

## HEALTHIER KOSOVO 2

### MPTF OFFICE ANNUAL PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup> NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

#### REPORTING PERIOD: 1 DECEMBER 2021 – 11 APRIL 2022

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Programme Title &amp; Project Number</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programme Title: Healthier Kosovo 2</li> <li>Programme Number : 000124572</li> <li>MPTF Office Project Reference Number:<sup>3</sup></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Participating Organization(s)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organizations that have received direct funding from the MPTF Office under this programme</li> <li>UNDP, UNV &amp; WHO</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Programme/Project Cost (US\$)</b></p> <p>Total approved budget as per project document: 970.000 EUR MPTF /JP Contribution<sup>4</sup>: 9,700.00 EUR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOTAL:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval.</b></p> <p>Assessment/Review - if applicable <i>please attach</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date: dd.mm.yyyy          Mid-Term Evaluation Report – if applicable <i>please attach</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date: dd.mm.yyyy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s) / Strategic Results<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p><i>Country/Region</i> Kosovo*</p> <p><i>Priority area/ strategic results</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Implementing Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National counterparts (government, private, NGOs &amp; others) and other International Organizations</li> <li>Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning &amp; Infrastructure &amp; Ministry of Health</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Programme Duration</b></p> <p>Overall Duration (<i>months</i>) 23 <i>Months</i></p> <p>Start Date<sup>5</sup>: 01.08.2021</p> <p>Original End Date<sup>6</sup> 31.07.2023</p> <p>Current End date<sup>7</sup></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Report Submitted By</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name: Enisa Serhati</li> <li>Title: Sustainable Growth &amp; Climate Resilience Portfolio Manager</li> <li>Participating Organization (Lead):</li> <li>Email address: enisa.serhati@undp.org</li> </ul>
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<sup>1</sup> The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

<sup>2</sup> Strategic Results, as formulated in the Strategic UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) or project document;

<sup>3</sup> 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](#)

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

<sup>5</sup> The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MPTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

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

<sup>7</sup> 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.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Building from past achievements, the Healthier Kosovo 2, a joint project of UNDP and WHO in Kosovo aims to work closely with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure (MESPI) by building capacities, offering technical assistance, and accelerating the implementation of the legal and institutional framework and stepping up the climate action to improve human health. Moreover, the project will continue working with CSOs by actively working on environmental health threats through capacity building and support through grants. In addition, the project will continue to use a community engagement approach by utilizing innovative and participatory co-design methodology as well as extend its community focus through park foundations.

The project implementation has started, albeit slightly later than initially planned due to the prolonged project approval process. Amidst these processes, the project has continued to work on different levels by initiating meetings with Environmental Inspectorate and working with local consultants to name a few, hence it ensured to resume collaboration with key project actors, stakeholders, and other project partners. The project is currently implementing the Behavioural Insights Study, a process that started in late 2021. The Behavioural Insights Study aims to generate solutions that reduce air pollution deriving from traffic in Prishtina. Being the city with one of the highest polluted air quality indexes among capital cities in Europe, Prishtina's public transportation fails to resolve the high traffic of the rapid urbanization.

Moreover, the project has started the planning of Kosovo Earth Days, an environmental awareness campaign engaging youth. Based on the previous successful organization of Earth Days in 2021, the project have been mobilized to plan and put into action ideas for Kosovo Earth Days 2022. The aim is to highlight the importance of good health, air pollutants, and their impact on human health, activities that engage communities, and other relevant, innovative approaches.

Additionally, the project team is meeting with CSOs to discuss the scope of work and activities as well as it is working on engaging a local technical CSO expert, which will support the CSOs. Once the TA is on board, the project will plan the first workshop that will call upon all ECSOs to participate, engage and offer knowledge through our workshop sessions.

#### **I. Purpose**

Healthier Kosovo 2 (HK2) is a joint UN project with UNDP, UNV & WHO which strives to reduce environment-related disease burden on Kosovo population's health and support the transition to a more resilient society in the face of environmental health threats, including air pollution, COVID-19-related waste in health facilities, and climate change impacts on health. The concept is rooted in the United Nations Sustainable Development Framework priority area 3 and in the WHO Manifesto for a Healthy Recovery from COVID-19.

The joint project will contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Kosovo, specifically: Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well-being for All at All Ages (SDG 3); Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (SDG 11); and take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts (SDG 13). The project, in this context, will also contribute to Health 2020, the new European health policy framework.

#### **II. Results**

##### **i) Narrative reporting on results:**

- **Outcomes:** The project directly contributes to Results and Resources framework for Kosovo\* 2021-2025 specifically outcome 3 aiming to “build resilience to shock and crisis. The outcome aims to

engage youth and vulnerable groups to have access and benefit from sustainable and inclusive economic development that is more resilient to impacts of climate change, disaster and emergencies. On youth engagement at the community level, the project started meetings with CSOs in regard to discuss the scope of work and activities that will benefit them. CSOs continue to be a strong pillar of the HK2 project; thus, the communication will be ongoing, and the support will be extended as planned within the work plan. Additionally, the project team is working on engaging a local technical CSO expert, which will support the CSOs as per the defined scope of work. Once the TA is on board, the project will plan the first workshop that will call upon all ECSOs to participate, engage and offer knowledge through our workshop sessions.

