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Cover Photo: On October 11, 2016, to mark International Day of the Girl Child, PRP sponsored a puppet theater show in Prishtinë/Pristina that conveys the message of fairness and equality of girls and boys within the family. The show ran for 7 days, and nearly a thousand pupils attended. In the photo the children are holding up their souvenir tickets to the show. PRP will be supporting performances of this show for children throughout Kosovo.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ATRC	Advocacy Training & Resource Center
BIRN	Balkan Investigative Reporting Network
CCPR	European Commission Liaison Office Support to Civil Code and Property Rights Project
CDCS	Country Development Cooperation Strategy
CLARD	Center for Legal Aid and Regional Development
CLE	Contract Law Enforcement Project
CoM	Court of Merit
CMO	Case Management Office
CRM	Case Record Management Specialist
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CTG	Core Technical Group
DO	Development Objective
DPM	Deputy Prime Minister
ECHR	European Court for Human Rights
E4E	Engagement for Equity
EU	European Union
EULEX	European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo
G2G	Government to Government
GIS	Geographic Information System
GoK	Government of Kosovo
IQC	Indefinite Quantity Contract
IR	Intermediate Result
JSSP	Justice System Strengthening Program
KBA	Kosovo Bar Association
KCA	Kosovo Cadastral Agency
KCBS	Kosovo Center for Business Support
KJC	Kosovo Judicial Council
KPCVA	Kosovo Property Comparison and Verification Agency
MCO	Municipal Cadastral Office
MGO	Municipal Gender Officer

Moj	Ministry of Justice
MLGA	Ministry of Local Government Administration
OCA	Organizational Capacity Assessment
OPM	Office of the Prime Minister
PRP	Property Rights Program
PSA	Public Service Announcement
RFE	Radio Free Europe
RTC	Regional Technology Center
SAA	Stabilization and Association Agreement
SBCC	Social Behavior Change Communications
SPO	Strategic Planning Office
STTA	Short-Term Technical Assistance
STARR	Strengthening Tenure and Resource Rights
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The absence of an effective property rights framework in Kosovo weakens democratic governance, impacts human rights, disempowers women and impedes sustainable economic growth. The USAID/Kosovo Property Rights Program promotes effective donor and government stakeholder coordination to develop a National Strategy on Property Rights (the National Strategy) and strengthen property rights legislation; supports the development of improved court procedures to efficiently adjudicate property claims and disputes; works closely with civil society organizations to support activities to prompt changes in social attitudes and behavior concerning the ability of women to exercise their property rights; and improves service delivery in municipalities to increase the general public's understanding of property rights and make it easier for citizens to exercise their property rights.

More specifically, PRP is working closely with the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to support its development and direction of the property reform process, which includes close support to the MoJ in its development of the National Strategy and in other relevant legislative initiatives. PRP has helped the MoJ to adopt and apply a very inclusive approach to developing the National Strategy, using five separate theme-based working groups representing a wide range of government institutions, donor organizations and projects and civil society groups. (These included the European Union-funded Civil Code and Property Rights (CCPR) project, which ended its operations in June 2016.) (The draft National Strategy has now been finalized and has been submitted to the GoK for approval.)

PRP is working closely with the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) and four Courts of Merit (CoM's) to develop and pilot improved court procedures related to property claims, and will also help courts remove constraints in practice that women face in inheriting property. PRP assistance to improve court performance also informs the development of more consistent judicial practice in adjudicating property claims. Results produced by PRP in these areas contribute 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."

PRP is conducting a national media campaign and a campaign of grassroots public outreach activities in Kosovo communities to prompt changes in social attitudes and behaviors inhibiting women from inheriting and owning property. PRP also provides technical assistance to Civil Society Organizations (CSO's) to develop and implement activities aimed at supporting women's property rights and to complement PRP's public outreach activities.

At the municipal level, PRP is working with local administrations to improve their own practices and procedures related to property rights and to provide effective legal information to their citizens to enable them to more efficiently transact their rights to property. PRP is also supporting USAID Forward implementation and Local Solutions by building sustainable organizational and technical capacity of Kosovo CSO's and municipal governments to manage and administer USAID direct awards through grants and Government to Government (G2G) agreements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

This Quarter was very productive for PRP: it saw important developments in major initiatives in progress – the National Strategy on Property Rights; caseload management reform in Kosovo courts; the national media campaign and local grassroots activities on women’s property rights; and activities in the municipalities of Viti/Vitina and Shtërpçë/Štrpce designed to help municipal administrations in Viti/Vitina and elsewhere improve their practices and procedures related to property rights and enable their citizens to exercise their property rights more easily and efficiently.

OBJECTIVE I: BETTER COORDINATION AND POLICY PRIORITIES

NATIONAL STRATEGY ON PROPERTY RIGHTS SUBMITTED TO GOK FOR APPROVAL. During this Quarter, PRP developed a polished complete draft National Strategy package, and during the week of December 16 the MoJ submitted the draft National Strategy package to the GoK for approval.

The draft National Strategy package contained, in addition to the extensive central narrative with findings and recommendations, an Action Plan for Implementation; the five Concept Notes that presented the research and analysis underlying the National Strategy; an Explanatory Memorandum that presents an overview of the National Strategy and its development; the Opinion issued by the Ministry of Finance on the projected financial cost of implementing the National Strategy; the Opinion issued by the Strategic Planning Office of the Office of Prime Minister, and a draft decision for the approval of the National Strategy by the Government.

It is expected that the GoK will approve the National Strategy in early January 2017.

PACKAGE OF DRAFT LAWS ON INHERITANCE FINALIZED AND SUBMITTED TO THE GOK. During this Quarter PRP and the MoJ concluded their work on the revisions to a package of laws (The Law on Inheritance; the Law on Notary; and the Law on Non-Contested Procedure) that are designed to address two problems of major concern related to inheritance: (1) difficulties women face in receiving their inheritance share (arising from the practice of omitting women heirs from the Act of Death and the tradition of women renouncing their inheritance in favor of male heirs); and (2) the practice of not formalizing inheritance in general, with the result that many land records remain registered to deceased persons and are often very out of date. Among other things, the revisions call for providing extensive notice of inheritance proceedings; create additional safeguards to prevent heirs from being excluded from inheriting or forced to renounce their inheritance; and introduces a “constructive notice” principle with respect to inheritance cases that are over 10 years old. These legislative changes are contemplated by the National Strategy.

WORK COMMENCED ON OTHER DRAFT LEGISLATION CONTEMPLATED BY THE NATIONAL STRATEGY. During this Quarter PRP supported the MoJ in beginning to draft legislation to implement the National Strategy. This includes the following legal acts:

The Law on Property and Other Real Rights (in order to, among other things, transform 99-year leaseholds and use rights of urban construction land into ownership rights, as well as to clarify and confirm the right of foreigners to own land).

The Law on Construction Land (to eliminate a Yugoslav legal legacy and allow for rights in urban land to be transformed from use rights to ownership).

The Law Governing Municipal Property (to improve the legal regime governing a municipality’s ability to allocate land for use and exchange it).

PUBLIC OUTREACH ON PROPERTY RIGHTS ISSUES. During this Quarter PRP Supported the MoJ in holding the conference, “Minimizing Informality and Guaranteeing Women’s Property Rights in Kosovo,” which was designed to focus public attention on two important subjects related to inheritance: (1) the challenges posed by widespread outdated land records (“delayed inheritance”); and (2) the challenges women face in exercising their property rights and in securing their legal inheritance. US Ambassador Delawie and the Minister of Justice Hoxha made remarks at the conference, and Mr. Xhevat Azemi of PRP made the central presentation for the conference. The conference received extensive coverage by the national news media.

As a follow-up to the conference, Mr. Azemi appeared on the RTK 3 afternoon live show, where, with other experts he discussed the National Strategy on Property Right with focus on property inheritance and the challenges women face in inheriting property in Kosovo today.

OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVED COURT PROCEDURES RELATED TO PROPERTY CLAIMS

PRP PRODUCES FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CASEFLOW MANAGEMENT FROM ANALYSIS OF 1,900 PENDING PROPERTY CASES. As reported previously, PRP determined that it would be necessary to inventory and track pending property cases in order to fully identify the points where unnecessary delays occur. PRP developed an Excel spreadsheet tailored for this purpose and began collecting data. During this Quarter, PRP analyzed the data gleaned from the 1,971 pending cases reviewed as of August 15, 2016 together with the data from 1,276 disposed cases gathered previously; produced initial findings and developed specific recommendations for next steps. (These are described in more detail below, in this Report.)

CONSENSUS REACHED WITH JUDGES ON NEXT STEPS IN CASEFLOW MANAGEMENT REFORM. PRP organized a two-day workshop for CoM civil judges, where PRP presented its findings in detail, along with recommendations for measures to address the problems identified. The workshop also featured presentations PRP STTA, former US Judge Joseph Traficanti on his extensive personal experience in reforming court management and caseflow management. The judges acknowledge the gravity of the situation and agreed to work closely with PRP to undertake steps to address it.

Once PRP has tested the improved caseflow management practices in the courts for six months and has achieved tangible results, PRP will urge that these practices be adopted in the other Basic Courts.

IMPROVED CASEFLOW MANAGEMENT PRACTICES INTRODUCED IN PILOT COURTS. Following the two-day workshop with CoM judges, PRP began to work with judges to introduce and apply better caseflow management practices in the CoM’s. PRP began helping the judges and courts to effect timely screenings of incoming cases and to move cases forward expeditiously. As a result, of this assistance during the last month of this Quarter approximately 100 disposition decisions and 150 procedural decisions were drafted and processed by the courts with PRP’s RMS’s serving as judicial clerks. PRP staff also undertook significant intermediate actions such as notifying parties, issuing summonses and other motions and assisted the Case Management Office in screening filed claims and organizing case files more effectively.

COURTS INCREASE NUMBER OF CASES REFERRED TO MEDIATION. In this Quarter PRP and CLE conducted three workshops with the civil judges of the Basic Courts of Gjilan/Gnjilane, Ferizaj/Uroševac; and the Peja/Peć Basic Court respectively, where the two USAID projects made a joint presentation on the importance of increasing the number of cases referred to mediation. Following the workshop outcomes, PRP started monitoring and assisting judges in referring cases to mediation. By the end of this Quarter, two civil judges of the Ferizaj/Uroševac Basic Court had referred a total of 100 cases to mediation.

(Encouraging parties to use mediation both reinforces a positive process of conflict resolution and also reduces the heavy caseloads of courts.)

NEW INITIATIVE BEGUN TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO KOSOVO JUDGES AND POLICYMAKERS PROPERTY RIGHTS CASELAW OF EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

The Kosovo Constitution provides that the European Convention on Human Rights is directly applicable in Kosovo, and matters of human rights and fundamental freedoms – including property rights are to be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR). At the same time, most ECHR decisions are not available in Albanian, and most Kosovo judges do not have ready access to this important case law.

During this Quarter PRP has begun carrying out an initiative to produce summaries in Albanian of at least 120 ECHR decisions that address property rights issues.

EXPANDED REPORT ON MINORITIES AND PROPERTY RIGHTS SUBMITTED TO USAID.

During this Quarter PRP submitted to USAID an expanded version of its report, “Issues Affecting the Ability of Members of Minority Communities in Kosovo to Exercise their Property Rights.” When PRP submitted this report to USAID in May 2016, USAID accepted the report but requested that it be expanded to address challenges facing minorities in connection with actions taken by the Kosovo Privatization Agency and with judicial proceedings.

OBJECTIVE 3: ENHANCED WOMEN’S RIGHTS TO USE PROPERTY IN PRACTICE

EXPANSION OF MEDIA CAMPAIGN ON WOMEN’S PROPERTY RIGHTS, “PËR TË MIRËN TONË.” During this Quarter PRP expanded the television airing of its public information products on women’s equal property rights. Throughout December 2016, the public service announcements (PSAs) were aired five times per day, with three of those airings occurring during “prime-time.”

