

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2024



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## A letter from our Chair of the Board of AMC



**Dear friends, supporters,  
donors, and partners of AMC,**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am honored to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for being an integral part of our journey throughout 2024. Your unwavering support and dedication have been instrumental in helping us achieve remarkable milestones in our mission to support mothers and children of Kosovo.

This past year has been a testament to the power of collaboration and commitment. Together, we have made significant strides in enhancing the health and well-being of countless families. Our organization has been able to provide comprehensive care, education, and resources to mothers and children, ensuring they receive the support they need during these critical stages of life.

Your support has helped us maintain and expand programs like the Women's Health Resource Centers, which have become a vital source of peer support, information, and care during and after pregnancy for many women in Kosovo. Programs such as Cervical Cancer Screening have allowed numerous women to access essential life-saving services for early diagnosis and prevention of cervical cancer. The Home Visiting Programme has enabled many families with limited access to health services to receive the care they need in their homes, with countless nurses going beyond mountains to provide care for our beloved mothers and children. Your donations and support have also helped us provide life-saving medication for newborns, ensuring they have a healthy start in life.

None of this would be possible without the generosity and support of our donors, the dedication of our team, and the trust of the families we serve. Your contributions have made a profound impact on the lives of many, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support. Together, we have created a community where mothers and children can thrive. As we embark on another year, we invite you to join us in our mission to make a lasting difference.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. We have exciting plans for the year ahead as you will see below.

With sincere gratitude,

Mrika Aliu  
Chair of the Board

## A letter from our Executive Director



Dear friends, partners, and unwavering supporters,

As I reflect on 2024 and begin to write this letter, a vivid mosaic of moments, milestones, and missions accomplished comes into focus. Each of them carries the heartbeat of our organization and the soul of our collective purpose: the health and well-being of mothers and children in Kosovo.

This past year has been one of renewal and transformation. With a fresh perspective in my first year as Executive Director, we began by restructuring AMC internally, strengthening the very pillars that uphold our mission. This was not just an administrative shift, it was a recommitment to how we work, why we work, and whom we serve. We've taken time to honor our past obligations while boldly embracing new ones, driven by responsibility and hope.

With your support, AMC continued to be a lifeline to those often unseen. Across Kosovo, our Women's Health Resource Centers – nestled within Family Medicine Centers – opened their doors to thousands of parents, expectant mothers, and young girls. These spaces provided more than just health care, they offered dignity, knowledge, and the confidence to take charge of one's health.

From the homes gently entered by the Home Visiting team to each cervical cancer screening and parenting session, we witnessed how compassion creates quiet waves that reach far beyond the moment. We extended our reach further by providing essential prenatal vitamins for pregnant women, equipping clinics with lifesaving neonatal tools, and supplying surfactant medication to help premature babies breathe and survive. One of our proudest moments was launching the neonatal referral (transportation) system, made possible by training neonatologists and nurses in how to use the specialized ambulance, because even the smallest lives deserve the fastest help. During 2024, we also boldly reconnected with our diaspora. Together, in Zurich, London, and New York, we stood up for premature children, for mothers struggling in silence, and children with diabetes, marking a new path forward for AMC.

Let us not forget the difficult truths: Kosovo still records the highest newborn mortality rate in the Balkans. We still lack official data on maternal deaths. Breastfeeding rates, unfortunately, are declining. And resources for maternal mental health remain scarce. These are not just numbers – they are lives. And we must continue to act with urgency and love.

Through this letter, I want to share not only what we've done during 2024, but also why we keep going. Because we believe that every woman and child in Kosovo deserves access to quality

health care, support, and opportunity, regardless of where they're born or their socioeconomic status. Public health is not a luxury, it is a right. To our board members, donors, volunteers, team members, and friends, thank you! You are each a vital link in this humanitarian chain. Your belief in our mission, your generosity, and your presence throughout our journey are what keep us moving forward. As we look ahead, we do so with a stronger foundation, a clearer vision, and bolder dreams. May we continue to reach higher together because every baby counts and every mother matters.

