



## SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN KOSOVO

### PROJECT REPORT 5

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Dear TOKA Donors,

It has been a year since you have supported our fundraising campaign "Summer Camps for Youth Empowerment in Kosovo" on GlobalGiving.com. Through this report we want to share with you two other summer camp volunteer projects youth have created and have placed in public schools in Kosovo. We hope that you will enjoy seeing their projects!

YOU HAVE MADE THIS HAPPEN – 23 Kosovar youth from underprivileged backgrounds got to experience a summer camp for the first time in their lives. Beyond that, the youth you have supported have worked on improving public schools in Kosovo.

### CAMPERS' INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR MAKEOVER OF SCHOOLS

Youth of the Leadership Camp among other skills that they learned during the camp, like personal development, communication and networking, and of course, how to become leaders, they also learned about the importance of serving those around you and making a positive change in the community, therefore the society as a whole. Since they had to start somewhere, they chose the schools "Bahri Kuqi" in the village of Shtruerë and "Hajrullah Shala" in Akrashticë village, in Vushtrri.

At the camp, they hand-made from scratch all the garbage bins and shelves they were going to donate beforehand. They proceeded to travel to the schools and deliver them personally, working amazingly as a team amongst their peers and with their counselors.



BEFORE ↑

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## “SKENDERBEU” SCHOOL RECEIVES A PLEASANT SURPRISE FROM CAMPERS

The participants of the “Change-Makers” Camp were gaining new skills every day at the camp to do just what the camp stood for – making a change! After they had tons of fun getting to know each other, enjoying the camp experience and getting to know more about service learning, determined to make a notably positive change, they chose to implement their project at a school in the remote area.

They prepared by doing wood work, painting and planning the execution of the project, that is to travel to “Skenderbeu” School in Hogosht of Kameinca, in order to build shelves for the school’s students.

The project idea came from Teuta Agaj – a teacher from the same school, who together with the principal, gave the 40 campers a very warm welcome upon their arrival.



Through your donations, you have made it possible for 23 youth to know themselves better, develop new skills and friendships, and leave the camps empowered and inspired. Furthermore, the campers have improved seven public school in Kosovo through their volunteer work. Experiences like these are transformational, and the benefits stretch well beyond the camp week by providing youth with practical, leadership and community service skills that they will use throughout their entire lives!

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A POSITIVE INVESTMENT IN KOSOVO’S  
YOUTH!

In our next update, we will share other interesting stories of camper achievements. We are keeping our report updates brief, but should you wish to know more about the camps, please email [rrezehoxha@toka-ks.org](mailto:rrezehoxha@toka-ks.org) and we would gladly provide you with additional information.