



## Fast Facts

**Area:** Kosovo

**Duration:** March 2001 to May 2002

**Implementing UN Agencies:** UNDP

**Other Implementing Partners:** Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)

**Budget:** \$2,700,374.78

**Key Words:** Post-conflict reconstruction; education; children

## BACKGROUND

Prior to the violence that gripped the region between 1998 and 1999, Kosovo was already the poorest and most underdeveloped region in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. After the violence, its situation was even more dire, and the educational system was hit particularly hard. Two-thirds of school buildings, a total of 800 schools, were completely destroyed or severely damaged in the conflict. Moreover, classroom furnishings, educational and recreational facilities,

libraries and teaching equipment were looted or destroyed. Those buildings that remained required extensive upgrades to their water and sanitation facilities. At the same time, unexploded landmines endangered students near school facilities. With an influx of people returning to Kosovo after the cessation of hostilities, the educational system required immediate and significant assistance.

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The project aimed to improve basic school conditions thereby improving the quality of education, and to create a safer learning environment for students.

### BENEFICIARIES

The project rebuilt primary and secondary schools around Kosovo and provided furniture that benefitted some 3,100 students and 152 teachers. The students

and teachers also benefited from training programmes on public health, including hygiene, drugs and alcohol, landmine awareness and peaceful coexistence.