Yours in health and hope,

Rina Demiri Spahija  
Executive Director

## Our Impact in 2024

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, AMC made a life-changing impact:



Ten children with Type 1 diabetes received lifesaving insulin pumps valued at over

**33,000 EUR**

eliminating the need for daily injections and significantly enhancing their quality of life.



A donation of diabetes and high cholesterol medications worth

**160,000 EUR**

was made to the Endocrinology Unit at UCK.



More than

**5,000**

women received free cervical cancer screenings (PAP tests), preventing life-threatening conditions through early detection.



In 2024, nine Women's Health Resource Centers were equipped with pocket fetal dopplers, enhancing access to essential tools for monitoring fetal heart rates and supporting maternal health.



Nearly

**6,000**

women and girls accessed health services and received crucial prenatal and postnatal care education through the Education and Promotion Rooms.



More than

**4,300**

parents were informed about HPV vaccinations, ensuring a healthier future for Kosovo's youth.



Six family medicine centers were equipped with essential medical supplies for PAP tests, enabling doctors to provide lifesaving preventative care.



# A Vital Step for Neonatal Care in Kosovo: The Launch of the Neonatal Transport Service



## The Launch of the Neonatal Transport Service

Since 2016, AMC has led efforts to establish a Neonatal Referral System (NRS) in Kosovo to help reduce the country's high neonatal mortality rate. Previously, critically ill newborns were transported by private vehicles, posing serious risks.

In **March 2024**, the Ministry of Health procured the neonatal ambulance, enabling the final phase of the project. With support from the **Fulbright Specialist Program**, AMC brought experts **Dr. George Little** and **Victoria Flanagan** to further train medical staff and assess hospital readiness.

On **December 11**, the **Neonatal Transport Service** was officially launched at the **University Clinical Center of Kosovo (UCCK)**, ensuring the safe transfer of critically ill newborns from regional hospitals. This marked a transformative step in Kosovo's health care system, providing lifesaving care for its most vulnerable infants.





## Women's Health Resource Centers / Mother Classes

In 2024, our long-standing commitment to maternal and child health continued through the **Women's Health Resource Centers or "Mother Classes"**, established in 2015 within the Education and Promotion Rooms of Family Medicine Centers across Kosovo. These centers provided thousands of pregnant women, new mothers, and couples with integrated education on family planning, healthy pregnancy, breastfeeding, and postnatal care—contributing to better health outcomes for families nationwide.

**WHRCs or Mother Classes** played a crucial role in providing direct support to

**5,597**

women and their partners throughout the year.

Since 2015, these centers have contributed to the ongoing assistance of more than

**20,000**

pregnant women and new parents, strengthening access to essential maternal health services and

Additionally, the **WHRC's or Mother Classes** provided targeted support to

**577** women and girls

**419** fathers

ensuring a holistic approach to family involvement in maternal care. A key focus of this initiative has been inclusiveness, with dedicated outreach to women and girls from the **Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian, and Goran communities**, addressing health disparities and promoting equitable access to information and services.

Through Mother Classes program, the health staff of Family Medicine Centers, work to ensure proper prenatal care through education, support and the distribution of essential vitamins to pregnant women.

In 2024, a total of

**3,060**

bottles of prenatal vitamins were provided to expectant mothers, reinforcing the commitment to maternal health and well-being.

Through these programs, we continue to empower women, engage families, and foster healthier generations, reinforcing our commitment to maternal and child health in underserved communities.

# Home Visiting Programme

The **Home Visiting Programme**, implemented by **primary health care providers** with the support of **UNICEF and AMC**, has played a pivotal role in improving maternal and child health. Since its inception, the program has reached more than **194,000 pregnant women and children 0–3 years** old, offering essential health care services, education, and support directly within communities.

With a team of more than **300 dedicated nurses**, the Home Visiting Program has **engaged with 40,000 families** in underserved areas, offering expert guidance on **breastfeeding practices, immunization schedules, early childhood development, and essential health services**. This community-based approach has proven instrumental in bridging health care gaps and strengthening **primary health care services** for mothers, newborns, and young children.

By prioritizing **accessible and quality health care**, the **Home Visiting Programme** continues to make a lasting impact, ensuring that every child gets the best possible start in life and every mother receives the support she needs for a healthy pregnancy and beyond.

In **2024 alone**, the program demonstrated its unwavering commitment by conducting **close to 40,000 home visits** for pregnant women and children 0–3 years old.

This included:

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<b>34,744</b>	<b>home visits</b> for children aged 0–3 years, ensuring regular health monitoring, immunization follow-ups, and parental guidance.
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<b>4,810</b>	<b>home visits</b> for pregnant women, providing prenatal care, nutrition counseling, and essential health education.
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The **Home Visiting Programme** significantly improved early health outcomes by reaching **76% of newborns** and vaccinating more than **2,000 children from vulnerable communities**.

## Medical Trainings and Workshops in 2024

Throughout 2024, significant efforts were made to enhance the capacity of health care professionals through various trainings and workshops aimed at improving child development monitoring, parenting support, antenatal care, and clinical practice.

### Guide for Monitoring Child Development (GMCD)

With the support of **UNICEF**, a total of **24 training sessions** were conducted under the **GMCD component**, providing essential skills to **288 nurses and 79 doctors** for improved monitoring and child development support.



## Breastfeeding Week Campaign

To celebrate **World Breastfeeding Week (August 1–7)**, AMC, in collaboration with key partners, launched a **campaign to promote maternal and child health** and advocate for breastfeeding.

The campaign was launched with the branding of a public bus, prominently featuring the message **“Support Breastfeeding”** alongside essential information about the Home Visiting Programme, an initiative led by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with UNICEF and AMC.

Throughout the week, AMC hosted **informative online sessions**, shared **expert tips and educational content**, and facilitated **in-person group care sessions for pregnant women in Family Medicine Centers**, led by health professionals. These efforts aimed to raise awareness, educate communities, and emphasize the vital role of breastfeeding in ensuring the health and well-being of mothers and babies.

This campaign was a **collaborative initiative** with **UNICEF Kosovo**, the **Ministry of Health**, **National Institute of Public Health (IKSHPK)**, **Directorate of Health**, and the **Municipality of Pristina**, with support from **Trafiku Urban**. Together, we reinforced advocacy for breastfeeding, equipping families with the knowledge and support they need for a **healthier future**.

## Group Care for Parenting

This program is designed to promote healthy early childhood development, positive parenting, family education and support. Through these **group sessions**, parents can access essential information and share their own experiences and challenges in a **supportive group environment**.

This is a new program in the primary health sector and implemented by primary health professionals, with the support of the **Ministry of Health and UNICEF**, and **technical support from AMC**.

Thirteen people – including primary-level health workers and UNICEF, Health Ministry and AMC staff were trained as trainers for the program. Additionally, **38 nurses and midwives** participated in specialized training sessions.

As a result of these efforts, three parent groups were established — two in Vushtrri and one in Lipjan – engaging a total of **17 parents** (11 in Vushtrri and six in Lipjan) and their children.



The Group Care for Parenting program builds capacity among primary care providers training **13 trainers (ToT)** alongside **38 nurses and midwives**—to deliver peer-support sessions for families. It has already launched three parent groups (two in Vushtrri with 11 parents, one in Lipjan with 6 parents), each attended by parents and their children. Through these group sessions, families receive practical guidance on healthy early childhood development, positive parenting and family education in a supportive group setting. As a new primary-health model, it's implemented by PHC professionals with backing from the **Ministry of Health, UNICEF and technical support from AMC.**





## Clinical Guidelines Training

With the support of UNICEF, AMC worked to enhanced adherence to best practices in clinical care. **Twenty four training groups** were formed, successfully training **489 health professionals** (152 doctors and 337 nurses), ensuring the widespread adoption of clinical guidelines in health care facilities.



