Diaspora engagement in economic development (Phase 2)

Project Summary:
The project is jointly implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). It aims to empower the Kosovo diaspora to play a greater role as development actors in their communities of origin in order to have a positive impact on their local economy and the livelihood of their residence with special focus on women.

What do we want to achieve?
The project aims to achieve this through:
- Strengthening capacities of Kosovo authorities to implement the National Strategy for Diaspora 2013-2018
- Increasing capacities of relevant stakeholders to facilitate migrants’ investments in Kosovo
- Strengthening capacities of remittance recipients, diaspora business networks and Kosovar authorities to increase the positive impact of migration on the socio-economic environment of Kosovo

Results:
- Awareness-raising campaigns and financial literacy trainings, seminars and workshops to remittance recipients and senders;
- 48 additional jobs (gender equal approach) created through remittance-grant matching scheme
- Facilitated establishment of 25 Diaspora Business Networks in 22 countries and the Global Diaspora Business Union
- Numerous investments of Diaspora Businesses in Kosovo as a result of business networks and B2Bs
- Export promotion through supporting 17 local business to participate in international fairs
- A Private Sector Forum, aiming exploration of the linkages between private sector and remittances for development purposes;
- Kosovo Diaspora Investment Fund piloted;
- Technical assistance to the Ministry of Diaspora in implementing the Strategy on Diaspora, particularly in policies aiming towards economic development;
- Establishment and promotion of the Kosovo Diaspora Registry
- Facilitated establishment of economic zones in Kosovo and promoted inclusion of diaspora businesses
- Supported the establishment of the Coordination Office of the Diaspora Business Networks Union
- Facilitated two major diaspora business investment conferences and B2B
- Conducted gender responsive Employer Needs Survey

Overview:
Status: Active
Where? Kosovo
Focus Area: Sustainable Development

Beneficiaries:
Remittance receiving households
Kosovo Diaspora
Private Sector Companies
Relevant government authorities in Kosovo

Partners:
Ministry of Diaspora;
Ministry of Trade and Industry;
Bankers’ Association Kosovo (BAK);
Private companies in Kosovo;
Economic Associations in Kosovo
Diaspora Business Networks

Donor(s):
Government of Finland – EUR 820,000
Ministry of Diaspora – EUR 135,000
Ministry of Trade and Industry (KIESA) – EUR 13,500

Time Frame:
July 2014 – December 2017 (phase 2)

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