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General

Geographic

Area

633 square kilometers (ESK 1981).

663 square kilometers (OMIK MP-Podujevë/Podujevo 2004: 2).

Agricultural land

34,214 ha (ESK 1984: 488)

Localities

Main town + 77 villages (OMIK MP-Podujevë/Podujevo 2004: 2).

Years	1971	1987	2003
Localities*	78	78	78
Average size of localities (km2)*	8.1	54.2	8.1
Cadastral Municipalities*	78	78	
Local Communities*	16	16	
Local Administration Offices*	13	13	

* Beside the 2003 data, which are based on OMIK survey, all the other data are based on official statistical yearbooks of SOK.

Demographic

Population

130,000 according to UNMIK Registration Office (OMIK MP-Podujevë/Podujevo 2004: 2).

131,300 (OMIK MP-Podujevë/Podujevo 2004: 2).

Pre-war estimation: 122,000 total (OMIK MP-Podujevë/Podujevo 2004: 2).

Years	1953	1961	1971	1981	1999*	2003**
Population	46,317	51,516	60,349	75,347	122,000	117,000

* HCIC

** MEF Figures

Other data from Statistical yearbooks of relevant years

Because there is no census data available in Kosovo, inconsistency of data presented above is due to different data sources.

Ethnic Composition

99.77% (130,200) Kosovo Albanians

0.83% (1,067) Roma and others

Years	Total Population	Minorities	% Minorities
1971	60,349	6,164	10.21%
1981	75,345	3,255	4.32%
2004	131,300	1094	0.83%

Source: Statistical Yearbooks for 1971 and 1981,
Data for 2003 are taken from (OMIK MP-
Podujevë/Podujevo 2004: 2).

A better ethnic breakdown as of data of population registrations of 1971.

	Ethnic Breakdown				Families	
	Albanians	Serbs/Mtg	Others	Total	Number	Average size
1971	54,185	5,521	643	60,349	8,689	6.9
1981	72,092	2,857	398	75,347	9,480	7.9

Source: Annual Yearbooks 1971 and 1981.

Residence Breakdown

Ethnicity	Residence	Population	% out of total
Albanian	Urban	14,423	20.01%
	Rural	57,669	79.99%
	Total	72,092	100.00%
S+CG	Urban	1088	38.08%
	Rural	1769	61.92%
	Total	2,857	100.00%

Source: Annual Yearbook 1981, SOK

Lifespan

Podujevë/Podujevo is a high (ranked 2nd) life expectancy municipality among the municipalities (UNDP HDR2004: 28) with 2 years longer life-span than the average of Kosovar municipalities.

Education levels

Podujevë/Podujevo finds itself as the last ranked municipality (30th) in terms of education performance (UNDP HDR2004: 28).

Human Development Index

Podujevë/Podujevo falls in the medium-range of human development (UNDP HDR2004: 37).

Human Poverty Index I

Podujevë/Podujevo has low poverty index I (UNDP HDR2004: 38).

Human Poverty Index II

In terms of extreme poverty, Podujevë/Podujevo falls in the high-range (UNDP HDR2004: 39).

Gender Development

In terms of gender development, Podujevë/Podujevo ranks among medium developed municipalities, just like most major cities like Ferizaj/Urosevac, Gjilan/Gnjilabe, Gjakovë/Đakovica (UNDP HDR2004: 40).

Gender Empowerment

In terms of gender empowerment, Podujevë/Podujevo ranks in the mid-range of Kosovo municipalities, only behind three major urban centers and most Serb-majority municipalities, and ahead of most rural and poor municipalities (UNDP HDR2004: 41).

Education

Literacy rates: 2003:

Total	89.35%
Males	95.45%
Females	83.75%

Source: (UNDP HDR2004: 118 – 119)

Other education statistics:

Number of pupils in Podujevë/Podujevo Municipality through years

	1971*	2001**
Pre-school		34
Compulsory	12,507	15,984
Secondary	1,619	3,734
Special needs		0

* Source: Statistical Yearbook 1971

** Source: SOK (Edu2001: 68)

Municipal Budget for Education in 2004 was 3,696,143 euro.

