



# ANNUAL REPORT



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# 01

## A SNAPSHOT OF SUCCESS



Hana was born in Pristina, in July 2021. She was born prematurely in week 34 and weighed only 1,770 gr. After she was born, she developed breathing difficulties (symptoms of RDS). The doctors placed her in CPAP, treated her with surfactant medication, and for another two days she was treated with the oxygen system.

"Alban and I are extremely happy that our daughter Hana now enjoys good health. We will always be grateful to AMC and to the friends of this organization. Thanks to their support, our daughter lives a happy life, and will celebrate New Year's with us and her two sisters." Melita, Hana's mother.

Thanks to your generous support, baby Hana and other premature babies like her, will go on to celebrate life's joyous moments and festivities with their families and loved ones, in full health!

## 2. 2021 at a Glance



Donated over **€240,000** worth of medicaments and medical equipment to healthcare institutions



Opened two new **Women's Health Information Centers** in **Lipjan** and **Hani i Elezit**



Conducted over **27,000** in-person or virtual home visits for pregnant women and children 0-3 years old



Educated about **2,000** parents on various topics related to pregnancy, healthy child growth, and positive parenting



Completed the final preparations to expand the **cervical cancer screening program** to the **Municipalities of Gjilan** and **Obiliq**



Launched several online awareness raising campaigns on topics related to maternal and child health and **COVID-19**



More than **500** healthcare providers were trained on different topics

### 3. The Executive Director's Note



Dear AMC Donors, Partners, Friends and Collaborators!

Summing up 2021, I have never been prouder that I am part of the AMC and its journey. Despite the challenges we all faced, through joint effort, commitment, and collaboration there is so much accomplished in the year that we left behind, making it a successful one.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to challenge us all, especially those who need our help the most: mothers and children. One grave consequence of the pandemic situation is the significant decrease of the numbers of antenatal and postnatal visits and of the vaccination rate for children. The numbers of pediatric and gynecological visits also dropped drastically. Consequently, health experts expect

that the maternal and child health will continue to worsen in the coming years.

However, the pandemic revealed something important and positive. As never before, the entire community came together to help the people in need. Health workers, representatives of non-governmental organizations and policy makers joined forces to serve the people. Together we made sure that the children and newborns in Kosovo were provided with qualitative healthcare services to enable them a healthy start of life.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank all my colleagues who despite the challenges of the pandemic, and with the support of the AMC Board Members and our partners, have done an extraordinary job. Thanks to combined efforts of all, we have achieved astounding results throughout 2021:

- Donated over €240,000 worth of medicaments and medical equipment to healthcare institutions
- Opened two new Women's Health Information Centers in Lipjan and Hani i Elezit
- Conducted over 27,000 in-person or virtual home visits for pregnant women and children 0-3 years old
- Educated about 2,000 parents on various topics related to pregnancy, healthy child growth, and positive parenting

- Completed the final preparations to expand the cervical cancer screening program to the Municipalities of Gjilan and Obiliq
- Launched several online awareness raising campaigns on topics related to maternal and child health and COVID-19

These achievements, and many more, were made possible only thanks to the synergy created as a result of the support and cooperation with You. With deep gratitude for your contribution, I wish you good health and lots of success in your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Florian Mollhag". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director



## 4. We Are the Action for Mothers and Children

The Action for Mothers and Children (AMC), is a non-for-profit foundation with the foremost goal to save the lives of children and improve healthcare for mothers in the Republic of Kosovo through developing better systems for the care of pregnant women and their children.

We believe that every child and mother has the right to a healthy life, regardless of where they are or what means they have. By developing and implementing programs that improve such healthcare, the number of children who die prematurely can be substantially decreased. We aim to focus on the development of sustainable, high quality, and capacity building healthcare programs for mothers and children in Kosovo.

## 5. How We Make an Impact

Our Foundation's work is based upon four pillars: education, advocacy, research, and fundraising.

- Education of patients and health care providers to improve the quality of care delivered, especially towards patient-centered health services
- Research and studies that identify the gaps in mother and children's health and prioritize the most concerning trends to address them
- Advocacy on behalf of mothers and children for better healthcare, especially for evidence-based policy decision-making
- Fundraising for supplies of equipment and medication that meet the needs on national basis to save the lives of mothers and children.

## 6. Our Programmatic Strategy

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Reduction of infant and neonatal mortality rate

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Women and Child Rights

2



Reduction of morbidity and mortality among women

5



Philanthropic awareness in Kosovo and Diaspora

3



Reduction of mortality & morbidity among children

## 7. The Impact of Our Programmes and Projects

### POSITIVE DISCIPLINE IN EVERYDAY PARENTING

Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting (PDEP) is a parenting program that requires non-violent parenting to raise children. Through this program, parents create an educational approach that guides the children's behavior while respecting their rights to a safe environment, protection from violence, and participation in their education. Through this program, parents have the opportunity to receive information about the developmental stages of their children, about how they feel and think, about their temperament and the consequences of corporal punishment on the healthy psychophysical development of children.

