SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOREST POLICY AND STRATEGY IN KOSOVO (Phase 2), Outcome 4, Output 4/1 and 4/3

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Objectives:
- To develop the capacities of forestry management in the northernmost municipalities of Kosovo.
- To identify & build the skills of beneficiaries through implementation of active labour market measures in forestry related businesses focusing on young women and men, smallholder farmers, and other vulnerable groups.
- To support the development of forest-related businesses & promote entrepreneurship initiatives, including potential provision of grants.

Project Duration: June 2015 - June 2017
Budget (UNDP): 190,000 EUR
Donor: Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
Participating UN agencies: UNDP, in a joint programme with FAO

PROJECT RESULTS (June 2015 - June 2017)

- Collaboration of the coordination mechanism at the technical level continue, with participation of all forestry related actors in the area. A roadmap of works that have to be done to have a fully functional forestry management system in the northernmost municipalities has been prepared.
- 172 women and men have been supported from the beginning of the project through various service lines to improve their production capacities, gain skills or employment, or to establish businesses in forestry related sectors.
65 people (27 women and 38 men) have better skills and work experience through the on-the-job training measure.

5 residents (2 women and 3 men) have a job and new work experience under the wage subsidy scheme.

40 people (8 women and 32 men) now have stronger skills in elements of self-employment, and 10 of them (1 woman and 9 men) received financial and mentoring assistance to launch their start-ups. 9 of them are now producing their signature products.

22 smallholder farmers and producers (4 women and 18 men) have increased their agricultural production in local value chains and receive more income for their family.

40 residents (8 women and 32 men) have better know-how on how to apply to the grant schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development.