## Immunization Awareness and Advocacy in Kosovo

In 2024, with financial support from UNICEF and technical support from AMC, Kosovo implemented a nationwide **Immunization Awareness and Advocacy campaign** to promote vaccination acceptance, including of the HPV vaccine. There were 350 information sessions held in schools across seven regions (Prishtinë, Pejë, Mitrovicë, Prizren, Ferizaj, Gjilan, and Gjakovë), engaging **4,311 parents—3,371 mothers and 940 fathers** in discussions on vaccine safety and benefits.

The program contributed to an **84% HPV vaccination rate among adolescent girls and boys**, reinforcing national immunization efforts, supporting the introduction of new vaccines, and strengthening community knowledge to protect children and adolescents from vaccine-preventable diseases, including cervical cancer.

## Yoga for Inclusion in Schools



Children today face unprecedented levels of stress and mental health challenges. According to the **Save the Children's Young Voices survey in Kosovo**, **63.4% of children experience prolonged sadness and nearly 80% report stress related to grades**. With the introduction of an all-day curriculum in Prishtina, schools provide a structured environment where additional well-being programs, such as yoga, can be beneficial. While school-based yoga is relatively new, early research suggests promising outcomes.

### Program Overview

The Yoga for Inclusion program was implemented in **six schools** in Prishtina—Xhemajl Mustafa, Faik Konica, Shkolla e Gjelber (Green School), Model School, Nazim Gafurri, and Don Bosko—targeting students in grades one to five.

### Key components of the program included:

**Informative sessions for teachers, students, and parents**, focusing on the importance of physical activity and mental well-being.

**Yoga practice sessions**, with dedicated time for movement, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques.

**Production of three instructional videos:**

- Child-friendly yoga flow
- Yoga poses for children
- Breathing techniques to manage stress and anxiety

**Outcomes & Impact**

The program aimed to raise awareness and encourage long-term implementation of **yoga as a stress-management tool** for students, parents, and teachers.

Key benefits observed included:



**Physical Well-being**

Improved strength, balance, and flexibility through guided yoga sessions.



**Emotional Regulation**

Teaching self-awareness and mindfulness to help manage stress.



**Reduced Anxiety**

Breathing techniques that calm the nervous system and improve emotional resilience.

**Lessons Learned**

One key takeaway was the **importance of integrating activities into school hours** to maximize participation from teachers and parents. Conducting sessions during school hours ensured greater engagement, as many parents and teachers had other commitments after school.

This initiative serves as a stepping stone towards **incorporating yoga into school curriculums**, fostering a healthier, more mindful generation of students in Kosovo.





## Diabetes Awareness & Fundraising Campaign: From Awareness to Impact

According to the **2022 Morbidity Report** by the National Institute of Public Health (NIPH), **2,455 cases of type 1 diabetes** were registered in Kosovo. Each year, approximately 40 newborns are diagnosed with the condition.

The Pediatric Clinic of the University Clinical Center of Kosovo provides care for 500 children with type 1 diabetes and faces ongoing challenges in meeting their medical needs.

Recognizing the critical need for improved diabetes care, AMC expanded its mission to include support for children battling this disease and worked to secure essential medical equipment, including insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) sensors.

### The Launch of the “Diabetes Doesn't Stop Dreams” Campaign





AMC, in partnership with the **Rugove Corporation**, launched the *"Diabetes Doesn't Stop Dreams"* campaign, distributing one million water bottles labeled with this powerful slogan to highlight that diabetes should not limit a child's potential. With one cent from each bottle dedicated to supporting children with diabetes, the campaign **successfully raised 10,000 EUR**.

