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TOKA's Quarterly Highlights

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Growing Together: A New Season of Youth, Learning and Service



A Fresh Start: Volunteers, Scholars and Changemakers Across Kosovo!

From Podujevë to Prizren – young people kicked off a new year of solidarity, scholarships and service.







This autumn, Volunteering in Schools began its new cycle in 12 municipalities. On 26–27 September, 20 Youth Leaders, teachers and mentors came together to plan the year – with Kaçanik joining for the first time and Skënderaj renewing its partnership for four more years.

The first Solidarity Action Day of the cycle took place in Podujevë, where 44 volunteers worked at 12 local businesses to raise funds for their own community projects. In August, 38 diaspora youth from Germin's OriginAL programme did the same in Prishtina, raising funds for this year's Volunteerism of the Year Awards.

Meanwhile, the "LULËZOJNË" Scholarships received 508 applications. After three review phases and 69 interviews, 27 students were selected – three of them supported by our diaspora partners in Brussels, London and Geneva.

What's new?

- 27 "LULËZOJNË" scholars selected from 508 applications, with EUR 32,500 raised from 12 donors
- 100 nominations for the 2026 Volunteerism of the Year Awards, with winners celebrated at our Awards Ceremony on 24 November
- 32 young people from Kosovo, Albania, Israel and Iowa, USA joined the International Peacebuilding Camp in Prizren (21–29 July)
- 4 new sponsorships for the SAD Fund, financing youth-led community projects

Back to School: Experiential Learning Reaches More Classrooms

From teacher training to Service-Learning clubs — educators and students started the new school year ready to put Experiential Learning into practice.





On 18–20 September, 39 teachers from seven municipalities completed our Experiential Learning training — and 100% would recommend it to a colleague. Since then, 17 mentor teachers have been visiting their classrooms to help them put the methodology into practice. Municipalities are investing too: Obiliq committed EUR 2,700 to teacher training, and the University of Prishtina agreed to formal cooperation.

Service-Learning is back as well. Thirteen clubs started the new school year, 10 teachers were trained to bring Service-Learning into regular lessons, and our longest-serving young leaders now continue as Super-Volunteers in our Golden Clubs.

TOKA's voice is also shaping national policy: our volunteerism recommendations made it into the Government's new strategy for cooperation with civil society, and we joined two working groups on the Education Strategy 2035+.

What's new?

- 39 teachers trained in Experiential Learning, with 97.2% finding it relevant to their lessons
- 13 Service-Learning clubs launched, plus a new "Wikipedia in Education" module with WoALUG
- 7 local and 1 national youth policy brief shared with decision-makers
- AI School Labs launched with ETEA, supported by the Ministry of Education and Science
- Coming up on 23–24 November: our International Conference on Children & Youth Mental Health in Service Learning, with youth from Kosovo and Romania, a Mental Health Clubs awards ceremony and fair, and the Regional Service-Learning Awards



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