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**KOSOVO POMORAVLJE
HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION**



HOW DO CHILDREN AND YOUTH LIVE IN
KOSOVO AND METOHIJA TODAY?

WHAT DO THEY NEED?

AND HOW CAN WE HELP THEM?



AGENDA

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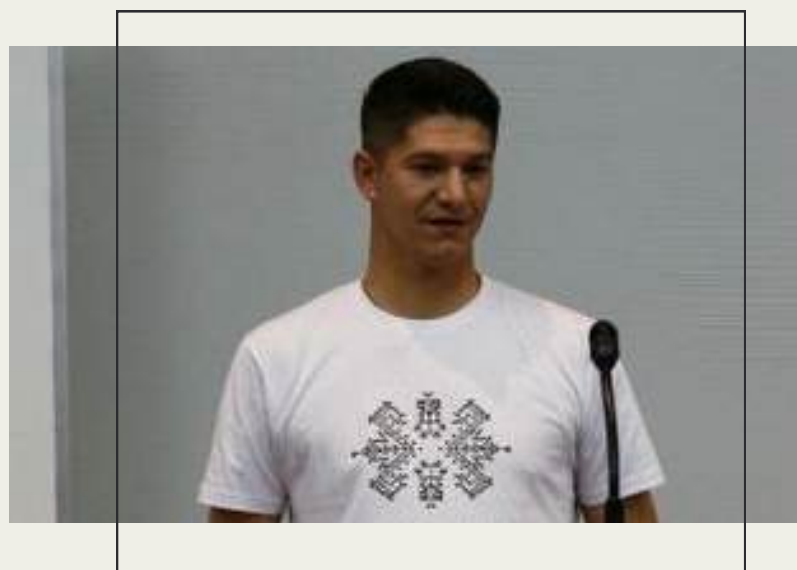


OUR MISSION

The mission of our organization is to present the daily life and problems of Serbs in Kosovo and Metohija, especially children and youth, directly from the field, with the aim of gathering people who will help us solve them.



OUR TEAM



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Nikola Vasić

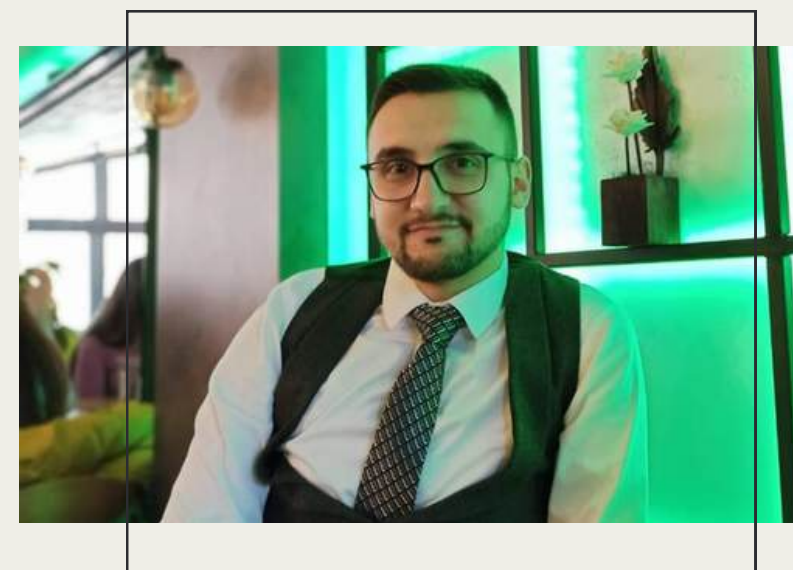
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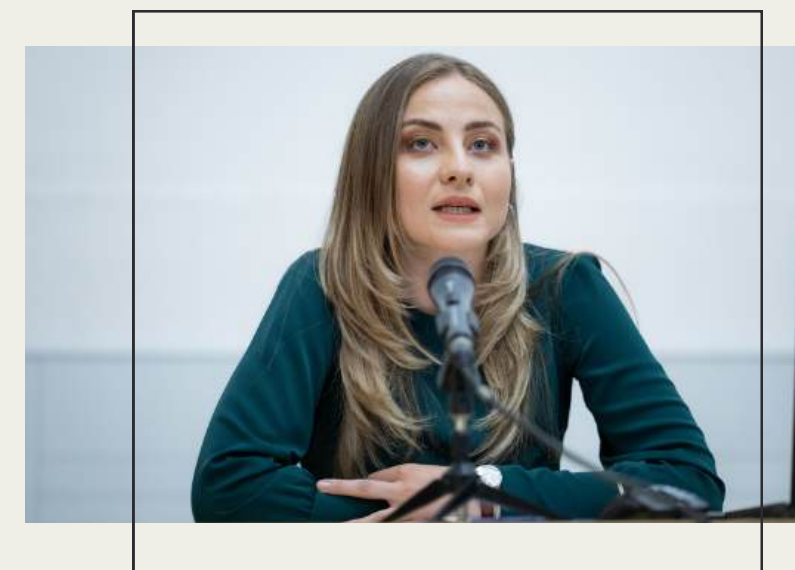
Master of Law graduated from the Faculty of Law in Belgrade, responsible for administrative tasks of the organization and logistics of the store Buy from Kosmet



economist

Ivan Cvetković

Graduated from the Faculty of Economics in Kosovska Mitrovica, creates video and photo content for the organization, provides logistical support for the store Buy from Kosmet



journalist

Marija Vasić

Graduated in journalism from the Faculty of Political Sciences in Belgrade. Represents the organization in public, records information from the field.