	Males	Females	Total
Literacy rate	95.45%	83.75%	89.35%
Enrollment			
Primary	90.67%	94.81%	92.76%
Secondary	77.78%	66.67%	72.12%
Combined	86.15%	84.87%	
Attainment (mean years of schooling)	9.79%	7.21%	
Pupil/teacher ratio			18.89

Economy

	Years	Number
Cars	1987	2,001
Inhabitants/Car		37.65
Tractors	1981	992

Source: Statistical Yearbooks 1971 and 1981

Income indicators:

Income Indicators and average monthly expenditures and income (EURO)	
Income – Male	91.64
Income - Female	14.11
Female to male income ratio	15.4
Expenditure per capita	64.58
Expenditure per adult equivalent	68.94
Expenditure per household	481.29
Income per capita	62.93
Income per adult equivalent	67.18
Income per household	468.98
Poverty rates %	
Less than one dollar a day/person	13.96%
Less than two dollars a day/person	15.92%
National extreme poverty line	14.09%
National poverty line	52.39%
Poverty Gap %	
One \$/day/person	4.52%
2/\$/day/person	18.18%
National extreme poverty line	4.21%
National poverty line	18.58%
Severity of Poverty Indices %	
One \$/day/person	2.28%
2/\$/day/person	9.26%
National extreme poverty line	2%
National poverty line	9.45%
Income distribution indicators%	
Income share of the poorest 5%	0.74%
Income share of the poorest 20%	6.61%

Income share of the poorest 40%	17.56%
Income share of the richest 20%	43.22%
Income share of the richest 5%	13.93%
Income share of rich. 20%/poor. 20%	6.54%
Gini Coefficient (rich – poor gap) index	36.18

Source: (UNDP HDR2004: 125 – 128)

Primary employers:

Similar to other municipalities, primary employers in Podujevë/Podujevo are Schools, Health Sector and Municipal Civil Administration. Other big employers are presented in the table below.

Employer	Service/Products	Production ongoing?	Size of Workforce
Municipality	Local Government	Yes	246
FAN	Metal factory	Yes (limited)	250.
FAPOL - Poliarm	Plastic Factory	Yes	153
8 Nëntori	Brick factory	No	130
28 Nëntori	Wood Factory	No	65
Motel besiana	Hotel	Yer	53
Llapi enterprise	Various shops	Yes	90
Slaughterhouse	Meat and leather	Under construction	15 (Ashkali community)
Konstruktor	Consdtruction, trade	Yes	--

Source: UN Municipal Administration (OMIK MP-Podujevë/Podujevo 2004: 6)

Unemployment rate:

Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare has registered 8,367 unemployed persons in Suharekë municipality in 2003, while officially registered subsequent employment during 2003 was only 283 people. The above figure from 8,367 does not represent the reality since it covers only the officially registered unemployed people and it is assumed that unemployment is much higher.

More recent data on unemployment are provided at Human Development Report 2004, which is conducted by UNDP, based on a broad survey and considered to be more complete. These data for Podujevë/Podujevo Municipality are presented in the table below:

2003 Unemployment rate %	
Male	48.37
Female	73.23
Total	55.17

Source: (UNDP HDR2004: 121)

Businesses:

There exists no update on the existing number of businesses in Kosovo, because the business registration list has not yet been updated. Therefore we will provide with registered number of businesses as of the year 2002 and up to date, as of data published and/or directly provided by SOK.

Registered Businesses – total number	
2002*	2175
2004	2304

*Source: Pasqyrë Statistike mbi Bizneset e Regjistruara në Kosovë (deri në Dhjetor 2002) SOK, Mars 2003.
SOK 2004

Biggest number of businesses is registered as wholesale and retail (51.4%) while businesses in all other activities are far less. Such data according to business activity are presented in the table below which represent published data from SOK for the year 2002, and other data for 2004. These data are not updated and do not represent active businesses, so should be seen as bigger figures than they really exist as operational businesses, hence be reduced for the number of companies that have gone out of businesses.

