USAID'S JUSTICE SYSTEM STRENGTHENING PROGRAM 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 is supported by USAID's push for greater transparency. The commitment by courts to increase the number of decisions made public has resulted in almost 8,000 decisions being posted on-line.

Civil case screening inspects the completeness of case filings, including payment of fees, before referring these to judges for adjudication, so that their time is not wasted. JSSP is implementing this mechanism in Pristina and Gjakova Basic Courts, and at branches in Podujeva, Rahovec and Malisheva.

Case Clearance Rate
The clearance rate reflects the ratio between the number of cases filed, and the number disposed of in a given period. A rate over 100% means courts are “catching up” on older cases, as well as managing their current load. Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, 2018, the average clearance rate for all case types, including Minor Offences, across all Basic Courts reached 166.79%.

Training of Judicial and non-judicial staff
A total of 947 judicial and non-judicial staff have participated in training activities for judicial and non-judicial staff from all ethnic backgrounds in Kosovo.