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Participating Organization(s) Organizations that have received direct funding from the MPTF Office under this project: UNDP Kosovo	Implementing Partners National counterparts (government, private, NGOs & others) and other International Organizations: Kosovo Police; Kosovo Prosecutors Office
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¹ Strategic Results, as formulated in the Strategic UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) or project document;

² The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to as “Project ID” on the project’s factsheet page the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

³ References to Kosovo should be understood to be in the context of United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

⁴ The MPTF or JP Contribution, refers to the amount transferred to the Participating UN Organizations, which is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

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⁶ As per approval of the original project document by the relevant decision-making body/Steering Committee.

⁷ If there has been an extension, then the revised, approved end date should be reflected here. If there has been no extension approved, then the current end date is the same as the original end date. The end date is the same as the operational closure date which is when all activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MPTF / JP have been completed. As per the MOU, agencies are to notify the MPTF Office when a programme completes its operational activities.

I. Background / Context

Kosovo remains committed to the management, control, combating and investigating the trafficking in Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), explosives and their precursors. Investigations on Illicit Arms Trafficking (IAT), crimes with weapons, explosives and their precursors, although seems to be dropping every year, they are still a threat to human life and public order and safety. When illegal weapons, ammunition and explosives are viewed in the context of safety and security as well as threats such as the war against terror, then the investigation of IAT, control, management and the fight against illegality of this sector takes a new dimension which requires special attention and resources.

The objective of the project was to support the Kosovo Police in strengthening their capacities to better detect and confiscate firearms, their components and ammunition, and to improve the quality of investigations. The emphasis was on investigations against organized crime and criminal groups dealing with international arms trafficking using Kosovo as a transit route for illicit arms trafficking in European countries.

The project has been implemented in line with the **Regional Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and their ammunition in the Western Balkans by 2024**, respectively contributing to the following goals:

Goal 2. By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led;

- Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis;

Goal 3: By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans;

- Ensure full implementation and monitoring of legal, policy and procedural framework on trafficking of FAE;
- Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units;
- Substantially strengthen control, monitoring and prevention of diversion of legal trade through improved capacities, procedures and transparency;
- Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encourage new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms;

Goal 5. By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans;

- Substantially increase the number of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives;

The project's objective is in line with the Community policing Strategy and Action plan 2017-2021, Intelligence Led Policing, Countering Organized Crime Strategy and Small Arms Light Weapons and Explosives control Strategy:

- **Kosovo's Small Arms Light Weapons and Explosives Control Strategy and Action Plan:**

Objective 1: Further legislation and policy development;

Objective 2: Comprehensive approach in reduction of risks from weapons and explosives posing threats to the public order and security;

Objective 3: Further development of institutional and investigative capacities;

Objective 4: Inter-institutional coordination and further enhancement of international cooperation.

- **Countering Organized Crime Strategy:**

Objective 1: Preventing and combating of organized crime forms;

Objective 2: Developing human capacities in prevention and combating organized crime;

Objective 3: Developing cooperation and coordination between national and international stakeholders to prevent and fight organized crime.

- **Intelligence Led Policing strategy and Community Policing Strategy and Action Plan:**

Objective 1: Strengthening Capacity

- a. Strengthening the capacity of Human Resources;
- b. Organization of Advanced Training;
- c. Development of advanced training programs;

Objective 2: Upgrading Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Systems KP

- a. Advancing Kosovo Police Information System (KPIs);
- b. Strengthening the Information Technology Infrastructure;
- c. Advancement of Information Technology Security;

Objective 3: Strengthening Cooperation and Coordination;

- a. Strengthen cooperation and coordination within the KP;
- b. Strengthen cooperation and Interagency Coordination;
- c. Strengthen regional and international cooperation and coordination;
- d. Promotion Strategy and Action Plan “Intelligence Led Policing”;
- e. Strengthen cooperation with citizens and civil society;

Objective 4: Practical Implementation of Process Intelligence

- a. Data Collection and sharing;
- b. Analyze – Compilation of Intelligence products;
- c. Functionality of Task Assignment and Coordination Groups in Central level;
- d. Functionality of Task Assignment and Coordination Groups in local level.

The project was based on the organizational model ‘People – Processes – Technology’ and increased human and technical capacities, including standardizing processes, by reviewing and updating Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). The SOPs and regulatory framework will contribute to successfully

implementing the requirements of the UN Firearms Protocol and UN Palermo Convention, and the European and SEE Action to Combat Illicit Arms Trafficking.

Aiming to increase the capacities for field investigations (offline and online) and police operations in combatting illicit arms trafficking and illegal possession of firearms, the project addressed first responders, development of risk assessment, and targeted operations including victim assistance.

Overall, the project aimed at achieving the following project results:

- 1) Higher detection rates during traffic controls and house searches;
- 2) More leads during the special investigative measures' operation;
- 3) Increased seizure of weapons;
- 4) Increased public safety.

The project was implemented in line with Kosovo's small arms light weapons and explosives control strategy and action plan, the countering organized crime strategy, intelligence-led policing strategy, and community policing strategy and action plan.

