



**For:** Mrs. Hykmete Bajrami, Minister of Finances  
Mr. Armend Zemaj, Minister of Health  
Mr. Skender Reçica, Minister of Labor and Social Welfare

**From:** Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection in Kosovo - KOMF

**Subject:** Request for support of the non-governmental sector for providing direct services to vulnerable children

**Date:** 15 June 2020

Dear all,

The Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection, which represents 31 non-governmental organizations in the field of protection of children's rights, expresses its concerns about the fact that civil society organizations in the field of social and health services have been left without funding as a result of not announcing regular public calls by MLSW and MoH for the provision of services.

The Covid-19 pandemic has worsened the situation of vulnerable children, many of whom have been left without the necessary services. Non-Governmental Organizations that provide direct services, especially day centres and those that provide direct services in the community for children with disabilities, children involved in hard labour, children working in street, neglected children, and so on, have closed their services in March 2020 by implementing recommendations for National Public Health Institution, by providing only virtual services.

At this stage it is important to take the necessary steps to mitigate the consequences for children by providing quality direct services, through sustainable financing of services for vulnerable children, increasing support for service providers and contracting them during this period of difficult during and after pandemic.

Non-governmental organizations providing direct services to vulnerable children are financially supported by the central level (MLSW and MoH), international donors, municipalities and the business sector. MLSW and MoH through the process of public call, every year have funded organizations licensed to provide direct services to vulnerable children and citizens in need of services. This year, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic situation, there has been no call for financial support from licensed organizations providing direct services. Also, support from the business sector has declined significantly due to the situation created by the pandemic.

For the reasons mentioned above, KOMF requires:

- Urgent announcement of regular annual calls for funding Non-Governmental Organizations for the provision of services by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare and the Ministry of Health.
- Increasing the budget for financing direct social and health services provided by the non-governmental sector.



KOMF notes that the general economic situation has been worsed as a result of Covid-19 pandemic and budgetary revisions may be made. KOMF demands that in the framework of budget revisions, the budget of financing direct social and health services for vulnerable children provided by the non-governmental sector, should be increased.

KOMF considers that during budget planning and reviews, the protection of the fundamental rights of children should be an absolute priority for the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, placing this priority before capital investments.

Considering the common interest of all citizens to enjoy social welfare, KOMF demands your attention in support of Non-Governmental Organizations licensed to provide social and health services during and after the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,  
Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection in Kosovo - KOMF

The Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection in Kosovo - KOMF, established in June 2011, is a coalition of 31 local and international non-governmental organizations working in the field of child protection. KOMF member organization are: Association for Social Training, Research and Advocacy –ASTRA, Action for Mothers and Children - AMC, Balkan Sunflowers Kosova, Childproof/CIPOF, Education Comes First – ECF, Initiative 6, Youth organization Akti – Ora, Organization for Children without Parental Care – OFAP, OPFAKKOS, Civil Rights Program – CRP/K, PL4Y International, Kosovo Education Center – KEC, Day Care Center PEMA, Center for the Protection of Victims and the Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings – MVPT, Center for Advanced Studies – FIT, Kosovo Rehabilitation Center for Torture Survivors – KRCT, Save the Children, SOS Children’s Villages Kosovo, Hope and Home for Children Kosovo – SDSF, Patients’ Rights Association Kosovo – PRAK, Association of Paraplegics and Paralyzed Children of Kosovo – HANDIKOS, Terre des hommes, The Ideas Partnership, VoRAE, World Vision, Public Organization for Local Initiatives and Supports – POLIS, Network of Peace Movement – NOPM, Social - Educational Center SOS Kindergarten dhe Nevo Koncepti, Labyrinth Center and Peer Education Network (PEN).