representatives GIZ- Civil Code and Property Right Project, GIZ, Land Administration/Cadastre Project, EUSR, UNMIK and three NGOs. The purpose was to exchange information on current activities.
October 23, 2014	Mr. Driton Zeqiri Monitoring and Evaluation PRP	<b>Workshop</b>	The workshop covered topics on writing professional research proposals and using research to make an impact.

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October 23, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party, & Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist, & Mr. Jack Keefe, Senior Technical Advisor / Manager PRP  Meeting with the Chief of Party and staff of the NOA Project	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To develop ideas linking property rights and women in the agricultural sector
October 28, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist (PRP)	<b>The KCA Donor Coordination Committee Meeting</b>	Mr. Murat Meha, CEO of KCA made presentation of the progress of projects that support the KCA, and representatives of donors outlined their current activities.
October 28, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)  The Team Leader of the World Bank RECAP	<b>Coordination Meeting</b>	To plan specifically the PRP assistance with a public information campaign supporting mobile gender units that RECAP will be using in its systematic registration in 50 cadastral zones increase registration of property by women and minorities.
October 29, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist (PRP)	<b>The Inter- ministerial Land Administration Committee Meeting</b>	The main presentations at this meeting were by the Kosovo Environmental Protection Agency describing its organization and activities and by the legal expert of the World Bank RECAP project describing legislative plans to introduce a new Law on Cadastre to the next Parliament.
October 29, 2014	Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist Mr. Sherafedin Shehu, Finance Manager (PRP)  TEB Bank	<b>Coordination Meeting</b>	The purpose of the meeting was to ask for support in providing statistics on loans issued to women, with particular attention to loans backed by immovable collateral for women in business.

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October 29, 2014	Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)	<b>Training</b>	Conducted a follow up training exercise with the PRP objective leaders regarding a draft of the PRP Communications Strategy.
October 30, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)	<b>National Campaign to Improve Gender Equality - Conference</b>	Participated in the Launching Event of the National Campaign, under the Patronage of the President of the Republic of Kosovo, to Improve Gender Equality in the Property Registration "For our Common Good". The Gender and Property Rights Specialist participated in a roundtable discussion regarding Gender Equality and Property Rights at the conference.
November 4, 2014	Mr. Nehat Ramadani Municipal Service Delivery Specialist (PRP)  Mr. Bedri Dobra, Director of Geodesy, Cadastre and Property Department in Vushtrri Municipality Contact: <a href="mailto:bedri.dobra@rks-gov.net">bedri.dobra@rks-gov.net</a>	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To get further information in order to find the area of potential activities for G2G funds.
November 5, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Mr. Nehat Ramadani Municipal Service Delivery Specialist (PRP)  Mr. Agron Thaqi, Deputy Director at the Property Tax Department in Ministry for Finance <a href="mailto:Agron.thaqi@rks-gov.net">Agron.thaqi@rks-gov.net</a>	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To begin coordination with this counterpart regarding property information important for local property tax departments.
November 6, 2014	Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)  Ms. Miranda Rugova, The Kosovo Banking Association	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To coordinate activities and secure space in the newsletter of the Kosovo Banking Association, The Kosovo Banker. This newsletter is published twice a year and is distributed in more than 10,000 copies through the daily newspaper "Koha Ditore".



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November 6, 2014	Mr. Xhevat Azemi, Policy Development Specialist (PRP)	<b>Property Forum</b>	The main focus was on the Kosovo Mortgage and Property Market, reporting on a new draft mortgage regulation, key provisions of which incorporate more stringent disclosure requirements and include EU standards for lending to protect consumers.
November 6, 2014	Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)  Mr. Gunter Fehlinger <a href="mailto:guenther.fehlinger@giz.de">guenther.fehlinger@giz.de</a> CCPR Project Leader	<b>Coordination Meeting</b>	The agenda included feedback regarding the National Gender Conference under the Patronage of the President that was held on October 30, 2014. The PRP briefly presented an outline of its development of a Behavioral Change Communication Strategy regarding gender and property rights issues.
November 12, 2014	Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist (PRP)  Mr. Lulzim Beqiri, Director of the Department for EU and policy Coordination at the Ministry of Justice <a href="mailto:lulzim.beqiri@rks-gov.net">lulzim.beqiri@rks-gov.net</a>	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To inform about the PRP plan to organize a Property Right Stakeholders meeting on 16 December 2014, as part of an effort to establish a Property Rights Sectorial Working Group (SWG). The draft agenda of the meeting, the list of donors and partner institutions which will be invited in the meeting and a possibility of participation of high level of management of MoJ has been discussed.
November 13, 2014	Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist (PRP)  Ms. Christiane Jaenicke, Implementation/Facilitation Adviser at the EU Office/EU Special Representative Office in Kosovo	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To discuss on implementation of technical agreement related to cadastral documents; draft Law on Kosovo Comparison and the Verification Agency.
November 14, 2014	Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)  Ms. Jeta Krasniqi, Political Advisor to the President of the Republic of Kosovo <a href="mailto:Christiane.JAENICKE@ext.eeas.europa.eu">Christiane.JAENICKE@ext.eeas.europa.eu</a>	<b>Coordination Meeting</b>	The coordination and message of the joint efforts for developing and implementation of future activities have been discussed, in line with the National Campaign on Property and Gender Equality launched under the patronage of the President of Kosovo.