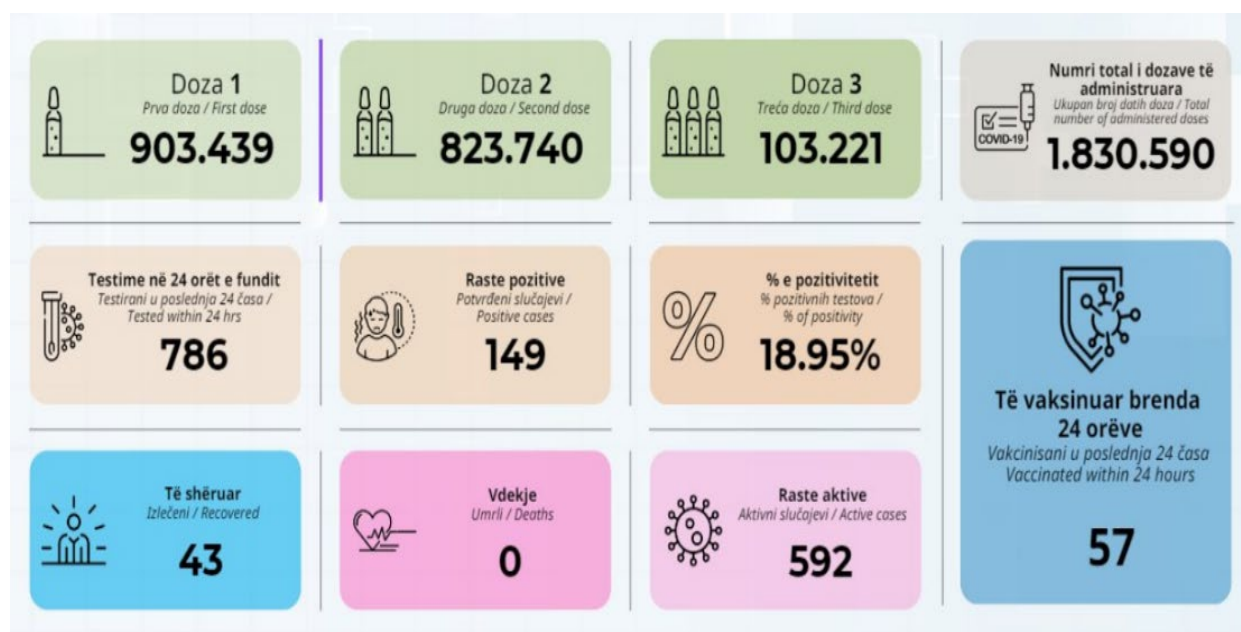
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Challenges

During the implementation, the project team experienced some challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ministry of Internal Affairs respectively Kosovo Police, as the main project beneficiary, was fully engaged in ensuring public safety and security which went beyond their daily work; they were required to work 12 hour shifts to cover for their colleagues affected by the pandemic and to implement the recommendations from the Ministry of Health and Kosovo Institute of Public Health. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic until the end of June 2022, more than 2,160 police officers contracted COVID 19 and there were 27 fatalities.

The infographics below provide a snapshot of the situation during March 2020 – June 2022 as per the official Kosovo data:



Due to unforeseen obstacles and delays because of COVID-19 pandemic, the high level of infections, and corresponding institutional actions, the project team requested a non-cost extension (NCE) in order to complete the foreseen activities. The NCE was approved by the Steering Committee with the new end date set for 30 June 2022, as requested.

Despite the challenges during the pandemic, the coordination and cooperation with all stakeholders and project beneficiary has been at the highest level. Therefore, all foreseen activities within the project were successfully implemented and planned results were achieved.

II. List of acronyms

CPIAT	Countering Illicit Arms Trafficking for Criminal Police
EU	European Union
FFP	Firearms Focal Point
FAE	Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives
ILP	Intelligence led Policing
KP	Kosovo Police
KC	Kosovo Customs
KAPS	Kosovo Academy for Public Safety
KSSP	Kosovo Safety and Security Programme
MoIA	Ministry of Internal Affairs
RFQ	Request for Quotation
SEESAC	The South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons
SALW	Small Arms and Light Weapons
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
TOR	Terms of Reference
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WB	Western Balkans

III. Executive summary

The project was designed based on the needs of Kosovo authorities, specifically the Kosovo Police investigation branch which deals with investigating the illicit arms trafficking and the existing policy and legal framework. The CPIAT project was designed based on individual consultations with main beneficiaries and stakeholders, which ensured institutional buy-in. The capacity development element and equipment throughout interventions contributed to the sustainability of results due to its People – Processes – Technology approach.

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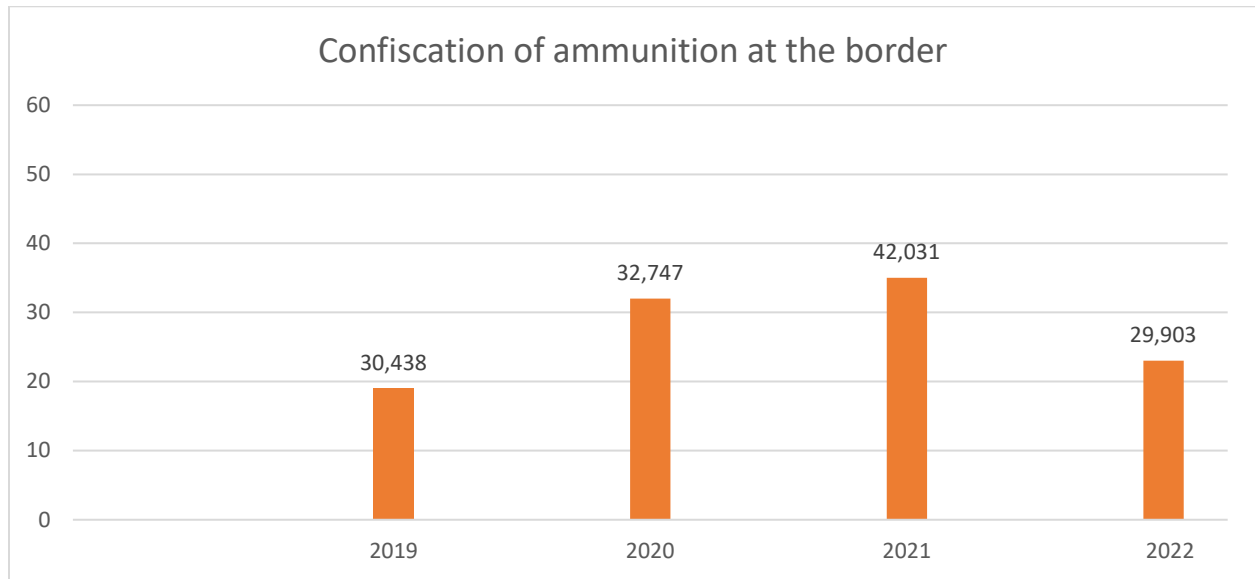
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Confiscated firearms of various types by the Kosovo Police:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total of confiscated firearms	1,179	1,473	1,439	1,135	1,280	1,473

