Child Protection during Covid – 19 in Kosovo

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The situation of vulnerable categories during Covid - 19

The most affected by this situation are vulnerable children, many of whom have been left without the necessary services and protection.

- Children with disabilities
- Children involved in child labour
- Children victims of violence
11% of children in Kosovo didn’t follow the online education, due to the poverty and no access to technology and internet.
Children with disabilities and children involved in child labour during Covid-19

Social, educational and some of health direct services were closed during pandemics. Service providers continued to work remotely with their beneficiaries.

Children involved in child labour continued to be at risk for life, health and exposed to abuse, sexual exploitation and trafficking.
The number of reported cases of domestic violence has increased by 36% compared to the same period last year.

Foster families and shelters for child protection continued to provide foster services with full capacity for 24 hours a day, by exposing themselves directly to the risk of infection.
Activities and advices for parents, custodians and service providers

Video campaign with KOMF members and "Friends of Children" with messages to stay home

KOMF Advocacy actions during Covid-19
Request to include the following schemes under the Emergency Fiscal Package:
- Kinship Care
- Scheme for Material Support for Families of Children with Permanent Disabilities

*KOMF request got approved from the Government

Request for sustainable financing of social services:
- Urgent announcement of regular annual calls for funding NGOs for the provision of services
- Increasing the budget for financing direct social and health services provided by NGOs

Request for the protection of juveniles that are in detention or serving any of the imposed measures or punishments
KOMF Advocacy actions during Covid-19

“My Municipality, My Social Right” awareness raising campaign

Monitoring Report on the Process of Decentralization of Social Services:

Raising awareness video for improving social services:
Website on early childhood development
“Afër fëmijës”

The website objective is to support:

- Parents
- Custodians
- Service Providers

on early childhood development

www.aferfemijes.org
Challenges and next steps for service providers

Challenges

1. Safe reopening of direct services
2. Sustainable financing for social services

Next Steps

1. Guideline for safe reopening of day care centers and provision of direct and community services
2. Capacity building/training of service providers
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