CONFIDENCE BUILDING THROUGH CULTURAL PROTECTION IN KOSOVO

REBUILDING THE PAST, REINVENTING OUR FUTURE

MUNICIPALITY OF KAMENICË/KAMENICA
GOALS

RESPECT for cultural identity and heritage

TRUST amongst community members and municipal authorities

ENGAGEMENT of communities in the protection and promotion of Kosovo's* diverse shared cultural heritage

PROTECTION, PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION of cultural heritage sites in partnership with community members, cultural institutions and the Kosovo Police

RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION and BEAUTIFICATION of cultural heritage sites. 18 Projects in 5 municipalities

Kameničë/Kamenica is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious municipality and an example of inter-ethnic and inter-religious co-existence and respect.

The "Confidence Building Through Cultural Protection" (CBCPK) project, funded by the EU and implemented by UNDP in Kosovo, in close cooperation and consultation with local communities, has renovated, upgraded and beautified the following sites:

* For UNDP, references to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).
TOWN PARK RECONSTRUCTION

The town park has existed since just after World War II, during which time Kamenicë/Kamenica became an urban hub. Over the years the park was reconstructed several times, starting in the 1960s when the National Liberation War memorial was built, which is located in the center of the park.

The park is located in the old town center, besides the river Krivareka, with good accessibility and several entry points from the surrounding roads.

Within the frame of the CBCKP project, the park benefited from a new urban design including pathways, benches, a sport's field and a children's playground. The existing trees and plants were preserved and new ones added to enhance the park landscape. The park will also be functional in the evenings due to a new lighting infrastructure.

The park will be used as a public place for all communities and contribute to strengthening inter-ethnic relations and shared responsibility for the protection and promotion of common green spaces.
The Haxhi Gani Sermaxhaj is the main mosque in Kamenicë/Kamenica town and was built from 1981 over several years, with the minaret being built in 2001.

The mosque was named Haxhi Gani Sermaxhaj, after the person who was responsible for the building process. The mosque was built with the financial support of the citizens of Kamenicë/Kamenica and of other municipalities.

The ground floor rooms of the mosque nowadays serve as offices and headquarters of the Islamic Community Council in Kamenicë/Kamenica, whilst previously the mosque also served as a space for cultural activities.

Within the frame of CBCPK project, the mosque was renovated and its yard upgraded and beautified. The condition of the dome and minaret have also been improved, and the administrative offices have been refurbished to provide better working conditions as well as religious services to the community.
SOC ST. NICHOLAS
YARD UPGRADING

The Serbian Orthodox St. Nicholas Church is located in the old town center of Kamenice/Kamenica, close to the town park. It was built in 1862 as a single nave building. It is constructed out of stone and plastered. The outdoor narthex was built in 1905, and a bell tower was added along its west side wall in 1971.

The interior of the church is decorated by frescos whose author is unknown. The iconostasis were painted by the icon painters Kostadin and Ignjatije from Veles and Dimitrije from Skopje, in the second half of the 19th century.

Within the frame of CBCPK project the church yard has been upgraded to better serve the needs of the community. The pavements have been reconstructed, an amphitheater and veranda built, and the yard has been beautified with new greenery.
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

OTHER PARTNERS AND BENEFICIARIES

Municipalities of Lipjan/Lipljan, Kamenicë/Kamenica, Gjilan/Gnjilane, Ferizaj/Uroševac, Rahovec/Orahovac
Kosovo Police
Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports
Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
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1,560,000 Euro