Registered Businesses by business activity				
Years	2002*		2004**	
Total	2,175	%	990	%
A. Agriculture, hunting and forestry	40	1.84	56	2.4%
B. Mining	1	0.05		
C. Processing industry	206	9.47	220	9.5%
D. Construction	214	9.84	212	9.2%
E. Wholesale and Retail	1,118	51.40	1307	56.7%
F. Hotels and Restaurants	125	5.75		
G. Transportation, warehousing and comm.	318	14.62	332	14.4%
H. Financial Intermediary	1	0.05	36	1.6%
I. Mortgage	32	1.47		
J. Education	24	1.10		
K. health protection and social welfare	15	0.69		

L. Services			130	5.6%
M. Other	81	3.72	11	0.5%

* Source: Pasqyrë Statistikore mbi Bizneset e Regjistruara në Kosovë (deri në Dhjetor 2002) SOK, Mars 2003.

** Source: SOK 2004

Employment in businesses:

The number of employed people by businesses in Podujevë/Podujevo, as of data published by SOK for the period of December 2002 was 6,307.

Employed people by business activities		
	4940	% out of total
Construction	782	15.83
Finance	111	2.25
Industry	776	15.71
Services	347	7.02
Trade	2190	44.33
Transport	533	10.79
Agriculture	155	3.14
Other	46	0.93
Total	4940	100.00

Source: SOK 2004.

Political Trends

Political Parties

LDK and PDK have one branch per each, while AAK has two branches in this municipality.

Sub-branches

LDK	19
PDK	42
AAK	26

Source: Municipal branch leaders

Electoral Trends

(Raw data taken from reports of the Central Election Commission; analysis of trends conducted by KIPRED).

Size of the electorate

Election years	Registered voters
2000	46,915
2001	53,717
2002	60,362
2004	62,415

The electorate size of Podujevë/Podujevo between elections 2000 and 2004 has grown for 33%. Measured by the size of the electorate, Podujevë/Podujevo is 8th among Kosovo's municipalities.

Turn-out

Out of total registered voters, 35,808 turned out to vote in 2000 (76.3%). In elections in 2001 and 2002, this number fell to 34,745 and 32,686 respectively (which due to the rise of the total size of the electorate constituted 64.7% and 54.1%). In elections 2004, 33,756 (54.1%) turned out to vote. In this regard, Podujevë/Podujevo finds itself in the middle range of Kosovo's municipalities. The number of nonvoters in Podujevë/Podujevo municipality increased from 24% to 46%.

Representation

In this municipality, the representation ratio is not good. In 2000 one municipal councilor represented 1,144 voters. In 2002 the number of voters for councilor was increased in 1472, making this municipality one of the less represented municipalities, ranked as 22nd among municipalities.

Political Party Performance

Election years	LDK	PDK	AAK
2000	22,193	7,779	2,823
2001	20,247	9,200	1,870
2002	18,723	8,685	1,688
2004	19,537	9,019	1,822

Podujevë/Podujevo is one of the few municipalities where three major political parties have declined in their strength but not that much.

In the elections 2000 they gained 96.3%, 92.2% in 2001 and 2002, 91% in 2004.

Two major parties have a stable electorate in this municipality. In the first elections they won 88% of total votes in 2000, and 87% in 2001 and 2002 and 85.7% in elections 2004.

Performance of Other Parties

Radical Parties

In the first local elections none of the radical parties participated. In the elections 2001, comparing with other municipalities, their performance was very high with 4% of total votes, making it the third most radical municipality. Most of these votes were given for LKÇK (3% of total votes). In the elections 2002 their performance decreased in 3% ranking the fourth among other municipalities. In these elections BK won a seat in the municipal assembly. In the elections of 2004 their common percentage was 1.2% of the total votes.

Other Small Parties

Compared to other municipalities, small parties in Podujevë/Podujevo had a moderate performance. In the elections of 2000, they jointly won 3% of total votes, but they didn't take any seat in municipal assembly. In elections 2001 they had a small decrease, getting 2.4% of total votes, whereas in elections 2002 they increased again their performance in 3.2%. In the elections of 2004 the common percentage of these political parties increased in 6.2%. The new political subject ORA, arrived to win 3.08% of the total votes.

Independent Candidates

Independent candidates didn't have any good performance in Podujevë/Podujevo municipality. In the first local elections only one independent candidate participated and he received only 0.3% of total votes. Jointly three independent candidates that participated in the following elections received the same number of votes. In 2002 none of the independent candidates participated. In the elections of 2004 the common percentage of them was 0.5%.