The AMC is implementing the PDEP since 2016 in partnership with Save the Children in Kosovo. So far, this program has been implemented at the Public Preschool Institutions in Prishtina, Community Based Preschools, Private Preschools, SOS Children's Villages and in Mother Classes in Prishtina, Prizren, Mitrovica, Klina, Ferizaj and Obiliq.

In 2021 we implemented the PDEP program for eight (8) groups of parents. Sixty-four PDEP sessions were held in five public preschools and Community Based Preschools in Prishtina: "Yllkat"

with two groups, "Zogjte", "Shtepia Magjike" and Akademia Lapsi and three WHRC such as Prishtina and Obiliq.

We held 24 sessions of the PDEP program at the Women's Health and Resource Centers (WHRC) in Obiliq and Prishtina. A total of 168 children and 34 adults (parents and preschool teachers) have benefited from this training.

A total of 658 children and 66 adults (parents and pre-school staff) have benefited from the PDEP program at the Public and Community Based Preschool Institutions.

**In total, 826 children and 100 adults (parents, medical staff, and preschool teachers) have benefited from the PDEP program.**



We conducted follow up sessions with three groups of parents and teachers: two groups at the WHRC Mitrovica, and one group at the Community Based Preschool "Ngjyrat" in Hajvali, Municipality of Prishtina.

In 2021, in full observance of the Law on Child Protection and Children Rights, and with the support of the Municipality of Prishtina and the Directors of the Main Family Centers in Mitrovica, Lipjan, Gjiilan, Kacanik, Obiliq, Dragkovce (Shterpe) and Fushe Kosova we organized two training programs and discussions on Child Protection with educators, medical staff in WHRCs and directors of Public and Community Based Preschools in Prishtina.

The training sought to increase the understanding and skills of service providers on violence identification against children, risk signals and also their legal obligation to report violence cases. The participants raised their capacities on the rights of the child and child protection, focusing on the UNCRC and Child Protection Law, with an emphasis on the main mechanisms on child protection, and the role of Public and Community Based Preschools and Family Medicine Center.

To mark the International Children's Day on June 1, 2021 we organized fun interactive activities like scavenger hunt games for preschool children age 4-6 years old in the kindergartens "Yllkat", Zogjite" and "Shtepia Magjike" in Prishtina.



In 2021 we held a two-day training for AMC staff in the field of Women's Rights. The training focused on the respect of women's rights, gender equality, inclusion of women and non-discrimination. Also, the focus of this training was the inclusion of a

gender perspective in projects, from the design phase to the final phase of projects or programs. In addition, Organizational Capacity Assessment was organized for the AMC staff. As a result, a Child Safeguarding Policy was developed.



## CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM

Supported by UNFPA, we are the initiator and co-implementer of the cervical cancer screening program in Kosovo, through which free Pap tests are offered in an organized way for women and girls in Kosovo in order to prevent cervical cancer.

Free Pap tests are offered through this program at primary level for women and girls in the Municipalities of Prishtina, Prizren, Mitrovica and Peja, in order to prevent uterine cancer and the possibility of early detection.

Our goal is to expand this program in other municipalities as well, in order to have this service offered very soon to all women in Kosovo.

Successful implementation of the Cervical Cancer Screening Program in the Municipalities of Prishtina, Prizren, Mitrovica and Peja has led to the examination of more than 11,000 women since the beginning of the implementation of this program in 2016. Only in 2021, a total of 2,145 women were examined by Pap tests.





Other important activities and highlights from 2021:

- 9 awareness lectures were held about preventing cervical cancer with different middle schools and primary healthcare institutions, where a total of 132 staff participated
- 76 retested Pap smears between the pathology laboratory in Regional Hospital of Prizren and the Institute of Pathology in Prishtina.
- Through our program, five pathologists were enrolled at the International Academy of Cytology Tutorial Korea, 2021- a three-day online training, where prevention of cervical cancer was one of the topics. As our goal is to expand in more municipalities to help start the CCS program, one binocular microscope was donated to the laboratory of Gjilan.

## WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE CENTERS PROGRAMME

Since 2015, we have established the Women Health Resource Center program. Its foremost goal is to educate women from family planning to the early pregnancy through delivery and the early post-partum period. Access to information remains crucial for a healthy pregnancy and healthy newborns.

Women in these centers receive theoretical, practical and counseling information on antenatal and postnatal care, post-natal depression, breastfeeding, new-born care, baby nutrition, immunization, and women and child's care.

The centers provide much needed education and counseling directly to women and their partners. Women learn from videos, educational handouts, small group sessions, and direct counseling with a midwife, nurse, or gynecologist all in a comfortable setting. The centers provide wellness activities too.

Our centers are open to young women, mothers, and couples. They aim to empower patients and practitioners towards quality improvement and shared-decision making, two concepts which have proven to reduce maternal and child mortality rates around the world.