HOW DO CHILDREN LIVE IN KIM?

1. Completely or predominantly Serbian villages

Gračanica, Štrpce, Goraždevac, Partesh, Osojane, Velika Hoča...

- On average, 100 or more children in school
- classes with at least 10 students
- movement limited to the village or a few streets

2. Smaller mixed villages or hamlets

Smaller hamlets (Novo Brdo, Kosovska Kamenica, Vitina, Metohija, Central Kosovo)

- have fewer than 10 children in schools
- combined classes
- restricted movement in the yard or street



KEY ISSUES FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

 In the last 10 years, the number of school children in Kosovo has decreased by 10,000

What do parents cite as the most common reason for departure?

- economic situation (unemployment)
- drop in education quality
- poor security situation
- lack of opportunities for children to develop talents (sports, culture, business improvement)



WHAT IS THE PERSPECTIVE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

 **3/4 of high school students plan to leave Kosovo**

The problems young people most often cite as key:

- support for young people to gather and develop their ideas
- business practices
- education-related events
- opportunities to make contacts
- poor job offerings
- difficult employment and waiting for a job



PROJECTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Children

Summer school

A program designed and tailored for young children from isolated rural enclaves in Kosovo and Metohija. Within the school, children will have opportunities to learn about their language, history, and faith through play and workshops, but above all, to socialize and spend time together.

Children

Basketball School

The Basketball School in Kosovo Pomoravlje in Partes is intended for girls and boys from third to sixth grade of elementary school. The trainings are free and gather children from villages in the surrounding area to promote healthy development through recreational sports, opportunities for socializing, travel, and discovering new talents.

Youth

Scholarships

The scholarship program for students and university students from Kosovo and Metohija is a project that supports students who study away from their place of residence and regular students. For students, it is necessary to have excellent success and to live in a student dormitory. Students must be enrolled as regular, without repeating a year of study. The amount of the scholarship is 100 euros per month.

Families

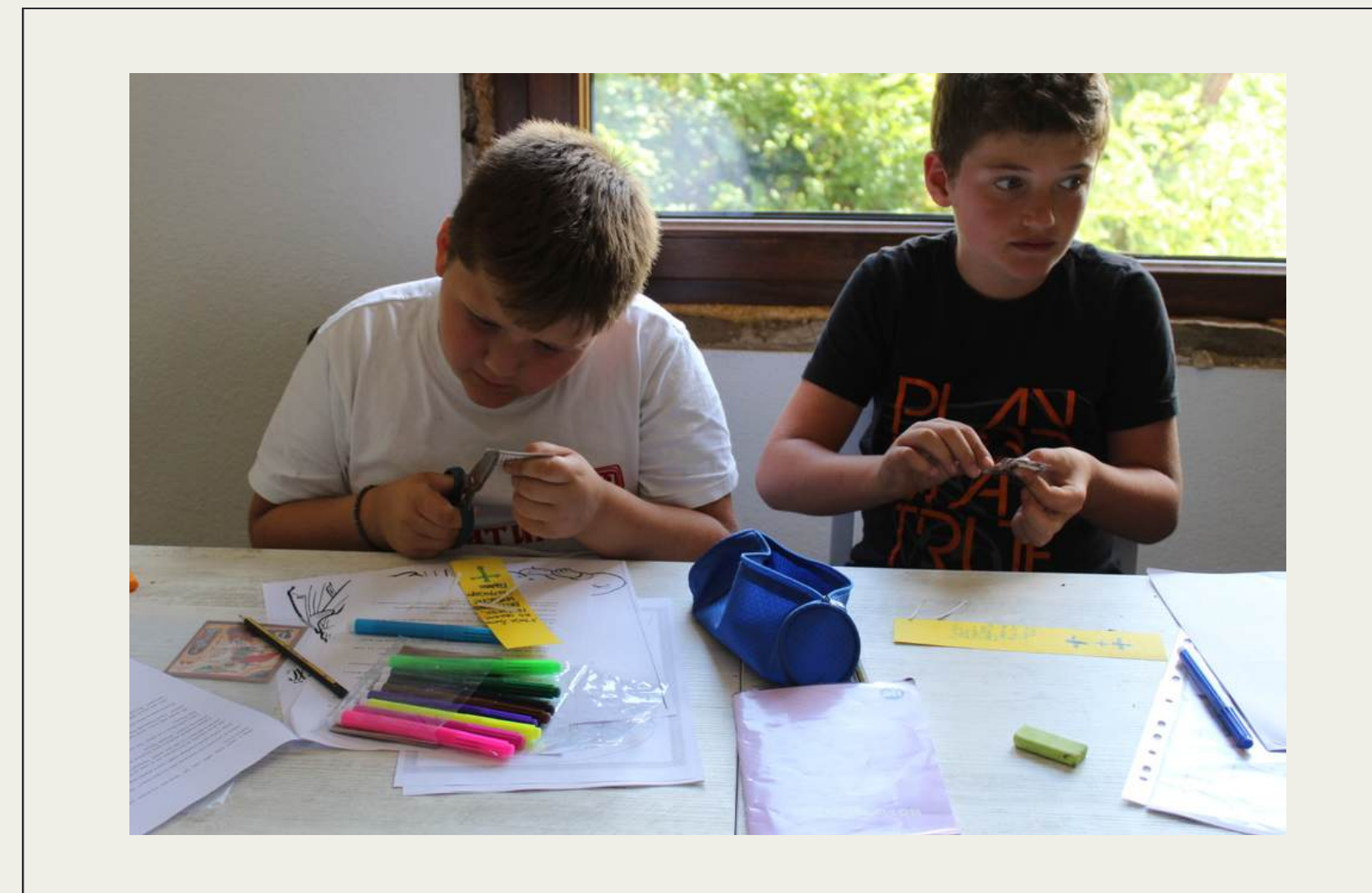
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Our online store is a unique platform that brings together producers from Kosovo and Metohija and helps them reach customers.



