Action for Municipal Leadership and Cooperation

Project Summary:

As a result of the decentralization process, Kosovar municipalities have received an increasing number of competencies, including enhanced competences in health and education sectors for the Serb majority municipalities. The process has created a significant workload for all municipalities, regardless of the ethnic background, and has increased expectations from citizens on the range and quality of public services. For northern municipalities who were not previously part of the Kosovo local governance system, the capacities to manage public service delivery and deliver effective economic and social policies is much lower. The transition from a parallel system and the need to engage with new actors, including donors, presents additional challenges. There is an urgent need for strategic, highly focused investments to ensure adequate human capacities to meet these challenges.

What do we want to achieve?

The project has a duration of 28 months and will produce two interlinked and complementary results. The capacity development/augmentation component will provide expert support to the civil service and to the municipal leadership, while the inter-municipal cooperation will strive to establish a more formal cooperation on capacity development amongst the northern municipalities and with municipalities in the rest of Kosovo, based on demand and needs.

Results:

- Identification of short and long term development priorities in consultation with the local communities;
- Improved donor coordination and avoiding overlaps of support;
- Improved external and internal communications to ensure local awareness and understanding of key developments priorities and challenges;
- Exchange of best practices between the municipalities on accessing IPA funding, including project development and implementation;

All capacity development activities will promote gender equal participation and opportunities, in line with UNDP GES

Overview:

Where?
Municipalities of Mitrovicë/a north, Zveçan/Zvečan and Leposaviq/Leposavić and Zubin Potok.

Beneficiaries:
Mayors of newly established municipalities.

Partners:
Ministry of Local Government Administration
Ministry of Finance

Project Budget:
350,000 EUR

Donor(s):
Norwegian Embassy in Prishtina
European Union Office in Prishtina

Time Frame:
August 2015 – December 2017

Contact:
Marta K. Gazideda
Governance Portfolio Manager
Marta.gazideda@undp.org
Phone: +381 30 249 066 ext 302.