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OUR MISSION AND VISION

Millennium Foundation Kosovo started to operating in 2018, as an entity established to implement the Threshold Agreement that has been signed and ratified between the Government of Kosovo and the Government of the United States.

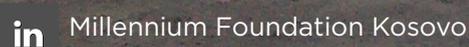
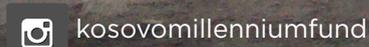
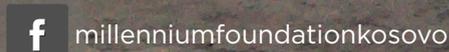
The Threshold agreement has enabled a 49 million dollar investment from the U.S. Federal Agency Millennium Challenge Corporation. These investments are focused on projects related to energy efficiency and transparent governance.

The mission of MFK is “to speed up the transition of our country towards energy independence and good governance.” Our vision is “to offer innovative solutions in the energy landscape, transparent governance and inclusive society.”

In the following pages, you can read about the main projects that will be implemented in the next three years, as we seek to fulfill our mission.

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AN INSULATED HOUSE USES LESS ENERGY!

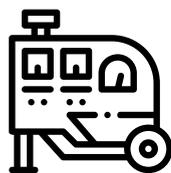
The Threshold Program has a special focus on enabling low income Kosovan families to invest in improving the energy efficiency of their houses and apartments. For the implementation of this activity, Millennium Foundation Kosovo plans to develop an inclusive process with citizens, institutions, businesses, and in coordination with other donors in Kosovo.

Many houses in Kosovo lack the necessary thermal insulation; therefore, during the winter, families spend a large portion of their incomes in energy. Low income and middle income families spend in average 13% of their incomes, whereas 14% of poorer families spend more than 30% of their incomes, even though they consume a relatively low amount of electricity.

In the following years (2019 - 2021) MFK aims to support the implementation of efficient measures (house insulation; window replacement; solar water heating systems, etc.) in around 3000 individual houses across Kosovo, as well as in around 30 multi-family apartment buildings. This activity also aims to actively increase awareness of energy saving measures. In order to reach these goals, in cooperation with the international implementing entities, MFK plans to develop an inclusive process with citizens, institutions, businesses, and in close coordination with other donors in Kosovo.



Households are the main consumers of electricity, making up 55% Of the general consumption of electricity. Industrial consumers make up 35% of the consumption, whereas commercial ones represent 20%. (Source: Kosovo Constraints Analysis).



Expenses on equipment, fuel, generators and electrical equipment maintenance, reach 25% of small business's turnover, and around 4% of large business turnover. (Source: Kosovo Constraints Analysis).

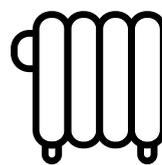
CENTRAL HEATING - PAY THE AMOUNT YOU SPEND

One of the most important interventions financed by the Millennium Challenge Corporation is the installation of district heating meters in Pristina. By shifting from heating billing based on the apartment square meters to billing based on energy used; it is expected that around 20% of steam will be saved, which then can be used to extend the district heating network throughout the capital city. Additionally, in the future, citizens will only be charged based on heating consumption.



Currently, Termokos provides central heating to 12,140 apartments in Pristina. However, the rational consumption of heating remains one of the main challenges to be solved. Often, citizens do not check the temperature of the old valves, so they pay for heating based on the square meters of their apartment and not based on consumption. This is an outdated way of billing and is in contradiction with the new EU Directives. MFK aims to help the Municipality of Pristina, specifically Termokos, to install the metering system in each radiator and install central meters at the building level. Meanwhile, in order to enable individual control of the amount of heating based on the needs of each consumer, a new thermostatic valve will be installed in every radiator. Raising citizen awareness and creating positive habits related to thermal energy consumption will enable rational

use of heating and savings. For household budgets, this means saving money and the opportunity to invest in other household needs. On the other hand, for Pristina, this will help to ensure thermal energy for expanded infrastructure capacities for new consumers!



MFK will install meters and thermostats for approximately 60,700 radiators in order to help effective billing based on heating consumption by the citizens, as well as greater capacities.

WOMEN IN KOSOVO – FUTURE LEADERS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR!

Over 90% employers in the energy sector in Kosovo are men. Lack of opportunities for female employment in the energy sector, along with various barriers women face, are issues that MFK aims to change through concrete interventions. The purpose of these interventions is to create a more equal and open landscape for gender inclusion through a combination of projects that offer international scholarships, paid internships, and business grants.