NEW SUBCONTRACT AWARDED FOR NEW MEDIA PRODUCTS. During this Quarter PRP conducted an open tender and awarded a subcontract to develop the next round of media products. These are expected to be developed and ready for airing in the first Quarter of 2017.

BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN CONTINUED AND INNOVATED. During this Quarter PRP continued its billboard campaign in support of women’s equality with respect to property rights. In October and November, the billboards featured various children’s drawings from the drawing activity that PRP organized with 70 second-graders in Viti/Vitina in June 2016. To create resonance with International Girl Child Day, which was commemorated on October 11, PRP devised the message: “Equal Love = Equal Rights. Girls = Boys.” In December, PRP linked its billboard campaign to the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. The billboards were displayed in a wide number of locations and municipalities and were in either Albanian, Serbian, or English.

“NEW “GRASSROOTS” INITIATIVE TO REACH GRADE-SCHOOLERS ON GIRLS’ AND BOYS’ EQUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS. During this Quarter PRP organized two activities around the International Day of the Girl Child. The first of was a pilot initiative that PRP will conduct throughout Kosovo in early 2017 as part of its grass-roots activities in support of women’s property rights: a puppet show to convey the message of equality between girls and boys and good relations between fathers and daughters. PRP commissioned the play and piloted the show over seven days for first-, second- and third-graders from various elementary schools in Prishtinë/Pristina. A total of 962 children attended in all, as well as 50 adults attended (teachers, etc.).

PRP worked with the Dodona Theater troupe to determine the optimal age group for absorbing the message of the play and to experiment with introducing interactive elements to deliver the message effectively. As noted above, PRP plans to have the finished product performed for school children throughout Kosovo. PRP is also going to be working with teachers to develop activities that reinforce the message after the play has been presented.

PRP also held a celebration event on October 11 at which the US Charge D’Affaires, Ms. Colleen Hyland and Deputy Prime Minister Hajredin Kuçi made remarks, along with others.

OP-ED PIECE SUBMITTED FOR USAID WASHINGTON'S PR COVERAGE OF KOSOVO. As reported previously, USAID Washington has chosen USAID's work in Kosovo through PRP for international news and public relations coverage. During the Quarter PRP submitted an Op-Ed piece authored by Deputy Prime Minister Kuci to USAID Washington for publication in the Reuters web journal *Place*, a highly regarded outlet of news and information on property rights. (www.thisisplace.org). It has been agreed that the article will be published after the National Strategy has been adopted. A Reuters journalist is also expected to come to Kosovo to prepare an accompanying background article. PRP has been working with the journalist to facilitate his trip to Kosovo, providing him with background information, lining up potential interviewees, etc.

FIELD RESEARCH COMPLETED FOR SECOND NATIONAL OPINION SURVEY ON PROPERTY RIGHTS IN KOSOVO. In early 2015 PRP carried out its first National Baseline Survey on Property Rights in Kosovo. The survey is designed to elicit the social attitudes and level of knowledge and awareness of citizens throughout Kosovo with respect to property rights issues. During this Quarter PRP launched the second national public opinion survey on property rights.

This iteration of the National Public Opinion Survey will be conducted in all 38 Municipalities of Kosovo and will cover a total of 1,500 households, a quantity that will produce a statistically significant and representative sample for all of Kosovo's 38 Municipalities. The Survey will also include 30 in-depth interviews with key informants on property rights. The in-depth interviews will be done with representatives of civil society organizations, the Government of Kosovo, the local government of Viti/Vitina municipality and representatives of the Judiciary.

After an open tender process, PRP awarded the firm UBO Consulting, Inc. (UBO) the subcontract to conduct the Survey. During this Quarter UBO completed its field research on schedule.

Preliminary indications are that PRP's media campaign on women's property rights has reached large segments of Kosovo's population.

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

PRP RECEIVES USAID APPROVAL TO EXPAND ACTIVITIES TO SHTËRPCË/ŠTRPCE; AND SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETES FIELD RESEARCH IN VITI/VITINA AND SHTËRPCË/ŠTRPCE. During this Quarter, USAID agreed that that PRP could begin conducting this activity in Shtërpçë/Štrpce municipality, and at subsequent meetings the Mayor and other relevant officials of Shtërpçë/Štrpce reaffirmed their readiness to work closely with PRP.

During this Quarter PRP substantially completed its field research on the two municipalities' current practice in registering property rights and the challenges that their offices and their citizens face, respectively, in registering property rights. PRP will analyze its findings from its research of law and practice at the municipal level in the property rights during the first Quarter of 2017, and develop recommendations for further steps.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE THE PROPERTY RIGHTS REGIME AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL. During this Quarter PRP supported the Viti/Vitina Municipal Cadastral Office in conducting a roundtable on women's property rights that encompassed a broad range of local stakeholders, as well as officials from Shtërpçë/Štrpce. The roundtable featured remarks and/or presentations by USAID; the MoJ, the KCA, the Mayor of Viti/Vitina and the Head of the Viti/Vitina MCO.

PRP also worked closely with the Head of the Viti/Vitina MCO to organize and take part in a local TV program that focused on issues surrounding women's property rights and the measures being taken to improve women's ability to exercise their property rights fairly and freely.

PRP RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM VITI/VITINA MUNICIPALITY. In a year-end ceremony convened by the Viti/Vitina municipal administration, the Mayor expressed the municipality's gratitude to PRP for its assistance and support to the municipality.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVE I: BETTER COORDINATION AND POLICY PRIORITIES

ACTIVITY I.1: SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL STRATEGY ON PROPERTY RIGHTS

National Strategy on Property Rights Developed on Schedule and Submitted to GoK for Approval

During this Quarter PRP worked closely with the Ministry of Justice to accomplish the last steps in finalizing the draft National Strategy and preparing it for submission by the MoJ to the GoK for approval.

PRP generated a complete draft of the National Strategy and a first draft of the Action Plan, and in October the MoJ posted the draft National Strategy and Action Plan for public notice and comment. (The public consultation period lasted two weeks and ended on November 1). In addition, the drafts were disseminated directly to 80 key stakeholders who have been involved in the drafting process.

Both local and international stakeholders provided comments, but the number of comments was limited, owing to the extensive and inclusive consultation conducted throughout the process of drafting the National Strategy. Some requests were received for revisions to the proposed development schedule and deadlines for the development of specific pieces of legislation.

Following the public consultation phase, PRP assisted the MoJ in compiling and presented the comments at a final working session of the Core Technical Group (CTG), which was chaired by the MoJ and was responsible for supervising the development of the National Strategy. All institutions were present at this CTG meeting. (This was the 24th meeting of property rights stakeholders who met either through the CTG or through the Thematic Working Groups as the National Strategy was being developed.) With PRP support, the MoJ disseminated in advance to the CTG members an explanatory memorandum on the comments received, along with recommendations on the action to be taken, along with justifications. Decisions taken by the CTG at this meeting informed the development of the final draft that was ultimately presented to the MoJ for its submission to the GoK. Following the CTG meeting, PRP presented to the MoJ (Mr. Robert Muharremi, advisor of minister of MoJ and Mr. Lulzim Beqiri, Director of Department for Policy Coordination and EU Integration) the comments received and the decisions proposed to be taken with respect to them, and consensus was reached on all points.

In parallel, PRP worked with its sub-contractor S&D to finalize financial projections for implementation of strategy measures, and these were submitted to the Ministry of Finance, to expedite the Ministry's review and completion of its financial impact assessment. PRP also worked closely with the Strategic Planning Office (SPO) to secure their full understanding of and support for the National Strategy.

During the week of December 16 the MoJ submitted the draft National Strategy package to the Government Coordination Secretariat, which is responsible for setting the agenda for the meetings of ministers chaired by the Prime Minister.

The draft National Strategy package contained an extensive central narrative with findings and recommendations; an Action Plan for Implementation; the five Concept Notes that presented the research and analysis underlying the National Strategy; an Explanatory Memorandum that presents an overview of the National Strategy and its development; the Opinion issued by the Ministry of Finance on the projected financial cost of implementing the National Strategy; the Opinion issued by

the SPO of the Office of Prime Minister, and a draft decision for the approval of the National Strategy by the Government.

The Action Plan includes, under each strategic objective, concrete measures, activities and sub-activities, indicators, the implementing institutions, and the expected costs required for implementation. The draft Government Decision, which PRP has helped to prepare, also calls for the establishment of the Steering Committee to oversee the implementation of the National Strategy, to be chaired by DPM Kuci. The Explanatory Memorandum is a document for Government Ministers that highlights salient aspects of the National Strategy and describes the drafting process and the public consultation phase.

The Ministry of Finance released a positive opinion on the Strategy's budgetary impact; and the SPO of the Office of the Prime Minister released a positive opinion on the National Strategy and Action Plan, stating that they meet the criteria specified in the Rules of Procedures of the Government.

The National Strategy and Action Plan have been posted at the following link. (Note that the versions at these links are the versions that were posted for public notice and comment. They are substantially the same as the versions submitted to the GoK.)

Ministry of Justice: <http://www.md-ks.net/?page=1,251>

Office of Strategic Planning, Office of the Prime Minister: <http://kryeministri-ks.net/?page=1,219,6216>

EU Attention on the National Strategy.

The MoJ has reported that the European Union Office in Kosovo intends to report on the progress of the National Strategy in the European Commission's annual country report on Kosovo (formerly known as the Progress Report) Lulzim Beqiri, Head of the MoJ Office for European Integration has informed PRP that he will be traveling to Brussels in January 2017 to report on the status of the National Strategy, among other things.

Developing Consensus on Approach for Implementing the National Strategy

PRP organized and led a workshop that brought together the SPO and the European Integration and Policy Coordination Department of the MoJ to get their views on the most effective ways to implement the Strategy, focusing primarily on the respective roles of the future Steering Committee, which will oversee the implementation of the Strategy, and of the Secretariat of the Steering Committee, which will track implementation. The workshop produced consensus on general approaches and demonstrated the institutions' commitment to implementing the National Strategy. The SPO noted that it views the National Strategy process as a model to be replicated going forward.

Once the National Strategy has been formally adopted, PRP will support the GoK in holding a highly visible launch event.

ACTIVITY 1.2: SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF A LEGAL FRAMEWORK THAT AFFORDS CITIZENS WITH CLEAR, EQUITABLE AND ENFORCEABLE PROPERTY RIGHTS

Package of Draft Laws On Inheritance (Draft Law on Notary, Draft Law on Inheritance, and Draft Law on Non-Contested Procedure) Finalized and Submitted to GoK

During this Quarter PRP and the MoJ concluded their work on the revisions to a package of laws designed to address two problems of major concern related to inheritance: (1) difficulties women face in receiving their inheritance share (arising from the practice of omitting women heirs from the Act of Death and the tradition of women renouncing their inheritance in favor of male heirs); and (2) the practice of not formalizing inheritance in general, with the result that many land records

remain registered to deceased persons and are often very out of date. Among other things, the revisions provide procedural safeguards intended to provide women (and all heirs) with the opportunity to make decisions on renunciation on an informed basis and without duress; requires widespread public notification of inheritance proceedings using 21st century technology; and introduces a “constructive notice” principle with respect to inheritance cases that are over 10 years old.

In this Quarter the package of draft revisions was posted for public notice and comment, after which the MoJ, with PRP support, finalized the document. The MoJ submitted the package of revisions to the GoK during the week of December 16.

These legislative changes are contemplated by the National Strategy.

Work Commences on Other Draft Legislation Contemplated by the National Strategy.

During this Quarter PRP hired two local experts to provide technical assistance to the MoJ to begin developing the legislation required to implement the National Strategy.

Law on Property and Other Real Rights. Work on draft legislation to amend this law has commenced. The Law on Property and Other Real Rights will be amended in order, among other things, to transform 99-year leaseholds and use rights of urban construction land into ownership rights, as well as to clarify and confirm the right of foreigners to own land. In connection with the rights of foreigners to own land, PRP conducted a comparative analysis of the practices of the other countries on this issue has been completed. PRP also reviewed the report of the World Bank, “Secured Transactions in Kosovo” and identified additional points for consideration in amending the Law on Property and other Real Rights.