- The total number of women and girls who benefited from WHRC sessions in 2021 across 14 centers is 1,533 (the total number since 2015 is 7,260).

- As a continuous process of the centers was the accreditation of new topics within the centers, in order for the health staff to be provided with new knowledge according to the requirements of the patients who have visited these centers (Classes for Mothers). Consequently, the staff of the centers have received accreditation points which will help them in the relicensing process and most importantly, the updated / evidence-based information benefits the community / pregnant women.

- In May on behalf of the organization, respectively on behalf of the project Classes for Mothers, we applied to the Kosovo Chamber of Nurses (OIK) and managed to re-accredit the program. This training is provided for all health personnel involved in the program of the centers, gaining a wealth of new information in the field of health, respectively the health of mothers and babies, as well as gaining accreditation points which help in the process of re-licensing of health workers ( 6 passive points and 9 active points). The number of beneficiaries in this training organized for three groups was 46 people, all nurses and midwives.



• In 2021 we officially opened two new centers: in the municipality of Hani Elezit and Lipjan. Initially, AMC worked and trained the MFMC health staff in these municipalities to provide counseling services within the centers. These centers are equipped with all the necessary tools to provide services in a more convenient and interactive dimension compared to the services so far in these institutions.



• In partnership with Save the Children, a one-day training was held for the staff of the "Classes for Mothers" centers in the field of Protection and Children's Rights. Protecting Children from all forms of physical and mental violence, abuse, misuse, exploitation, neglect or any other form that endangers the life, safety, health, education, upbringing and development of the child is an obligation of each of us. The purpose of the training was to identify and report cases, prevent violence and respect the rights of children.

## BREASTFEEDING WEEK

On 4-8 October 2021, under the motto "Protect Breastfeeding", we organized an awareness campaign called the "Breastfeeding Week". The week was organized in four municipalities Lipjan, Dragash, Gjilan and Gjakova, offering baskets of presents to mothers with diapers, thermometers, etc. (250 women have benefited from this activity).

During this week through social networks and activities in these municipalities we have disseminated information on breastfeeding in order to raise awareness about the benefits that

mothers and babies have from breastfeeding. The celebration of Breastfeeding Week is supported by the UNICEF Kosovo Program.

On 6 October 2021, an online training was organized for primary health professionals on breastfeeding and the use of the mobile application "Breastfeeding - Breastfeeding, created specifically for the needs of this field. Beneficiaries of this training were 204 health professionals from 22 municipalities of Kosovo from the primary level of health care. This application is expected to be launched on both mobile operating systems IOS and Android.



## HEALTHY EATING FOR CHILDREN

With the support of the UNICEF Office in Kosovo and in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, the National Institute of Health and other stakeholders, we have completed the development of new menus and guidelines to integrate healthy nutrition for school curricula in educational institutions in Kosovo.



This program aims to prevent obesity and other diseases in children caused by malnutrition and lack of physical activity. Through the implementation of this program, we will make sure that the healthy nutrition menus will be set up and hundreds of educators, teachers and parents will be trained on the importance of healthy nutrition and physical activity. Within this program, information-educational sessions have been held for primary school students to promote the importance of healthy eating and awareness of taking food with them to schools.

### USHQIMI NË SHKOLLË!

Me fillimin e shkollës fëmijët ndryshojnë regjimin e tyre dhe ky ndryshim reflekton edhe në ushqyeshmërinë e tyre. Organizimi i vakteve të ushqimeve që fëmija duhet të konsumojë duhet të jetë prioritet i prindërve. Kujdesi për ushqimin e fëmijës fillon që me vaktin e mëngjesit. Te dërgosh fëmijën në shkollë pa ngrënë mëngjes është njësoj si të nisësh për rrugë të gjatë me makinë me llampë të ndezur! Që ta kuptojmë më mirë, nëse ju nuk i jepni energji fëmijës, ai deri në vaktin e drekës do të përdorë rezervat e veta, pra do të "hajë vetveten"! Për të mobilizuar depozitat e energjisë çlirohen hormonet e stresit të cilat e bëjnë fëmijën të ndjehet i acaruar, i lodhur të mësojë. Studimet, gjithnjë e më shumë tregojnë se fëmijët që nuk konsumojnë vaktin e mëngjesit kanë rezultate të ulëta në shkollë dhe mungesë të theksuar përqëndrimi.



### IDE PËR MENU JAVORE PËR USHQIM ME VETE NË SHKOLLË





## THE HOME VISITING PROGRAMME

Home visits help families identify newborn problems, including signs of illness and at the same time support the practices of breastfeeding, vaccinations, where we also contribute to the child's growth and development in order to achieve the full potential of the child.

Through this program, each mother is paid visits at home during pregnancy and after childbirth to receive proper antenatal care at their homes, thus targeting more rural areas and the marginalized communities in Kosovo.

IN 2021, a total of 23,128 home visits for children were made and the number of home visits for pregnant women 4,533.