FOTO: VALDRIN XHEMAJ

Wherever it operates worldwide, the Millennium Challenge Corporation focuses on gender and social inclusion to ensure that all social classes are included as investment beneficiaries. In Kosovo, Millennium Foundation Kosovo has planned a series of activities that intend to build a generation of young women leaders and empower women in the energy sector.

- In the next 3 years, MFK will invest in 20 full scholarships for studies in accredited international colleges, specifically in subjects that are directly related to energy such as: management of wind turbine generators; solar energy technology; efficient construction, etc.
- In addition, MFK will finance 200, 6-month internships, for women aiming to enter the energy sector labor market for the first time. Many graduated women need their first chance through internships, and they will be given this opportunity through their inclusion in either the public or private sector for a 6-month paid internship period.
- A grant program is another important intervention for women entrepreneurs; investments in projects related to energy, energy efficiency, efficient production, etc. The budget for grants counts around 2 million dollars for 2019 - 2021.



MCC Country Director for Kosovo, Mrs. Sarah Olmstead, reflecting on this activity in an interview for Radio "Free Europe", stated: "Women can and should be leaders, not only in this sector, but in all sectors. I believe that including more women in this sector will bring a new perspective to the energy sector. Women bring only an added value, and therefore I believe that they can naturally become leaders in this field."

First five scholarship beneficiaries go to Iowa

This activity launched in December, following the signing of the agreement between MFK and DMACC College in United States. MFK CEO, Mr. Petrit Selimi and DMACC College President, Mr. Robert Denson have signed the agreement and launched first 5 scholarships for Kosovo women that will attend this college for studies in the energy field, starting from 2019.



FOTO: DMACC





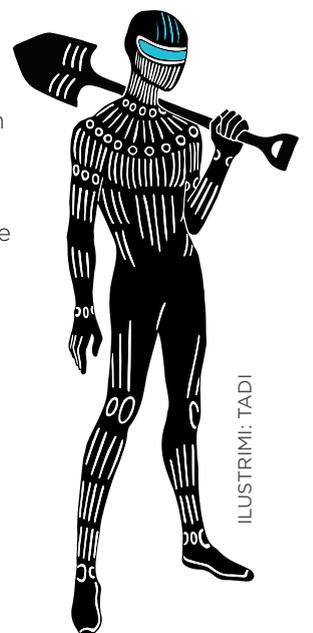
In coordination with the institutions mandated to work on environment, MFK will replace old equipment of the air quality monitoring stations throughout Kosovo. Investments will also be made in the national system to provide real time data publication on air quality and air quality forecast through a mobile phone app.

This project, financed by MCC, includes both the hardware and policy-making component. This enables sustainability of the air quality monitoring stations across Kosovo and will later enable free access to real-time air quality data, this new data will then be accessible and usable for analysis by citizens, civil society, and the private sector.

Upon closure of the project, institutions mandated to monitor and report on air quality will effectively monitor and report real-time data based on environmental indicators. With this new data, civil society and the media can offer solutions and advocate based on accurate environmental data. This activity aims to create bridges between the government, civil society, and the media on issues related to the environment and their impact on public health.

DIG DATA - Open Data Challenge

Launched this year, Dig Data is an open data challenge for the better use of government open data by civil society and the private sector, with the ultimate goal of increasing transparency. Dig Data was first organized in 2018 and focused on open data for employment and education. Out of 26 applications received, MFK announced 9 finalists whom jointly received grants of over \$200,000.



MCC SCORECARD FOR KOSOVO

Every year **MCC** publishes a Country Scorecard to assess eligibility for **MCC** support. The Country Scorecard consolidates an individual country's scores for each of the policy indicators compiled by UN agencies, independent think tanks, etc. For Kosovo to be selected as eligible for an **MCC** assistance program, it was obliged to demonstrate a commitment to just and democratic governance, investments in its people, and economic freedom as measured by different policy indicators.

Kosovo FY19

Population: 1,831,000
 GNI/Cap: \$3,890
 Category: GNI/Cap \$1,876 - \$3,895

Half Scorecard Passed ✓

Control of Corruption ✓

Democratic Rights ✓



For more information regarding the Millennium Challenge Account Selection Process and these indicators, please consult MCC's website: www.mcc.gov/selection

*The UN does not publish data for Kosovo due to lack of recognition status.

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