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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** (adopted on January 18, 2017).

PRP is currently supporting GoK ministries and agencies in developing the extensive legislation – **over 65 legal initiatives**.

Legal acts that have been adopted or are in process, to date

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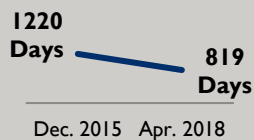


Timely Decisions by Courts on Property Rights Cases

PRP is working 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.

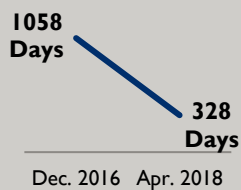
PRP has analyzed **over 7,000** closed and pending civil cases since December 2015.

Disposition time of property cases decreased by **33%**



Defects in claims cause many cases to never reach their first preparatory hearing. PRP is employing a **case screening process** to identify cases that are free of claim defects so that they can be processed forward.

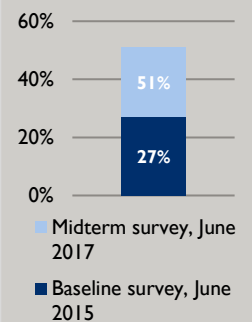
Processing time for a case to be scheduled for a preparatory hearing decreased by **69%**



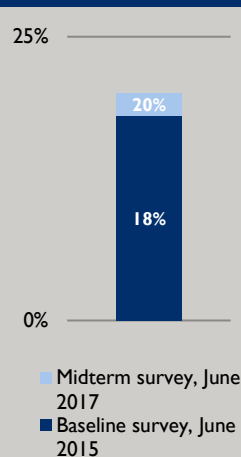
Women's Equal Rights to Inherit, Own and Use Property

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 about women's property rights.

Over half of Kosovo public now have basic knowledge of their rights to property



20% of women have property registered in their name as of 2017.



Since 2015, the number of women filing inheritance claims in the courts has increased by:

10x



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. In addition, PRP is helping municipal governments protect and preserve their cadastral archives from loss or damage.