

Support 500 Kosovo Youth Learn by Volunteering



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**Dear friends
and supporters,**



Our volunteers used the good spring weather to accelerate their activities. As a result, nearly 35 community projects were completed by the end of June, all led by youth!

We were also very happy with the increased recognition of Kosovo's institutions for the work Service Learning Club Leaders they are doing in the community. A special highlight was the visit of the President of Kosovo, Dr. Vjosa Osmani, during the training of the 4th Generation of Club Leaders.

But perhaps even more important than the volunteering aspect is the learning aspect. This year, several Club Leaders have

obtained scholarships and important positions in the youth field – in Kosovo and abroad. We are highlighting the story of Marigona this time, a young social worker who after leading her Club in the provincial town of Vushtrri – is now serving in a youth social centre in Leuven, Belgium as part of the European Solidarity Corps.

Even though most of you are far from Kosovo, I hope this short report brings you closer to the community that you help thrive!

With gratitude,
Jehona

HIGHLIGHTS

'I admire the commitment, the understanding, and the engagement of these volunteers. Their work has changed a lot of lives for the better. Even though the word "volunteering" is a synonym for a work with no financial reward, the real reward comes in ways that we have not thought nor dreamt of.'

H.E. Dr. Vjosa Osmani, the President of the Republic of Kosova, in her greeting to the 4th Generation of Leaders in TOKA's Service Learning Program. Teachers, psychologists and activists from Youth Organizations from 13 municipalities were trained to open their volunteer youth Clubs from September.



REGIONAL COOPERATION

Exchange program in Belgium

Marigona Jusufi was a leader in the 2nd generation of Super Mentors, and now she is engaged with the De Wissel organization in Belgium, as part of the prestigious program of the European Union - European Solidarity Corps.

"Thanks to TOKA, I am now part of a larger volunteering initiative here in Belgium, where I will be involved in numerous activities that will boost my leadership and volunteering skills. After my time here ends, I will carry these new skills and enthusiasm with me back home".

TOKA continues to work with its international partner organizations to open possibilities for Kosovar youngsters to travel to other countries and learn new skills, share their knowledge with other peers. They will then apply the knowledge gained to better serve their communities back home.

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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Improving our communities, one initiative at a time

United through fun and games

The “Super-Gjimnazistët” club from Vushtrri organized a day-long session of fun and games with kids with special needs at their local Youth Center.

A Mental Health Campaign

“Can Do Crew” club from Prishtina focused on raising awareness on mental health by doing a small research campaign. The data collected from the research was then transformed into info-sessions and infographic posters.

Stop Cyberbullying!

The “QARK” club from Vushtrri raised awareness on cyberbullying by holding informative sessions in their school. They also produced and handed out brochures and posters in their school.

Repair and paint

Volunteers from the “Ne jemi Universi” club in Ferizaj, repaired the waste baskets and painted the benches of their local school. Now the school students can enjoy them.

Let’s complete the Sports Hall

“Kids Rule the World” Club from Gjilan gathered funds and purchased sports equipment for their local school’s sports hall. Now, more students are involved in playing sports at their school.

Painting and fixing seats

Super-volunteers from Gjakova cleaned their school’s yard, painted its fences, and painted its benches. Things look more colorful at this particular school.

THOUGHTS

“TOKA taught me to be human and make others happy. We learn new things, like helping and cooperating with one-another, to reach our goals.”



Duresa Hamza
Super Teacher

2021 IN NUMBERS (SO FAR)

34 Service Learning
Projects Initiated

1,200 hours of
volunteer work

731 youth involved
in projects

Thank you for your support

In the photo:
Members of “Super-Gjimnazistët” club from Vushtrri working with children with special needs in the city’s Youth Center.

