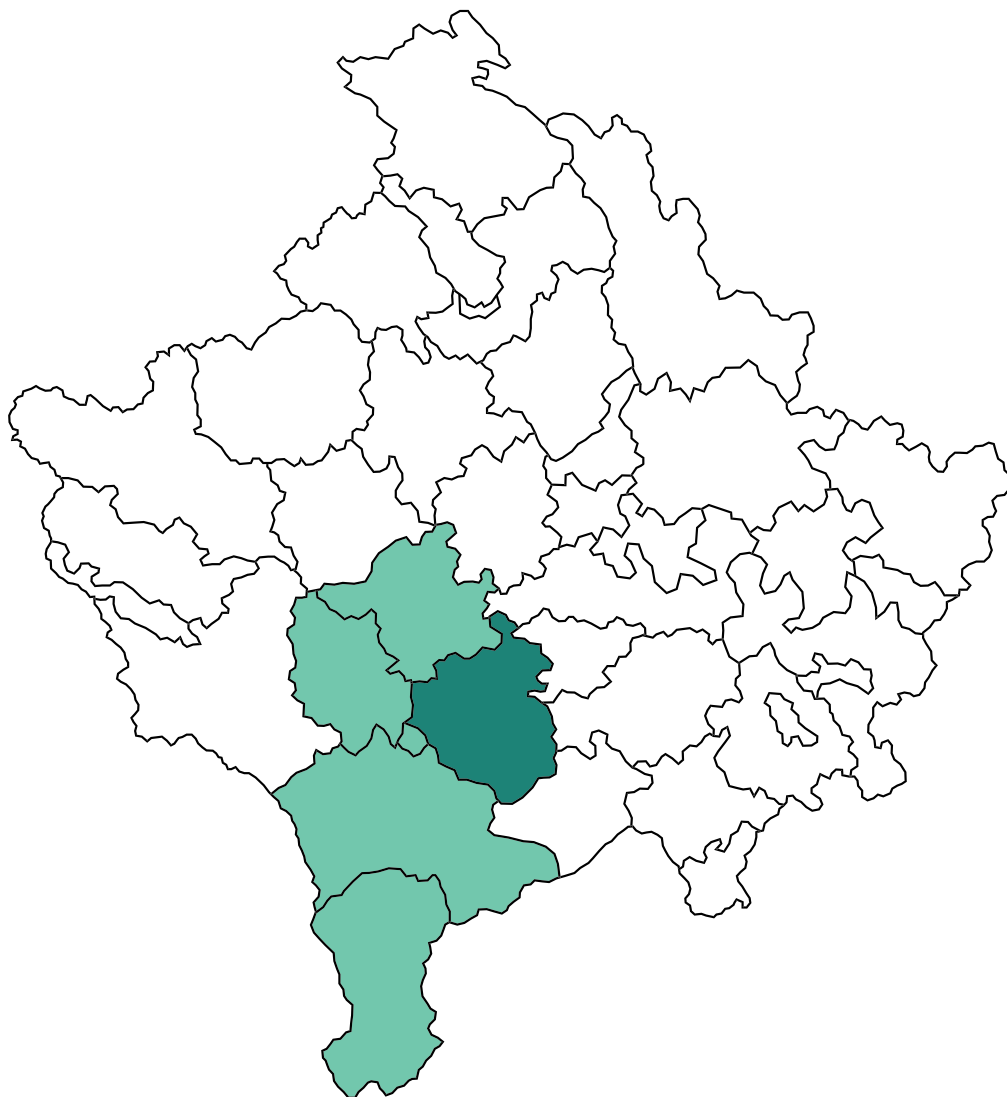


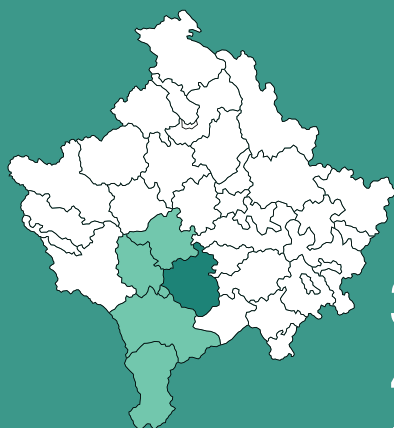
MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

PRIZREN REGION

SUHAREKË/SUVA REKA



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361 km²_{area}

42_{villages}

59,722_{population}

The OSCE regional centre Prizren covers six (6) municipalities, including Suharekë/Suva Reka, and has teams working in all of them.

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Suharekë/Suva Reka is located in south-eastern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 361 km² and includes Suharekë/Suva Reka town and 42 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 59,722.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	59,076
2. Kosovo Ashkali	493
3. Kosovo Roma	41
4. Kosovo Bosniaks	15
5. Kosovo Egyptians	5
6. Kosovo Turks	4
7. Kosovo Serbs	2
8. Other	15
9. Not specified	71

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 55,640 Kosovo Albanians, 3,568 Kosovo Serbs and 27 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality; according to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 61,230 Kosovo Albanians, 3,001 Kosovo Serbs and 23 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 51 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them two (2) Kosovo Roma and 49 Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians.