Law on Construction Land. During this Quarter PRP worked closely with the MoJ working group and finalized the draft Concept Document for Construction Land. The law on Construction Land will eliminate a Yugoslav legal legacy and allow for rights in urban land to be transformed from use rights to ownership.

The draft Concept Document was posted for public notice and comment on October 31. PRP reviewed comments received, discussed them with the MoJ; and revised the document accordingly. PRP’s work on the Concept Document included support for a two-day working session for stakeholders. The draft Concept Document has now been finalized by the MoJ.

Revisions on Law Governing Municipal Property. During this Quarter PRP, in cooperation with the USAID Partnerships for Development Project, prepared comments to the Draft Concept Document developed by the Ministry of Local Government Administration (MLGA) on allocating for use and exchange immovable property owned by a municipality. The concept document is still in process.

Draft Concept Document on Amending the Law No. 04/II-061 on the Sale of Apartments in Which There is a Right of Tenure. PRP has sent its comments on this draft Concept Document to the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning.

Cooperation and Coordination with Other Stakeholders

During this Quarter PRP provided ongoing support for cooperation and coordination with other donors in the property sphere.

GoK Ministries and Agencies. In connection with the National Strategy, PRP met and interacted with officials from a variety of government institutions, including the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning; the Ministry of Agriculture; the Ministry of Finance; the Ministry of Local Government Administration; the Ministry for European Integration; the Strategic Planning Office of the Office of Prime Minister; the Legal Office of the Office of Prime Minister; the Kosovo Cadastral Agency; and the Kosovo Property Agency.

PRP provided specific Input on Strategy Measures to the Ministry for European Integration to help that ministry update the National Plan for Implementation of Kosovo's Stabilization and Association Agreement with the EU.

PRP also provided specific input to the SPO to help the SPO update the Economic Reform Program for the period 2017 – 19.

The Law on the Kosovo Property Comparison and Verification Agency (KPCVA) entered into force during the Quarter, and PRP contacted board member Dustin DeGrande (of the US Embassy) to suggest that the board consider having the KPCVA convene a donors' meeting to present the Agency's need for technical and financial assistance, in order to enable the Agency to carry out its mandate.

PRP discussed potential Joint activities with the General Secretary of the MLGA. These included providing comments on the MLGA's draft Concept Document on allocating for use and exchange immovable property owned by a municipality (as described above); PRP's tentative agreement to assist with developing a commentary on applying the new law on municipal land; and the possibility of organizing a conference with municipal representatives to discuss a wide range of property-related challenges that municipal officials face on a daily basis. PRP proposed to sponsor such an event after the National Strategy has been adopted. (PRP sees this initiative as a necessary component of the work to implement the National Strategy.)

World Bank; Inter-ministerial Committee for Land Administration. PRP attended this meeting, which is sponsored by the World Bank and is held every four months. The main topics discussed were plans to introduce a property tax on land; a report on the new draft Law on Cadastre that is in process; and the results of the KCA's annual survey on citizens' satisfaction with cadastral services. PRP informed the participants on the status of the National Strategy and its salient features.

During this Quarter PRP also met with World Bank officials visiting Kosovo in connection with the World Bank's support for the KCA to exchange information and coordinate activities.

Remarks at GoK Doing Business Forum. PRP spoke briefly on the National Strategy at a Forum of the GoK's Doing Business Task Force chaired by the Minister of Trade and Industry, which was held during this Quarter.

Millennium Challenge Corporation. PRP briefed the Gender Specialist of the MCC on the measures contemplated in the National Strategy to strengthen the ability of women to exercise their property rights.

Encouraging Public Outreach and Promoting Media Coverage of Property Rights Issues

MOJ Conference on Informality and Women's Rights in Inheritance, with US Ambassador Making Remarks. During this Quarter PRP Supported MoJ in holding the conference, "Minimizing Informality and Guaranteeing Women's Property Rights in Kosovo," The conference was designed to focus public attention on two important subjects related to inheritance: (1) the challenges posed by widespread outdated land records ("delayed inheritance"); and (2) the challenges women face in exercising their property rights and in securing their legal inheritance. US Ambassador Delawie and the Minister of Justice Hoxha made remarks at the conference, and Mr. Xhevat Azemi of PRP made the central presentation for the conference. Mr. Azemi addressed the issues in both of these areas of concern. Mr. Azemi also described PRP's recommendations for changes to the Law on Inheritance and other related laws to address these problems.

PRP also provided to the MoJ electronic Albanian, Serbian and English versions of the PowerPoint presentation delivered by Mr. Xhevat Azemi of PRP; and the briefing sheets on women's property issues and delayed inheritance that were provided in hard copy at the conference. The MoJ has promised to distribute these materials electronically to the invitees to the conference.

The conference had a wide media coverage; it appeared in the evening news, was transmitted live by RTK, and was followed by Rrokum TV, TV 21, TV Klan, and RTK; PRP gave an interview for RTK2. The conference was also followed by web portals.

Here are links to some articles covering the conference:

<http://fax.al/read/article/12959464/hoxha-mos-hiq-dore-nga-e-drejta-jote-per-trashegimi-dhe-e-drejta-e-prones>

<http://fax.al/read/article/12959365/dhurata-hoxha-grave-mos-hiqni-dore-nga-e-drejta-juaj-per-trashegimi>

<http://fax.al/read/article/12959315/hoxha-grave-mos-hiqni-dore-nga-e-drejta-juaj-per-trashegimi>

<http://fax.al/read/article/12959241/hoxha-grave-mos-hiqni-dore-nga-e-drejta-juaj-per-trashegimi-dhe-e-drejta-e-prones>

<http://fax.al/read/article/12959217/hoxha-mos-hiq-dore-nga-e-drejta-jote-per-trashegimi-dhe-e-drejta-e-prones>

<http://fax.al/read/article/12959153/hoxha-mos-hiq-dore-nga-e-drejta-jote-per-trashegimi-dhe-e-drejta-e-prones>

<http://fax.al/read/article/12959100/hoxha-mos-hiq-dore-nga-e-drejta-jote-per-trashegimi-dhe-e-drejta-e-prones>

<http://fax.al/read/article/12959010/mos-hiq-dore-nga-e-drejta-jote-per-trashegimi-dhe-e-drejta-e-prones>

<http://fax.al/read/article/12958994/mesazhi-i-ministres-mos-hiq-dore-nga-e-drejta-jote-per-trashegimi-dhe-e-drejta-e-prones>

Follow-On TV Appearance on Property Rights. PRP expert Xhevat Azemi appeared on the RTK 3 afternoon live show. Info 3, along with the Director of CLARD (an E4E sub-grantee) and a Professor from Illyria College. The topic of discussion was, National Strategy on Property Right with focus on property inheritance, with an emphasis on women's property rights/inheritance issues and the related challenges, and also addressed the work of PRP, the challenges faced, and the changes that PRP aims to bring forth in this area. PRP received prior USAID approval for participating in this TV show.

OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVED COURT PROCESSES RELATED TO PROPERTY CLAIMS

ACTIVITY 2.1: ASSIST KJC AND STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY GAPS IN LAW, PROCEDURE AND COURT PRACTICES THAT CONSTRAIN EFFICIENT RESOLUTION OF PROPERTY CLAIMS AND DISPUTES AND PROTECTION OF THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND MEMBERS OF NON-MAJORITY COMMUNITIES

PRP Analyzes Data from Initial Review of Pending Property Cases and Develops Recommendations for Corrective Actions to Improve Court Efficiency and Reduce Extensive Delays in Adjudicating Property Cases

As noted previously, PRP's analysis of 1,800 disposed property cases provided valuable empirical data on the caseload of property disputes in Kosovo courts and enabled PRP to make some preliminary findings and recommendations. (PRP's findings and recommendations from this activity are presented in PRP's report, "Caseload Management for Property Rights Cases in the Basic Courts" (the Caseload Management Report). The court records for those cases, however, did not contain sufficient information to make it possible to identify the specific stages in the processing of cases where excessive delays occur in the courts' adjudication of property cases, nor the causes for those delays. For that reason, PRP determined that it would be necessary to inventory and track pending property cases to gain that information. PRP developed an Excel spreadsheet tailored for this purpose and began collecting data.

During this Quarter, PRP analyzed the data gleaned from the pending cases reviewed as of August 15, 2016 (a total of 1,971 cases) and in conjunction with the previous research on 1,276 disposed cases, developed the initial findings and recommendations.

Key Findings

PRP developed the following key findings from this analysis:

- There are eight principal types of property rights cases: (1) the acquisition of property rights by inheritance; (2) the acquisition of property rights by contract; (3) the interruption of possession; (4) the illegal occupation or possession of property; (5) rights of servitudes (easements); (6) compensation for expropriated property; (7) temporary measures; and (8) security measures.
- For the 1,276 disposed cases, the mean (average) time from registration to final written decision to dispose of the case is 1,289 days (3.5 years); and the median time for these cases is 1,142 days (3.1 years).
- The majority of decisions to dispositions (68%, or 872 cases) were issued on procedural grounds, i.e., without a judgment on the merits of the case. Procedural grounds include the withdrawal of the claim, the failure to appear, failure to pay a fee, failure to correct defects in a claim, lack of jurisdiction, etc.
- 404 dispositions (32%) were judgments on the merits, where the claim was upheld, upheld in part, or denied, or where a judicial agreement was reached. (A total of 48 dispositions (4%) were reached by judicial agreement.)
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- Of the 1,971 civil pending cases, 543 cases (28%) had not moved beyond registration for an average of 482 days (1.35 years).

- In 445 cases (23%) one further action was taken (review of claim, claim sent for correction or sent to defendant to answer the claim), and the average time from registration to this first action was 944 days (2.6 years). (For 179 property cases, the average time was 1,058 days (2.9 years).)
- Thus 51% of pending civil cases have remained at the very initial stage of the case for a considerable time.
- 110 cases (5%) had reached the preparatory hearing stage, and this took an average of 1,556 days from registration (4.3 years). (For the 44 property rights cases at this stage, it took an average of 1,790 days (4.9 years).)
- 260 cases (13%) had reached the Main Hearing stage, and this took an average of 1,244 days from registration (3.4 years). (For the 130 property cases at this stage, this took 1,453 days (4 years)).
- 93 cases (4.7%) had reached final decision, and this took an average time of 1,542 days from registration (4.2 years) (For the 28 property rights cases at this stage, this took 2,000 days (5.5 years).)

Two-Day Workshop with CoM Judges Produces Consensus on Next Steps

PRP organized a two-day workshop for CoM civil judges, where PRP presented its findings described above along with recommendations for measures to address the problems identified.

The workshop also featured presentations by PRP STTA, former US Judge Joseph Traficanti, on international practices in caseload management; practical guidelines in avoiding delays and increasing the efficiency in the adjudication of property issues. Judge Traficanti drew on his extensive personal experience in reforming court management and caseload management to convey to the CoM judges that they must not allow this situation to continue and that it is possible to take steps that will address it.

Mr. Michael Stievater, Head of the Office for Democracy and Governance of the USAID Mission in Kosovo, made opening remarks at the conference.

The findings presented were based on PRP's analysis of 1,971 pending cases inventoried up to August 15, 2016, on six judges chamber, combined with previous analysis of 1,800 disposed cases.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Discussions with and among the judges resulted in a general consensus being reached on the following conclusions flowing from PRP's findings:

1. *Claims are not screened effectively when they are filed.* There is currently no review or screening of a case before it is assigned to a judge. As a consequence, it falls to the judge to deal with even obvious flaws and deficiencies in a claim. This is a wasteful and unnecessary drain on Judges' time, and causes many cases to remain in limbo for extended periods of time, i.e., the claim is not sent back to be corrected, nor is the case moved forward. To address this situation, PRP is instituting the practice of have the CMO's and legal associates conduct an initial screening of a claim as soon as it is filed. This will eliminate unnecessary delay, increase efficiency and make the courts more responsive to citizens. This measure is part of a larger effort to reorganize the allocation of duties within the court to free judges from administrative work and allow them to focus on adjudicating cases.