These two nurses, Adelina Puka and Lavdije Pozhegu, are members of the seven-nurses group who run the program in the Municipality of Gjakova.

In these times of a pandemic, most health facilities are overloaded with patients, and most non-vital services are suspended. However, the Home Visiting programme has continued to reach families and children, with nurses intensifying their work and being even more present in the lives of new parents.

## IMPROVING IDENTIFICATION, REPORTING AND ADDRESSING OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN KOSOVO

Our project funded by the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) aims at mitigating gender-based violence in Kosovo by strengthening the stakeholders accountable for addressing the cases of gender-based violence.

With our project activities tailored collaboratively with different relevant stakeholders that play an important role in identifying, addressing, and raising awareness on gender-based violence, we tend to produce sustainable results that include ameliorating the mental, emotional and physical health of women, and ultimately improving the lives of families in Kosovo.

Some of our main activities entail training for hotline service responders in

order to enhance services; providing supplies to the hotline service; providing equipment and supplies to gender-based violence victim shelters; and raising public awareness on gender-based violence.

In 2021, a policy summary was drafted on the current situation of GBV. Also, six training sessions were conducted for WHRC health care professionals on GBV (Gender Based Violence) Addressing and identifying cases of violence and approaching these cases. Beneficiaries of the trainings were 87 nurses and midwives from the NCCs of the following municipalities: Prishtina, Lipjan, Ferizaj, Gjilan, Obiliq, Peja, Kamenica, Kaçanik, Han i Elezit, Klina, Prizren, Dragash, Mitrovica and Drajkovc.



Several awareness campaigns were implemented to raise awareness about forms of violence and to address and report cases to the competent authorities. These campaigns were launched with the aim to raise awareness in order to put attention more to this phenomenon, that unfortunately reporting numbers for violence are increased during the pandemic period and the situation got worse. The campaign was launched and distributed on social media channels of AMC.



After the training with health workers and help-line staff who receive reports of violence in the Office for Victim Protection and Assistance, we continued to support this institution by donating six laptops worth 3,780 euros, which will be used to register cases and database maintenance.

Vegëzat e videove të fushatave:

1. <https://www.facebook.com/amckosova/videos/1641855029496050>
2. <https://www.facebook.com/amckosova/videos/339675331495249>
3. <https://www.facebook.com/amckosova/videos/478982726965331>



## COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS - K10

Through this coalition, along with many other organizations, we advocate the promotion and protection of reproductive health rights. This coalition, supported by UNFPA, monitors legal systems, implementing and respecting reproductive health rights and mobilizes civil society to respond to the progress of these rights.

AMC, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, respectively the Division for Primary Care with the support of the United Nations Population Fund - UNFPA builds the professional capacity of health staff through various trainings. The training programs are accredited by the Kosovo Doctors Chamber and the Kosovo Nurses Chamber. Some of the trainings conducted within the program are: Gender Violence; Comprehensive Syndromic Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections; Family planning; Adolescent Health Orientation Program; Professional Ethics and Patients' Rights.

K10 Collaboration during 2021 has conducted a series of online training that has been accredited from The

Chamber of Doctors and the Chamber of Nurses. These online training were conducted via a zoom platform supported by UNFPA.

The topics of the training that have been conducted are Family Planning where the total beneficiaries of this training are 21 doctors and nurses.

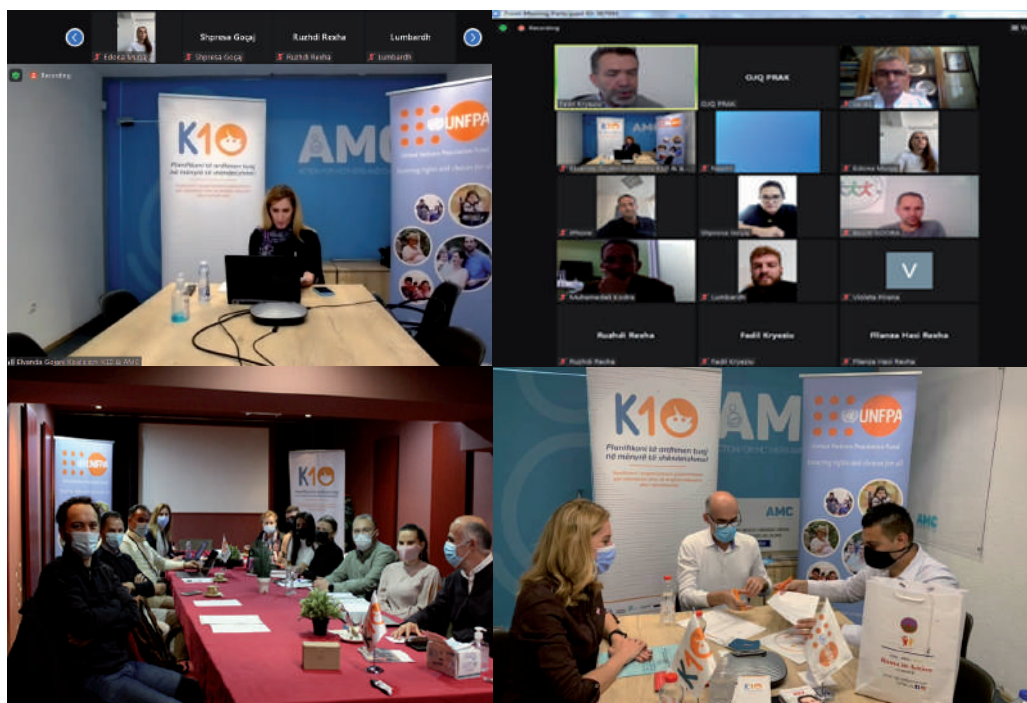
Professional ethics and patients' rights are realized in two groups around this training and a total of 44 doctors and nurses are the beneficiaries.

Training on "Gender Based Violence" where two groups were held and benefited a total of 45 doctors and nurses.

Training on "Sexually Transmitted Infections" a total of 19 doctors and nurses were trained.

Training on "Adolescent Health Orientation Program" a total of 25 doctors and nurses have been trained.

A total of 154 doctors and nurses benefited from the training conducted by K10 which were implemented by AMC in support of UNFPA.



In 2021, the Roma in Action organization joined the K10 Coalition. K10 was created in response to the difficult situation in the health sector in Kosovo, especially sexual and reproductive health. This coalition is composed of eleven non-governmental organizations for health and sexual and reproductive rights, supported by UNFPA Kosovo.



## GROUP CARE IN THE FIRST 1000 DAYS

On 23-25 November 2021 we conducted the training of facilitators about antenatal care in groups during the first 1000 days. This training aims to train and develop the necessary skills for facilitators - health staff. Participants and beneficiaries of this training are MFMCs from the municipalities of Lipjan and Prizren.



Group Care during the first 1000 days is an international project funded by the European Union through the HORIZON 2020 program, and implemented by a consortium of partners from the Netherlands, Belgium, United States, England, South Africa, Suriname - South America, Ghana, and Kosovo.



The main goal of this project is the implementation of group antenatal care in seven different countries of the world with high, middle and low incomes. The data collected and analyzed during the implementation of this project will be used to develop a guide which will serve all countries to implement group care, a concept that is also promoted by the WHO. This guide will be developed based on the findings of the seven participating countries, in which the recommendations and protocols will be specific, depending on the factors of the economic, social and health system.

## 8. Fundraising

### SUPPLIES OF MEDICATIONS AND EQUIPMENT TO SAVE LIVES OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

In November 2021, we delivered to the Neonatology Clinic at the University Clinical Center of Kosovo, the donation of Surfactant medicine, made possible through successful cooperation –between Mothers for Children Action and the international organization AmeriCares. The donation amount with “Survanta” is a total of 220 bottles or in monetary value \$84,260.00. This quantity simultaneously covers the annual supply needed with this life-saving medicine.



In March 2021, AMC signed a grant in the amount of 54,370.00 Euros from the Embassy of Japan. Through this grant, we were able to buy two baby transport incubators for two municipalities in Kosovo which will serve for the safe transport of babies born prematurely or who due to other health problems will need treatment at the UCKK.



In September, we donated an optical microscope, this time to the Pathology Laboratory at Gjilan Hospital. This donation came as a need to support the expanding Cervical Screening Cancer Program in other municipalities, so this time we supported the hospital in Gjilan in order to start the program efficiently. This microscope will be used to read Pap test samples for women living in this municipality. This donation was made possible within the project supported by the Government of Japan through the GGP grant.

A microscope for cervical cancer screening was donated to the Regional Hospital of Peja. Marking the European Cervical Cancer Week, Action for Mothers and Children supported by UNFPA Kosovo, the Olympus CX43 Binocular N5731700 microscope was delivered to the Pathology Laboratory at the Regional Hospital of Peja. This donation was made after launching the cervical cancer screening program in Peja, through which women living in this municipality will have the opportunity to have free Pap tests.

Fundraising at AMC has significantly changed its approach since the emergence of the Coronavirus. Despite the fact that most traditional fundraising events of AMC were canceled since 2020, in 2021 we managed to organize the Cycle Kosovo for Children in June and the second edition campaign of #dashniekujdes (love and care) in December.

## CYCLE KOSOVO FOR CHILDREN

Cycle Kosovo for Children is a fundraising event that gathers around 50 cyclists who participate in the annual tour by cycling around Kosovo for 3 to 4 days in a row, passing through major cities in the country. The tour continued each year with the same goal, namely raising funds to buy medical equipment for the healthcare institutions in Kosovo.

This year the tour took place on 3-6 June 2021 and raised more than €10,000 for the pediatric ward of the Hospital of Prizren.