Confiscated ammunition by Kosovo Police 2019 - 2022:



IV. Overview of progress towards results

Result	Project output indicator	Status of project results (please select one of the following options: [result] achieved/ partially achieved/ not achieved/ activities not initiated)	Achievements against indicators
Capacities of Kosovo Police increased in the field of detection and confiscation of firearms, components and ammunition as well as the quality of investigations leading to higher conviction	Gaps in the Investigations Department identified	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>One (1) Gap analysis report was successfully completed, mapping the gaps in the investigations.</i>
	Basic training for IAT on firearms investigations completed	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>In total eight (8) two-day training sessions were organized for the 201 (177 men and 24 women) police officers in 8 Regional Police Directorates.</i>
	Advanced training for IAT on firearms investigation completed	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>30 police investigators (26 men and 4 women) from the central level investigations and all 8 Regional Police Directorates enhanced skills through the advanced training on firearms investigations, focused exclusively on the use of special investigative measures in the field of IAT and cooperation with law enforcement units locally and internationally in effective investigating the smuggling of firearms, ammunition, explosives, drugs, immigrants, counter-terrorism, etc</i>
	Increased capacity of KPs Special Unit for investigation (firearms detections, house searches and risk of firearms)	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>40 police special unit officers (40 men) improved their skills through two (2) five-day training sessions on firearms detections during house searches and enhanced knowledge about the risks from firearms.</i>
	Enhanced technological capacity of IAT	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>Enhanced technological capacity of IAT through the provision of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Eighty (80) computers with monitors and docking stations;</i> <i>Forty (40) multifunctional printers and 40 toners;</i> <i>Five (5) tablets and</i> <i>Seventeen (17) laptops;</i>
	Improved technological capacities of the Organized Crime Investigation Directorate (OCID)	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>Improved technological capacities of the OCID through the provision of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>One (1) MALTEGO Software (XL Annual License) - (with 2 years subscription) with one (1) Desktop, One (1) Server and one (1) training on using the license;</i> <i>One (1) Dashboard/Tableau visualization platform;</i> <i>Two (2) explosive detectors;</i> <i>Three (3) endoscopes;</i> <i>Eight (8) thermal cameras and</i> <i>Two (2) flying observation cameras were procured and handed over to the Kosovo Police investigation department.</i> <i>The training for 44 (32 men and 12 woman) police investigators was organized in order to learn how this specialized equipment work and better utilize in their daily work.</i>

IV. Progress review

Output 1:	Capacities of Kosovo Police increased in the field of detection and confiscation of firearms, components and ammunition increased as well as the quality of investigations leading to higher conviction		
Budget:	US\$ 545,862	Spent (US\$):	Costs incurred: US\$ 536,142
			Legal commitments: /

Brief description of the output

The aim of the output was to identify gaps regarding the investigation of illicit arms trafficking and provide specialized capacity development trainings for the police investigators and increase technical capabilities of the department to detect and confiscate SALW, ammunition and their components.

Given the current security situation in Europe with political extremism and terrorism on the rise, Kosovo may well become a preferred jurisdiction to source weapons, explosive materials, etc. to sustain terrorist activities in Europe in the near to medium future because of its geographical location. As such, efforts of Kosovo authorities to increase their capacity in combating illegal use of explosive should be strongly supported, not only in terms of supporting a national police force but more so to support current UNDP activities as part of the ongoing police reform, security sector reform, and to foster dialogue and building confidence between different actors and stakeholders in order to promote security and stability in Kosovo. Supporting capacity development should not only focus on the most evident players, such as MIA inspectors, KP EOD, and KFA, but also remember possible implications for other services, such as the KP, critical infrastructure, the ICMM, and customs in keeping with the People – Processes – Technology approach.

The Assessment Team established that the very high level of motivation and reliance on proactive approach to overcoming challenges in Kosovo institutions is remarkable and will positively influence further support interventions. This gap analysis on investigations of explosives showed that although there is an extensive effort of national and international players in the field of explosives safety in Kosovo, there is still a need to develop a short- to medium-term support package consisting of material, training, and mentoring support. In that vein, the Assessment Team is in a position to recommend the following. The gap analysis report also recommends encouraging sharing of knowledge through workshops and organizing study visits to the EU experts and supports the involvement of the MIA inspectors with the EFEE and the PECCS.

ACTIVITY 1.1	Gap Analysis in the Investigations Department especially in the field of investigating and countering IAT;		
Budget:	US\$ 16,000	Spent:	Costs incurred: \$16,000
			Legal commitments: /

- **Description of activities**

Gap analysis report on explosives investigations was successfully completed. The purpose of the report was to identify and analyze gaps, coordination and communication, and human resources to understand better institutional gaps and capacities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), Kosovo Forensic Agency (KFA), and Kosovo Police (KP) on investigation of explosives. This assessment focused on MoIA, KP (K-9-

unit, bomb squad, and specialized units), the KFA (SOPs, arson and explosives investigations), including the relationship between the Independent Commission for Mines and Minerals (ICMM), Inspectorate Department, and the MIA.