Other Community Political Entities

PDASHK was the only political party, from other community political parties, to participate in the 2000 elections. This party won 0.4% of total votes. In the next elections, from these communities political parties participated three of them. They jointly won 0.9% of total votes. In elections 2002 only PDASHK and PDAK participated and together they won 1 % of total votes.

In the elections of 2004 the common percentage of these political parties was 0.6%

Serb Political Entities

None of the Serbian political parties participated in the first elections. In the following elections, 2001 and 2002, only Koalicija Povratak participated getting 0.2% the 0.6% respectively. Elections 2004 were largely boycotted from Serbian community.

Religious Political Entities

From two religious parties, in elections 2001 only PSHDK participated receiving 0, 6% of total votes. In the following elections (2001), PSHDK and PD together won 1.34% of total votes. In the elections 2002 the common performance of these parties increased in 2% and the PD won a seat in the municipal assembly. In the elections of 2004 PD won 1.7% of the total votes while PSHDK, 0.4% of them.

* For a list of most parties and names of heads of branches, see the OSCE Municipal Profile.

Budget

Podujevë/Podujevo had the 8th largest budget in Kosovo for the year of 2004, but in terms of budget per capita, it is 28th and almost at the bottom of the list (similarly in 2003 when it was 28th).

Budget revenues	2003	2004
Total budget revenue	6,447,909	7,999,145
Budget revenue per capita	55	68

Source: KCB – MEF, Annual Budget publications.

Budget in the table above is expressed in euro value.

Relative budget Growth:

As the relative budget rise data show, Podujevë/Podujevo municipal budget has increased with diminishing rate. In 2004 it is ranked in 15th place in terms of budget increase relative to other municipalities, far behind Prishtina (being first) and better than Peja (as 30th).

Relative budget rise from year to year	
% rise B/w 03-04	24.00%

Data source: Annual Budgets KCB – MEF. Calculation conducted by KIPRED,

Municipal Organization

Municipal Assembly

Size: 41 members (three minority members had been co-opted in 2000).

LDK: 25 seats
PDK: 12
AAK: 2
PD: 1
BK: 1

A list of names and party affiliations can be found OMIK MP (Podujevë/Podujevo-2004: 2).

No of councilors	41
Inhabitants/councilor	2,854
Female councilors	13
Female councilors as % of assembly	32.00%

Assembly Committees

Compulsory Committees:

1. Policy and Finance Committee
2. Communities Committee
3. Mediation Committee

Other Committees:

1. Health and Social Welfare Committee
2. Housing and Reconstruction Committee

Departments

- CEO
- General Administration
- Budget and Finance
- Education
- Culture, Youth and Sport
- Economy Planning and Development
- Cadastre, Geodesy and Property
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Urbanism Public Service and Environment
- Inspection
- Public Relations and Democratization
- Health and Social Policy

See the OMIK MP-Podujevë/Podujevo 2004: 3 for name of the CEO and of the Heads of Departments.

Sub-municipal organization

Local Communities

1984	16
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Source: Statistical Yearbook 1984

Local Offices (Registrars)

	Years	Number
Local Offices (zyrat vendore)	1971	4
	1984	9

Source: Statistical Yearbooks 1971, 1984

Staff

Allowed staff

Years	Allowed Staff
2002	259
2003	283
2004	280

Source: KCB

Gender Breakdown

Podujevë/Podujevo municipality is not very well presented regarding the gender breakdown of municipal employees because only 19% of municipal employees are females.

	Number	% of total
Male	212	80.61%
Female	51	19.39%
Total	260	100.00%

Source: MPS June - 2004

Ethnic Breakdown

Because Podujevë/Podujevo is mainly ethnically pure municipality and there are only few Serbs living in the municipality, they are represented in municipal administration with only one employee or 0.38%. This is presented in the table below:

Ethnicity	Number	% out of total
Albanian	261	99.24%
Serbian	1	0.38%
Other	1	0.38%
Total	263	100.00%

Source: MPS June - 2004

Education of Staff

	4-Jun	% out of total
Total	263	100%
University	71	27.00%
High School	31	11.79%
Secondary	141	53.61%
Primary school	20	7.60%

Source: MPS June - 2004

Podujevë/Podujevo is ranked as 22nd regarding the percentage of Municipal employees with University degree (27%), but is ranked as 12th with secondary school and 18th with primary school. This implies the municipal staff is not well educated.