## LOVEANDCARE

The #loveandcare campaign raised funds through which the necessary equipment and medicines were purchased to improve the health of mothers and children in Kosovo. The second edition of this charity campaign, which lasted two weeks, ended with a television event in Klan Kosova on 6 December 2021, attended by celebrities. The mission and achievements of AMC were discussed at event, as well as the impact of our health programs on health institutions and our society.

This campaign was carried out thanks to the support of the private sector who believe in our work and commitment to this charitable cause. A total of €18,889.50 were raised through sponsorships from private companies and online donations.





## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE TESHAVESHA

The charity shop Teshavesha aims to raise funds to support health programs within AMC. Clothes that citizens no longer use are donated to our stores free of charge and they are sold at symbolic prices. Furthermore, Teshavesha employs marginalized women as well as acts entirely on the goodwill of community members. Teshavesha has two stores located in Prishtina which have been functioning well for several years now and continuing this trend we intend to open other stores in other cities as well in the near future.

## 9. Our Partners

AMC has a long history of working in collaboration with the Government of Kosovo, ministries, municipalities, healthcare institutions, etc. Our joint efforts have significantly contributed to lower infant mortality rate and improve the health of mothers and children. Below are the names of some of the institutions that we have been closely working with.



The Government of Kosovo  
Office of Good Governance



Ministry of Health



Ministry of Education, Science  
Technology and Innovation



Ministry of Labour and  
Social Welfare



Assembly of the Republic of  
Kosovo, Committee on Health  
and Social Welfare



University Clinical  
Center of Kosovo

Municipality of [Deçan](#)  
Municipality of [Gjakovë](#)  
Municipality of [Glllogoc](#)  
Municipality of [Gjilan](#)  
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Municipality of [Kamenicë](#)  
Municipality of [Lipjan](#)  
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Municipality of [Hani i Elezit](#)  
Municipality of [Mamushë](#)

UNICEF



Save the Children



EU Horizon2020



United Nations Fund for Population Activities



World Health Organization



Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center



The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice



AmeriCares



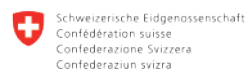
March of Dimes



Direct Relief International



Swiss Embassy



Australian Embassy



Bulgarian Embassy



Raiffeisen Bank Kosovo



Canada Fund for Local Initiatives

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Fonds canadien d'initiatives locales