The campaign also featured a **video** starring **Jara Hasolli**, a **12-year-old gymnast living with Type 1 diabetes**. It showcased her **resilience and her determination** to one day compete in the **Olympic Games**, reinforcing the message that **diabetes doesn't stop dreams**.

[Watch the video](#)

The campaign received **extensive media coverage**, with the video distributed across **social media platforms, national television, and radio stations**. AMC also engaged in multiple interviews, further amplifying awareness and advocacy for improved diabetes care in Kosovo.

As an integral part of the campaign, we utilized our social media platforms and digital channels to disseminate relevant and engaging information on diabetes awareness and management. Additionally, in **collaboration with a nutritionist**, we conducted **three educational sessions** in **summer schools** and **one session with pregnant women and parents at The Ideas Partnership facility in Fushë Kosovë**. These sessions provided children and women with essential knowledge about diabetes prevention, healthy nutrition, and effective disease management.

## Expanding the Impact: Fundraising with Skydiving for Mothers and Children and Let's Dance

Building on the success of the awareness campaign, AMC expanded fundraising efforts with the 8th edition of "*Let's Dance*" and through Burbuqe Morina's initiative "*Skydiving for Mothers and Children*". These events raised more than **33,000 EUR**, crucial funds for the purchase of insulin pumps and related supplies to support **10 children with type 1 diabetes** for a full year.

AMC supporter Burbuqe Paçarada engaged in a daring act, **skydiving** from an altitude of **10,000 meters**, to support AMC's mission of improving the health of children in Kosovo. She raised about **3,000 EUR** and made a powerful statement about the need to support families in need.



The 8th edition of "*Let's Dance*", held on September 18, was more than just a night of celebration, it was a heartfelt demonstration of compassion, solidarity, and unwavering support for the most vulnerable children in Kosovo. With an incredible **27,000 EUR raised**, this event brought hope and life-changing support to children living with diabetes.



These funds helped provide critical medical equipment, including **insulin pumps** and one year's worth of **related medical supplies** for **10 children** offering them a better quality of life, greater independence, and a brighter future.





## Improving Diabetes Care for Children through Education and Play

AMC, in collaboration with **Hyperactive**, renovated the **playroom** at the Pediatric Clinic of UCCK. This welcoming space offers children a comfortable and engaging environment to play and relax, during their time at the clinic.



### A Step Towards a Brighter Future

This campaign has paved the way for **better diabetes care and support for children** in Kosovo. By combining **awareness, advocacy, and concrete action**, AMC and its partners have set a strong foundation for change, empowering children with diabetes to lead **healthier and more fulfilling lives** because **diabetes doesn't stop dreams**.

## Fundraising Events: Uniting Communities for a Healthier Future

Action for Mothers and Children (AMC) regularly organizes **key fundraising events** in **Kosovo, Switzerland, and the United States** to support improved healthcare for mothers and children in Kosovo. These events not only raise essential funds but also connect the Albanian diaspora and local communities with our mission.

These events have evolved into defining milestones for AMC, gathering a community committed to advancing maternal and child health.

***Save a Life (Zurich, May):*** Hosted in Switzerland, this philanthropic gala event brings together the Albanian diaspora, health professionals, and supporters to raise funds for life-saving medical equipment and programs that directly impact maternal and child health in Kosovo.

***Cycle Kosovo for Children (Kosovo, June):*** In partnership with CKC, this cycling charity tour gathers cyclists from around the world to ride 500 km across Kosovo, raising awareness and funds for pediatric healthcare needs. It has become a powerful symbol of endurance, community, and solidarity.

***Let's Dance (Prishtina, September):*** One of the most anticipated fundraising events in Kosovo, Let's Dance brings together friends, partners, and donors for an evening of music, celebration, and purpose—raising critical funds to support AMC's ongoing programs and services.

