

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

27 April 2006
Grand Hotel Prishtina
10:00 – 13:00

Introduction

On 27th of April in Grand Hotel Prishtina, it is held the annual conference of Kosova Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims, where is unfolded the three-year programme of Centre and it is presented new organizational structure. Invited in this conference were important personalities from political and institutional life of Kosova, as well as the representatives from diplomatic offices, international organizations, civil society and Medias.

Participation

The participation in conference has been of a high level. Participants were important personalities, with whom KRCT has collaborated and is planning to begin new partnerships for more successful implementation of its three-year programme.



Participation in conference

The aim

The aim of the conference was the presentation of KRCT programme, for three operational years, in order to ensure the incorporation of important actors in planning and agreement for successful implementation of coming three-year programme.

“We thank KRCT for offering services, that for this very moment cannot be offered by Ministry of Health, and for raising the capacities of Family Health Centres” – Ilir Recaj, Ministry of Health

Agenda

- 10:00 – 10:05 – Opening
- 10:05 – 10:15 – Documentary Film on KRCT
- 10:15 – 10:30 – Presentation of 3-year programme of centre (Feride Rushiti)
- 10:30 – 10:45 – Presentation of Rehabilitation Sector (Sebahate Pacolli)
- 10:45 – 11:00 – Presentation of Research and Documentation Sector (Mimoza Salihu)
- 11:00 – 11:10 – The speech by Jens Modvig – Deputy Ambassador of OSCE in Kosova
- 11:10 – 11:20 – The speech by Ilir Recaj – Health Ministry
- 11:20 – 11:40 – Discussion on previous presentations
- 11:40 – 12:00 – Coffee brake
- 12:00 – 12:10 – Presentation of Legal Aid Unit (Liridon Shurdhani)
- 12:10 – 12:20 – Case presentation (Melita Kallaba)
- 12:20 – 12:35 – Discussion on previous presentations
- 12:35 – 12:50 – Presentation of Human Rights & Advocacy sector (Hajrulla Çeku)
- 12:50 – 13:00 – Closing Conference (Feride Rushiti)
- 13:00 – Lunch



The presentation of Rehabilitation sector

Recommendations of the Conference

The parts of agenda dedicated for discussion were intensive with comments, speeches, questions, and valuable proposes. The recommendations that came out of this conference and through which KRCT together with other actors will be engaged in realization during programme implementation, were:

- The participants of religious beliefs to be part of treatments, that KRCT offer;
- The Government of Kosova should support more and in most aspects the organizations that have national character like KRCT, Handikos, Mother Teresa etc.
- Maltreated prisoners category (that are in prison now) and get out from prison with worse symptoms should be offered rehabilitation;

“Between the growth of organization and building capacities in different treatment fields, KRCT has chosen the second one” – Ambassador Jens Modvig



The speech of Ambassador Jens Modvig

- Publishing a scientific magazine for the victims of torture issues;
- Creating a library with professional and modern literature, this would help the development of Research sector in the frame of KRCT;
- A better focus to the clients with depression symptoms because after the there is a raising of number of suicides (mentioned a study in '78 where in 100.000 habitant suicide phenomena had a percentage of 0.0078%, however today it appears to have multiple higher percentages);
- Red Cross of Kosova is open and should collaborate with KRCT, taking into consideration the fact that both KRCT and Red Cross of Kosova have humanitarian character of work;
- Visiting prisons, in order to assess the psycho-physical status of the prisoners and the way they are treated from the prison personnel;
- KRCT must offer training to officers of Kosova Police Service;
- The prisoners must have the possibility to work more during the prison period, because for them will be easier to cope with prison period;
- Considering its capacities, it is of crucial importance for KRCT to work on prevention of torture, as well;
- The signing of a memorandum of collaboration between KRCT and Ombudsperson for mutual case referral;
- KRCT must protect its subjectivity in future as well, and to act independently.

Our centre will engage in promoting and incorporating as many recommendations as possible from this conference in its three-year programme, in order to concretize these recommendations and influence the improvement of the status of torture victims in Kosova.

Our acknowledgments for participants

We have pleasure to show our sincere gratitude for participation and contribution of the participants in this important event for our centre. The participation in such big number, also suggestions and proposals that came from our guests, made us feel proud for the work that we are doing, and to continue always with higher intensity in our activities for defending the rights and the rehabilitation of victims of torture in Kosova.

About us

The Kosova Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims (KRCT) is an independent, non-governmental and non-profit organization with the mission to provide treatment and rehabilitation for Kosovar torture victims, continuous capacity building on trauma and torture related issues, of its staff and public sector; as well as to promote the respect of human rights for all the Kosovo ethnicities and to influence the prevention and eradication of torture. The donors of current project of our centre” Rehabilitation of Torture Victims and Torture Prevention in Kosovo” are European Commission and Centre for Victims for Torture, USA.

Donors

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...which are also the donors of three-year programme of our centre.

Respectfully,

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