

2023 FACT SHEET

THERAPIES:



475

Individual Therapies

89

Family Therapy

47

Group Therapy

165

Physiotherapy Sessions

SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION:



53

War rape survivors were granted status through the support of KRCT

66

Newly identified cases of war rape

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT:



115

Asylum seekers and refugees in Kosovo have benefited from the mental health and psychosocial support program.

63

New cases of repatriated women and girls received psychological, medical and legal services

REFERRALS AND SUPPORT



19

Referrals for economic empowerment of repatriated and refugee women and girls

22

Essential food and hygiene packages

1300 +

Documented cases of sexual violence during wartime

100 +

Legal services for war rape survivors in Kosovo

20 +

Monitoring visit to the places of deprivation of liberty

20 +

Advocacy letters



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KRCT The Kosova Rehabilitation
Center for Torture Victims

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THE YEAR OF THE TRIUMPH OF JUSTICE

2023 was the year of achieving justice for the beneficiaries of the Kosova Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims (KRCT).

In two different cases, the courts of Kosovo decided that the beneficiaries of the KRCT should be given justice.

FIRST SURVIVOR TO TRIUMPH AT ALL JUDGING LEVELS

After a three-year court battle, the Supreme Court of Kosovo finally confirmed the sentence against the perpetrator Z.V., sentenced to 13 years in prison for war rape crimes committed during the war in Kosovo.

Initially, the Basic Court in Pristina had sentenced Z.V. to 10 years of imprisonment, while after the appeal, the Court of Appeal increased the sentence to 13 years of imprisonment. The defense of the accused had presented a request for the protection of legality, and the Supreme Court rejected this request and finally confirmed the Judgment of the Court of Appeals by which Z.V. was sentenced to 13 years in prison.

This marks the epilogue of this case and now we have the first survivor who, through her persistence and the unwavering support of the KRCT throughout the process, triumphed at all levels of the courts.

KRCT continues to support and encourage all war rape survivors to seek justice!

This case has restored the confidence of the survivors and will be a motivation for all war rape survivors to continue reporting their cases to the justice authorities.

FOR THE FIRST TIME THE VICTIM OF PRISON RAPE IS COMPENSATED

Since 2014, KRCT has supported the victim who was raped in Dubrava Prison, where, in addition to rehabilitation services, it also represented him in prolonged court proceedings to seek justice for what happened to him in 2014.

In September 2023, the Basic Court in Pristina partially approved the victim's claim and recognized his right to compensation for the damage due to the failure to act according to the legal responsibilities of security in correctional institutions and the mistreatment that occurred in 2014. According to the Court's Judgment, the Ministry of Justice, as responsible for the Correctional Service of Kosovo, is obliged to compensate the victim due to mental pain, physical pain and due to violation of dignity and honor.

Immediately after the finality of the Judgment, the Ministry of Justice compensated the victim, as was foreseen by the Judgment.

This is the first case of this kind, where the court makes state institutions responsible for the violations of prisoners' rights.

This will be a strategic case and a reference for any violation of the rights of persons deprived of their liberty.