

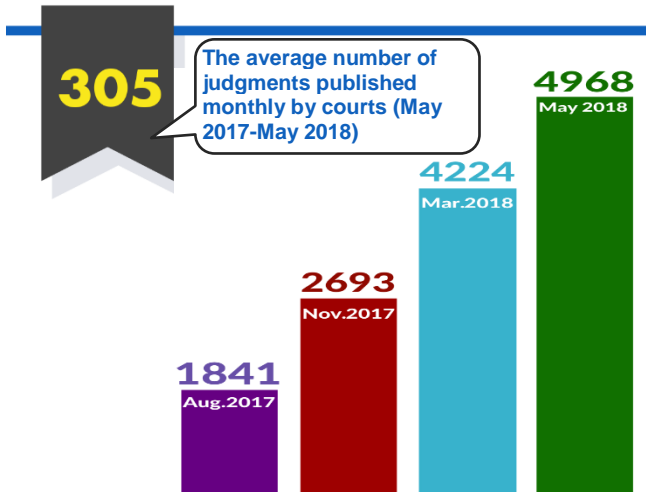


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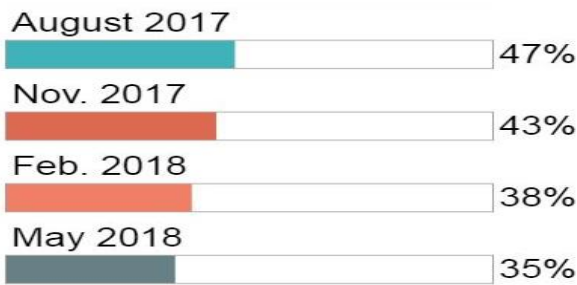
USAID JUSTICE SYSTEM STRENGTHENING PROGRAM (JSSP) is promoting the rule of law in Kosovo by improving the judiciary's efficiency, accountability, and professionalism. This is a four-year program (November 2015 - 2019) and focuses on promoting a judicial system that adheres to high standards of independence, impartiality, integrity, accountability, and transparency, and on supporting the functioning and integration of judicial structures in the north.

Publication of Final Judgments



USAID's push for greater transparency and the commitment of court for an increase in the number of decisions published and available for public has resulted in around 5,000 judgments published, or 305 monthly final judgments published by court.

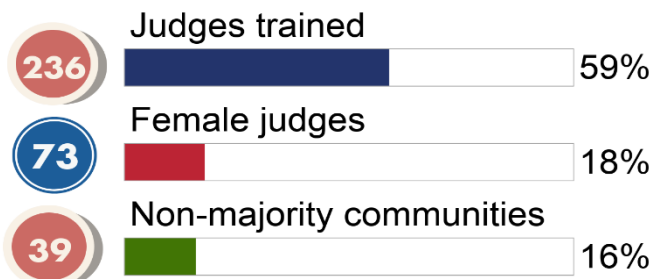
Backlog reduction teams have helped Kosovo's Basic Courts decrease their civil and criminal case backlog from **39,458** to **13,987 cases**, which means that the backlog has been reduced over **64.5%**.



backlog cases reduced 25,471

MCLE Enforcement

Efforts in increasing accountability and integrity has resulted in mandatory continued legal education for all judges of Kosovo.



A total of **236** judges (**59%** of all Kosovo judges) attended of which **73** are female judges and **39** from non-majority communities.

The civil case screening as a backlog prevention mechanism, has enabled courts to properly inspect the evidence of a case before referring it to judges for adjudication, keep a tab on all pending cases to minimize delays.

JSSP is implementing this mechanism Pristina and Gjakova Basic Courts, and branches in Podujeva, Rahovec and Malisheva



Trainings for court staff and judges in the north



Awareness activities in the north

A total of **510** people participated in outreach activities in the north, including students, local community members, judges and others.