The gap analysis report identified the needs of all entities involved in the investigation of explosives, hand grenades, precursors, and category 4 pyrotechnics - in terms of required procedures, equipment, and human resources. The analysis also seeks to improve the coordination and cooperation between all entities.

2. Difficulties encountered, and measures taken to overcome the problems

Due to COVID19 restrictions, the foreseen activities within this output were delayed and experienced difficulties in the organization; This is because the Kosovo health authorities imposed restrictive measures to public gatherings, organizing trainings, workshops, movement etc.

Also, additional constraints in organizing the activities were the Parliamentary and local elections in Kosovo; The beneficiary has been engaged fully in managing the election process prior, during and after the elections.

Therefore, the project team has been in close coordination and consultation with the beneficiary and the MPTF secretariat to explore and undertake measures to address challenges and implement the foreseen activities. In this context, the project team adapted to the new circumstances by organizing online meetings and consultations, reducing the number of participants as per the health authorities' protocols on COVID-19 pandemic as well as increased the number of consultative meetings in line with the imposed measures by the Kosovo health authorities.

3. Changes introduced in implementation

The meetings, trainings and other coordination means were replaced with online formats as per the pandemic situation circumstances.

4. Achievements

- One (1) gap analysis report was successfully completed/produced.

ACTIVITY 1.2	Increased capacity of crime investigations department (IAT) - Basic training on firearms investigations		
Budget:	US\$ 12,000	Spent:	Costs incurred: US\$ 12,000
			Legal commitments: /

• Description of activities

The basic training sessions on firearms investigations were organized and completed in close cooperation with the Kosovo Police Training Department and the Department for Public Safety (MIA). 201 police officers representing patrolling officers, community policing officers, traffic police, and investigators at

the local level (177 men and 24 women) from 8 Regional Police Directorates were trained on basic firearms investigations. The lecturers were senior officials from the Ministry of Internal Affairs/Department for Public Safety respectively from the Division of Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives and the senior officials from the Firearms Focal Point (FFP)/International Law Enforcement Cooperation Directorate (ILECU).

The aim of these training sessions was to further develop capacities in firearms investigations including recognition of various types of firearms, converted firearms, blank firing weapons, potential trafficking routes of small arms and light weapons, legal framework on SALW including international standards and practices, as well as the local and international cooperation through the Firearms Focal Point (FFP)/International Law Enforcement Cooperation Unit (ILECU).

2. Difficulties encountered, and measures taken to overcome the problems

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the foreseen activities within this output were delayed and experienced difficulties in the organization; This is because the Kosovo health authorities imposed restrictive measures to public gatherings, organizing trainings, workshops, movement etc.

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3. Changes introduced in implementation

Due to COVID-19 measures, the training sessions were divided into several sessions and the number of participants was reduced per each session in line with the COVID-19 restrictions.

4. Achievements

- The meetings, trainings and other coordination means were replaced with online formats as per the pandemic situation circumstances. 201 police officers (177 men and 24 woman) from 8 regional police directorates were trained and certified on basic firearms investigations.

ACTIVITY 1.3	Increased capacity of crime investigations department (IAT) - Advanced training on firearms investigations		
Budget:	US\$ 19,500	Spent:	Costs incurred: US\$ 19,500
			Legal commitments: /

1. Description of activities

Thirty (30) police investigators from central level investigations and all 8 Regional Police Directorates benefitted from advanced training on firearms investigations focused exclusively on the use of special investigative measures in the field of IAT and cooperation with law enforcement units locally and internationally in effectively investigating the smuggling of firearms, ammunition, explosives, drugs, immigrants, counter-terrorism, etc.

The advanced training also covered very important topics that contributed to advance further the capacities of the police investigators specifically regarding EMPACT FIREARMS, IARMS, Slovenian experience in fighting illegal smuggling of weapons and ammunition, Case Study (1) – Dark net, Case Study (2) – Controlled delivery, Case Study (3) – House search and practical exercise/tabletop exercise.

2. Difficulties encountered, and measures taken to overcome the problems

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the foreseen activities within this output were delayed and experienced difficulties in the organization; This is because the Kosovo health authorities imposed restrictive measures to public gatherings, organizing trainings, workshops, movement etc. Also, additional constraints in organizing the activities were the Parliamentary and local elections in Kosovo; The beneficiary has been engaged fully in managing the election process prior, during and after the elections.

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3. Changes introduced in implementation

Due to COVID-19 measures, the training sessions were divided into several sessions and the number of participants was reduced per each session in line with the COVID-19 restrictions.

Through this activity in total 30 participants were trained. Due to COVID-19 measures, the training activity was divided into two sessions where each session gathered 15 participants.

4. Achievements

- The meetings, trainings and other coordination means were replaced with online formats as per the pandemic situation circumstances. 30 police investigators (26 men and 4 women) trained and certified.

ACTIVITY 1.4	Increased capacity of Police special units - Specialized training on firearms detections, house searches and risk of firearms		
Budget:	US\$ 30,000	Spent:	Costs incurred: US\$ 27,031
			Legal commitments: /

- **Description of activities**

The project team identified an expert to deliver this specific training, in close cooperation with SEESAC and the terms of reference were developed in close cooperation with Kosovo Police. Due to COVID-19 restrictions on large group gathering, the training was conducted in two separate training sessions with 20 participants each session (40 in total all men). The training was delivered during Q2 2022. The first training was organized during 16-20 May 2022 and the second training was organized during 23-27 May 2022.

During trainings, the trainer elaborated on a range of topics and techniques for proper detection and procedures regarding small arms, light weapons and explosives smuggling during house searches.