Group Care Global, USA



TNO, Netherlands



City, University of London, United Kingdom



LUMC, Netherlands



VUB, Belgium



University of Cape Town, South Africa



PERISUR, Suriname



PHS, Ghana



SIMAVI, Netherlands



Cycle Kosovo for Children - CKC





## 10. Our Donors

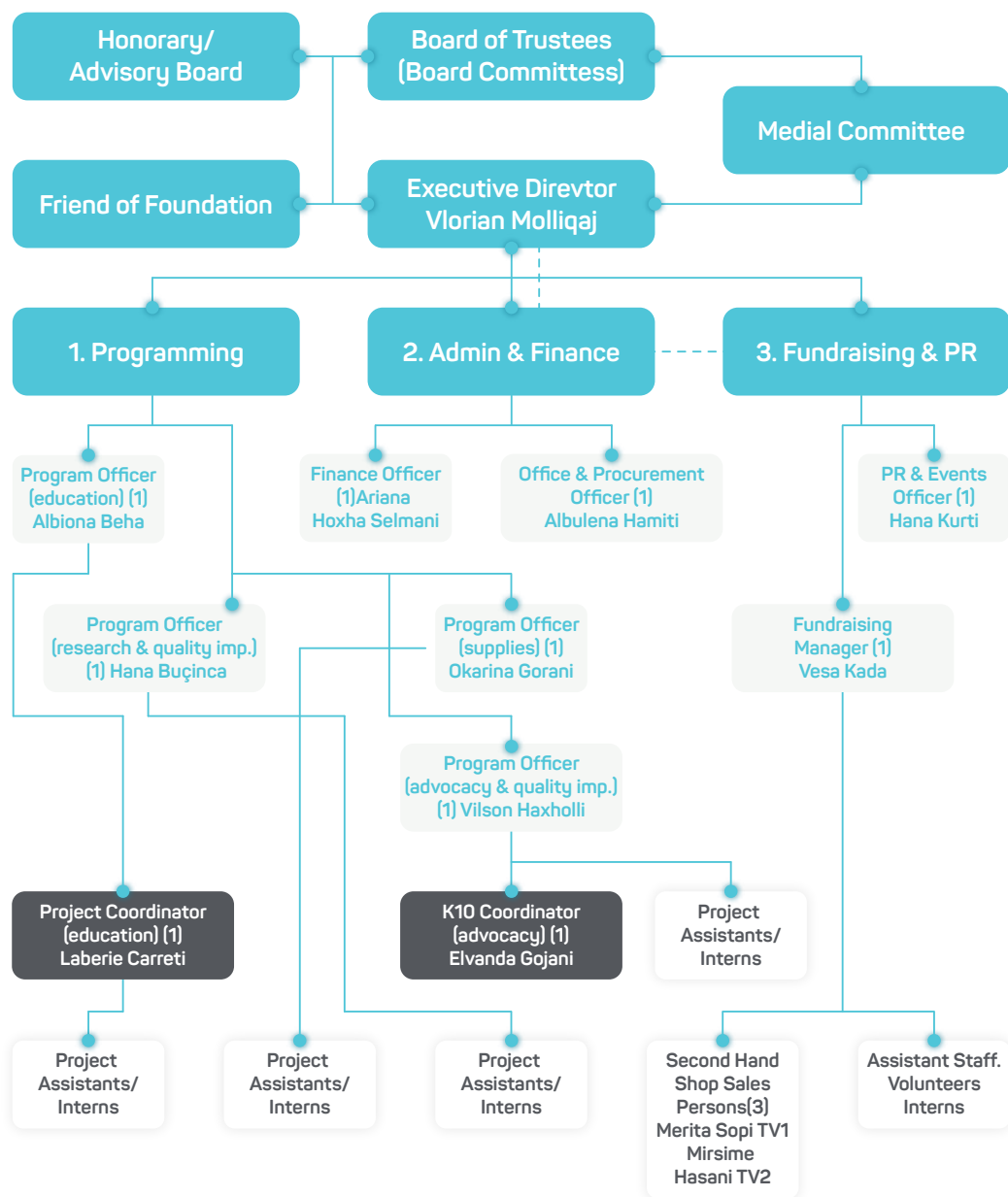


Lukaj Foundation Inc.



FLEXIBLE PLASTICS  
Innovation is our motivation

# 11. AMC Organogram



## 12. Meet the Board



**Mrika Aliu**

Chair



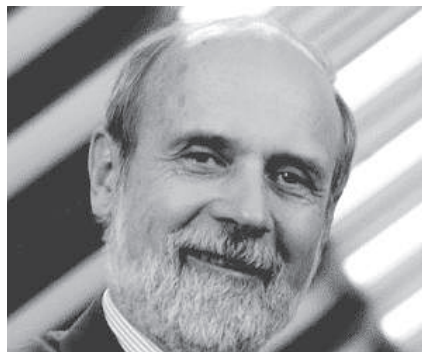
**Valon Xharra**

Vice  
Chair



**Ilir Hoxha**

Board  
Member



**George Little**

Board  
Member



**Elizabet Peraj**

Board  
Member



**Drin Kukaj**

Board  
Member

## Advisory Board



**Afërdita Ademi Osmani**

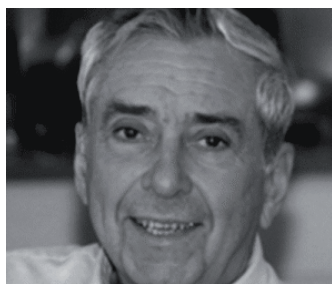


**Merita Stavileci Mustafa**



**Zarrin Munusamy**

## Honorary Board



**James Strickler**

Honorary Chairman



**Elia Zaharia**

Honorary Trustee



**Richard Lukaj**

Honorary Trustee



**Philip Sigwart**

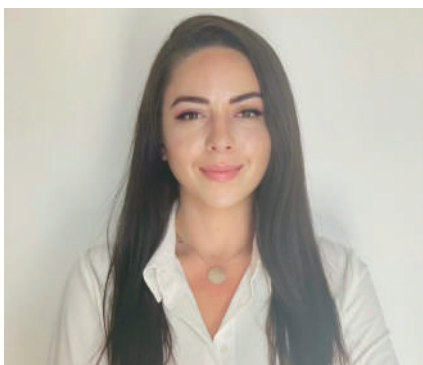
Honorary Trustee

## 13. Meet the Team



**Vlorian Molliqaj**

Executive Director



**Vesa Kada**

Fundraising & Events Manager



**Albiona Beha Beselica**

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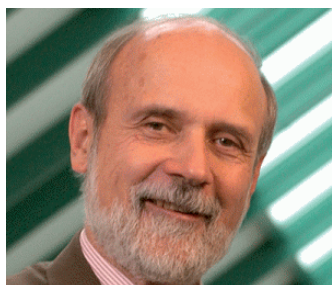
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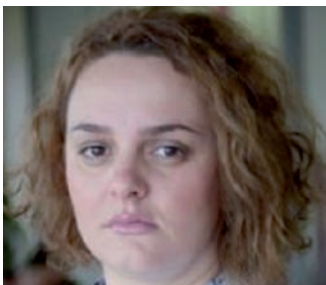
## 14. Meet the Medical Committee

The Medical Committee is an appointed advisory body of health professionals to advise the Board of and team of AMC on clinical, technical, policy, program and health system issues. The Medical Committee advises the Board and team of AMC about preventive and curative maternal and child health care and programs.