2. *The procedure for assigning cases must be reformed.* The assignment and reassignment of cases continue to present a challenge. Currently cases are often on hold for a month pending assignment to a judge, which creates unnecessary delays; and a significant number of cases are

reassigned to a different judge. Instead of waiting to distribute cases at the end of each month, the cases should be assigned on a weekly basis and only after the case has been determined to be sufficiently in compliance with the filing requirements.

Moreover, case files often lacked important information, such as the date the case was assigned, and information on requests and decisions on a judge's recusal i.e., when the judge withdraws from a case owing to a possible conflict of interest).

3. An unacceptably small number of cases advance beyond the initial stage. As noted above, only 19% of the cases analyzed were scheduled for the preparatory and main hearing. Earlier court intervention at the initial stage of preparation and screening will enable the court to determine the nature of the case early on and expedite the process.

4. Parties to a dispute should have opportunity for reconciliation and settlement presented to them early on. The chances for resolution of disputes can be high at the beginning of the process, and the parties should be given the opportunity to reach agreement before case goes to the preparatory hearing.

5. Many cases filed with the courts are not real disputes. PRP has ascertained that a number of cases filed with the courts do not involve an actual dispute. The claimant is simply seeking judicial affirmation of the claimant's rights in a piece of property. Such claimants turn to the courts there is because there is no other mechanism to formalize the acquisition of rights.

6. There is a lack of long-term planning and scheduling. PRP's findings show that very often the preparatory hearing is not scheduled, or is scheduled and postponed, which creates confusion and unnecessary delays in scheduling the main hearing. PRP proposes to institute a mechanism to give the judges more direct control over the flow of the proceeding, for example, to have the judge at the preparatory hearing propose the schedule for subsequent events and to get the parties to agree to it. This will help reduce delays, eliminate unnecessary postponements and put burden on the parties to organize evidence, witnesses and other relevant information.

7. Internal resources are often not engaged or used effectively. The Case Management Offices are generally not called upon to conduct initial screenings of case filings, and judicial clerks are often not employed effectively. As a results, judges are excessively burdened with administrative duties that could be handled by the CMO's and judicial clerks.

The judges agreed on next steps, which PRP has begun and which are presented in the next Section.

Developing a Strategy for Institutionalizing Reforms in the Courts

Once PRP has tested the improved caseload management practices in the courts for six months and has achieved tangible results, PRP will urge that these practices be adopted in the other Basic Courts. PRP expects that the results will also demonstrate how to use the CMO's judicial clerks effectively to increase efficiency in caseload management and free judges from administrative work. This will justify increasing the number of judicial clerks in the courts. PRP will develop a draft Strategy for the KJC on the reforms that can be undertaken to improve efficiency throughout the judicial system. A part of this strategy will be reforming the Law on Contested Procedure to the extent necessary to bring it into line with the improved practices.

At a joint coordination meeting of USAID, PRP and JSSP with the KJC Chair, Mr. Nehat Idrizi, PRP informed the KJC Chair on ongoing activities within the CoM; presented some of the findings related to case management practices in the CoM; and discussed plans for the two-day workshop. The KJC Chair acknowledged the assistance given by USAID projects, and emphasized the need for developing a strategy for adjudicating property right cases.

The Need for an Adjudicatory Body to Address Matters that do Not Involve Disputes

PRP will also discuss with a wide range of institutions the desirability of creating a separate adjudicatory body to review cases that do not involve disputes and help citizens formalize their rights. (The National Strategy calls for such a body.) This body could review and address, for example, informal rights arising from delayed inheritance and the acquisition of property without a formal written contract. The creation of such a body would produce the two-fold benefit of providing an avenue for citizens to formalize their rights more efficiently and also free the courts from having to deal with such cases. (Note that the GIS application that PRP is developing to link MCO archives to orthophotos of their related parcels would be very useful to such a body.)

PRP's Court Specialists Continue to Record Data from Pending Cases

During this Quarter PRP's three Records Management Specialists (RMS's) continued to inventory and the pending property and civil cases in their respective Courts of Merit. To date, they have reviewed a total of 2,900 pending cases. This represented the complete pending caseloads of nine judges (three judges each from the Basic Courts of Pejë/Peć, Ferizaj/Uroševac and Gjilan/Gnjilane), and partial caseloads that are currently being reviewed of three additional judges from those courts. The RMS's also continued to track recent actions taken by judges based on their hearing schedule.

The RMS's have encountered serious difficulties in conducting this analysis: case files are not well organized and often fail to contain documents such as summons, motions and other documents related to decisions that judges have taken to direct the process of the cases. Moreover, there is no tracking system that enables judges to identify the status of pending cases, whether by case type or age of case. In addition, the RMS's have found that the Pejë/Peć and Gjilan/Gnjilane Basic Courts are not tracking cases referred to mediation or to external experts.

PRP Submits to USAID Expanded Report on Challenges Facing Members of Minority Communities in Exercising Their Property Rights

During this Quarter PRP submitted to USAID an expanded version of its report, "Issues Affecting the Ability of Members of Minority Communities in Kosovo to Exercise their Property Rights.," When PRP submitted this report to USAID in May 2016, USAID accepted the report but requested that it be expanded to address challenges facing minorities in connection with actions taken by the Kosovo Privatization Agency and with judicial proceedings.

ACTIVITY 2.2: IMPROVE COURT PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES AND LAWS AND IMPLEMENT REFORMS IN THE COURTS OF MERIT TO MORE EFFICIENTLY RESOLVE PROPERTY CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

Improved Caseflow Management Practices Introduced in Courts of Merit

Following the two-day workshop with CoM judges, PRP and its RMS's in the CoM's worked with judges to address these findings and begin to implement the recommendations. The Record Management Specialists began working closely with judges to effect timely screenings of incoming cases and to help judges move cases forward. As a result, of this assistance during the last month of this Quarter approximately 100 disposition decisions and 150 procedural decisions were drafted and processed by the PRP RMS's serving as judicial clerks. In addition, at the judges' requests PRP staff undertook significant intermediate actions such as notifying parties, issuing summonses and other motions. The RMS's also assisted the Case Management Office in screening and organizing more effectively the casefile internal documents (i.e., claims, proofs, and evidence).

PRP Working with USAID CLE to Increase the Role of Mediation to Improve Court Efficiency

In this Quarter PRP and CLE conducted three workshops with the civil judges of the Basic Courts of Gjilan/Gnjilane, Ferizaj/Uroševac; and the Peja/Peć Basic Court respectively. PRP and CLE made a

joint presentation on the importance of increasing the number of cases referred to mediation. PRP presented findings on the small number of property rights cases currently being referred to mediation. PRP and CLE acquainted civil judges with the need for a practice guide on this subject.

Following the workshop outcomes, the PRP RMS started monitoring and assisting judges with referring cases to mediation. By the end of this Quarter, two civil judges of the Ferizaj//Uroševac Basic Court referred a total of 100 cases to mediation.

PRP Develops Initiative to Make Available to Kosovo Courts and Policymakers the Judicial Practice of the European Court of Human Rights in the Property Rights Sphere

The Kosovo Constitution provides in Article 22 that, among other things, the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and Its Protocols (the Convention) are directly applicable in Kosovo and shall have priority over laws and acts of Kosovo institutions. In connection with property rights, it should be noted that the Protocol of the Convention guarantees protection of private property rights (Article 1, Protection of Property). Furthermore, Article 53 of the Kosovo Constitution provides that human rights and fundamental freedoms are to be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).

Thus, decisions of the ECHR are binding on Kosovo courts and lawmakers and Kosovo courts are bound to adjudicate cases, including cases involving property rights, in accordance with the ECHR. At the same time, most ECHR decisions are not available in Albanian. (Only decisions involving Albania or its citizens are available in the Albanian language.) As a consequence, a body of law that is of central importance and directly applicable in Kosovo that concerns human rights, including property rights, is effectively unavailable to most judges and policymakers in Kosovo.

PRP is developing an initiative, to commence in the first Quarter of 2017 to produce summaries in Albanian of at least 120 ECHR decisions that address property rights issues, in order to make the practice of the ECHR in this area available to judges and others in Kosovo and enable them to apply that practice in their own adjudication of property rights cases.

The work will be overseen by three local STTA experts who will work with approximately 15 law students to produce the case summaries. The STTA experts will be well qualified to provide instruction to the law students and oversee their work. The law students will be hired as PRP interns on a competitive basis.

Supporting Dialog between Judges and Lawyers to Identify Practice Issues

In order to increase lawyers' abilities to deal with property rights matters, PRP initiated a meeting with KBA Executive Director, Mr. Yll Zekaj, to explore avenues for collaboration. PRP agreed to support and assist the KBA in conducting three Regional Bench Bar meetings between judges and lawyers that focus on property right cases.

PRP and the KBA conducted the three Regional Bench Bar meetings during this Quarter in Ferizaj//Uroševac, Gjiilan/Gnjilane and Peja/Peć Regions, with a total of 48 judges and lawyers (13 judges, 35 lawyers) attending. PRP presented some findings on case processing practices and the courts' interpretation of substantive law governing property rights matters. Errors in claims, notification of parties, and postponement of hearings were the principal topics discussed with participants.

Judges emphasized that lawyers should act more responsibly in complying with the hearing schedules and should try to mitigate delays. Lawyers acknowledged the importance of discussions related to property rights matters and expressed their dissatisfaction with the protracted periods of time that courts take to resolve disputes. The long process in Court of Appeals adjudication was cited as a major cause for concern among the lawyers. As concerns substantive judicial practice, the biggest constraint cited by both judges and lawyers was the interpretation of adverse possession in the context of the Former-Yugoslav property law and current property law. PRP and KBA

representatives have identified a significant need among lawyers for training on property rights, and PRP intends to follow up on this in 2017.

Coordination with USAID JSSP

JSSP and the KJC have established a working group to update the courts' case-weighting policy. PRP was invited by JSSP to attend the working group meeting where two JSSP consultants presented key findings and recommendations. In addition, PRP later met the JSSP expert, Brian Ostrom, and JSSP Court Administration Advisor John Ferry, to discuss PRP's findings on caseload management and their implications for JSSP's intended approach toward case-weighting. PRP has committed to provide its findings and recommendations to JSSP, CLE and others following PRP's presentation of its findings to the Courts of Merits and the KJC. PRP will finalize its findings and present them in a final Report that will be available for distribution.

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

ACTIVITY 3.1: ASSIST DEVELOPMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL LAW TO BOLSTER AND SAFEGUARD THE ABILITY OF WOMEN TO EXERCISE THEIR PROPERTY RIGHTS FREELY AND EQUITABLY

PRP's work in support of this Activity is described under Objective 1. This includes most notably (1) the completion of draft legislation revising a package of laws designed, among other things, to provide additional safeguards against the exclusion of heirs from inheritance proceedings and the uninformed and/or coerced renunciation by women of their inheritance; and (2) a highly visible national conference developed with the MoJ to draw attention to issues affecting women's property rights and the approaches taken in the draft legislation described in (1).

ACTIVITY 3.2: CHANGE SOCIAL ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS CONCERNING WOMEN'S PROPERTY RIGHTS

PRP Intensifies Its Media Campaign on Women's Property Rights, "Për të Mirën Tonë"

During this Quarter PRP expanded the television airing of its public information products on women's equal property rights. Throughout December 2016 PSAs were aired five times per day, with three of those airing occurring during "prime-time.

Links to PSAs and News Feature Stories:

News Feature Story for the Men Target Audience

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ccgNWx1HQ0>

News Feature Story for the Women Target Audience

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0nVw-4EjJE>

PSA for the Women Target Audience

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwJeHjPG8Hg> (85 second version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZQlAd9r15c> (25 second version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87lnB337z4w> (17 second version)

PSA for the Men Target Audience

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5Emkau4j_U (85 second version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZbmUg4qHO8> (25 second version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qX3ETApIHCo> (17 second version)

PRP Continues and Innovates Its Billboard Campaign

During this Quarter PRP continued its campaign using billboards posted throughout Kosovo with messages in support of women's equality with respect to property rights. In October and November, the billboards featured various children's drawings from the drawing activity that PRP organized with 70 second-graders in Viti/Vitina in June 2016. To create resonance with International Girl Child Day, which was commemorated on October 11, PRP devised the message: "Equal Love = Equal Rights. Girls = Boys."