The topics were as follows:

- **House search:**
 - legal and professional standards;
 - tactical approach;
 - general SOP on house search plan;
- **Practical exercise on the house search and perform of a house search (4 groups) on: SALW control and Illicit Arms Trafficking including:**
 - Explosives at house search;
 - House search SOP, where weapons or explosives could be found.
- **Documenting at house search (record on a house search, photography, receipt of confiscation):**
 - Crime scene and forensic work on house search;
 - Use of DRONE at house search;
 - Witnessing in court and press statement;
 - Practical exercise (4 groups);
 - Every group will get a case, where they will prepare everything necessary for Thursday's practical exercise);
 - Group presentations about house search warrants;
 - Every group will present a house search plan;
 - Preparation for house search;
 - Realization of house search;
 - Documenting house search.
- **House searches:**
 - as a police officer to court;
 - as a police officer to the media.

2. Difficulties encountered, and measures taken to overcome the problems

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3. Changes introduced in implementation

Due to COVID-19 measures, the training activity was divided into two sessions where each session gathered 20 participants in line with the COVID-19 restrictions. 40 (all men) participants from special police units were trained.

4. Achievements

The meetings, trainings and other coordination means were replaced with online formats as per the pandemic situation circumstances. Two (2) five-day training sessions were completed for 40 police special units (40 male) who improved their skills on firearms detections, during house searches and learned more about the professional standards as well as risks during firearms detections.

ACTIVITY 1.5	Increased capacity of crime investigations department (IAT) - IT equipment;		
Budget:	US\$ 127,362	Spent:	Costs incurred: US\$ 127,362
			Legal commitments: /

• Description of activities

Eighty (80) computers with monitors and docking stations, forty (40) multifunctional printers and 40 toners, five (5) tablets and 17 seventeen laptops were procured and donated to the regional level of police investigators which contributed to further enhance the investigation field in line with the intelligence led policing process, preparation of intelligence reports and products which will contribute to further increase the productivity and quality of police investigations on illicit arms trafficking and SALW control.

2. Difficulties encountered, and measures taken to overcome the problems

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the foreseen activities within this output were delayed and experienced difficulties in preparing the procurement process and lack production which resulted in delaying the delivery process of specialized equipment.

In this context, the project team was adopted to the circumstances by requesting a project no cost extension in order to enable the delivery of the special equipment.

3. Changes introduced in implementation

Due to COVID19 measures the project team in close consultation with beneficiary requested a no cost extension in order to receive all the foreseen equipment.

In order to further strengthen the intelligence led policing operations, 7 more laptops were donated to the intelligence sector of Kosovo Police.

4. Achievements

- Eighty (80) computers with monitors and docking stations;
- Forty (40) multifunctional printers and 40 toners;
- Five (5) tablets and
- Seventeen (17) laptops procured and handed over to the Kosovo Police Investigation Department;

ACTIVITY 1.6	Procurement and delivery of software and special equipment to Organized Crime Investigation Directorate of the Kosovo Police		
Budget:	US\$ 341,000	Spent:	Costs incurred: US\$ 334,249
			Legal commitments: /

1. Description of activities

The technological capacities of the police investigation branch at the central and local level were enhanced through providing specialized equipment which support improved investigation of illicit arms trafficking, ammunition and explosives and increase in the level and the quality of investigations. The training for 44 (32 men and 12 woman) police investigators was organized in order to learn how this specialized equipment work and better utilize in their daily work in identifying, detecting and confiscating the illicit firearms, their essential parts, ammunition and explosives including their precursors.

The following equipment was procured and handed over to the KP/Investigation Department:

- **One (1) MALTEGO Software (XL Annual License) - (with 2 years subscription) with one (1) Desktop, One (1) Server and one (1) training on using the license:**

The MALTEGO XL software licenses and Social Links licenses enabled the Kosovo Police Investigation Department to use large amounts of data and graphs for analyzing illicit arms trafficking, armed robberies, and other criminal acts through mapping out a threat picture of the entire network infrastructure that the Kosovo Police Organized Crime Directorate owns and operates. The system supports online policing in combating Illicit Arms Trafficking and other types of crime, enabling the Kosovo Police to speed up information gathering and increase the accuracy of its investigations.

- **One (1) Dashboard/Tableau visualization platform:**

The Dashboard/TABLEAU data visualization platform, an information management tool, enabled police investigation branch at the local, regional, and central levels to conduct proper tracks, analysis and visually present key performance indicators, the metrics and key points of the data, in order to

monitor crime trends as a phenomenon in general. These licenses will help the decision makers and different level managers to, based on the gathered and presented data in these tables, set objectives, goals and make decisions on investigation and operational actions as well as help with proper planning and intervention. Such a system enabled investigation branch to generate analytical reports based on collected data during a certain period; it also allows monthly, quarterly, bi-annual and annual comparisons.

- **Two (2) explosive detectors:**

Specialized equipment for detection of explosives and various narcotics were handed over to Kosovo Police Investigation Department. This donation contributed to advancing the investigation work in preventing, detecting, and confiscating potential trafficking of explosives and improve the quality of investigations leading to higher case handling efficiency.

- **Three (3) endoscopes; Eight (8) thermal cameras and Two (2) flying observation cameras were procured and handed over to the Kosovo Police investigation department.**

The equipment such as thermal cameras, hand-held scanners, endoscopes and flying observation cameras enhanced the efficiency of police work in identifying, detecting and confiscating illicit arms trafficking, ammunition and explosives as well as narcotics of various kinds.

2. Difficulties encountered, and measures taken to overcome the problems

Unexpected long procurement process;

Lack of production of specialized equipment from the factories and delays with transport.

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In this context, the project team was adopted to the circumstances by requesting a project no cost extension in order to enable the delivery of the special equipment.

3. Changes introduced in implementation

The implementation times-lines were adapted to new circumstances.

The project team requested No Cost Extension in order to complete the foreseen activities as they were affected by the COVID19 pandemic situation.