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November 19, 2014	Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP) Launching Event on Women Entrepreneurship Day, during the Global Entrepreneurship Week, under the Patronage of the President of the Republic of Kosovo	<b>Coordination and Networking</b>	The event included women in business, entrepreneurs, media personalities and celebrities, and was used to further promoting and enhancing women empowerment.
November 20, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party (PRP)  The Klina branch of the Peja Basic Court	<b>Networking</b>	The celebration of the inauguration of the newly renovated court.
November 21, 2014	Mr. Nehat Ramadani Municipal Service Delivery Specialist Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)  Venue: Hotel Trofta, Istog municipality	<b>Workshop</b>	The purpose of the workshop to discuss the initial results, and get additional comments and recommendations regarding activities that might be funded by the USAID Forward G2G Initiatives. Welcoming remarks were made by the Deputy Mayor of Istog, Mr. Lulzim Blakaj and the PRP Chief of Party. The workshop was also attended by directors of technical departments of Gjakova, Istog and Vushtrri municipalities.
November 25, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)  Gjilan Municipality	<b>Workshop</b>	The event on the financing of women's businesses and the role of women's property rights in the process was co-organized together with Crimson Finance Fund.
November 26, 2014	Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist (PRP)  Mr. Lulzim Beqiri Director, Department for EU Integration and Policy Coordination of the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) <a href="mailto:lulzim.beqiri@rks-gov.net">lulzim.beqiri@rks-gov.net</a>	<b>Coordination Meeting</b>	To plan the Property Rights Stakeholders meeting and discuss the importance of appointing a chairperson for the Property Rights Sectorial Working Group (SWG) before the meeting will take place.

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November 27, 2014	Mr. Nehat Ramadani Municipal Service Delivery Specialist Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)  Prevalla, Shterpce Municipality	<b>Workshop</b>	The purpose of the workshop to discuss the initial results, and get additional comments and recommendations regarding activities that might be funded by the USAID Forward G2G Initiatives. Welcoming remarks were made by the PRP Chief of Party. The work shop was also attended by directors of technical departments of Fushë Kosovë, Ferizaj, and Gjilan municipalities.
December 2, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party (PRP)  Professor Dr. Ivan Cukalovic, Deputy President of the Constitutional Court	<b>Information sharing Meeting</b>	To discuss property issues important to minority communities.
December 3, 4 and 5, 2014	Mr. Enver Fejzullahi Judicial Reform Specialist Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)  Basic Courts of Ferizaj, Gjilan and Gjakova	<b>Consultation Meetings</b>	The discussions have been focused on the preliminary findings from the interviews conducted with judges regarding the applicable legislation, new legislation needs, judicial practices and the role of the decisions of Court of Appeals and Supreme Courts, case processing delays and other constraints related to adjudication of property rights in courts.
December 4, 2014	Mr. Nehat Ramadani Municipal Service Delivery Specialist Mr. Xhevat Azemi Policy Development Specialist Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)  Mr. Mr. Krstic Nikola, Deputy Mayor of Shterpce Municipality, Mr. Grbic Predrag Chairman of the Shterpce Municipal Assembly, Mr. Tanaskovic Ivica , Advisor to the Mayor , and directors form the relevant department's involved in the property transactions.	<b>Work Session</b>	The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the initial results, and get additional comments and recommendations regarding activities that might be funded by the USAID Forward G2G Initiative. .