In October, a total of 14 billboards were on display in 11 municipalities of Kosovo: four in Prishtinë/Pristina, one in Istog/Istok, one in Shtërpçë/Štrpce, one in Graçanicë/Gračanica, one in

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October billboard in Prishtinë/Pristina, featuring one of children's drawings on Home and Family,

Produjevë/Podujevo, one in Viti/Vitina, one in Peja/Peć, one in Prizren, one in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, one in Gjakova/Djakovica, and one in Gjilan/Gnjilajne.



November billboard in Prishtinë/Pristina, featuring one of children's drawings on Home and Family, under the theme of love.

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The billboards posted in November contained different children's drawings from those used in October. In November nine billboards were placed in Prishtinë/Pristina (a total of 4 billboards;

3 in Albanian, 1 in English), and 5 other municipalities (i.e., Ranillug/Ranilug, Novobërdë/Novo Brdo, Dragash/Dragaš, and Mamushë/Mamuša; 3 in Serbian, and the last in Albanian).

In December, PRP linked its billboard campaign to the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. These billboards displayed the message, "Equal Love = Equal Rights." on a plain background. The billboards were displayed in 11 municipalities around Kosovo (i.e., 6 around Prishtinë/Pristina, 1 in Peja/Peć, 1 in Gjakova/Djakovica, 1 in Mitrovica, 1 in Prizren, 1 in Ferizaj/Uroševac, 1 in Skenderaj/Srbica, 1 in Shtërpce/Strpce, 1 in Viti/Vitina, 1 in Malishevë/Malisevo, and 1 in Podujevë/Podujevo).

New Sub-Contract Awarded to Develop New Media Products for Media Campaign on Women's Property Rights

During this Quarter PRP conducted an open tender to elicit bids for this subcontract. The RFP was posted on November 10 and ran three days. A total of nine proposals were received. After a careful review by PRP, PRP elected to pursue negotiations with Pi Communications, who scored significantly higher in the technical and financial parts of the proposal, and this culminated in a signed subcontract.

PRP met with the entire Pi Communications team that will be involved full time in developing and producing multimedia products for PRP, to exchange ideas and discuss approaches. The new products will be developed and ready for airing in the first Quarter of 2017.

PRP Appearances on TV and in Print Media

In this Quarter PRP took part in a number of TV and radio programs addressing women's property rights and the challenges women face in inheriting and using property. These included

- (1) the RTK 3 Afternoon Live Show; (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dgQRXrsri0>)
- (2) the KTV TV Show "Cosmo"; (<http://www.kohavision.tv/cosmo/1358/grate-pa-prone/>)
- (3) Kosovo Radio Television (RTK) 2 (in Serbian). (no link available)
- (4) the Klan Kosova TV Show "Familja Ime [trans.: My Family]." (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHb6fR06sA0>)

A total of 39 billboards, part of PRP's social behavior change campaign, have been displayed in different municipalities around Kosovo from October-December.

In October, a total of 14 billboards were on display in 11 municipalities of Kosovo. These billboards displayed the message: "Equal Love = Equal Rights. Girls = Boys," and featured drawings of Viti/Vitina second-graders on the topic of "Home and Family."

In November, a total of 9 billboards were on display in 6 municipalities of Kosovo. The billboards displayed the same message as in October, and featured another set of drawings of Viti/Vitina second-graders.

In December, a total of 16 billboards were on display in 11 municipalities around Kosovo. The same message (i.e., "Equal Love = Equal Rights") is displayed, this time on a plain background.

Figure 1: Data from the billboard campaign, part of PRP's social behavior change campaign, "Për të Mirën Tonë"

In addition, PRP was featured in a Radio Free Europe (RFE) article on women and inheritance that appeared in Kosovo. (<http://www.evropaelire.org/a/28086732.html>) This article grabbed the attention of the Radio Free Europe Central Services, based in Prague, and they contacted PRP for an interview. PRP, in coordination with USAID, referred RFE to USAID, who is arranging an interview with Mission Director James Hope. The story will be posted on the website of the Central Service of RFE, which covers the 28 countries where the RFE has offices.

In this Quarter PRP also arranged to place an informational ad in the Kosovo women’s magazine *Flatra* (trans: *Wings*) to complement an interview in the magazine with the Minister of Justice that will touch on women’s property rights issues, among other things. The issue will appear in early January 2017.

Also, to commemorate International Day of the Girl Child (October 11), PRP commissioned an article, entitled “Equality for Girls in Inheritance [orig.: *Barazi për vajzat në trashëgiminë e pronës*],” which was published in the portal *Koha.net* on that Day.

(<https://koha.net/?id=55&l=136824>)

“Grass-Roots” Community-Level Public Outreach Events

During this Quarter PRP organized two activities around the International Day of the Girl Child. The first of was a pilot initiative that PRP will conduct throughout Kosovo in early 2017 as part of its grass-roots activities in support of women’s property rights.



962 elementary school children attended the puppet theater show at “Dodona” theater on the topic of equality between boys and girls in October 2016. PRP produced the poster and tickets for the show.

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Puppet Show on Girls’ Equal Property Rights for School Children. PRP commissioned a play to convey the message of equality between girls and boys and good relations between fathers and daughters.

The play was performed for seven days running for first-, second- and third-graders from various elementary schools in Prishtinë/Pristina. A total of 962 children in the audience in 7 theater plays, with an average of 137.42 audience for one play. In addition, 50 adults attended (teachers, etc.).

PRP worked with the Dodona Theater troupe to determine the optimal age group for absorbing the message of the play and to experiment with introducing interactive elements to deliver the message effectively. As noted above, PRP plans to have the finished product performed for school children throughout Kosovo. PRP is also going to be working with teachers to develop activities that reinforce the message after the play has been presented.



Souvenir ticket for the puppet theater show, with show information and displaying the message “Equal Love = Equal Rights; Boys = Girls.”

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In connection with this event, PRP developed two new products: a colorful poster for the play; and special tickets handed out to the children as souvenirs. These products include the message that is showed in the billboards, namely “Equal Love = Equal Rights; Girls = Boys.” The children very much liked the tickets and the posters.

A Celebration Event with the US Embassy at the National Theater in Prishtinë/Pristina. PRP held the celebration event on October 11. The event opened with a song by the children’s choir “Xixëllonjat,” and was followed by remarks by the US Charge D’Affaires, Ms. Colleen Hyland,

Deputy Prime Minister Hajredin Kuçi, and two citizens (a father and daughter, who are featured in some PSA's for the Për të Mirën Tonë campaign), and who shared their story as good role models for equal property rights in the family. Attendees included institutional stakeholders and partners, and members of civil society. Children's drawings from the Viti/Vitina were on display, and campaign PSAs were played in the background.

Developments in PR Initiative of USAID/Washington on PRP's Activities in Kosovo

As reported previously, USAID Washington has chosen USAID's work in Kosovo through PRP for international news and public relations coverage. During the Quarter USAID's contractor for the STARR IQC (on land tenure), Cloudburst, held a webinar on November 9th on Kosovo's current land tenure profile, and made mention of USAID PRP. PRP provided Cloudburst with a list of Kosovo stakeholders to be notified of the webinar.

During this Quarter PRP ghost-wrote for Deputy Prime Minister Kuci an Op-Ed piece requested by USAID Washington/Cloudburst for publication in the Reuters web journal *Place*, which Cloudburst has described as "a premiere outlet for property rights-related news" (www.thisisplace.org). After final approval for the article was received from DPM Kuci, and then by USAID in Kosovo, PRP forwarded the Op-Ed piece to USAID Washington.

In a follow-up skype call with Mr. Jeremy Green of USAID Washington, in which USAID Kosovo also participated, Mr. Green noted that he hoped to receive approval for the Op-Ed piece soon. It has been agreed that the article will be published after the year-end holidays and after the National Strategy has been adopted.

A Reuters journalist is expected to prepare an accompanying background article, and PRP has been in close touch with the journalist, Mr. Matthew Ponsford to facilitate his trip to Kosovo, providing him with background information, lining up potential interviewees, etc. The timing of Mr. Ponsford's trip is as yet undetermined.

Subcontract for second National Opinion Survey on Property Rights Awarded; Field Research Commenced and Completed

As has been reported previously in early 2015 PRP carried out its first National Baseline Survey on Property Rights in Kosovo. The survey is designed to elicit the social attitudes and level of knowledge and awareness of citizens throughout Kosovo with respect to property rights issues. During this Quarter PRP launched the second national public opinion survey on property rights.

This iteration of the National Public Opinion Survey will be conducted in all 38 Municipalities of Kosovo, including household surveys in North Mitrovica, Zvecan, Leposavic, and Zubin Potok. The Survey will cover a total of 1,500 households, a quantity that will produce a statistically significant and representative sample for all of Kosovo's 38 municipalities. The Survey will also include 30 in-depth interviews with key informants on property rights. The in-depth interviews will be done with representatives of civil society organizations, the Government of Kosovo, the local government of Viti/Vitina municipality and representatives of the Judiciary.

After an open tender process, PRP awarded the firm UBO Consulting, Inc. (UBO) the subcontract to compile, process and analyze and report the information received through the Survey.

UBO started its activities under the subcontract on November 1, 2016, and is scheduled to complete them by March 31, 2017, under the following agreed-upon schedule:

- November 8, 2016: data collection methodologies and Instruments finalized;
- December 27, 2016: data collection completed;
- January 23, 2017: final report prepared on findings from in-depth interviews with property rights stakeholder;

- January 30, 2017 first draft of report from household survey due;
- March 31, 2017: Final Report on household survey issued.

During this Quarter UBO completed the first two tasks on schedule and has completed the field research for the Survey.

Preliminary indications are that PRP's media campaign on women's property rights has reached large segments of Kosovo's population.

ACTIVITY 3.3: BUILD CAPACITY OF ATRC AND CSO'S TO ENABLE THEM TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S PROPERTY RIGHTS

Support to ATRC and Sub-Grantees

During this Quarter PRP continued to provide technical assistance and support to USAID's E4E partner, the Advocacy Training & Resource Center (ATRC) which has funding to support grant activities related to women's property rights; and to the sub-grantees who receive such funding.

Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA). Following the OCA of ATRC that PRP carried out in September, in this Quarter PRP and ATRC finalized the OCA Report and submitted it to USAID; and they began implement the recommendations arising out of the Organizational Capacity Assessment to further the capacity of ATRC.

Support to ATRC Annual Conference. PRP provided technical advice to ATRC to help it plan its annual conference, "Human Rights and the Integration of Marginalized Groups in Kosovo," which will address women's property rights issues, along with other topics. PRP expert Vjosa Shkodra served as moderator for the panel discussion for this segment of the conference. The panelists for this subject area were the Minister of Justice, the Head of the Kosovo Judicial Council, an official from the Agency for Gender Equality and two E4E sub-grantees BIRN and CLARD. The main problems cited were social attitudes and cultural norms and the weak implementation of the law. Seeking more accountability and responsiveness from the judicial institutions emerged as a principal concern. The conference was very well attended and featured an active audience.