The Request for no cost extension was approved by the MPTF Steering Committee where the costs of project management/project staff are apportioned with other ongoing/active projects, therefore, the remaining balance from the CPIAT project management costs will be utilized and covered until the end of the no cost extension period. Also, the budget lines will not be changed and the potential remaining will be refunded to the MPTF.

4. Achievements

The foreseen specialized equipment within this activity has been procured and handed over to the beneficiary and the training for utilizing the new equipment has been completed, such as:

- One (1) MALTEGO Software (XL Annual License) - (with 2 years subscription) with one (1) Desktop, One (1) Server and one (1) training on using the license;
- One (1) Dashboard/Tableau visualization platform;
- Two (2) explosive detectors;
- Three (3) endoscopes;
- Eight (8) thermal cameras and
- Two (2) flying observation cameras were procured and handed over to the Kosovo Police investigation department.

As a result of the successful CPIAT project implementation and direct contribution to the Roadmap implementation, through support of the human capacity development and enhancement of technological aspects and equipment of investigation branch, Kosovo Police has organized, planned and conducted numerous investigations based on the intelligence led operations. Some of the Kosovo Police successful intelligence and police operations are as following where, firearms, converted firearms and ammunition has been confiscated and the suspects have been prosecuted as per the applicable legislation:

V. Lessons learnt

One of the lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic was that online trainings were not as effective and efficient as in-person ones, and the beneficiaries were not keen to participate at the online activities. This was the reason why the training sessions in close consultation and cooperation with the donor and beneficiary were postponed and have been implemented in 2022.

Other lessons learned during the project implementation period, especially during the COVID-19 period, were as follows:

- As there were unforeseen circumstances especially caused by COVID-19 pandemic which was spread worldwide, the need to be flexible and adjust the activities was required;
- Due to unexpected situations such as the extraordinary elections, pandemic and similar situations, the need for greater coordination and cooperation with beneficiaries and other stakeholders especially during COVID-19 was highly required;
- Constant monitoring of developments and the effect of pandemic on beneficiaries and tailored responses were necessary throughout to ensure implementation towards set results;
- Delays with the delivery of goods, transport issues of the goods, the limited production of specialized equipment, etc, impacted the project's timeline. These challenges were addressed adequately through non-cost extensions of the project.

VI. Communication and visibility

Project team has maintained regular coordination and information sharing meetings with beneficiaries and relevant stakeholders:

- SALW Commission regular virtual meetings (during COVID-19 restrictions) and in-person meeting every day of the project implementation;
- Participation at the local and regional SALW Commission Coordination meetings;
- Participation at the EU Office in Kosovo hosted meeting in coordinating the project.



Visibility to the project and its results, as well as to the donors of the project, was duly communicated and applied throughout. The project team used social media to enhance the project's visibility, as provided in the examples that follow.

Activity 1.1: Gap Analysis in the Investigations Department especially in the field of investigating and countering IAT

Meeting between the UNDP's engaged expert for drafting the report on explosives investigations and officials from Kosovo institutions



Activity 1.2: Increased capacity of crime investigations department (IAT) - Basic training on firearms investigations

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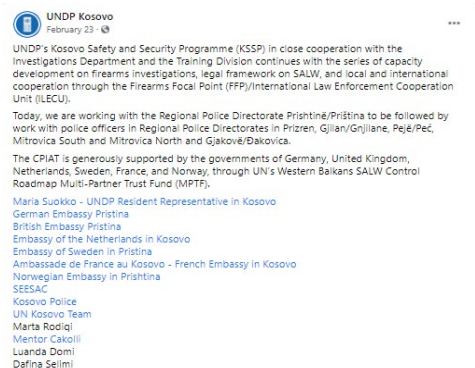
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Training on basic firearms investigations legal framework on SALW, and local and international cooperation through the Firearms Focal Point (FFO)/International Law Enforcement Cooperation Unit (ILECU). Photos: UNDP Kosovo



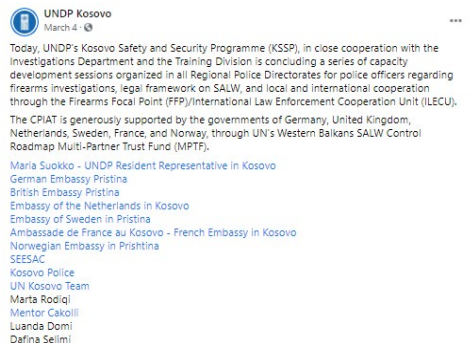
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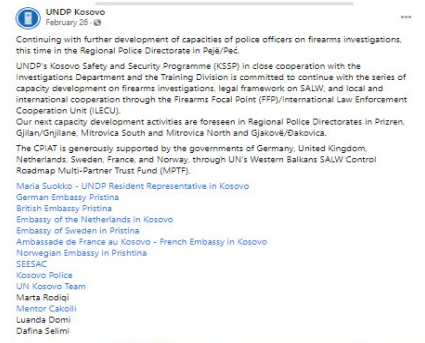
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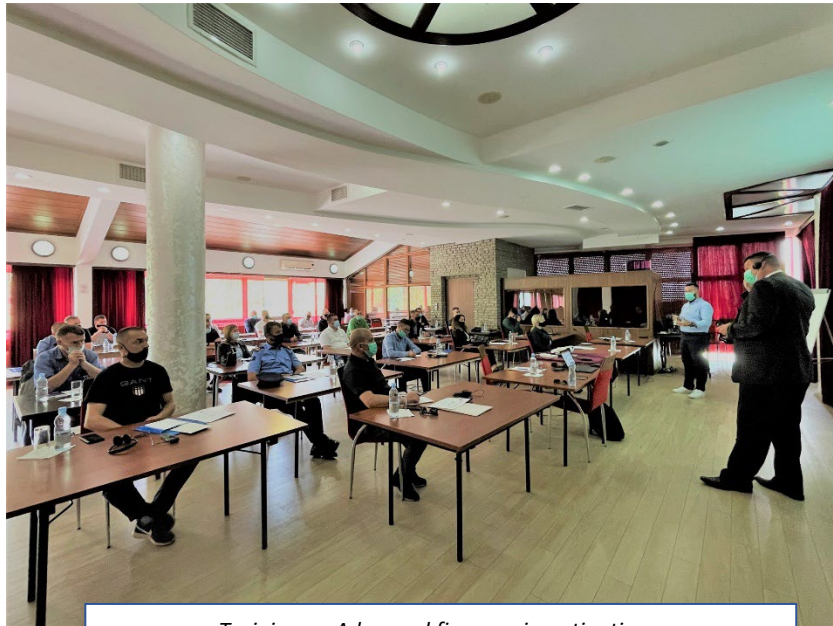
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Activity 1.3: Increased capacity of crime investigations department (IAT) - Advanced training on firearms investigations