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	Vita Restaurant , Shterpce Municipality		
December 10, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist Mr. Jeton A. Rexha Communications and Public Outreach Manager (PRP)  Peja Municipality	<b>Workshop</b>	The event on the financing of women's businesses and the role of women's property rights in the process was co-organized together with Crimson Finance Fund.
December 11, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Mr. Xhevat Azemi, Policy Development Specialist Mr. Nehat Ramadani Municipal Service Delivery Specialist (PRP)  Mr. Murat Meha, CEO of the Kosovo Cadastral Agency (KCA) <a href="mailto:murat.meha@rks-gov.net">murat.meha@rks-gov.net</a>	<b>Coordination Meeting</b>	to narrow issues on joining up land and real estate information between municipal MCOs and the KCA and discuss with the KCA activities regarding the reconstruction of cadastral zones that might be funded by G2G.
December 15, 2014	Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist (PRP)  Ms. Lindita Kastrati, Executive Director of G7, the Chamber of Commerce of Women of Kosovo,	<b>Information sharing Networking</b>	The main focus was on the generation of statistics related to women-owned businesses.
December 16, 2014	Ms. Odeta Hyseni, Gender and Property Specialist (PRP)  Swiss Contact in Kosovo	<b>Information sharing Networking</b>	To discuss cooperation in the sector of Public Outreach in raising awareness of women-owned businesses and property rights.
December 17, 2014	Mr. Justin T. Holl, Jr. Chief of Party Mr. Xhevat Azemi, Policy Development Specialist (PRP)	<b>Coordination Meeting</b>	Organized by the UNMIK Administration in Mitrovica the main focus was on human rights gender equality, Detention Center and Probation Services for North Mitrovica while the meeting was useful to get more insights in line with the PRP activities and objectives.

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December 23, 2014	<p>Mr. Xhevat Azemi, Policy Development Specialist (PRP)</p> <p>Ms. Krenare Bekteshi and <a href="mailto:Krenare.bekteshi@rks-gov.net">Krenare.bekteshi@rks-gov.net</a> and Mr. Kastriot Halili, <a href="mailto:kastriot.haliti@rks-gov.net">kastriot.haliti@rks-gov.net</a> Division for Planning and Coordination at the Ministry of European Integration</p>	<p><b>Information sharing Networking</b></p>	<p>The PRP objectives, with focus on Better Coordination and Policy Priorities and donor coordination activities, were among topics discussed.</p>

## 5.0 SUCCESS STORY



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## SNAPSHOT

### ***Strengthening property rights of women and economic development In Kosovo***



*The workshop was a good opportunity for sharing experiences among women business owners in Peja Municipality*



*The questionnaire completed by women business owners in Gjiilan Municipality will help to address and to identify the needs regarding property rights*

A 2013 survey in Kosovo showed that 95% of women were engaged daily in agricultural activities and 78% of women reported having input in household investment decisions. However, a woman's ability to fully participate in and gain from economic growth is limited. The legal recognition of women's property rights is a key component to their role as economic actors. The lack of formalization of property rights for women can prevent women from reaping the benefit of their own labor.

The USAID Property Rights Program along with Crimson Capital Fund has undertaken to raise awareness of the crucial role that property rights play in access to credit to help women start or grow their business. Around 200 owners of women's businesses have actively participated in three workshops organized in Gjakova, Gjiilan and Peja municipalities to increase women's awareness of access to finance and the importance of property rights in the process.

The coordination with local government authorities is important. The support and political commitment expressed by the mayors of Gjakova, Gjiilan, and Peja at these workshops lends encouragement to women business owners to consider property rights as an important factor for a brighter economic future. Access to financing and the importance of property rights can create new opportunities in the advancement of women's economic development in Kosovo.

The USAID Property Rights Program will continue with targeted information campaigns and community support measures that can make a critical impact for the economic improvement of women and their families. Eliminating the existing barriers to control over property will foster greater opportunities for women to engage in economic activity and contribute to the welfare of society as a whole.

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# 6.0 PROJECT BRIEF UPDATE

USAID priority for PRP is close coordination and collaboration with the European Union (EU) funded Support to Civil Code and Property Rights (CCPR) Project to assist the Government of Kosovo to develop its property rights reform strategy and improve the legal framework governing property. On December 12, 2014, the USAID/Kosovo Mission Director witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the PRP and the CCPR that sets out arrangements for cooperation and coordination such that the PRP will lead donor and line ministry coordination to support development of the reform strategy and contribute to CCPR legislative drafting by providing technical analysis and inputs identifying gaps and shortcomings in the substantive property law and developing secondary legislation to strengthen the property rights of women and members of minority communities. The MOU also recognizes PRP's role to lead development of improved court procedures to improve efficiency of court processes and enforce property rights of all Kosovars, especially the rights of women and members of minority communities.