**Dr. George Little**

Chair of Medical Committee



**Dr. Jehona Binishi Syla**

Member



**Dr. Drita Lumi Demiri**

Member



**Dr. Pranvera Zejnullahu Raçi**

Member



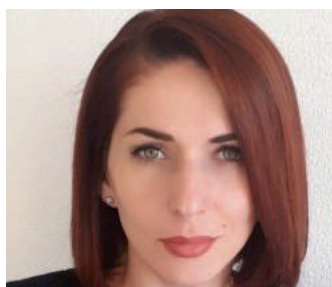
**Dr. Qamile Zeqiraj**

Member



**Dr. Merita Vuthaj**

Member



**Dr. Elida Islamaj**

Member



**Dr. Mynavere Latifi Hoxha**

Member

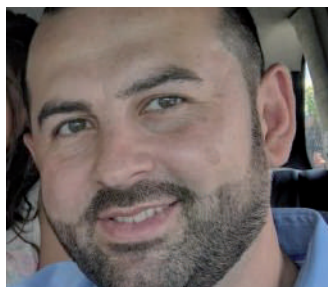
## 15. Meet the Friends of Foundation



Agnesa Vuthaj



Agon Gashi



Bekim Ahmetaj



Bledar Asllani



Fadil Berisha



Ilirjana Bajraktari



Jehona Gjurgjeala



Lindita Baleta

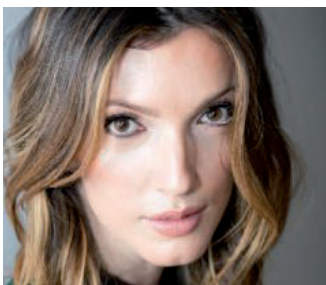


Dr Omer Dzemali





Merita Gashi



Sara Shala



Teuta Sahatqija



Zana Aqifi



Vlora Çitaku

## 16. How to Support AMC?

Together we can save lives and improve the health of infants, mothers and children in the Republic of Kosovo. Maternal and child mortality is closely linked to poverty, lack of education and the necessary tools. By developing and implementing programs that improve health care for mothers and children, the mortality rate can be significantly reduced.

To achieve our goal, we also need your help. You can help us by [volunteering](#), [giving donations](#) or organizing [fundraising](#) events for our foundation.



### Volunteer

Get involved now by becoming a volunteer! Lend a hand to help those in need!

Our organization is dedicated to offering volunteer work opportunities to young students, researchers, scholars and others! If interested please fill out the form on our website or contact us.



### Fundraise

Do something great and help us be there for mothers and children in Kosovo.

As an independent NGO, support from fundraisers like you really go a long way in helping us provide vital support to the most vulnerable people in Kosovo.

There are lots of ways to get involved –from running, cycling, to organizing a tournament. Whatever the idea, every single donation, no matter how large or small, makes a difference.



### Donate

Your donations are gratefully appreciated and will be used to continue improving the health of mothers and children in Kosovo.

All donations to us will be acknowledged in writing, and external auditors will annually review AMC's budget.

### Donate in Kosovo

Bank Name: Raiffeisen Bank Kosovo  
 Account name: AKSIONI PER NENA DHE FEMIJE  
 SWIFT Code: RBKOKKPR  
 Account number:  
 1501090002825780  
 Currency: EUR  
 IBAN: XK05  
 IBAN for foreign transfers: IBAN =  
 XK051501090002825780

## Donate in the USA

Action for Mothers and Children  
Hitchcock Foundation  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
1 Medical Center Drive  
Lebanon, NH 03756  
Gifts may also be made by direct  
deposit or cheque.

\* Online donations in the U.S.A. are  
accepted via PayPal at the Hitchcock  
Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) organization.  
Under name of fund, program or doctor\*  
please specify Action for Mothers and  
Children/Kosovo Fund under section  
name of fund, program or doctor\*

The check or money order should be  
addressed to the Hitchcock Founda-  
tion/ Kosovo Fund /Action for Mothers  
and Children. The Hitchcock Foundation  
is recognized by the U.S. Internal Reve-  
nue Service as a section 501(c)(3)  
non-profit organization. United States  
taxpayers may deduct contributions to  
the Foundation from their income taxes  
to the extent permitted by law.

## 17. AMC Impact in Numbers



**5000  
BABIES**

The lives of about 5,000 babies in Kosovo have been saved as a result of using 'Survanta' and SiPAP



**4000  
INFANTS**

Incubators are used by more than 4,000 infants



**€3  
MILLION**

Medical Equipment and medications worth more than €3 million have been donated



**2000  
BABIES**

About 2,000 babies use the Oxygen System every year



**11.000  
WOMEN**

More than 11,000 women have benefited from our Cervical Cancer Screening Program



**7000  
PARENTS**

More than 7,000 parents have benefited from Mother's Classes in 14 Women's Health Resource Centers



**1500  
CHILDREN  
300  
EDUCATORS**

More than 1,500 children and more than 300 educators and parents have benefited from Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting programme



**25.000  
APPAREL**

Teshavesha every year recycles about 25,000 kg of apparel

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