- **Outputs:** In Output 1 of the project, HK2 focuses on reduction of exposure to air pollution and climate-related health threats is through improved institutional capacities and public awareness. The targets in these output is relevant to the institutions and beneficiaries of the project. Target 1.1 set for these output are yet to be achieved, however the project team has ensured to start with the implementation of the Behavioural Insights Study, a process that started in late 2021. We have initiated close contact with the director of Urbanization in Municipality of Prishtina as well as with the director of Urban Traffic as a means to have working relations and support the study in available areas within their scope of work. Similarly, based on the successful implementation of Healthier Kosovo 1 we have built strong partnerships with central and local level institutions, community and youth. Hence these partnerships are contributing to the achievements of targets as set in the ProDoc.
- On the institutional aspect, as per the Target 1.1 the project has initiated meetings with the directors from the Environmental and Water Protection Department and restore our communication and information sharing regarding the project activities that will directly affect the Ministry of Environment and the directorate. In the online meeting, the director of the Inspectorate for Perseverance of Environment, Nature, and Water was keen to work with the project and continue collaborating on many levels. Many of the aspects that the directorate seeks support continue to be capacity building, digitalization of the laws, regulations, equipment that support new technology, and other means of support.

**Describe any delays in implementation, challenges, lessons learned & best practices:** There was a slight delay with the signature process of the Project Document between the MPTF and the UNDP Kosovo\* office and WHO. Also, in lieu of the recently initiated global UNDP HR clustering of HR processes through its Global Shared Service Center, the team has experienced delays in the process of having the project staff on board. As a result, initiation of selected activities such as; initiating capacity building workshops, meetings with KHMI & IHMK and other relevant activities were slightly delayed. However, vital initial relationship building and initiation and work planning discussions with partners were carried out by UNDP programme staff, and key activities were initiated on time as per the quarterly work plan, such as meetings with the Environmental Inspectorate, Kosovo Earth Days, Behavioral Insights study, meetings with directors of Urbanization and Urban Traffic in Prishtina, and CSO engagement.

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- **Qualitative assessment:** Each UN agency manages the project components. The designated project management team closely coordinates to ensure complementarity in the provision of technical assistance to the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Environment Spatial Planning & Infrastructure, technical support, and strengthening of ECSOs strengthening the role of CSOs, the co-design solution development in pilot municipalities, awareness campaign, park foundations, and support to waste management. This way, the project is engaged with all levels of governance, working in close partnership with institutions, non-governmental organizations, and communities through effective engagement of youth. The project will be implemented inclusively, promoting and ensuring adequate gender balance in its activities

## ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:

Using the **Programme Results Framework from the Project Document / AWP** - provide an update on the achievement of indicators at both the output and outcome level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, clear explanation should be given explaining why, as well as plans on how and when this data will be collected.

	<b><u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)</b>	<b>Source of Verification</b>
<b>Outcome 1<sup>8</sup></b> By 2025, women and men in Kosovo, particularly youth and vulnerable groups, have increased access to decent work and benefit from sustainable and inclusive economic development that is more resilient to impacts of climate change, disasters and emergencies <b>Indicator:</b> Level of air pollution (UNDP) – SDG 11.6.2 <b>Baseline:</b> Pristina region during Oct-Dec: PM10: 56 µg/m3; PM2.5: 42 µg/m3 (2018) <b>Planned Target:</b> Pristina region during Oct-Dec PM10: 30 µg/m3; PM2.5: 20 µg/m3	Ongoing	The project has just started with its implementation	
<b>Output 1.</b> Exposure to air pollution and climate-related health threats is reduced through improved institutional capacities and public awareness. <b>Indicator 1.1.</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>of digitalized systems that enable Environmental Inspectorate to carry out inspection and control of cases in alignment with environmental laws and regulations in place</li> <li># of local air pollution reduction plans</li> <li># of generated solutions to policy problems resulting from the behavioural insight study</li> <li># of reports and Environmental Health Impact Assessments (EHIA) published by health institutions</li> </ol> <b>Baseline 1.1.</b>	Behavioral Insights study has started its implementation phase. Meetings with the directors of Urbanization & Public Transport are scheduled  Kosovo Earth Days activities together with Youth engagement are ongoing  Meeting with Environmental Inspectorate initiated and cooperation ongoing in areas of capacity building and potential data management.  Working currently with data science		

<sup>8</sup> Note: Outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets should be **as outlined in the Project Document** so that you report on your **actual achievements against planned targets**. Add rows as required for Outcome 2, 3 etc.

