



R1-23 Citizens Act

Implemented by:

1. Lezha Regional Development Agency (LERDA)
2. Economic and Human Development Center” (EHDC) Tirane (partner)

Location: Municipality of Lezha, Region of Lezha

Duration: 18 months

Total budget: 22,403.75 Euro

Overall objective: Promotion and management of culture behavior through building effective civil society partnerships around social welfare rights.

Specific objective: To improve the accountability and quality of public service delivery in Lezha Municipality through the active support and committed CSOs and citizens at the local level.

Expected results:

Component 1: Support to strengthen the reliability of the Municipal Social Service delivery (budget planning, service delivery, standards, monitoring and reporting)

1. The CS organizations interact with the Municipality management and service provider in holding the Local Government account for its commitment and public services to their citizens;
2. Increased the capacities of the Social Service in Lezha Municipality for budget planning and operation of the services closely aligned with the Social Sector strategy and the new standards applied.
3. Well-defined monitoring indicators for tracking progress in the context of the Municipal Social Service delivery in compliance with the sector indicators.

Component 2: Support to the civil dialogue with the LG and actively participation of the citizens for their social welfare rights.

4. The influence of CSOs and local citizens increased in holding accountable Lezha LG’s commitments toward the social welfare rights and the social service delivery

Target groups: 13 Directory of Social Services staff; 6 Staff from the Directory of Social Wellbeing and Youth; 12309 children of Lezhe Municipality; 239 Municipality staff, Public Official, Municipality Council Of Lezha ; Civil Society Organisations.

Final beneficiaries: Communities of Lezha Municipality, round 106,000 residents.

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| Main activities: | C1 | <p>1.1 Undertake initial desktop analysis of strategic and local plans and relevant legal framework (Strategy for the Social Inclusion, social sector development plans and operational plans, Public Financial Management laws, Municipality budget and internal regulations)..</p> <p>1.2 Undertake Municipality institutional assessment and monitoring of the performance of the social service function in Lezhë Municipality given the TAR and decentralization reform.</p> <p>1.3 Undertake analysis based on evidence of the most excluded groups.</p> <p>1.4 Monitoring of the performance of the Municipality Social service: 6/months monitoring (1st report produced after 6 months since the project start up; 2nd monitoring report after 12 months since the project start-up); third report after 18 months since the project start-up; Ad-hoc monitoring of the social service</p> <p>1.5 Identify the best practices in the country to encourage setting up of an integrated community service in new Lezhe Municipality.</p> <p>1.6 Capacity building - Support the Municipality Social service in developing monitoring and reporting capacities for the improved social service delivery in Lezha Municipality.</p> |
| | C2 | <p>2.1 Community/focus group meetings prior to MC meetings, 6 focus group meetings.</p> <p>2.2 Raise awareness of the Municipality Council (MC) on the obligations to ensure improvement of the social service delivery at the local level and acknowledgement of civic and social welfare rights (at least 6 meetings with MC).</p> <p>2.3 Arrange the workshop with the Municipality officials (senior level included) on the acknowledgement of civic and social welfare rights and obligations derived from the legislation and Strategy for Social Inclusion and Gender Equity.</p> <p>2.4 Raise awareness of the local citizens on the social welfare rights and gender issues.</p> <p>2.5 Concluding event to promote the project results.</p> |