Presentation to Sub-Grantees. Out of the 15 projects approved for grants this Quarter, 5 projects will be addressing the women's rights to property. At a workshop held for the sub-grantees, PRP informed them about PRP's work and set the stage for future collaboration. These five new sub-grantees are:

1. Kosova – Gratë për Gratë from Prishtina/Pristina. This is a 12 month project "Women, Agents of the Right to Inheritance". The project will be implemented in Viti/Vitina, Kacanik, Shtërpçë/Štrpce and Ferizaj/Uroševac and aims at educating women and men of the rural areas in women's rights to property and inheritance and empowering women to seek that right.
2. Public Organization for Local Initiatives and Supports - POLIS from Lipjan. This is a 12 month project "Joint Contribution to Women's Right to Mutual Inheritance". The project will be implemented in Prishtinë/Pristina, Lipjan, Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje, Obiliq, Glllogovc/Glllogovac, Ferizaj/Uroševac, Shtime, Shtërpçë/Štrpce, Kacanik, Hani i Elezit/Elez Han and aims at creating a favorable legal environment, where women will not only be informed of their property rights, but also be strongly supported to achieve their rights to inheritance.
3. Kosovo Center for Business Support – KCBS from Prishtina/Pristina. This is an 11 month project "Women's right to inheritance, their empowerment". The project will be implemented in Gjilan/Gnjilane, Kamenic I 37/Kamenica, Viti/Vitina and Novobërdë/Novo Brdo and aims at rendering the Municipal Registry Office operational to fulfil the legal ex officio obligations to delivery death certificates to the court in the course of court proceedings.
4. Femrat Aktive të Gjakovës - FAGJ from Gjakova/Djakovica. This is an 8 month "Women Access to Property". The project will be implemented in the municipalities of Gjakova/Djakovica, Decan,

Junik and Dragash and aims raising women and girls' awareness about the pursuance of their property and inheritance rights and at increasing institutional responsibility by improving and strengthening institutional capacities to provide quality gender-based services that relate to inheritance and ownership.

5. Balkan Investigative Reporting Network - BIRN from Prishtinë/Pristina. This is a 12-month project, "Empowering Women to Seek their Inheritance Rights." The project will be implemented throughout Kosovo and aims at legal monitoring and advocating and at initiating public debates through the media about family and inheritance laws, by raising the awareness of women and girls, public institutions and the society at large.

Mentorship Program for Municipal Gender Officers Completed

During this Quarter PRP completed its 5-month mentorship program for Municipal Gender Officers (MGOs). The aim of this program is to provide technical support to the MGO's, to help them develop and carry out professional projects to support gender equality in their municipalities. This program grew out of a management training program that PRP commissioned for MGO's earlier this year. As part of this mentorship program the MGO's were called upon to develop work plans and specific activities and projects. The MGO's received the guide of professional mentors provided by PRP's subcontractor, RTC.



The program culminated in a final workshop, where the participating MGO's presented their projects for general discussion and comments. PRP was highly satisfied with the MGO's progress and accomplishments and their readiness of the MGO's to build on their management skills. PRP also took note of the successful work of the mentors in providing technical support to the MGO's. The MGO's received certificates that attest to their successful completion of the program.

PRP intend to continue to work with these MGO's and engage them in PRP activities in their municipalities.

Workshops for Women in Business

During this Quarter PRP conducted jointly with the USAID Credit Support Program two workshops for women in business. The workshops were held in Drenas/Gillogovac and Rahovec/Orahovac municipalities, respectively. The aim of the workshop was to help prepare women to develop their businesses further and inform them of possibilities for accessing finances, while also enhancing their knowledge of property rights in Kosovo. The workshops included a motivational women speaker. A total of 41 business women attended the two workshops.

Other Activities

During this Quarter PRP took part in the Conference, "Kosovo: Challenges in Rule of Law as Part of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) and the Europe Reform Agenda"; and also in the event to mark the seventh anniversary of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo.

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

ACTIVITY 4.1: CONDUCT CAPACITY AND BUSINESS PROCESS ASSESSMENTS IN THE SELECTED MUNICIPALITIES

During this Quarter, USAID indicated that PRP could begin conducting this activity in Shtërpcë/Štrpce municipality. As Reported previously, in 2015, PRP completed its municipal selection process and presented its findings and recommendations to USAID, based on the relative rankings of municipalities in the selection process. In January 2016, USAID began a pre-award assessment in Viti/Vitina. With respect to other municipalities for this activity, PRP has been in close consultation with USAID, and PRP has recommended that USAID consider Shtërpcë/Štrpce as the next municipality for this initiative.

Orientation Meetings with Mayor of Shtërpcë/Štrpce and Officials

Following USAID's decision to allow PRP to conduct this work in Shtërpcë/Štrpce, USAID and PRP met with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Shtërpcë/Štrpce to review the proposed activities. The Mayor reaffirmed his full support for them and his administration's readiness to cooperate with USAID and PRP.

PRP requested the Mayor to organize an orientation meeting where PRP's staff could meet with their relevant counterparts in the Shtërpcë/Štrpce administration. Attending the meeting for Shtërpcë/Štrpce municipality were the Deputy Mayor, the Director of Geodesy, Cadaster and Property, the Director of Administration, the Municipal Communications Officer, the Legal Officer and the Municipal Gender Officer. Mr. Michael Stievater, Head of the Office for Democracy and Governance of the USAID Mission in Kosovo, made opening remarks at the meeting. PRP described the range of activities that it wants to develop with the counterparts and carry out in the municipality. The meeting laid the basis for mutual understanding and effective cooperation going forward.

PRP Substantially Completes Field Research in Viti/Vitina and Shtërpcë/Štrpce Municipalities

During this Quarter, following its analysis of the law governing property registration, PRP substantially completed its field research on the "on the ground" practice of the two municipalities in registering property. PRP has conducted this field research to identify problems and challenges in the current law and practice of property registration at the municipal level and develop recommendations to improve the process, make it easier for citizens to register their property, and reinforce the ability of women to exercise their property rights. PRP has focused its legal and field research on for four key scenarios: registering property rights acquired inheritance; acquired by purchase; acquired through a court decision; and following legalization.

PRP conducted individual interviews with the Directors of the Municipal Cadastral Office and Heads of Civil Registry Office of Viti/Vitina and Shtërpcë/Štrpce and the Heads of the Geodesy and Cadaster sectors on their current practice in registering property rights and the challenges that their offices and their citizens face, respectively, in registering property rights.

PRP also conducted interviews with two notaries who are working in Viti/Vitina and the single notary working in in Shtërpcë/Štrpce on their practice related to property rights matters and the challenges that arise in that connection.

PRP will analyze its findings from its research of law and practice at the municipal level in the property rights during the first Quarter of 2017, and develop recommendations for further steps that PRP will share with USAID and the municipal administrations of Viti/Vitina and Shtërpcë/Štrpce.

Identified issues that need to be addressed in national legislation will be incorporated in the implementing legislation for the National Strategy.

PRP Discusses the Arrangement for Citizens' Service Centre in the New Municipal Building

PRP Team discussed with Viti/Vitina Municipal Officials the municipality's plan to establish a Citizens' Service Centre in the new Municipal Building that is under construction, with the aim of ensuring that the CSC provide clear and useful information to citizens on such property rights matters as the procedures and requirements to be followed to register property; how to legalize an unpermitted construction; how carry out an inheritance proceeding, etc.).

ACTIVITY 4.2: ASSIST SELECTED MUNICIPALITIES TO ISSUE AND MANAGE PROCUREMENT TENDERS

During this Quarter USAID issued its approval for PRP's request for consent to subcontract with the firm NIRAS to develop the software and supervise the scanning and indexing of the municipal cadastral archive documents. In addition, USAID continued to review the possibility of reallocating to PRP G2G funds earmarked to support PRP's Objective 4 activities, so that PRP could procure the directly from the service providers the services of scanning the MCO archives of other municipalities.

In addition, PRP has been in close contact with the Kosovo Cadastral Agency to ensure that PRP's activities to scan the MCO archives of selected municipalities is consistent with the KCA's planned activities in this area.

ACTIVITY 4.3: FINALIZE AND IMPLEMENT CAPACITY BUILDING PLAN

Activities to Improve the Property Rights Regime at the Municipal Level

PRP -Supported Roundtable led by Municipal Cadastral Office in Viti/Vitina on Women's Property Rights.



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The roundtable, "Inter-Institutional cooperation and exchange of experiences on women's property rights issues," was organized jointly by PRP and Viti Municipality and was held on December 6. The Deputy Director of the USAID Office of Democracy and Governance, Ms. Miranda Jolicoeur, made remarks; and a representative from the MoJ made a presentation on women's property rights and the work underway, including under the National Strategy, to address challenges women face in that regard. The event was well-attended by a wide range of stakeholders, including the Mayor of Viti/Vitina; a

judge from the Viti Branch Court, two notaries, officials from the MCO's of Gjilan/Gnjilane and Shtërpçë/Štrpce, a representative of the MoJ, and the Chief Executive of the KCA, and featured constructive discussion and a positive atmosphere. The MCO presented some statistics related to women's participation in property registration and discussed issues related to women's inheritance, delayed inheritance and women's renunciation of their property rights. The figures show that the overall level of women's participation in property registration is low, but is increasing in connection with registrations arising from inheritance. The event was covered by local media.

Participation in Follow-up TV Program on Women's Property Rights for the Viti/na Regional TV Station.

PRP, together with the Viti/Vitina MCO, approached the director of the local Viti/Vitina TV, TV Plus, to discuss organizing a TV show as a follow-up activity for the roundtable on women's property issues. The show is called "Plus Magazina" and addresses different socio-political topics. PRP,

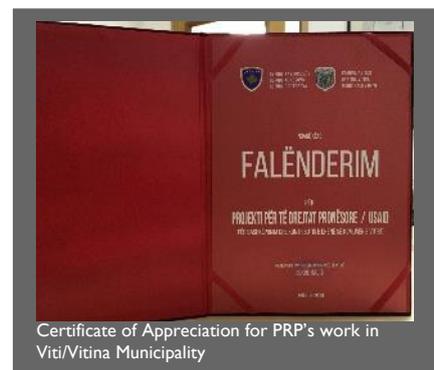
Viti/Vitina MCO, and the ATRC sub-grantee KCBS (who will be working in Viti/Vitina, among other municipalities), were on the TV Show. The discussion focused on issues surrounding women's property rights, institutional cooperation and challenges, and what is being done to improve women's ability to exercise their property rights fairly and freely.

Development of modalities for Door-to-Door Public Outreach on Property Registration. PRP has begun exploring avenues for conducting local door-to-door public outreach to provide information to citizens on property registration and related issues and learn citizens' point of view and attitudes on these matters and the status of their own property and/or relevant experience to date.

PRP Reviews Viti/Vitina Municipal Regulation on Fees and Charges. PRP has reviewed the municipal regulation for compliance with requirements of the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning and has provided guidance to the Municipality.

PRP Receives Certificate of Appreciation from Viti/Vitina Municipality.

In a year-end ceremony convened by the Viti/Vitina municipal administration, the Mayor expressed the municipality's gratitude to PRP for its assistance and support to the municipality.