Civil Society

Number of NGOs

According to an OSCE report Podujevë/Podujevo has an extensive local NGO scene, and there are various associations that are willing to be registered as NGOs.

Main NGOs

The main NGOs are: 'Women in Action', 'Mother Theresa', 'Democratic Hope' and 'Handikos'. Second and third are of humanitarian nature while the fourth provides help to disabled people.

The preferred field of work for NGOs is Education and humanitarian work.

"Women in Action" is the most active women NGO

All International NGOs working in Podujevë/Podujevo are based in Prishtinë. Main ones are: Mercy Corps, Cesvi, ADRA, International Medical Corps, European Perspective, CapAnamur, World Vision, etc., mainly dealing with economic development as well as returns. (OMIK MP Podujevë/Podujevo-2004: 4).

Citizen Perceptions

- Satisfaction with Rubbish Collection (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 39)
19th (somewhat dissatisfied)
- Consistency of Water Supply (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 40)
2nd (satisfied)
- Sewage and Sanitation (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 41)
6th (somewhat satisfied – almost neutral)
- Road Maintenance (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 42)
23rd (dissatisfied)
- Maintenance of inter-municipal roads and highways (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 43)
4th (satisfied)
- Traffic and parking control/regulation (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 44)
19th (somewhat dissatisfied)
- Telephone and postal service (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 45)
8th (somewhat satisfied)
- Consistency of electricity supply (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 46)
30th (very dissatisfied) last on the list.
- Environmental Protection (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 47)
4th (somewhat satisfied)
- Landscape, plant and animal conservation (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 48)
5th (somewhat satisfied)
- Cultural Activities (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 49)
11th (somewhat satisfied)
- Sport activities (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 50)
9th (somewhat satisfied)
- Fire and emergency services (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 51)
8th (satisfied)
- Urban and rural planning and land use (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 52)
6th (somewhat satisfied)
- Social services (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 53)
15th (somewhat dissatisfied)
- Pensions (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 54)
20th (dissatisfied)
- Procedure for tax payment (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 55)
9th (somewhat dissatisfied)
- Public transport (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 56)
4th (satisfied)
- Ambulancias (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 35)
24th (somewhat satisfied)
- Hospitals (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 36)
20th (somewhat satisfied)
- Public Health (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 37)
15th (satisfied)
- Management of primary and secondary schools (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 38)

9th (satisfied)
Are things in the municipality headed in the right direction? (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 65)
 11th (over 54% of citizens responded positively to this question).

Confidence in local authorities? (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 66)
 7th (63% of citizens expressed confidence).

Willingness to work voluntarily in care for the disabled (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 70)
 11th (just over 36% of citizens expressed willingness to work voluntarily for the disabled).

Willingness to work voluntarily in crime prevention (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 71)
 17th (just over 24% of citizens expressed willingness to work voluntarily in crime prevention).

Willingness to work voluntarily in healthcare (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 72)
 26th (just over 19% of citizens expressed willingness to work voluntarily in crime prevention).

Willingness to work voluntarily in education (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 73)
 13th (just some 28 percent).

Willingness to work voluntarily in economic development (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 74)
 14th (just some 24% of citizens expressed willingness to work voluntarily in economic development).

Willingness to work voluntarily in women's rights (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 75)
 21st (just above 16% of citizens expressed willingness to work voluntarily in women's rights).

Willingness to work voluntarily in charity (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 76)
 20th (15% of the citizens gave affirmative responses)

Willingness to work voluntarily in sport (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 77)
 17th (11% of the citizens gave affirmative responses)

Willingness to work voluntarily in local infrastructure (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 78)
 28th (only 3% of the citizens gave affirmative responses)

Willingness to work voluntarily in culture (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 79)
 10th (11% of the citizens gave affirmative responses)

Willingness to work voluntarily in ecology (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 80)
 23rd (5% of the citizens gave affirmative responses)

Willingness to work voluntarily in professional qualification (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 81)
 28th (some 3% of the citizens gave affirmative responses)

Willingness to work voluntarily in ethnic tolerance (UNDP Kosovo Mosaic: 82)
 22nd (with only about 2.5% of the citizens who gave affirmative responses)

Willingness to work voluntarily in customer's rights (UNDP Kosovo
Mosaic: 83)
24th (with just over 1% positive responses)