To advance its court strengthening activities, PRP engaged short term technical assistance (STTA) expertise from Tetra Tech DPK to develop a participatory court self-assessment tool that was administered in the Ferizaj, Gjiçane, and Gjakova Basic Courts during November, 2014. The assessment was conducted in close collaboration with the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) who monitored the assessment process that included judges, court administration officials and attorneys to enable triangulation of key stakeholders' observations on the key legal and procedural constraints to efficient resolution of property claims and disputes. The assessment tool was designed to identify and assess court procedures and practices that contribute to the challenges women face to inherit family land holdings and hinder minorities from obtaining decisions from courts to resolve their property claims. Preliminary findings indicate that confusion over which laws to apply and conflicting jurisdiction over property claims significantly constrain efficient resolution of cases. The assessment final report will be presented to the KJC in the next quarter to assist it develop improved court processes, procedures and practices and with the CCPR project to inform development of strengthened property rights laws and secondary legislation.

Activities to enhance women's rights to use property rights in practice focused on developing a report that identifies and analyzes legal gaps and cultural practices that prevent women from exercising their property rights in practice. PRP, through STTA, contracted the services of Dr. Sandra Joireman to conduct a legal review of all relevant legislation, develop a process map of the inheritance process identifying administrative procedures that enable exclusion of women from inheritance proceedings, provide analysis of the cultural issues and power dynamics between women and men that prevent women from exercising their property rights as well as the obstacles that women must overcome to engage in the economic sector. The final report will be delivered to USAID for approval in the next quarter. Findings and recommendations from the report will be shared with the CCPR project to inform development of legislation to strengthen and protect the property rights of women and the KJC to assist it to develop procedures and practices providing safeguards against the exclusion of women in inheritance proceedings.



Recommendations will also assist the PRP develop activities to assist women to more productively engage in the economic sector.

USAID/Kosovo will directly engage Kosovar Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) under its Engagement for Equity (E4E) grants program in furtherance of its Local Solutions and USAID Forward objectives. Tetra Tech ARD Behavior Change Communication (BCC) Expert delivered training to PRP Public Outreach Manager and the Gender and Property Rights Specialist to build their capacity in BCC methods and participatory communications. The training is the first step in a training of trainers approach where PRP staff will then train USAID engaged CSOs to implement BCC activities and develop communication products that will be disseminated at the grass roots level to begin the process of changing cultural attitudes and behaviors about women's rights to property and roles in the economic sector. As a result of the training, PRP staff implemented a participatory stakeholders event to identify key communication messages and content included in a draft BCC strategy that was submitted to USAID/Kosovo for approval.

PRP also continued to implement joint workshops with Crimson Capital to inform women about their property rights and the important role that property plays in obtaining business finance. The goal is to create opportunities for women strengthen their businesses and contribute to business sustainability by securing credit with their property

USAID/Kosovo will also use Government to Government (G2G) funding under its Forward program to assist municipalities improve the sharing of land-related information to assist courts to more efficiently resolve property claims and to facilitate market transactions. PRP sub-contractor ME&A produced an assessment report documenting municipal business processes for land transactions and data sharing protocols within the municipality and between the municipality and courts. Assessment findings and recommendations have been shared with USAID/Kosovo and will inform design of the specific activities to be funded.

Key priorities for the next quarter are to continue its coordination efforts with the CCPR to support the GOK to develop its property reform strategy and develop a comprehensive and coherent property rights legal framework. It will work closely with the KJC to analyze findings and action recommendations from the assessment report to improve efficiency of court processes and institute practices to protect the property rights of women and members of minority communities. Additionally, it will work with the KJC to develop criteria to select four Courts of Merit where reforms will be implemented. PRP will continue to implement participatory activities with stakeholders to develop its BCC approach to change cultural attitudes and behaviors about women's rights to property. PRP will follow up on the ME&A report to develop activities for strengthening land information at the municipal level with G2G funding.

# 7.0 MEDIA

## 1. National Campaign ‘For Our Common Good’

TV RTK – Morning Program <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1Lqeg4oKSs>

<http://politiko.net/per-te-miren-tone/> (POLITIKO)

<http://koha.net/?id=27&l=31405> (KOHA.net)

<http://www.indeksonline.net/?FaqeID=2&LajmID=123350> (INDEKSONLINE)

<http://www.rtklive.com/?id=2&r=8697> (RTK live online portal)

<http://rtv21.tv/home/?p=159056> (RTV 21 online portal ).

## 2. The Kosovo Banker Magazine:

Albanian Version: [këtu](#)

English Version: [here](#)

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