*The 1991 census is not accepted by Kosovo Albanians as legitimate.

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality registered for the municipal elections held in November 2017 (1st round in October and 2nd round in November) was 66,390¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout in 1st round was 44.31% or 29,415 voters and in 2nd round it was 40.07% or 26,604 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

29.18%	LDK – Democratic League of Kosovo
27.71%	AAK – Alliance for the Future of Kosovo
19.18%	PDK – Democratic Party of Kosovo
9.66%	NISMA – Social Democratic Initiative
9.22%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
2.88%	IQTH – Initiative for Theranda
	Independent member
	PSD - Social Democratic Party 1**

The current seat distribution is as follows:

9 seats
9 seats
6 seats
3 seats
1* seat
1 seat
1* seat
1** seat

1. The overall population figure presented above is taken from the 2011 census (or authoritative estimates where the census figure is not available), whereas the voters list is a reflection of all people with a civil registration entry in the municipality. In some cases, the voters list figure is higher than or similar to the overall population number due to insufficient updating of the civil registry or a significant proportion of people registered in the municipality but actually living elsewhere or abroad.

* Following the elections, two (2) Vetëvendosje! assembly members resigned from their party, one (1) joined Social Democratic Party (PSD) and one (1) remained to hold the seat as an independent member.

** In May 2018, members who previously resigned from Vetëvendosje! joined the Social Democratic Party (PSD) and assumed its leadership. This occurred after the 2017 municipal elections and for that reason PSD is not reflected in the election results chart, but only in the municipal assembly seat distribution category above.

SUHAREKË/SUVA REKA

LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 31 seats distributed among six (6) political entities, all members are Kosovo Albanian; ten (10) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Bexhet Kuçi (AAK).

EXECUTIVE



Structure of municipal executive and the executive's political affiliations.

The municipality is headed by Mayor Bali Muharremaj (AAK), elected for his first term as mayor with 52.57% of votes in the second round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the previous term, the mayor was Sali Asllanaj (LDK), who was elected in the second round of the 2013 municipal elections with 53.38% of the votes. Deputy Mayor is Ms. Mihrije Suka (AAK).

There are ten (10) municipal directors. Three (3) departments are run by women directors: health and social welfare (AAK); urbanism and planning (AAK); and inspection (NISMA), seven (7) departments are run by men directors: education (AAK); culture, youth, sports and diaspora (AAK); finance, economy and budget (AAK); administration (AAK); public services emergency and environment (AAK); agriculture forestry and rural development (AAK); and cadastre and property (AAK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), all directors were men (source: municipal web site).

JUDICIARY



Prizren Basic Court has a branch in Suharekë/Suva Reka with eight (8) judges, all Kosovo Albanian; one (1) is a woman. Six (6) of the judges are sitting judges, and two (2) judges are currently undergoing final training (source: Prizren Basic Court).

Prizren Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality.

SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality has 67 police officers, all Kosovo Albanian; nine (9) are women. The substation in Mushtisht/Mušutište village has ten (10) police officers, all Kosovo Albanian; one (1) is a woman (source: Kosovo Police).

As for the international military presence, Austrian KFOR Liaison Monitoring Team covers the area.

ECONOMY



The economy of Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality is predominantly based on rubber, garment and beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, production and small trade businesses. There are some 3,700 registered private businesses, of which approximately 2,316 businesses are active and operating while the rest are considered inactive. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in the private sector (source: municipal directorate of economy and finance).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. All the main roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Suharekë/Suva Reka town and around 75% of the villages are connected to water supply, while 11 villages are managed by the regional water supply company "Hidroregjioni". As for the sewage system, 31 out of 42 villages have functional systems. Power supply has improved during the last four years (source: municipal development plan and municipal directorate of public services).

Health



The primary health care system currently includes one (1) main family health centre in town, six (6) family health centres in major villages and seven (7) smaller health facilities in smaller villages. The health sector has 145 employees, 123 of them involved in providing health services (32 doctors and 91 nurses-technicians) and 22 administrative staff; 90 women and 55 men.

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

Education



There are 29 primary and lower secondary schools with 9,069 pupils and 757 teachers, three (3) secondary high schools with 3,088 students and 223 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 61 children and nine (9) teachers (source: municipal directorate of education).

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Suharekë/Suva Reka has 22 mosques, 14 were destroyed/damaged in the 1999 conflict, and all of them were reconstructed afterwards. Five (5) new mosques have been built after the conflict. All six (6) Serbian Orthodox churches have been destroyed in June 1999, and no reconstruction was done since then. There is one (1) Catholic church in Sallagrazhde/Selograde village, which is in use, and one (1) Protestant church in Suharekë/Suva Reka (source: Islamic community representative and municipal development plan).

A total of 46 cultural heritage sites (archaeological and architectural) in Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Suharekë/Suva Reka there are:

- 31 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 6 political entities
- 77 police officers
- 8 judges
- 989 teachers in 29 primary and 3 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten