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Featured beneficiary story: Our lovely mother Afërdita!

Afërdita will soon give birth to her first child. Before delivering birth, she attended the education and wellness sessions at Women's Health Resource Center. "I am very satisfied with the sessions attended at the centre and the treatment received there. I have learned a lot of things I have not thought about. I will become mother very soon and I feel physically and psychologically well prepared after attending sessions at the Centre. I also saw a lot of pictures and videos, and met other mothers with whom we shared experiences," – writes Afërdita in the diary of the Women's Health Resource Centre.



Agreement signed with Solidar Suisse in Kosovo

We are happy to announce that Solidar Suisse in Kosovo has extended its grant agreement to support Action for Mothers and Children. This agreement supports AMC's efforts to help the set up of the neonatal referral system in Kosovo as well as to establish the network of Women's Health Resource Centers. Solidar Suisse in Kosovo and Action for Mothers and Children partner in maternal and child health programs since 2013 and we are grateful for such continuous support and fruitful partnership. [Read more...](#)



The next workshop with the medical staff in Women's Health Resource Center in Ferizaj is held

In this workshop we discussed about "Psychological and Physical preparation for labor" and "The importance of breastfeeding." The workshop aimed at encouraging family doctors and nurses in evidence-based education of women on antenatal and postnatal care. [Read more...](#)

Action for Mothers and Children and the March of Dimes Foundation

We take pride in our partnership with March of Dimes, a nonprofit organization that works to improve the health of mothers and babies with the mission of preventing birth defects, prematurity and



infant mortality in the U.S. and around the world. "Action for Mothers and Children is one of those partners with whom we enjoy working. It is exciting to see this organization growing and making an enormous impact in health of mothers and babies in Kosovo," says Dr. Salimah Walani, Director of Global Health Programs. [Read more...](#)



Fundraising Event "Let's Dance for Mothers and Children" raises €23,890.00

The fundraising event, a first-ever dance event, was co-organized by RTV Dukagjini and Crimson Capital in support of the Foundation Action for Mothers and Children which provides support and health care services for mothers and children in Kosovo. Over 300 people attended the fundraising dance event "Let's Dance for Mothers and Children" on December 3rd. We were honoured with the special presence of Her Excellency, President Atifete Jahjaga. [Read more...](#)



ProCredit Bank donates to AMC

As the end of the year is approaching, we are pleased to announce that ProCredit Bank in Kosovo has made its end-of-year gift to AMC donating Eur 500.00. This donation confirms yet again ProCredit Bank's commitment towards corporate social responsibility and AMC is grateful for this contribution.



End of Year Letter

As we approach the end of 2015, we want to thank those around us who have supported Action for Mothers and Children! 2015 has been an exciting year at Action thanks to the support of our many partners, donors, and friends. This year's campaigns of Runner for Hearts, Cycle Kosovo for Children, and Let's Dance for Mothers and Children make it possible for Action to continue its mission to save the lives of mothers and children in the Republic of Kosovo. [Read more...](#)



The number of women attending Women's Health Resource Center reaches 1200

Approximately 1200 women have attended services provided through our Women's Health Resource Centers in Prishtina and Ferizaj. High rates of mortality rates are also due to lack of women's information on healthy pregnancy and care and these Centers aim to address the issue. Since its establishment more than 20 women each week receive unrestricted access to essential information about their pregnancy, labor and delivery, and newborn care, in their own language, which they would otherwise not receive. By empowering women, the maternal and infant mortality rates will lower.

The Women's Health Resource Centers have already made impressive gains in: 1) improving women's

knowledge of pregnancy, labor and newborn care; 2) shifting provider attitudes towards more patient-centered care. Clinical staff at Prishtina Hospital, where the majority of deliveries occur in Kosovo, estimate 80% of these women are better prepared in the labor room, resulting in less complications and a better birthing experience.



AMC featured in the media...

A reportage on the successful work of Women's Health Resource Center from RTV 21. The video broadcasts how activities at these centers are held. [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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