USAID Property Rights Program (PRP) is working to make it easier for people in Kosovo to buy, register, use and sell property. This will give people more freedom and ability to pursue their dreams, provide for their families and start and grow a business.

Clear, Simple, and Modern Laws on Property Rights

PRP is working with the Government of Kosovo to overhaul and modernize the many laws that affect property rights, through the National Strategy on Property Rights (NSPR) (adopted on January 18, 2017).

Timely Decisions by Courts on Property Rights Cases

PRP has worked with the Kosovo Judicial Council and the Basic Courts of Peje, Ferizaj, and Gjilan to apply improved practices that reduce delays and increase the courts’ performance in adjudicating property rights cases. This has also enabled the courts to begin addressing backlogged cases in the ordinary course of their work.

Women’s Equal Rights to Inherit, Own and Use Property

Women in Kosovo are frequently excluded from inheritance or renounce their shares; as a result women own very little property. PRP is conducting a widespread and diverse public information campaign to help change social attitudes and behavior concerning women’s property rights.

Clear Information on Property Rights

PRP is helping municipal governments improve their services to citizens on property rights, by making the registration process more efficient and by providing citizens with easy-to-understand information on how to register their property. PRP has also developed a second-generation e-kiosk that provides property-related documents, along with civil status documents and is upgrading seven additional e-kiosks to perform these functions. In addition, PRP has helped a municipal government protect and preserve its cadastral archives from loss or damage.