

## ABSTRACT

### Developing a Strategy for Education for Rural People (ERP) in Kosovo

More than 50% of the people of Kosovo live in the rural areas. Apart from helping to alleviate poverty and improve the livelihoods of rural people, rural development is seen as one of the few opportunities for income generation and economic growth in Kosovo at present. However, there is a lack of appropriate skills and education resources to support that development.

This project, which started in June 2003, sets out to develop a strategy to strengthen education for Rural People in Kosovo. It is part of the joint FAO-UNESCO global initiative of ERP launched at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in September 2002. A strategy for ERP will be developed using a participatory planning approach. It will bring together, in a 'Strategy Formulation Team', all key actors (providers and clients) at national and local levels to outline priorities for improving ERP. In so doing, it will build linkages and encourage cooperation and partnerships between local communities, organisations and institutions, between local and national institutions and between government ministries and different sections within ministries.

The work activities of the project will cover a period of 9 months and consist of an in-depth study of rural people's education needs and how these are being met, followed by strategy formulation. Local Task Teams will be established to assist with data collection and strategy development. Key personnel (government and non-government) from local and national level will be trained in participatory planning and strategy development through a series of workshops.