



## Newsletter No. 1/2016



### Featured beneficiary story: Small lovely Lora!

Lora is born prematurely (week 30). She comes from the lovely town of Ferizaj. Lora had breathing problems when her mom gave birth to her, but now she is growing healthy thanks to the treatment received with the medication called Survanta and the incubator, made possible by AMC donors.

[Read more...](#)



### Photo Therapy Lamps arrive in the Neonatology Intensive Care Unit in Prishtina

We are happy to inform that weeks ago we delivered the phototherapy lamps in the Neonatology Intensive Care Unit at the University Clinical Center of Kosovo (UCCK). These lamps are essential in treating jaundice in children and we delivered 5 photo therapy lamps. Jaundice is a frequent problem in children. Approximately half of the infants born to term and 75% of premature babies manifest jaundice during the first days of their life. [Read more...](#)



### A New Women's Health Resource Center opens up in Sterpce

In an official ceremony the doors of Women's Health Resource Center in the Municipality of Sterpce open up in the Family Medicine Center in Drajkovc. The Center provides the much-needed counseling to all the communities in the municipality of Sterpce coming from all ethnic and social backgrounds. [Read more...](#)



### The screening for Retinopathy of Prematurity starts within NICU

Earlier this month, the Action for Mothers and Children (AMC) and the University Clinical Center of Kosovo (UCCK), supported by the hospital "Kubati", sign a memorandum of cooperation which enables setting up the system for screening for retinopathy in premature babies, known as ROP. [Read more...](#)



## **An MoU with the Main Family Medicine Center in Mitrovica signed**

AMC and the Director of the Main Family Medicine Center in Mitrovica signed a memorandum of cooperation enabling the establishment of the Women's Health Resource Center in their facility. This location marks the 5<sup>th</sup> Center that AMC has established to provide access to information on antenatal and postnatal care for women and their partners. [Read more...](#)



## **Grant Contract with UNFPA signed**

UNFPA and AMC have signed a grant contract to support the creation of coalition of organizations on reproductive health and the set up of cervical cancer screening program within the Municipality of Prishtina. In the long run, the coalition aims to improve the policy, legal framework and awareness on reproductive health and reproductive health rights in Kosovo through regular evidence-based advocacy work. Whereas, the cervical cancer screening program aims to pilot the screening within 5 family medicine centers in Prishtina and to develop policy recommendations for the municipality to plan human and financial resources to provide the screening as an inclusive service within family medicine centers. [Read more...](#)



## **A memorandum of cooperation signed with the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Kosovo**

Action for Mothers and Children and the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Kosovo signed a memorandum of cooperation to support our Women's Health Resource Centers around Kosovo. This cooperation in particular makes it possible to build capacities of nurses and midwives of the medicine centers where our Women's Health Resource Centers operate so that the indicators of patient-provider communication are improved, as well as the counseling on antenatal and postnatal care. [Read more...](#)



## **We welcomed representatives from the Australian Embassy & Permanent Mission, Vienna**

We welcomed in Prishtina the representatives from the Australian Embassy for a short visit. Action for Mothers and Children has signed an agreement of cooperation with the Australian Embassy in January 2016, through their direct aid program, to support, strengthen and expand the services related to women's education. [Read more...](#)

## **Agreement signed with UNMIK**

UNMIK and AMC have signed a grant agreement to support Action for Mothers and Children. This agreement supports in particular the expansion of the services of Women's Health Resource Center. The Centers bring women together from all ethnic and social backgrounds to share in basic life-saving education for free at the community level. At these Centers, group and individual counseling is offered in a bright, colorful, comfortable and private room. Posters, props and videos complement the hands-on



learning, which uses exercises, games and role-play to better convey information. [Read more...](#)



### **Action for Mothers and Children represented at Kosovo Task Force for Cancer Control**

Action for Mothers and Children participated in the 7th Balkan Symposium organized by LIV Hospital and Kosova Task Force for Cancer Control. The symposium was organized in the form of a round table discussing about Protocols in Screening, Diagnosis and Management of Cervical Cancer. The representatives of Action for Mothers and Children brought the experience of AMC while screening women for cervical cancer during 2015. [Read more...](#)



### **300 vials of Survanta medication arrive in Kosovo**

The Action for Mothers and Children and its partner in USA, AmeriCares, deliver 300 vials of Survanta medication to Neonatology Unit in Kosovo. This donation covers the national need for 2016. Without enough surfactant the lungs collapse and premature babies cannot breathe. Thus, Survanta is vital for prevention and treatment of RDS (Respiratory Distress Syndrome). This medication saves 250-300 babies every year. [Read more...](#)



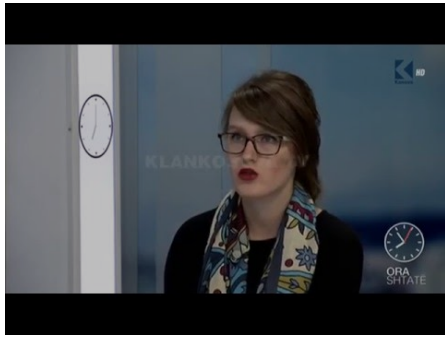
### **Action for Mothers and Children joins the World Birth Defects Day**

Action for Mothers and Children has been invited to join the World Birth Defects Day as a partner organization from Kosovo. WBDDay was launched on March 3, 2015 by the support of 12 organizations, including among others the March of Dimes, U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Pan American Health Organizations, WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, etc. Birth defects are common, costly, and critical. Worldwide, all countries and their populations are affected by birth defects. To increase global awareness of these conditions and their public health importance, March 3 marks the World Birth Defects Day. [Read more...](#)



### **AMC's Audited Financial Report in the Website**

AMC's work is based on strong and continuous support from its donors, hence we are accountable towards their contributions. AMC's financials have been audited by the Deloitte company. We invite all those of you interested to visit our website for the detailed reports.



## AMC featured in the media...

A reportage on the work of AMC to address the recent problem on Retinopathy of Prematurity has been covered by KlanKosova TV.

[Check out this video...](#)

### To support our work:

Your donations are gratefully accepted and will be used to continue improving the healthcare for mothers and children in Kosovo. We believe that with the help of our supporters and friends, we will establish the best conditions in giving the developing child a healthy start in life. Our organization is dedicated to the process of making that happen, but we cannot do it without your help.

**Give online via Donate Now button below.** Donations are accepted through the Hitchcock Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) organisation. Under name of *fund, program or doctor\** please specify Action for Mothers and Children/Kosovo Fund.

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### Other ways to contribute:

Gifts may also be made by credit card, direct deposit, or cheque. [Click here!](#)

All donations to Action will be acknowledged in writing, and external auditors will annually review Action's budget. The Trustees and staff of Action will appreciate your generosity and also any comments, ideas and suggestions you may have.



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