

# KOSOVO WIDOWS

## Kosovo

For the past twenty years, ethnic tension, bitter wars, and constant political instability have torn the country of Kosovo apart, leaving its women and children in a place of critical risk. Longing to bring stability in the midst of turmoil and healing for their loss, an American widow and the founder of WAR, Int'l began the Kosovo Widows program. While WAR's partner developed a tutoring program for their children, WAR, Int'l developed a sustainable enterprise for the widows. By providing employment for the women and education for their children, this program protects them from the risks of a fragile, post-war society and empowers widows to provide for their families and children to invest in their future. As WAR Int'l sells the women's handmade greeting cards, we come alongside these widows and orphans, helping them knit together a beautiful life from the scattered threads.



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# Gordana

Like many women in Kosovo, Gordana waited expectantly for her husband's return from the war—but he never came. Even to this day his body has not been found. Yet Gordana had no time to mourn the loss; with bills to pay, a sick daughter to tend to, and children to feed, she was desperate. But then she heard that Kosovo Widows provided vocational training for women and tutoring for children. Now Gordana creates beautiful handwork at the community center. The money she earns provides her family with groceries, medicine, and school books—even a small bathroom for their two-room house. Now Gordana's children are healthier and stronger, and she holds her head high, rebuilding life after the war and working with dignity.

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