

Oral History Kosovo

Interviewer: When you bought the apartment, did you buy it by working or did you inherit it?

Narrator: A little inheritance, we sold a part of the land we had there and paid with that money, we have been paying the other part now for eight years.

Interviewer: How much do you pay?

Narrator: 300 euro monthly.

Interviewer: Is it a lot for you?

Narrator: It's good, we can make it, but it's a little expensive.

Interviewer: What was this pandemic year like? Did it change your life in any way?

Narrator: Well, yes, especially when my husband didn't work for three months either. The money the government was supposed to give us was late. Now we closed down for another two weeks, you know, a little, of course. We couldn't pay for two months, but we don't have it through the bank, we pay the owner of the apartments, he was understanding. We didn't pay for two months, now we pay it.

Interviewer: Do you have your parents?

Narrator: Yes, yes, I do.

Interviewer: Are they still...

Narrator: Yes, they live in Emshir. They're alive. I have my brothers, they're married, four married brothers, they live in their houses. They built houses.

Interviewer: In the same place?

Narrator: In the same place. We had ten acres of land, and they built their houses.

Interviewer: Just for brothers, or your sisters too.

Narrator: No, not for the sisters, there's not enough space. But my four brothers are there.

Interviewer: Did your parents give anything to their daughters or not?

Narrator: No, not right now.

Interviewer: Is it planned?

Narrator: My father said, "Yes, there is". But right now, based on the conditions, no.

Interviewer: How did you decide to go live in Fushë Kosova?

Narrator: We decided because here it's a little expensive, of course, the state's work, we couldn't buy it here in Prishtina. We decided to buy in Fushë Kosova.

Interviewer: What is it like living in Fushë Kosova?

Narrator: Good, in the beginning, it was hard until I got used to it, but it's good, not bad.

Interviewer: What bothered you?

Narrator: The air, the air in the evening from Obiliq, it smelled a little in the evening, that bothered me a lot. Now I'm used to it, and I don't go out in the evening, you know, we close the windows. I got used to it, you now, now it doesn't seem bad, in the beginning, it seemed bad. Maybe because I changed the environment. Going from the village to Fushë Kosova, it's different, of course. The air there is very clean, here it's polluted.

Interviewer: What was it like for the children?

Narrator: Also, for the children, my son is older. My son likes it there, to go out in nature, in the village. He always goes during the weekend, he goes to his grandmother. My father-in-law died last year, so he goes to his grandmother, my brother-in-law. He goes there almost every weekend.