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UNDP's Kosovo Safety and Security Programme (KSSP) through the CPIAT project, in close cooperation with the police investigations department and the training division, begun a 5-day advanced #training on #firearms investigations for 30 police investigators from all regional police directorates.

The training is focused on the use of special #investigative measures in the field of #IAT and cooperation with #law enforcement units locally and internationally in effective investigating the smuggling of #drugs, immigrants, counter-terrorism, etc.

The CPIAT project is supported by Auswärtiges Amt, UK Home Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Netherlands), Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Swedish International Development Agency Sida, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, #Norway and the EU European External Action Service - EEAS, EU Neighbourhood & Enlargement through UN's Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap Trust Fund.

*Social media posts about the training on
Advanced training on firearms
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Activity 1.4: Increased capacity of Police special units - Specialized training on firearms detections, house searches and risk of firearms

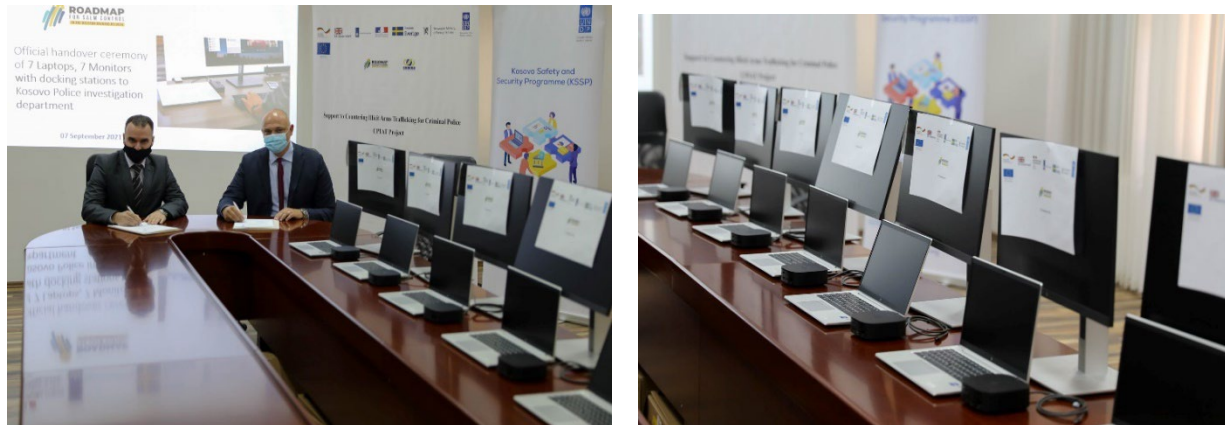


Activity 1.5: Increased capacity of crime investigations department (IAT) - IT equipment;

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We're committed to our partnership with the Investigation Department of the [@Kosovo_Police](#) — this time by donating 7 laptops, monitors and docking stations to strengthen the quality of [#IntelligenceLedPolicing](#). Funded by  through [@MPTF](#). [#InternationalPoliceDay](#)



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Activity 1.6: Procurement and delivery of software and special equipment to Organized Crime Investigation Directorate of the Kosovo Police

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The proliferation of small arms and light weapons, their illegal possession, and illicit arms trafficking, remain a challenge and enormous threat to human life, safety and security as well as economic development. The engagement to address Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) control and combating illicit arms trafficking in Kosovo, is part of the UNDP's goal and commitment to promote human security and sustainable development in Kosovo.

Today, UNDP's Kosovo Safety and Security Programme (KSSP) organized an online handover ceremony of Maltego XL and Social Links licenses to the Kosovo Police Investigation Department. The investigative professional tools are provided through the project Support to Combating Illicit Arms Trafficking for Criminal Police/Investigations in the Field of Small and Light Arms (CPIAT) which supports police investigation through individual capacity development, focusing on investigations of illegal trafficking of small arms and light weapons, technological upgrades and specialized equipment.

The MALTEGO XL software licenses and Social Links licenses will enable the Kosovo Police Investigation Department to use large amounts of data and graphs for analyzing illicit arms trafficking, armed robberies, and other criminal acts through mapping out a threat picture of the entire network infrastructure that the Kosovo Police Organized Crime Directorate owns and operates. The system will support online policing in combating Illicit Arms Trafficking and other types of crime, enabling the Kosovo Police to speed up information gathering and increase the accuracy of its investigations.

The CPIAT project is implemented in close cooperation with the Kosovo Police under the Regional Road map for the Small and Light Weapons Control in the Western Balkans 2024. The project is generously funded by Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Norway, through UNDP's the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF).