Certificate of Appreciation for PRP's work in Viti/Vitina Municipality

PROJECT SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Performance Indicator	DO & IR that the project supports	Baseline	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Quarter 11 Reported Results
			Yr. 3	Yr. 3	LoP	LoP	
			[Y1+Y2+Y3]	[Y1+Y2+Y3]	[Y1+Y2+Y3+Y4]	[Y1+Y2+Y3]	
OBJECTIVE 1: IMPROVE COORDINATION AND POLICY PRIORITIES							
1.1} Number of strategies drafted and approved by the government	<i>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</i>	0	1 [Y1=0] [Y2=1] [Y3=N/A]	0 [Y1=0] [Y2=1] [Y3=N/A]	1 [Y1=0] [Y2=1] [Y3=0] [Y4=0]	1/D [Y1=0] [Y2=1/D] [Y3=0]	N/A
1.2} Number of laws drafted and approved /Accepted by line ministry/government as a result of USG assistance	<i>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</i>	0	4 [Y1=0] [Y2=2] [Y3=2]	3/D [Y1=0] [Y2=1] [Y3=0]	6 [Y1=0] [Y2=2] [Y3=2] [Y4=2]	3/D [Y1=0] [Y2=1] [Y3=0]	Law on Inheritance Law on Non-Contested Procedure
1.3} Number of secondary legislation drafted and approved	<i>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</i>	0	10 [Y1=1] [Y2=6] [Y3=3]	10 [Y1=6] [Y2=2] [Y3=0]	14 [Y1=1] [Y2=6] [Y3=3] [Y4=4]	10 (2A+8D) [Y1=6] [Y2=2] [Y3=0]	Concept Document for the Law on Construction Land- Approved Concept Document on Amending the Law No. 04/I-061 on the Sale of Apartments in Which There is a Right of Tenure Concept Document on allocating for use and exchange immovable property owned by the municipalities

OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVED COURT PROCESSES RELATED TO PROPERTY CLAIMS							
2.1} Number of court procedures and secondary legislation related to court function and/ or improved court performance adopted and approved	DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector	0	8 [Y1=1] [Y2=3] [Y3=4]	0 [Y1=0] [Y2=0] [Y3=0]	12 [Y1=1] [Y2=3] [Y3=4] [Y4=4]	0 [Y1=0] [Y2=0] [Y3=0]	N/A
2.2} Number [average] of days it takes for courts to resolve a property case reduced.	DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector	1249 (Days Average)	1061 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=1186] [Y3=1061]	KJC Database/ Court Records- TBD [Y1=N/A] [Y2=?] [Y3=?]	936 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=1186] [Y3=1061] [Y4=936]	KJC Database/ Court Records- TBD [Y1=N/A] [Y2=?] [Y3=?]	N/A
2.3} Percentage of property disputes cases resolved in courts [within 2 years]	DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector	32%	52% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=37%] [Y3=52%]	KJC Database/ Court Records- TBD [Y1=N/A] [Y2=?] [Y3=?]	72% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=37%] [Y3=52%] [Y4=72%]	KJC Database/ Court Records- TBD [Y1=N/A] [Y2=?] [Y3=?]	N/A
2.4} Percentage of court users satisfied with court services on resolving property disputes	DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector	22%	42% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=42%]	N/A [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=?]	52% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=42%] [Y4=52%]	N/A [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=?]	N/A
2.5} Number of judges, lawyers and court staff trained with USG assistance	DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen's Needs IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector	0	150 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=50] [Y3=100]	70 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=0] [Y3=70]	450 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=50] [Y3=100] [Y4=300]	70 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=0] [Y3=70]	Referral of Property cases to mediation Addressing challenges in adjudicating property right cases Bench Bar roundtables on property rights

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 IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector</i>	0	8 [Y1=4] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=4]	0 [Y1=0] [Y2=0] [Y3=?]	9 [Y1=4] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=4] [Y4=1]	4* [Y1=0] [Y2=4*] [Y3=?]	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 IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector</i>	0	8 [Y1=1] [Y2=3] [Y3=4]	0 [Y1=0] [Y2=0] [Y3=?]	12 [Y1=1] [Y2=3] [Y3=4] [Y4=4]	0 [Y1=0] [Y2=0] [Y3=?]	N/A
OBJECTIVE 3: ENHANCED ABILITY FOR WOMEN TO ACCESS THEIR PROPERTY RIGHTS IN PRACTICE							
3.1} Number of people from civil society and "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 IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	0	80 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=40] [Y3=40]	22 [Y1=4] [Y2=18] [Y3=?]	80 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=40] [Y3=40] [Y4=N/A]	45 [Y1=4] [Y2=41] [Y3=?]	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 IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	0	60 [Y1=10] [Y2=25] [Y3=25]	72 [Y1=5] [Y2=47] [Y3=20]	70 [Y1=10] [Y2=25] [Y3=25] [Y4=10]	72 [Y1=5] [Y2=47] [Y3=20]	Article Posted in Web Portal on Women's Property Rights and PRP's Work. (2) Products Developed for International Day of the Girl Child 7 Billboards in October 7 Billboards in November 3 Billboards in December
3.3} Number of communication and outreach campaigns, developed/supported by USG assistance	<i>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</i>	0	1 [Y1=0] [Y2=1] [Y3=0]	1 [Y1=0] [Y2=1] [Y3=0]	1 [Y1=0] [Y2=1] [Y3=N/A] [Y4=N/A]	1 [Y1=0] [Y2=1] [Y3=N/A]	N/A

*PRP is in process of assisting 4 Courts (Gjilan/Gnjilane, Peja/Pec, Ferizaj/Urosevac and Branch Court Shterpce/Sterpce) with improved case management related to resolution of property claims and disputes

<p>3.4} Number of communication outreach activities and events developed and implemented by PRP and “E4E CSO-s to change cultural attitudes and behaviors about women’s property rights</p>	<p><i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen’s Needs</i> <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i></p>	<p>0</p>	<p>107 [Y1=7] [Y2=50] [Y3=50]</p>	<p>51 [Y1=7] [Y2=28] [Y3=16]</p>	<p>114 [Y1=7] [Y2=50] [Y3=50] [Y4=7]</p>	<p>51 [Y1=7] [Y2=28] [Y3=16]</p>	<p>Workshop with women in business – Rahovec/Orahovac</p> <p>Workshop with women in business – Drenas/Glogovac</p> <p>Discussion on Women’s Property Rights in Viti</p> <p>PRP Appears in RTK 3 Afternoon Live Show</p> <p>KTV Short Documentary as Part of the TV Show “Cosmo.</p> <p>PRP Featured in Radio Free Europe (RFE) Article on Women and Inheritance and Facilitates Interview</p> <p>PRP Appears on the Morning Live TV Show of the Kosovo Radio Television (RTK) 2 to Discuss Women’s Property Rights and Inheritance in Kosovo</p> <p>(7) PRP Sponsored Puppet Theater Performances for Children on Equal Rights of Girls and Boys</p> <p>Klan Kosova TV Show Airs with PRP Participation to Mark International Girl Child Day</p> <p>PRP Hosting a Celebration Event with the US Embassy at the National Theater in Prishtinë/Prishtina to mark International Girl Child Day</p>
<p>3.5} Percentage of citizens who have been reached by PRP and E4E lead social behavior campaign and recognize the PRP and E4E CSO campaign/brand/identity/logo/messages/content</p>	<p><i>DO: Improved Rule of Law and Governance that meet Citizen’s Needs</i> <i>IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i></p>	<p>0</p>	<p>40% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=20%] [Y3=X]</p>	<p>National Survey (TBD Dec, 2016) [Y1=N/A] [Y2=?] [Y3=?]</p>	<p>40% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=20%] [Y3=20%] [Y4=N/A]</p>	<p>National Survey (TBD Dec, 2016) [Y1=N/A] [Y2=?] [Y3=?]</p>	<p>N/A</p>

3.6} Percentage of citizens [with negative attitude] 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 IR: More Efficient, Transparent, Independent & Accountable Justice Sector; Civil Society Strengthened to Increasingly Engage Constructively with Government</i>	36% (Percent age of citizens with negative attitude)	16% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=10%] [Y3=10%]	National Survey (TBD Dec, 2016) [Y1=N/A] [Y2=?] [Y3=?]	16% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=10%] [Y3=10%] [Y4=N/A]	National Survey (TBD Dec, 2016) [Y1=N/A] [Y2=?] [Y3=?]	N/A
3.7} Number [percentage] of women who file inheritance claims in the court	<i>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</i>	0.3%	10% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=10%]	National Survey (TBD Dec, 2016) [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=?]	30% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=10%] [Y4=20%]	National Survey (TBD Dec, 2016) [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=?]	N/A
3.8} Number [percentage] of women inheriting property	<i>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</i>	3.8%	8.8% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=5%]	National Survey (TBD Dec, 2016) [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=?]	33.8% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=5%] [Y4=25%]	National Survey (TBD Dec, 2016) [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=?]	N/A
OBJECTIVE 4: IMPROVED ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF PROPERTY RIGHTS							
4.1} [Number of] 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 IR: Improved Economic Governance & Business Environment</i>	0	4 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=2] [Y3=2]	0 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=0] [Y3=0]	4 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=2] [Y3=2] [Y4=N/A]	0 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=0] [Y3=0]	N/A

4.2} Number of days to conduct property transactions reduced due to improved information systems [in participating municipalities]	DO: Increase Investment and Private Sector Employment IR: Improved Economic Governance & Business Environment	28 (Days)	26 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=26]	N/A [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=26]	24 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=26] [Y4=24]	N/A [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=?]	N/A
4.3} Number of parcels corrected or incorporated into land system [in participating municipalities]	DO: Increase Investment and Private Sector Employment IR: Improved Economic Governance & Business Environment	0	240 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=80] [Y3=160]	0 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=0] [Y3=0]	440 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=80] [Y3=160] [Y4=200]	0 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=0] [Y3=0]	N/A
4.4} Land rights formalized [in participating municipalities]	DO: Increase Investment and Private Sector Employment IR: Improved Economic Governance & Business Environment	0	240 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=80] [Y3=160]	0 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=0] [Y3=0]	440 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=80] [Y3=160] [Y4=200]	0 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=0] [Y3=0]	N/A
4.5} Percentage of citizens with increased knowledge of their property rights	DO: Increase Investment and Private Sector Employment IR: Improved Economic Governance & Business Environment	27%	42% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=42%]	National Survey (TBD Dec, 2016) [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=42%]	52% [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=42%] [Y4=52%]	National Survey (TBD Dec, 2016) [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=?]	N/A
4.6} Number of municipal officials in participating municipalities trained in property related issues.	DO: Increase Investment and Private Sector Employment IR: Improved Economic Governance & Business Environment	0	20 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=20]	0 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=0]	40 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=20] [Y4=20]	0 [Y1=N/A] [Y2=N/A] [Y3=0]	N/A

SUCCESS STORY

The PRP project success story is provided on the next page.



KOSOVO PROPERTY RIGHTS PROGRAM (PRP) SNAPSHOT

Women in Kosovo own a disproportionately small share of property. The USAID Property Rights Program (PRP) conducted a national survey in 2015, which among other things, revealed that only 16% of women in Kosovo own real property. Other research has corroborated these general findings. This situation poses a number of potentially negative consequences for women in particular and for Kosovo society in general. For the women, this can mean complete economic dependency on others; lost opportunities to pursue personal dreams and ambitions; and a reduced ability to help others in their families and in society. For the society, this means that women lack the opportunity to become entrepreneurs and create new businesses, to help the economy grow and to generate employment for others.

The reason why women own little property can be traced to patriarchal customs and traditions. Property has traditionally been passed on to male heirs only; and a daughter has traditionally been viewed as passing to her husband's family. As a result of these practices, women in Kosovo typically do not inherit property from their parents, or they renounce their inheritance in favor of their brothers and sons. This is borne out by the same survey, which shows that only around 4% of women inherit real property from their parents. The most common reasons cited in the survey for this are adherence to traditional patriarchal values and accepted views on the appropriate roles for women (68% of women surveyed affirm this); a lack of knowledge of one's legal rights; a reluctance to assert one's rights; and a reluctance to deal with formal institutions.

To help address this, PRP is undertaking a number of activities designed to change common practices and social attitudes, using legal reforms and public advocacy. Among these efforts were the recent activities that PRP organized to mark the International Day of the Girl Child (October 11), described below.

PRP hosted a celebratory event at with the US Embassy at the National Theater in Prishtinë/Pristina. The event was opened with a song by the girls' choir "Xixëllonjat." This was followed by remarks from the US Charge D'Affaires, Ms. Colleen Hyland, Deputy Prime Minister Hajredin Kuçi, and two

citizens (a father and daughter, who are featured in some PSA's for the Për të Mirën Tonë campaign) who shared their personal story as good role models for equal property rights within the family.

Around 100 people, including institutional stakeholders and partners, along with relevant civil society members, are estimated to have attended. Children's drawings from PRP's art activity with 70 second-graders in Viti/Vitina were on display (including the four drawings that were also appearing on billboards around the country). PSAs from PRP's campaign were played in the background.

On that same day PRP also launched a pilot initiative: a puppet theater show for elementary school pupils that conveys the message of equality between girls and boys and good relations between fathers and daughters. The play was performed for seven days running for first-, second- and third-graders from various elementary schools in Prishtinë/Pristina. A total of 962 children attended the performances, along with 50 adults. The play was received very well by the children and teachers.

