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INITIATIVE FOR DOCUMENTING CRIMES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE DURING THE WAR IN KOSOVO

Project:

*Enhance Transitional Justice Efforts in Kosovo
through Documentation of Wartime Sexual
Violence*

Main Findings:

*Over the last years (2019-2022), through the
support of the **Swiss Embassy in Kosovo**,
KRCT together with partner organizations
(**CPWR, Medica Kosova and Medica Gjakova**)
has collected data on **900** survivors of sexual
violence during the war in Kosovo.*

*The main findings from documenting cases of
sexual violence during the war in Kosovo are as
follows:*

- Out of **900** documented cases, **844** are women and girls **56** are men and boys.*
- Based on documented cases, **4%** of the victims belong to non-majority communities (Roma, Bosniak, Ashkali, Egyptian).*
- **15%** of documented cases are children who were under the age of **18** at the time when they experienced sexual violence.*

- Rapes during wartime occurred more often in villages rather than cities, with **67%** of cases occurring in villages and **33%** in cities.
- The largest number of rapes occurred inside the house where the victim was staying, respectively in **20%** of cases the rapes took place in the house of the victim, while **48%** of rapes occurred in the houses where the victims were temporarily housed.
- In **34%** of all documented rape cases occurred in the region of Prishtina, while **66%** in other regions in Kosovo.
- In **69%** of documented cases more than one perpetrator participated.
- Group raping occurred in **47%** of cases.
- Relatives of victims were witness in **71%** of cases where raping took place.
- Victims of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo in **99%** of cases were civilians.
- In **8%** of cases, victims have known the perpetrators or had circumstantial knowledge of them.
- Rape as a form of sexual violence was used in **99%** of cases.
- Sexual violence has caused psychological consequences in **99%** of cases, while in **85%** of documented cases victims have also suffered physical injuries.
- **378** out of **900** documented cases have suffered genital injuries.
- **35** victims became pregnant because of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo, while in six cases the victim gave birth to a child.
- **731** victims or **81%** of documented cases have applied for recognition of the status of "victim of sexual violence".

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