

SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN KOSOVO PROJECT REPORT (September 7, 2018)

Dear TOKA Donors,

It has been nearly three months since you have supported our fundraising campaign "Summer Camps for Youth Empowerment in Kosovo" on GlobalGiving.com. As promised, we want to share with you our joint successes during the camps of TOKA this summer (June – August 2018).

YOU HAVE MADE THIS HAPPEN – 23 CAMPERS GOT TO EXPERIENCE A UNIQUE TRANFORMATIVE WEEK, WHICH THEY WILL REMEMBER FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES! ☺







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During the period June to August 2018 we have organized four summer camps, namely "Go-Wild", "Regional", "Super-Volunteers", and "International". Should you wish to know more details about these camps, please click here.

As it can be noted from the names, our camps have been diverse in participant nationalities and addressed themes. However, all camp programs were designed in such a way that every camper took part in activities that developed their **public speaking and planning skills**, as well as their **teamwork and woodworking skills**. In addition, in each of the four camps they implemented a **volunteer service-learning project** to improve a public school in Kosovo (in Bellobrad – Dragash, Stroc – Vushtrri, Teneshdoll – Prishtina and Peja).







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SELCETION PROCESS

All the camps have been advertised through our social media (Facebook and Instagram), and were also promoted on national TV and Radio shows, as well as national News Portals.

EXAMPLE: A Facebook camp promotion link here. A camp web-application link here.

The interested campers applied on our website http://www.toka-ks.org, following which, our camp committee selected the campers who best fulfilled the set criteria, and awarded the camp scholarships accordingly.

NOTE: We are trying to keep this report short and sweet. However, should you wish to know more about the selection process, please email mjellma@toka-ks.org and we would gladly provide you with additional information.







GENERAL STATISTICS

We received about 500 camp applications but had capacity to host only 30% of them. The 150 selected campers (on average 38 youth/per camp) came from more than 17 local municipalities. While 35% came from Kosovar rural and other disadvantaged communities, 15% joined from Albania, Macedonia, France, Israel, Palestine, and United States.







CAMP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

As we have mentioned in our last thank you email, through your support and the support of other 65 bighearted people like you we have gathered the sum of ~\$5,700 (Jun-Aug '18), which allowed us to give 23 youth from underprivileged communities in Kosovo the chance to experience a summer camp for the first time in their lives.

The list of the scholarship winners follows below.

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#	NAME AND SURNAME	AGE	GENDER	VILLAGE/TOWN	MUNICIPALITY
1	Agon Rexhepi	17	М	Prishtina	Prishtina
2	Altin Berisha	17	М	Vasileva	Drenas
3	Arbrita Uka	17	F	Lipjan	Lipjan
4	Ardiana Zubaku	17	F	Kamenica	Kamenica
5	Ashkan Qerimi	17	М	Lipjan	Lipjan
6	Aulonë Gashi	15	F	Ferizaj	Ferizaj
7	Aurora Nura	16	F	Prelloc	Skenderaj
8	Blond Shehu	16	М	Prishtina	Prishtina
9	Denis Krasniqi	14	М	Makoc	Prishtina
10	Drilon Gashi	17	F	Sllovi	Lipjan
11	Kosovar Krasniqi	16	М	Rahovec	Rahovec
12	Elian Gjocaj	16	М	Kovraga	Istog
13	Erinda Elezaj	16	F	Prishtina	Prishtina
14	Erzë Salihu	17	F	Podujeva	Podujeva
15	Gonxhe Halimi	15	F	Gjilan	Gjilan
16	Lum Ilazi	15	М	Prishtina	Prishtina
17	Lum Zeqiri	14	М	Prishtina	Prishtina
18	Njomza Ismaili	17	F	Kamenica	Kamenica
19	Nol Musa	15	М	Prishtina	Prishtina
20	Riola Morina	16	F	Kamenica	Kamenica
21	Rudina Zeqiri	16	F	Prishtina	Prishtina
22	Shaban Shehu	16	М	Rahovec	Rahovec
23	Valmir Marolli	16	М	Fushë Kosova	Fushë Kosova

We have compiled this brief report to inform you that through your donation you have made it possible for 23 youth to better know themselves, develop new skills and friendships, and leave the camps empowered and inspired. 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 lives!







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

P.S. In our next update, we will share with you some of the camper stories.