***Meet Us Halfway (New York, October):*** Held in the heart of the Albanian-American community, this philanthropic gala event connects AMC with its U.S.-based supporters. It serves as a key fundraising opportunity while strengthening ties between the diaspora and efforts to improve healthcare back home.

These signature events are more than fundraisers, they are moments of unity and impact, demonstrating how collective effort can create real change. The generosity shown by participants, donors, and sponsors has allowed AMC to sustain its programs, expand its reach, and continue improving health outcomes for thousands of families across Kosovo.

## Fundraising Events: Save a Life



The 6th edition of the **Save a Life** philanthropic event took place on **May 24 in Zurich, Switzerland**, raising **over 37,000 EUR** to support our maternal and child health programs. The event gathered leaders from business, health, politics and the arts, showcasing the Kosovar diaspora's commitment to this cause. The evening featured inspiring speeches, networking, dinner, and live music, fostering a strong spirit of community and philanthropy.



Raising over  
**37,000 EUR**

to support our maternal  
and child health programs

## Cycle Kosovo for Children



From June 6 to 9, approximately 50 cyclists covered 500 kilometers and climbed 7,000 meters across Kosovo, raising around **20,000 EUR**, for essential pediatric equipment at the Main Family Medicine Center (MFMC) in Istog.

At the closing ceremony, medals were awarded to all participants, with special recognition given to CKC founders Mark Dixon and Stephen Walsh in celebration of the event's 10th edition.

The funds enabled the donation of essential medical equipment—including a pediatric monitor, infrared vein finder, ECG machine, CRP analyzer, and pulse oximeter improving care for children in Istog and nearby areas.

For over a decade, Cycle Kosovo for Children (CKC) has supported healthcare institutions across Kosovo, including clinics in Prishtina and regional hospitals in Peja, Gjakova, Mitrovica, Gjilan, Prizren, and Ferizaj making a lasting impact on children's health and wellbeing. AMC and CKC thank all cyclists, donors, sponsors, MFMC staff, and the Municipality of Istog for their support.

**50**  
cyclists

**500**  
kilometers

The event successfully  
raised around  
**20,000**  
euros





## Meet Us Halfway



The **8th edition of the Meet Us Halfway gala**, held on **October 18 in New York**, brought together the **Albanian diaspora and other supporters in the U.S.** to stand behind **AMC** in its mission to strengthen Kosovo's health care system. The event featured impactful speeches from Executive Director **Rina Demiri Spahija**, keynote speaker **Emina Cunmulaj**, and distinguished guests, emphasizing the need for essential medications and ongoing medical training.

Special guests included former **New York Congressman Joseph DioGuardi**, **Dr. Donald Kollisch of Dartmouth Medical School**, **Kosovo's Consul in New York Blerim Reka**, **Fairview, New Jersey Mayor Violeta Berisha** and honorary **AMC Board Member Dr. Agron Abrashi**. The gala was co-organized by **photographer Fadil Berisha** and **AMC Board Member Valon Xharra**, with generous support from key donors. As a successful gathering of the **Albanian diaspora**, it reinforced the power of collective action and philanthropy in improving maternal and child health in Kosovo.



Held in  
**New York**

brought together the Albanian diaspora  
and other supporters in the U.S.

## Social Enterprise Teshavesha



Teshavesha is a charity shop in Prishtina that supports AMC programs by selling donated clothing at symbolic prices. It also advocates for environmental sustainability through textile reuse and recycling.

With two thriving stores, Teshavesha has expanded over the years and experienced a significant increase in donations and sales in 2024. In that year, over **900 donors** contributed clothing to the shop.



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## Our Partners

At AMC, we recognize the vital role that partnerships play in achieving our mission. Our partners bring unique expertise, resources, and perspectives to the table, allowing us to expand our reach and impact. We are proud to collaborate with a diverse range of organizations and institutions that share our vision and are committed to making a positive difference in the health sector in Kosovo. We extend our sincere gratitude to all our partners and look forward to continuing our journey together.