<p>a) No digital system in place that enables Environmental Inspectorate to carry out inspection and control of cases in alignment with environmental laws and regulations in place</p>	<p>and air pollution data. Initially engaging tech CSOs and overseeing cooperation potential for the future.</p>		
<p>b) There are no local air pollution reduction plans</p> <p>c) 0 – behavioral study has never been used to generate solutions to policy problems</p> <p>d) There are no Environmental Health Impact Assessment (EHIA) published by health institutions</p> <p><b>Target 1.1.</b></p> <p>a) 1 digitalized system established to enable Environmental Inspectorate to carry out inspection and control of cases in alignment with environmental laws and regulations in place</p> <p>b) At least 2 local air pollution reduction plans drafted</p> <p>c) At least 2 policy solution to be generated from behavioural insight study</p> <p>d) At least 1 report on environmental impact on health and 1 Environmental Health Impact Assessment published by health institutions</p> <p><b>Indicator: 1.2.</b></p> <p>a) # of indoor air pollution and related health impact assessments</p> <p>b) % of population in Kosovo that are aware of potential health threats from indoor air pollution</p> <p><b>Baseline 1.2:</b></p> <p>a) No indoor air pollution health impact assessments</p> <p>b) TBD once the project starts (data will be gathered through Public Pulse)</p> <p><b>Target 1.2:</b></p> <p>a) At least 1 assessment will be developed and published about indoor air pollution</p>			

<p>impact on health pollution</p> <p>b) TBD once the baseline is set</p> <p><b>Indicator 1.3.</b></p> <p>a) # of solutions implemented by Civil Society Organizations (grant recipients) in the area of environmental pollution</p> <p>b) # of policy analysis reports in the air quality management domain</p> <p>c) # of innovative prototypes generated from the human-centered design cycle in selected municipalities</p> <p>d) # of revitalized parks as a result of parks foundation platform</p> <p>e) # of UN Community Volunteers deployed to deliver awareness raising activities on indoor/outdoor air pollution</p> <p><b>Baseline 1.3.:</b></p> <p>a) 6 projects carried out by CSO in the first phase of the project</p> <p>b) No policy analysis reports on the area of environmental health published by institutions</p> <p>c) Human-centered design has never been used in the selected municipalities; no innovative prototypes generated</p> <p>d) Parks foundation is a pioneering intervention; no parks have been revitalized in the past using this methodology</p> <p>e) 0 – No community volunteers have been deployed to carry out outreach activities in regard to air pollution</p> <p><b>Target 1.3.:</b></p> <p>a) 6 solutions implemented by environmental CSOs</p> <p>b) 1 policy analysis report drafted in the air quality management domain</p> <p>c) 2 prototypes generated from the human-centered design cycle in 2 municipality</p>			
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<p>d) 1 park revitalized as a result of parks foundation platform</p> <p>e) 10 UN Community volunteers deployed to deliver awareness raising activities on indoor/outdoor air pollution</p> <p><b>Indicator 1.4.:</b></p> <p>a) Total no. people reached on social media through online campaigning on environment and health, measured via social media analytics (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter)</p> <p><b>Baseline 1.4.:</b></p> <p>a) Facebook: 2.6 million people reached; Instagram: 1.6 million people reached; Twitter: 97,000 people reached (data gathered from social media analytics of #ecokosovo3)</p> <p><b>Target 1.4:</b></p> <p>a) No of people reached by the campaign on environment and health: Facebook: 3 million people reached; Instagram: 2 million people reached; Twitter: 140,000 people reached</p> <p><b>Indicator 1.5:</b></p> <p>a) # of trainings/workshops organized on climate change impact on health.</p> <p><b>Baseline 1.5:</b></p> <p>a) 0 – No specific trainings or workshops have been organized on this topic</p> <p><b>Target 1.5:</b></p> <p>At least 2 workshops organized on climate change and health.</p> <p><b>Indicator 1.6.:</b></p> <p>a) # of people reached on social media through online campaigning on climate change and health</p> <p><b>Baseline 1.6:</b></p>			
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<p>No campaigns on climate change and health</p> <p><b>Target 1.6:</b> No of people reached by the campaign on climate change: Facebook: 1.5 million people reached; Instagram: 1 million people reached; Twitter: 70,000 people reached</p>			
<p><b>Output 2.</b> Health threats from medical waste reduced through updated waste management protocols, safe waste collection and segregation and improved capacities of relevant institutions and Health Care Workers (HCW).</p> <p><b>Indicator 2.1:</b> # of effective waste management protocols developed according to WHO recommendation and approved by the central institutions</p> <p><b>Baseline 2.1:</b> No waste management protocols in place</p> <p><b>Target 2.1:</b> At least 1 protocol will be developed and approved by central institutions on waste management protocol, according to WHO recommendation</p> <p><b>Indicator 2.2.:</b> # of HCWs that has received the educational material on waste management</p> <p><b>Baseline 2.2.a:</b> No previous educational materials provided to HCWs</p> <p><b>Target 2.2:</b> At least 100 HCWs and patients received educational material on how to reduce health threats from medical waste</p> <p><b>Indicator 2.3.a:</b> # of waste collection systems in place based on international standards</p> <p><b>Baseline 2.3.a:</b> No effective waste management system in place based on international standards</p> <p><b>Target 2.3.:</b> 1 waste management system in place based on international Standards</p>	Ongoing		



**Problem / Challenge faced:** Describe the specific problem or challenge faced by the subject of your story (this could be a problem experienced by an individual, community or government).

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