SUMMER SCHOOL

The Summer School is envisioned as a program of workshops, activities, and trips designed for children from enclaves in Kosovo and Metohija. The program aims to foster socializing through play, learning, and bringing together children who lack opportunities to socialize with peers during school breaks.



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WHAT DO CHILDREN DO IN THE SCHOOL?

Our instructors have designed workshops and activities tailored to the children's age:

- Serbian language with interesting history
- Religious education
- Poetry afternoon
- Games without borders
- Football, tennis, volleyball
- Swinging and flying kites

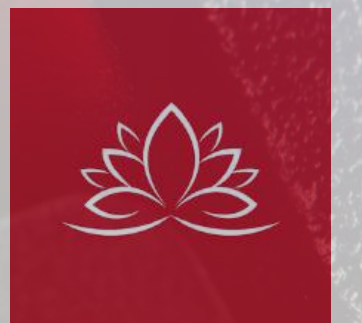
Excursions:

- Draganac – Novo Brdo
- Gračanica



PROJECT COSTS FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL

R.B.	Description of costs	Amount
1.	School equipment (materials and backpacks)	1.052,00 Eur
2.	Student transportation	570,00 Eur
3.	Food (meals, snacks, refreshments)	636,00 Eur
4.	Accommodation for instructors	100,00 Eur
5.	Instructor fees	600,00 Eur
	Total	2.958,00 Eur



BASKETBALL SCHOOL

Marginalized rural environments in this part of Kosovo and Metohija offer very few sports and other activities for children and youth. As a result, a large number of children are deprived of opportunities to develop, socialize, and travel through sports, and those particularly talented in sports often only dream about a sports career. Our goal is to revive sports for children.

Basketball school is precisely the way we aim to start this mission and hopefully expand to other sports.



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WHAT THE BASKETBALL SCHOOL PROVIDES FOR CHILDREN?

FREE TRAINING

The Kosovo Pomoravlje Basketball School is led by a licensed coach with extensive experience in sports, especially basketball. Twice a week, participants have free training sessions divided into two groups.

EQUIPMENT

Thanks to donations, participants receive training and competition equipment such as balls, equipment, t-shirts, jerseys...

TRAVEL AND COMPETITIONS

In 8 months of operation, the children participated in 3 tournaments and one friendly visit. All travel, accommodation, and food expenses are covered by donations.



COSTS OF THE BASKETBALL SCHOOL SEASON 2024 (8 MONTHS)

competitions

equipment

training

Training

equipment, training,
maintenance of the hall,
heating - 6.500 Eur

Travel

Paid transportation and
food for Vlasotince,
Bujanovac, Vranje, and
Belgrade 4500 Eur

Total:
11 000 Eur



SCHOLARSHIPS

During our humanitarian work in Kosovo and Metohija, we often have the opportunity to talk to people about the problems they face.

Unfortunately, one of the main concerns is whether they will have enough money to educate their children. The support program for children and youth in the form of scholarships is limited. It is most difficult to hear, quietly and discreetly, from parents who struggle hard to earn money for bus tickets, tuition fees, rent, home expenses, cafeteria meals, and books...

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HOW WE HELP THE YOUTH?

Within 1 year

from 4 to 27 scholarships

100 Eur
Amount

6 months
minimum period

15
different occupations

Help until the end of schooling

What is our goal?



"We are Moravians – brave to arrive and escape, and to exist in a fearful place!"

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