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



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 Glogoc  
Municipality of Gjilan  
Municipality of Dragash  
Municipality of Istog  
Municipality of Kaçanik  
Municipality of Klinë  
Municipality of Fushë Kosovë  
Municipality of Kamenicë  
Municipality of Lipjan  
Municipality of Obiliq  
Municipality of Rahovec  
Municipality of Pejë  
Municipality of Podujevë

Municipality of Prishtinë  
Municipality of Prizren  
Municipality of Skënderaj  
Municipality of Shtime  
Municipality of Shtërpçë  
Municipality of Suharekë  
Municipality of Ferizaj  
Municipality of Viti  
Municipality of Vushtrri  
Municipality of Malishevë  
Municipality of Novobërdë  
Municipality of South Mitrovica  
Municipality of Junik  
Municipality of Hani i Elezit  
Municipality of Mamushë

## Our Donors for 2024

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to our donors for their unwavering support throughout the year. Through their generosity and steadfast commitment to our mission, we have been able to improve health outcomes for mothers and children in Kosovo. We are sincerely thankful to our donors for playing a pivotal role in creating positive change.





## Our Board

Our board members play a critical role in guiding AMC by strategically planning its direction. Composed of a dedicated international group of individuals with diverse backgrounds and expertise, our board provides invaluable leadership, governance, and oversight to our organization. We are grateful for their commitment to our mission and the countless hours of service they dedicate to AMC.



**Mrika Aliu**  
Chair of the Board



**Valon Xharra**  
Board Member



**Ilir Hoxha**  
Board Member

## Advisory Board



**Aferdita Ademi-Osmani**  
Advisory Board Member

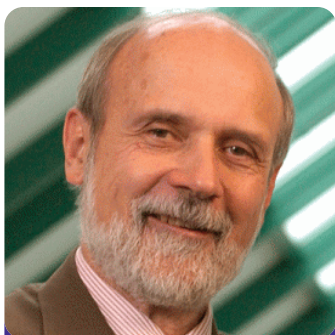


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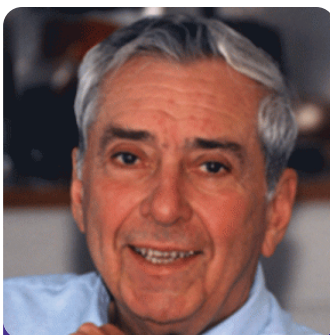


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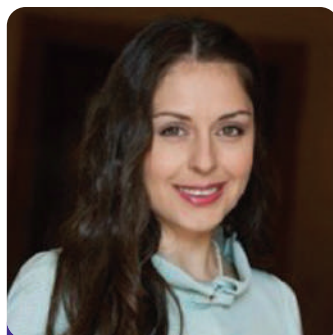
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**Dr. George Little**



**James C. Strickler**



**Elia Zaharia**



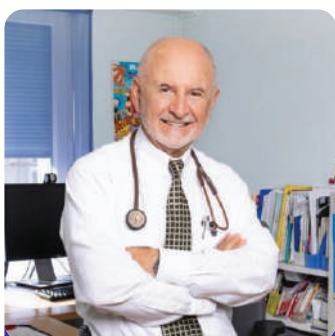
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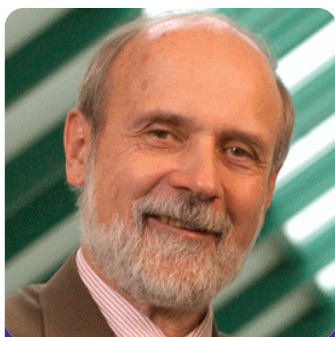
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**Agron Abrashi**

## Our Medical Committee

Our Medical Committee's expertise and guidance are particularly critical in our maternal and child health programs. The committee members' knowledge and experience in obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, neonatology, and midwifery are invaluable in ensuring the safety and well-being of mothers and children. They provide critical oversight and quality control to our programs, making sure that our care is evidence-based, up-to-date, and aligned with best practices. Thanks to their effort, we are able to provide comprehensive and high-quality care programs for mothers and children, improving health outcomes and reducing maternal and child mortality and morbidity rates in Kosovo.



**Dr. George Little**  
Chair



**Dr. Jehona Binishi Syla**  
Member



**Dr. Drita Lumi Demiri**  
Member



**Dr. Pranvera Zejnullahu Raçi**  
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Member



**Dr. Merita Vuthaj**  
Member





**Dr. Elida Islamaj**  
Member



**Mynevere Latifi-Hoxha**  
Member

## Our Team

AMC's success depends on our team members and their commitment to achieve the shared goal. We are fortunate to have a passionate and dedicated group of individuals with rich experience and expertise in the field. AMC will always be grateful and thankful to the team for its service and devotion to upholding our mission, vision and values.



**Rina Demiri Spahija**  
Executive Director



**Ardita Sallahaj**  
Finance Manager



**Sara Mustafa**  
Fundraising Manager



**Labërie Carreti Sylejmani**  
Program Officer



**Elvanda Gojani**  
Program Officer



**Jona Kastrati**  
Program Officer



**Albiona Beha**  
Program Officer



**Hana Kurti**  
PR & Events Officer



**Fitore Mulaku**  
HR & Administration Officer



**Donika Zeka**  
Program Officer



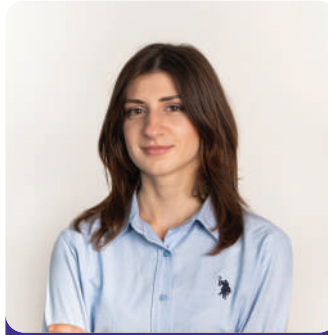
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Program Assistant



**Blerim Përquku**  
Logistics Officer



**Hadise Kadiri**  
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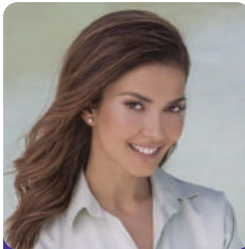
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## Our Friends of Foundation

Our Friends of Foundation is a group of passionate individuals who support our fundraising efforts. Their commitment to our mission enables us to expand our programs, reach more women and children, and make a greater impact. Thanks to their dedication, we are able to continue to grow and scale-up our programs.



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## How to Support AMC

Together, we can make a meaningful difference by saving lives and improving 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 lack of necessary medications and equipment. By developing and implementing programs that improve health care for mothers and children, the mortality rate can be significantly reduced.

### Fundraise for Us

As an independent NGO, we rely on the generosity and creativity of supporters like you to help us reach the most vulnerable communities in Kosovo. Every effort counts – whether you're running a marathon, cycling with friends, hosting a quiz night, or organizing a local sports tournament, your support makes a real impact.

Here are just a few ways you can get involved:



#### Host a community event

Plan a bake sale, quiz night, or talent show



#### Get active

Run, walk, cycle, or hike for a cause



#### Celebrate with purpose

Dedicate your birthday, wedding, or special occasion to raising funds



#### Challenge yourself

Take on a personal challenge or join an existing campaign



#### Team up at work or school

Involve colleagues or classmates in a fun group fundraiser

No matter the size of your event, every donation you raise helps us continue our vital work. Ready to get started? Reach out to us – we're here to support you every step of the way!

# Donate

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

All donations 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  
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## Donate in the U.S.

Action for Mothers and Children  
Hitchcock Foundation  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
1 Medical Center Drive  
Lebanon, NH 03756

You can also contribute by direct deposit or check.

Online donations in the U.S. 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 Foundation/ Kosovo Fund /Action for Mothers and Children. The Hitchcock Foundation is recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue 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.

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