

# Kosovo



Located in the Balkans  
Kosovo is land locked completely.



## A Day In the Life

A typical woman in Kosovo wakes up early to prepare breakfast for her husband and children, before they leave for work and school. Because of patriarchal social norms, she likely doesn't have a job outside the home, so her day is spent cleaning her home, washing dishes, and preparing lunch.

If she lives in the city, she might make handicrafts at home for sale in the market. If she lives in a rural area, she may have farm animals or a garden to tend. In the evenings, she helps with homework, and cooks dinner – usually potatoes, rice, and beans – for the family.



## IN BRIEF

In 1999, NATO intervened in Kosovo, then part of Serbia, to halt a campaign of “ethnic cleansing” that killed thousands and displaced at least one million people. Nearly ten years later in 2008, Kosovo declared itself independent of Serbia.

During the war, mass rape of Kosovar women was used as a weapon. Many women who were raped are shunned, have no means to support themselves, and fall victim to human traffickers who force them into prostitution.

It is difficult for Kosovar women to provide for their families, as women do not share equal status with men. Women for Women in Kosovo provides rights awareness training, job skills, and teaches appreciation for ethnic differences and tolerance.

**Language:** Albanian, Serbian

**Life expectancy (female):** 75

**Life expectancy (male):** 75

**Population:** 2,126,708

**Per capita income:** \$1800

**Unemployment:** 43%

### Literacy (female):

- 88% of our program participants can read more than their name
- 87% of our program participants can write more than their name

**Literacy (male):** 97.7%

**Access to safe drinking water:** 75%

## HOW DO I SAY?

Dear <Name>	E dashura <Name>
How are you?	Si jeni?
How is your family?	Si është familja juaj?
Please tell me about yourself	Të lutem më trego diçka per veten.
My name is . . .	Emri im është
Congratulations	Crime
Thank You	Faleminderit
Goodbye	Mirupafshim

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