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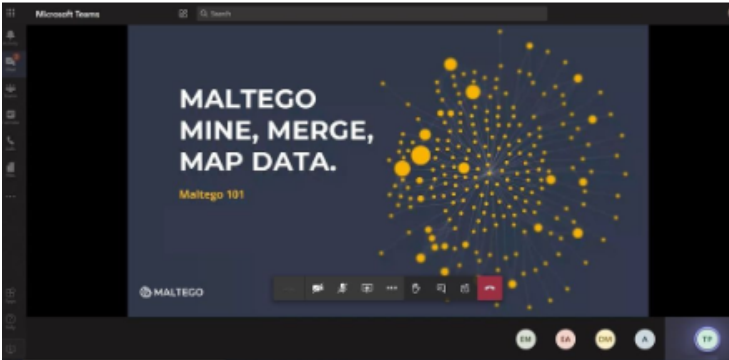
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United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through the Kosovo Safety and Security Programme (KSSP) in close cooperation with the Kosovo Police Investigations Department and the Training Division has organized a one-day online training for police investigators in using the MALTEGO XL software licenses. The continued professional development is provided through the project Support to Combating Illicit Arms Trafficking for Criminal Police/Investigations in the Field of Small and Light Arms (CPIAT) which supports the police investigation through technological and specialized equipment and individual capacity development focusing on investigations of illegal trafficking of small arms and light weapons.

MALTEGO XL Software licenses and the specific training will enable the Kosovo Police Investigation Department to have a direct access in a library which will speed up investigations through gathering of data from open sources, and visualizing that information in a graph format, suitable for link analysis and data mining. MALTEGO XL software licenses and investigation training, with its specifics, makes possible analyzing of information on firearms, armed robberies, and other criminal acts where firearms are involved.

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UNDP Kosovo
December 23, 2020

UNDP's Kosovo Safety and Security Programme (KSSP), in close cooperation with the Kosovo Police Investigations Department, continued to provide professional development through the "Support to Police Investigations in the Field of Small and Light Arms" (CPIAT) project which supports police investigation with technological and specialized equipment and individual capacity development focusing on investigations of illegal trafficking of small arms and light weapons.

Today, the Dashboard/TABLEAU data visualization platform, which is an information management tool, was officially handed over to the Kosovo Police Investigation Department to be used at the local, regional, and central levels to conduct proper tracks, analysis and visually present key performance indicators, the metrics and key points of the data, in order to monitor crime trends as a phenomenon in general.

These licenses will help the decision makers and different level managers to, based on the gathered and presented data in these tables, set objectives, goals and make decisions on investigation and operational actions as well as help with proper planning and intervention. Such a system makes it possible to generate analytical reports based on collected data during a certain period; it also allows monthly, quarterly, bi-annual and annual comparisons.

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Virtual handover ceremony of TABLEAU software licenses to the Kosovo Police Investigation Department

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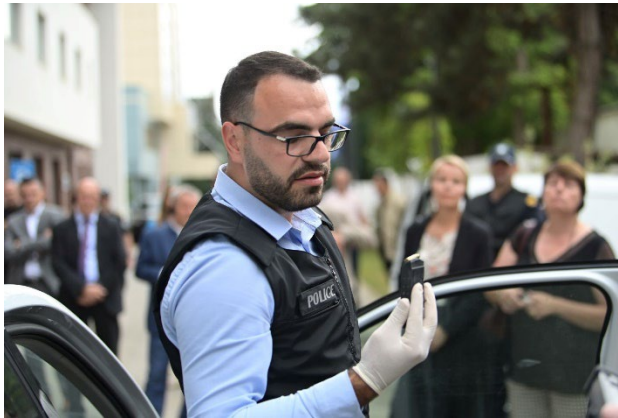
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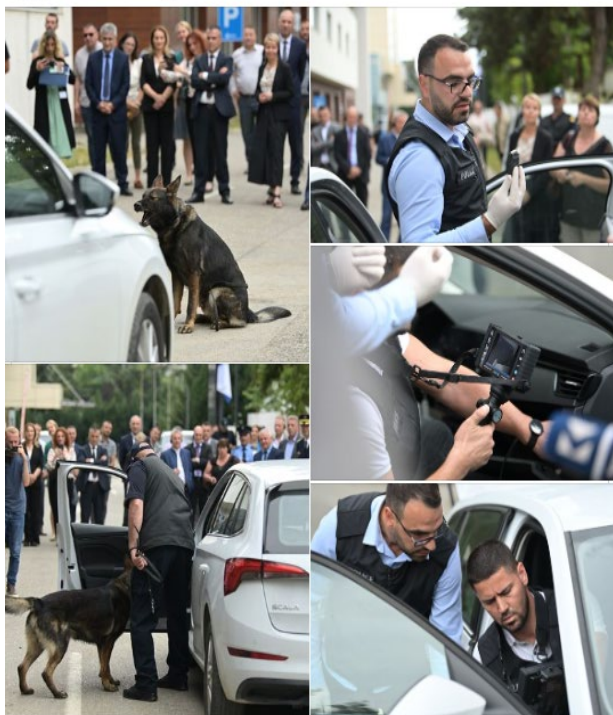
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Photos from the handover ceremony and practical exercise on using the new equipment



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The equipment includes thermal cameras, hand-held scanners, endoscopes and drones which will enhance the efficiency of police work in identifying, detecting and confiscating illicit arms trafficking, ammunition and explosives as well as narcotics of various kinds.

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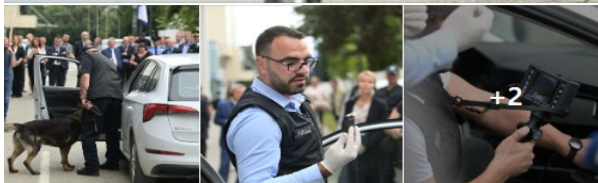
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