

## Overview

Kosovo, with a population of approximately 1.8 million, has one of the youngest demographic profiles in Europe with approximately 60% of the population aged under 29 years<sup>i</sup>. Kosovo is also characterized by the poorest maternal and child health indicators in Europe.

Statistics indicate that 15% of married women of reproductive age use modern contraception methods, while 41% of married women use no contraception whatsoever<sup>ii</sup>. Data on HIV and STI prevalence is not available, however it is estimated that the incidence of HIV is less than 1% of the population, and less than 5% among high-risk groups across Kosovo<sup>iii</sup>.

Gender disparities remain high and women have a disadvantaged position in society as well as higher levels of poverty, lower education, and lower participation in economic and political life.

### **UNFPA Country Programme Focus and Priorities**

The UNFPA aims to strengthen capacity of the health care system and civil society to provide integrated quality sexual and reproductive health services at a primary health care level, including family planning and maternal health, with a particular focus on youth and key populations at higher risk.

The Kosovo office works to build health care system capabilities and affected communities themselves, to address the issue of gender-based violence (including survivors of war related sexual violence).

Improving the national capacity to incorporate population dynamics and their inter-linkages with the reproductive health needs of women is another key priority. The UNFPA also works to ensure youth and gender issues are adequately addressed within poverty reduction plans programmes.

### **Partnerships**

The UNFPA has well developed partnerships with the Ministry of Health, Center for Development of Family Medicine, Institute of Public health and professional associations in policymaking, strengthening capacities of health care providers on reproductive health, reproductive rights and family planning. Faith based organizations, including the Kosovo Islamic Council has been engaged on the issue of gender based violence.

Additionally UNFPA works with parliamentarians on advocacy and evidence-based inter-linkages between population dynamics and poverty reduction programmes. There is also continuous collaboration with the Kosovo Statistical Agency to strengthen data collection capacities and their effective use for policy development.

Partnership with civil society organizations is a vital part of UNFPA's work in Kosovo. Collaboration is set with various NGOs across Kosovo working in the areas of youth, reproductive health and family planning, and gender equality.

i Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011

ii Demographic and Health Survey 2009

iii Demographic and Health Survey 2009



*UNFPA supports increased access to quality reproductive health and family planning programmes*

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# Indicators

Kosovo

POPULATION	1990	Most recent
Total population in thousands	1 560 <sup>^</sup> 1999	1 740 2011
Total population in thousands, male	-	874 2011
Total population in thousands, female	-	864 2011
Total population, 0-14, %	33.1 2003	28.0 2011
Total population, 15-59, %	60.5 2003	62.2 2011
Total population, 60+, %	6.4 2003	9.8 2011
Total Fertility Rate (TFR)	2.98 <sup>2003</sup>	2.0 2009
Life expectancy at birth, male, years #	65.7 2002	67.9 2010
Life expectancy at birth, female, years #	70.3 2002	72 2010
Total dependency ratio (0-14+65+/15-64)	-	53.2 2011
Net migration rate, per 1000 population	-	- 2.4 2011

Data Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics # The World Bank Data <sup>^</sup>DHS



UNFPA provides technical assistance to assist effective policy development; Kosovo Country Office supported the 2009 Demographic, Social and Reproductive Health survey



UNFPA educates young people of Kosovo on sexual and reproductive health issues including HIV

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	1990	Most recent
Births attended by skilled health personnel %	-	-
Maternal deaths per 100 000 live births	-	11.7 2011
Abortion rate per 1000 live births	4.8 <sup>^</sup> 1999	-
Antenatal care at least 1 visit	-	-
Antenatal care at least 4 visits	-	78.1 <sup>^</sup> 2009
Unmet need for family planning, %	-	-
Contraceptive prevalence rate, all, %	18.9 <sup>#</sup> 1999	35.2 2009
Contraceptive prevalence rate, modern, %	8.8 <sup>#</sup> 1999	9.2 2009

Data Source: Kosovo Agency of statics # DHS 1999 <sup>^</sup> Antenatal Care in Kosovo 2009

GENDER	1990	Most recent
Seats held by women in national parliament %	-	32.5 2012
Share of women in wage employment (non-agricultural sector)	28.0 <sup>#</sup> 1999	24.3 2011
Gender parity index in secondary enrolment	-	0.88 2011

Data Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics # DHS 1999 <sup>^</sup>Human Development Report 2010

HIV and other STIs	1990	Most recent
Percentage of adults aged 15-49 years who are HIV infected	-	-
Percentage of sex workers in capital city who are HIV infected	-	-
Percentage of men who have sex with men in capital city who are HIV infected	-	0 2011
Percentage of people who inject drugs in capital city who are HIV infected	-	-
Percentage of sex workers reporting the use of a condom with their most recent client	35.0 2006	42.5 2011
Percentage of men reporting condom use the last time they had anal sex with a male partner	56.0 2006	52.5 2011
Percentage of sex workers with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	-	13.0 2011
Percentage of men who have sex with men with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	-	26.9 2011
Percentage of people who inject drugs with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	-	22.0 2011
Syphilis incidence per 100,000	-	-
Congenital Syphilis incidence per 100,000	-	-

Data Source: UNGASS

YOUTH	1990	Most recent
Percentage of young people (15-24) with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	-	-
Percentage of young people (15-24) who have had sexual intercourse before the age of 15	-	-
Percentage of all live births to mothers aged under 20 #	-	-
Adolescent abortions per 1000 live births (aged under 20) #	-	-

Data Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics