

TOKA's Quarterly Highlights

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From Plans to Action: A Quarter of Youth-Led Impact



Solidarity Clubs Deliver: Youth-Led Projects Reach Ten Municipalities!

From club meetings to community action — young volunteers turned months of preparation into real local impact.



This quarter, our Solidarity Clubs moved from planning to action. In April, all 10 clubs completed their six structured meetings — guided by the Service-Learning methodology — and stepped into the most exciting phase: implementing their own community projects.

Using funds they raised themselves through last year's Solidarity Action Day, clubs in Prishtinë, Shtime, Gjakovë, Podujevë, Ferizaj, Pejë and Istog brought seven youth-designed projects to life in their schools and communities. Kamenicë followed in May, and Hani i Elezit closed the cycle in June — bringing implementation to 10 municipalities, with Skenderaj confirmed for the new academic year.

Every volunteer and teacher received a certificate recognizing their engagement, and post-program surveys and feedback forms were collected from all participants to shape the next cycle.

What's new?

- 280+ young volunteers engaged across 10 Solidarity Clubs in 10 municipalities
- 9 club projects implemented in ten municipalities — funded by youth-led SAD fundraising
- 5 MoUs signed with municipalities, including a first-ever partnership with Fushë Kosovë
- 100% of participating schools confirmed their commitment to continue — alongside volunteers, teachers, and mentors applying to return as Youth Leaders and mentors in 2026/27

Service-Learning in Full Swing: 29 Youth Projects Across Three Themes

From club rooms to municipal roundtables — young people turned learning into action on mental health, water, and energy.



This quarter, Service-Learning moved from preparation to full-scale implementation, with youth-led clubs delivering 29 projects across Kosovo on Mental Health, Energy Efficiency, and Water — each one designed and carried out by young people responding to real needs in their communities.

Under the "Future Green Leaders of Kosovo" initiative with ASAS, a national conference brought together 138 participants — from the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, municipal education departments, the Faculty of Education, donors, schools, and youth — to advance climate education in Kosovo.

In partnership with UNICEF, Energy Efficiency Clubs refined their project ideas with experts from EBRD and KEEF, then took their recommendations directly to local authorities through roundtables in seven municipalities.

What's new?

- 29 Service-Learning projects implemented: 11 Mental Health, 14 Energy Efficiency, 4 Water
- 3 feedback sessions with UNICEF, EBRD & KEEF reached 456 participants
- 7 municipal roundtables gathered 164 youth, mentors, and local officials
- Water Footprint Digital Calculator launched, with 8 teachers trained on the new Water Module
- Mental Health Passport introduced to youth after testing and validation

Teachers Take the Lead: Experiential Learning Spreads Through Kosovo's Classrooms

From training rooms to real lessons — newly trained educators put Experiential Learning into practice, with mentors by their side.



This quarter, our Formal Education Program turned training into classroom reality. In April, 73 teachers and educators from Hani i Elezit, Ferizaj, and Skenderaj were trained on the Experiential Learning Methodology (ELM) — and the feedback speaks for itself: **100% would recommend the training to a colleague, 98.6% rated the experience 8–10, and 97.2% said the methodology can positively impact their lesson delivery.**

Hear it in their own words — teacher feedback from the training [HERE!](#)

This was made possible in part by €14,500 in co-funding secured through renewed MoUs with the three municipalities — a strong signal of local institutional commitment to teacher development.

The methodology also reached future teachers: two lectures at the Faculty of Education engaged around 70 students, expected to apply ELM during their teaching practice.

Then came the real test: implementation. In May and June, **28 mentor teachers** conducted 135 mentoring visits, supporting their peers as they applied ELM in real classrooms. The result? **72 teachers** and educators developed 314 ELM-based lesson plans, each reviewed with mentor feedback — proof of strong, hands-on integration of the methodology.

Solidarity Without Borders: TOKA Across Europe!

From Geneva to Lübeck — Kosovo's youth carried volunteerism, learning, and solidarity across the continent this quarter.



🇨🇭 A Milestone in Switzerland

On 20 June, the Solidarity Action Day arrived in Geneva for the first time ever! In cooperation with AEAUG (the Albanian Students Association in Geneva), 11 volunteers worked in three partner businesses, with proceeds supporting the "LULËZOJNË" Scholarship Fund — an important milestone in SADD's international expansion.

🇧🇪 Belgium, Round Two

On 29 April, SAD returned to Brussels in partnership with VLERA, engaging 13 volunteers across nine Albanian-owned businesses — proof that the diaspora spirit of solidarity is here to stay.

🇬🇧 A New Way to Give from the UK

Together with the Albanian community in London, we launched an online fundraising campaign for the "LULËZOJNË" Scholarship Programme — complete with its own Instagram page and the goal of funding new scholarships. [Visit LULËZOJNË UK's Instagram page!](#)



🇩🇪🇮🇹 Youth on the Move

TOKA's engagement in European youth networks continued: two representatives contributed to shaping SAME's new strategy at its General Assembly in Ratzeburg, Germany, while six participants joined Act.ival 2026 in Lübeck (23–27 April). Young leaders also took part in Youth Exchanges in Italy — three in Orvieto in March and five more in May (18–29) — building skills, friendships, and networks across Europe.

🎓 Growing the Service-Learning Family

Our regional network keeps expanding: a new member from the Czech Republic — the National Association for Volunteering — joined the CSEE-SL Network, while the Community-Led Events training brought together 24 university professors and NGO representatives from six countries to advance Service-Learning in higher education.

What's Cooking at TOKA?

Applications are open, partners are on board, and the summer is about to get busy.



🎓 "LULËZOJNË" Scholarship 2026/27 — Applications Open!

The open call for the next generation of "LULËZOJNË" Scholars launched on 6 July, welcoming applications from Bachelor's students with strong academics, community engagement, and backgrounds in marginalized groups — especially girls, rural youth, and first-generation students. This year's program offers both scholarships with specific eligibility criteria and open scholarships available to all eligible students — made possible by a growing family of supporters: businesses, individual donors and families, diaspora student associations, and Albanian communities abroad, including funds raised at our first-ever Solidarity Action Day in Geneva, and our second edition in Brussels. Applications close on 2 August 2026. Learn more [HERE!](#)



🕊️ International Peacebuilding Camp — 21–29 July, Prizren

The countdown is on! Applications for Kosovo participants ran from 5 to 26 June, and preparations are in full swing with our partners from Iowa and Israel. The programme — developed with Professor Steven Aiello of Debate for Peace — will bring young people together for nine days of dialogue, understanding, and connection. Learn more [HERE!](#)

🏆 Regional Service-Learning Award — 7th Edition

The Open Call for the 7th edition of the RSLA is live, with applications arriving in both the Formal and Non-Formal categories. National evaluations kick off in the coming months — celebrating the best Service-Learning practices from across the region. Learn more [HERE!](#)

🏅 Volunteer of the Year Awards

The third edition of the Volunteer of the Year Awards campaign will launch in the coming quarter, culminating in an awards ceremony celebrating Kosovo's most dedicated changemakers.



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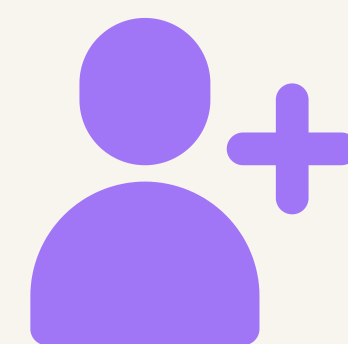
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