PRP commissioned the play and used the pilot to refine the script, test various interactive elements and identify the optimal age group for the play. PRP plans to have the finished product performed for school children throughout Kosovo. PRP is also going to be working with teachers to develop activities that reinforce the message after the play has been presented.

PRP developed two products in connection with puppet theater performances; 1) a colorful poster for the play; and 2) special tickets handed out to the children as souvenirs. These products include the message that is showed on PRP's billboards, namely "Equal Love = Equal Rights; Girls = Boys." The children very much liked the tickets and the posters.

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KOSOVO PROPERTY RIGHTS PROGRAM (PRP) PROJECT BRIEF UPDATE

The rule of law in Kosovo is constrained by poorly defined and enforced property rights, especially the property rights of women and members of minority communities. The absence of an effective property rights regime weakens democratic governance, impacts human rights, disempowers women and impedes sustainable economic growth.

The overall goal of the program is to improve the property rights regime in Kosovo, strengthen the rule of law, and increase economic growth and investment. The Property Rights Program (PRP) is implemented under four 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

OUR WORK

This Quarter was very productive for PRP: it saw important developments in major initiatives in progress – the National Strategy on Property Rights; caseload management reform in Kosovo courts; the national media campaign and local grassroots activities on women's property rights; and activities in the municipalities of Viti/Vitina and Shtërpçë/Štrpce designed to help municipal

administrations in Viti/Vitina and elsewhere improve their practices and procedures related to property rights and enable their citizens to exercise their property rights more easily and efficiently.

Under Objective 1, PRP assisted the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to produce a polished final draft National Strategy package, including a detailed Action Plan, Budget and Annexes containing the Concept Notes presenting the research that informed the Strategy. During the week of December 16 the MoJ submitted the draft National Strategy package to the GoK for approval. It is expected that the GoK will approve the National Strategy in January 2017.

In addition, PRP and the MoJ concluded their work on the revisions to a package of laws (the Law on Inheritance; the Law on Notary; and the Law on Non-Contested Procedure) that are designed to address two problems of major concern related to inheritance. The revisions seek to encourage citizens to formalize rights in property by initiating inheritance procedures. Currently, a significant percentage of property rights are registered in the cadastre in the name of deceased persons. The package of legislation also provides procedural safeguards to mitigate social and family pressure on women to renounce their rights to inherit family property in favor of male heirs and to make it more difficult for families to exclude women from inheritance proceedings. These legislative changes are contemplated by the National Strategy.

PRP also supported the MoJ in holding the conference, “Minimizing Informality and Guaranteeing Women’s Property Rights in Kosovo,” which drew public attention to the issues addressed in the draft legislation on inheritance. PRP made the central presentation at the conference. The conference received extensive coverage by the national news media.

Under Objective 2, PRP concluded its analysis of 1,971 civil cases pending in the Courts of Merit (CoM). Data from the pending cases, together with the data from 1,276 disposed cases previously assessed, informed development of findings and recommendations to prevent case backlog. PRP presenting its recommendations during a two-day workshop for civil judges from the CoM and secured the judges’ agreement to work closely with PRP to implement the proposed reforms.

PRP immediately began to work with the CoM to apply the improved caseload management practices and achieve quick results. Within one month, approximately 100 disposition decisions and 150 procedural decisions were drafted and processed by the courts with PRP’s support; and increased numbers of cases were referred to mediation.

During this Quarter PRP also began preparations for an initiative to create summaries in the Albanian language of at least 120 decisions of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) that address property rights issues. The Kosovo Constitution provides that the European Convention on Human Rights and the decisions of the ECHR have dominant legal force in Kosovo, yet since most ECHR decisions are not available in Albanian, most Kosovo judges do not have ready access to this important case law.

Under Objective 3, PRP expanded dissemination of social and behavior change communication (SBCC) messages through national TV airings positively shift societal attitudes towards women’s right to property. PRP also conducted an open tender and awarded a subcontract to develop its next round of media products. These are expected to be developed and ready for airing in the first Quarter of 2017.

Additional outreach included further development of a national billboards campaign featuring drawings made by local second-graders, with the slogan, ““Equal Love = Equal Rights. Girls = Boys”; and the successful piloting of a puppet show to convey the message of equality between girls and boys and good relations between fathers and daughters. The shows were performed over seven days for first-, second- and third-graders from various elementary schools in Prishtinë/Pristina. A total of 962 children attended in all, as well as 50 adults. PRP used the pilot to refine the script, test various interactive elements and identified the optimal age group for the play. PRP plans to have the finished product performed for school children throughout Kosovo. PRP is also going to be working with teachers to develop activities that reinforce the message after the play has been presented.

PRP also held a celebration event on October 11 – International Girl Child Day -- at which the US Charge D’Affaires, Ms. Colleen Hyland and Deputy Prime Minister Hajredin Kuçi made remarks, along with others.

PRP collaborated with the contractor under the STARR IQC Evaluation, Research and Communications (ERC) Task Order to develop an Op-Ed piece authored by First Deputy Prime Minister Kuci, for publication in the Reuters web journal, Place. The piece was submitted to USAID/Washington for review.

To measure the impact of PRP’s SBCC campaign and outreach, PRP began to implement a mid-term evaluation survey. Using data from the initial baseline National Survey on Property Rights, PRP’s local subcontractor will generate statistically significant and representative data for all of Kosovo’s 38 municipalities, and will also include 30 in-depth interviews with key informants on property rights. The survey is designed to identify and track changes in the social attitudes and level of knowledge and awareness of citizens throughout Kosovo with respect to property rights issues. Data collection is on schedule and preliminary indications are that PRP’s media campaign on women’s property rights has reached large segments of Kosovo’s population.

Under Objective 4, PRP received USAID approval to commence activities in Shtërpçë/Štrpce municipality, and substantially completed its field research in the Viti/Vitina and Shtërpçë/Štrpce municipalities on the current procedures through which citizens register and transact property rights. PRP has begun to analyze the data and develop recommendations to make municipal procedures more efficient and accessible to citizens.

PRP also supported the Viti/Vitina and Shtërpçë/Štrpce Municipal Cadastral Offices in conducting a roundtable on women’s property rights that encompassed a broad range of local stakeholder. The roundtable featured remarks and/or presentations by USAID; the MoJ, the Kosovo Cadastral Agency, the Mayor of Viti/Vitina and the Head of the Viti/Vitina MCO.

PRP also worked closely with the Head of the Viti/Vitina MCO to organize and take part in a local TV program that focused on issues surrounding women’s property rights and the measures being taken to improve women’s ability to exercise their property rights fairly and freely.

Finally, in a year-end ceremony convened by the Viti/Vitina municipal administration, the Mayor presented PRP with a Certificate of Appreciation for PRP’s assistance and support to the municipality.



US Charge D’Affaires, Ms. Colleen Hyland making remarks at PRP’s Event to commemorate International Day of the Girl Child (October 11), Ms. Hyland stressed the importance of honoring the equality between men and women in property rights. This event also featured drawings of the Viti/Vitina second-graders (seen in the background) and media campaign PSAs.

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PRP organized and was among the guests (together with Kosovo CSO’s) on the “Familja Ime” TV Show in Klan Kosova, which addressed girls’ rights to inherit and the equality between boys and girls in property rights. This TV show was organized as part of PRP’s activities to mark the International Day of the Girl Child (October 11).

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The October round of billboards were displayed throughout Kosovo as part of PRP’s social behavior change campaign. These billboards convey the message, “Equal Love = Equal Rights / Girls = Boys,” under the theme Dads and Daughters, to mark the month of the International Day of the Girl Child. They feature drawings from the second-graders from Viti/Vitina on the topic of “Home and Family.”

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MEDIA

During this Quarter, use of social media was emphasized to share regular updates about PRP, particularly activities under Objective 3. The table below presents PRP activities and social media trigger messages published by USAID/Kosovo's Facebook page. These messages were designed to reach target audiences discussed above in order to further raise awareness about the property rights regime in Kosovo.

SOCIAL MEDIA TRIGGER MESSAGES



In light of the International Day of the #GirlChild, #USAIDPropertyRightsProgram, in cooperation with #Dodona Puppet Theater in Pristina, has organized a puppet show for the elementary school children. The show is called "Prehëri i Gjyshit" (trans: "Grandfather's Lap") and is in the topic of #equality between girls and boys. The first show was on October 11, and will be at Dodona Puppet Theater for 7 days (11-19 October, except the weekend). The audience are first and second graders from different elementary schools in Pristina.

USAID Property Rights Program has used the slogan: "Equal Love = Equal Rights; Girls = Boys" to mark its activities with the children on this month. The International Day of the Girls Child is marked under the theme: "Dads and Daughters."

#PërTëMirënTonë, USAID Kosovo

<https://www.facebook.com/usaidkosovo>
Published on October 12, 2016



USAID #PropertyRightsProgram talks on Cosmo show in KohaVision, on the topic: "Gratë pa Pronë" [trans: Women without property]. One of our legal specialists talk about Issues of omitting female heirs, renunciation, and the work being done on legislation in relation to women's property rights.

#equalpropertyrights, #PërTëMirënTonë, USAID Kosovo

<http://www.kohavision.tv/cosmo/1358/grate-pa-prone/>

<https://www.facebook.com/usaidkosovo>
Published on December 2, 2016



Follow us tomorrow (Saturday, October 15) on #Familjalme show on #KlanKosova TV, at 10:50AM.

#USAIDPropertyRightsProgram and Kosovo CSOs will talk about girls' rights on inheritance.

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<https://www.facebook.com/usaidkosovo>
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Have you seen our November billboards around Prishtina/Pristina? Check them out in Luan Haradinaj street, Agim Ramadani street, by the Technical Faculty, and by the University of Prishtina.

You can see our billboards also in the town centers and/or neighborhoods of Dragash/Dragaš, Novobërdë/Novo Brdo, Ranillug/Ranilug, Mamushë/Mamusa, Kamenicë/Kamenica.

Our November billboards feature another set of drawings from second graders from #Viti/Vitina, on the topic of "Home and Family."

Our slogan continues to be: "Equal love = Equal Rights / Girls = Boys." You can spot the theme of love in all the drawings, signified by a heart drawn by the children.

Kosovo Citizens for #EqualPropertyRights

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<https://www.facebook.com/usaidkosovo>
Published on November 11, 2016

PUBLICATIONS

The following print and digital publications covered PRP Activities this quarter.

Koha net

‘Equality for girls in inheritance’
<http://koha.net/?id=55&l=136824>
October 11, 2016

Prishtina Online

‘The weekly program in Pristina City Theatre "Dodona" ... “Prehëri i gjyshit”’
<http://prishtinaonline.com/lajmet/1033/programi-javor-ne-teatrin-e-qytetit-te-prishtines-dodona>
October 11, 2016

U.S. Embassy in Kosovo

‘Ambassador Delawie’s Remarks at the Conference on Property Rights for Women in Kosovo’
<https://xk.usembassy.gov/conference-on-property-rights-for-women-in-kosovo/>
October 25, 2016

Radio 7 Kosova

‘Do not give up your right to inheritance and property’
<http://radio-7kosova.net/mos-hiq-dore-nga-e-drejta-jote-per-trashegimi-dhe-e-drejta-e-prones/>
October 25, 2016

Indeksonline

‘Do not give up your right to inheritance and property’
<http://indiksonline.net/lajmet/mesazhi-i-ministres-mos-hiq-dore-nga-e-drejta-jote-per-trashegimi-dhe-e-drejta-e-prones-27929/>
October 25, 2016

Radio Evropa e Lirë

‘Only 3.8 percent of women in Kosovo inherit property’
<http://www.evropaelire.org/a/28086732.html>
October 31, 2016

Kosova info

‘Only 3.8 percent of women in Kosovo inherit property’
<http://www.kosova.info/vetem-3-8-per-qind-e-femrave-ne-kosove-trasheguese-te-pronave-familjare/>
October 31, 2016

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