

KRCT – 26 YEARS CARE, HOPE AND JUSTICE (1999–2025)



12,000

Individuals
benefited from
direct services

20,000

People
supported by
our work

1,400

Documented
cases of sexual
violence

1999

ESTABLISHMENT OF KRCT

- ✓ **Pioneered trauma-informed psychosocial support in Kosovo**, laying the foundation for a national model of survivor rehabilitation where none previously existed.

2002

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENT

- ✓ **Reinforced Kosovo's commitment to human rights** by helping advance the Declaration recognizing the UN Convention against Torture.

2005

FIRST RESEARCH STUDY ON WAR CONSEQUENCES

- ✓ **First research study on war's long-term impact**, shaping understanding of survivors' psychological, social, and economic recovery needs.

2006 – 2011

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY SECTOR



- ✓ **KRCT's Human Rights and Advocacy Sector** was established to drive legal reform and policy change.
- ✓ KRCT started **monitoring the rights of persons deprived of their liberty** in prisons, police and mental health and social care institutions.
- ✓ KRCT initiated the process of establishing the **National Preventive Mechanism** against Torture, organizing the first conference (2009) and becoming part of the Steering Committee (2011).
- ✓ **15 Annual Reports with recommendations** from prison monitoring have been published, increasing national standards and becoming a reference for international human rights mechanisms.

2012

ADVOCACY FOR LEGAL RECOGNITION

- ✓ **Launched the "Hear My Voice" campaign**, securing the first **dialogue between CRSV survivors and the government** to advance their legal recognition.

2013–2014

LEGAL RECOGNITION AND NATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

- ✓ **Achieved legal recognition and reparations rights for CRSV survivors** through the **2013–2014 amendment of Law No. 04/L-172**, marking a historic milestone in Kosovo's justice framework.

2015–2018

STRENGTHENING LEGAL SUPPORT & ADVOCACY IMPACT

- ✓ **Feride Rushiti** is honored by the US State Department with the International **"Women of Courage" Award**.
- ✓ KRCT's advocacy **secured the establishment of the Government Commission**, a dedicated state budget, and the **start of CRSV survivors' legal recognition process**.
- ✓ The **"Be My Voice" campaign** further amplified survivors' voices and advanced justice and dignity.
- ✓ **Vasfije Krasniqi** became the first survivor to publicly share her experiences of wartime sexual violence, **breaking the silence and raising national awareness**.

2019 – 2021

ADVANCING JUSTICE & RESEARCH ON TRAUMA

- ✓ **Shyrete Tahiri**, a wartime sexual violence survivor, **publicly filed a criminal complaint with Kosovo's Special Prosecutor**, seeking justice for the crimes she suffered.
- ✓ KRCT built the first platform for **documenting wartime sexual violence crimes**.
- ✓ The first case of someone being **convicted of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo**, where KRCT supported the victim at all stages of the judicial process.
- ✓ KRCT led the **first epigenetic study on transgenerational trauma**.

2022

- ✓ KRCT organized the **international conference on the Kosovo-Denmark Agreement** for the lease of the Gjilan Prison, presenting recommendations and global practices.

2023

- ✓ After 9 years of legal representation, a **prisoner won the right to compensation** for sexual violence that he suffered in Dubrava Prison.

2023

ADVANCING SURVIVOR RECOGNITION AND RIGHTS

- ✓ **14 April 2023** officially recognize as the **Memorial Day** that honor survivors of wartime sexual violence in Kosovo and raise national awareness.
- ✓ 2023 – KRCT advocacy **extended the application deadline by 2+2 years**, enabling more survivors to access their rights until 15 May 2027.

2024

KRCT 25th ANNIVERSARY – ADVANCING RIGHTS, CHANGING LIVES

- ✓ KRCT marked its **25th anniversary** by hosting an **international conference on conflict-related sexual violence**, uniting survivors, experts, and institutions to drive justice and survivor-centered policies.
- ✓ **Women survivors supported** with tailored grants **to boost economic independence** and aid psychological recovery through home-based businesses.
- ✓ Following the advocacy of the KRCT, **the Law on Mandatory Health Care Insurance was adopted**, which guarantees free and unconditional health care to survivors of sexual violence of the war.

2025

ADVANCING JUSTICE AND RIGHTS FOR CRSV SURVIVORS

- ✓ The Basic Court in Pristina also announced 2 more convictions, **where 3 perpetrators of wartime sexual violence were sentenced to 15 years in prison each**; by the support of the KRCT, which provided full legal and psychological support to the survivor, **the total prison sentences for these crimes reached 58 years**.
- ✓ **Two new wartime sexual violence indictments filed**, bringing the **total to 12**, most documented and prepared by KRCT.
- ✓ The Court of Appeal **confirms the first case represented by the KRCT**, guaranteeing the **provision of double pensions** for survivors of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo.
- ✓ KRCT has represented over 50 beneficiaries in court (administrative cases), and has secured compensation in the amount of **over €61,000 in only 5 cases**:
 - **Two survivors were recognized as victims of sexual violence**, one received **€24,000** from 2018, while the other received **€13,000** from 2021.
 - In cases of **double pension**, **3 survivors** have received retroactive compensation in the amount of **€24,600** in total
- ✓ **Safe Room** established in Prishtina Court **to support survivors' testimony**, ensuring access to justice and reducing retraumatization.

JANUARY 2025

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE NOMINATION

- ✓ **KRCT and Executive Director Dr. Feride Rushiti** nominated for the **Nobel Peace Prize** for their decades-long commitment to CRSV survivors.

14 APRIL 2025

PUBLIC ADVOCACY BY A MALE SURVIVOR

- ✓ **A male survivor, Ramadan Nishore** publicly shared his story for the first time, breaking silence and drawing wide public attention.



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