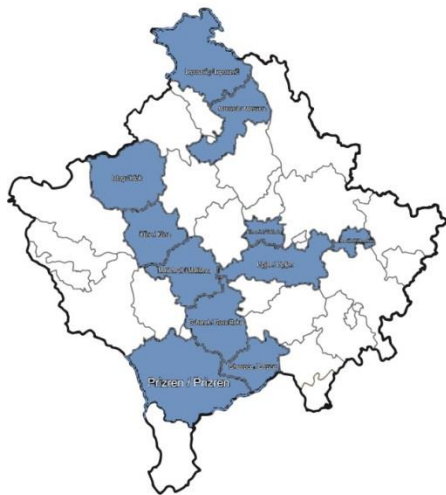


PROJECT NEWSLETTER #1












“Socio – economic stabilisation of ethnic minority and majority communities in Kosovo” also known as the “Socio – Project”, is an initiative funded by Engagement Global, on behalf of German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development – BMZ and is being implemented by Foundation for Sustainable Economic Development – PREDA Plus Kosovo in partnership with Arbeiter Samariter Bund – ASB, Cologne.

The Project aims to create sustainable livelihoods and better socio-economic conditions for ethnic minority and majority families in Kosovo through provision of income generating, employment and community development opportunities.

“Socio – Project” has formally started on February 1, 2017 and will be implemented until December 31, 2019, by a Team of 8 dedicated professional, supported by ASB Kosovo Team.



The Project will be implemented in 11 municipalities:

-  Municipality of Istog/Istok,
-  Municipality of Graçanica/Gracanica,
-  Municipality of Kline /Klina,
-  Municipality of Prizren,
-  Municipality of Suharekë/Suva Reka,
-  Municipality of Shterpce/Strpce,
-  Municipality of Novobërdë/Novo Brdo,
-  Municipality of Lipjan/Lipljane,
-  Municipality of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica,
-  Municipality of Malishevë/Malisevo,
-  Municipality of Leposaviq/Leposavic.

Throughout a period of 3 years, the Project will be:

- Strengthening the capacities of start-ups, micro and small enterprises:
- Strengthening the capacities of business associations:
- Strengthening the capacities of farmers:
- Strengthening the capacities of agricultural associations;
- Support creation of working places in existing companies;
- Support small community development initiatives, in cooperation with host municipalities.

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The general methodological approach to the project implementation is three-fold due to the fact that it covers three interlinked, complementary segments of the intervention – creation of jobs and income generation opportunities (technical assistance and provision of grant-based economic packages), strengthening capacities of agricultural and business associations (technical assistance and provision of small-size grants for development purposes) and creation of community development opportunities (sub-granting of small community projects and assistance to larger-scale community projects) – all aiming at the stabilisation of the socio-economic situation of communities in Kosovo. In addition, there are three component-specific methodologies designed for each of main project components, which are providing the achievement of the specific project objective.

Component 1

Creation of jobs and income generation opportunities – Three-phase Assistance Method

Creation of employment and income generating opportunities will be carried in the three consequential phases. The first phase is provision of technical assistance through one or more educational measures that are training for start-up businesses, vocational trainings in VTCs and host companies and business advisory services. The technical assistance option(s) will be defined based on selected-beneficiary analysis (case-by-case approach). The second phase is the provision of grant-based economic packages for capacitated beneficiaries and the third one is the monitoring of the use of grants upon the delivery.

Component 2

Strengthening capacities of agricultural and business associations – Two-segment Method

As the complementary action to job creation component and in order to create more viable environment for agro-processing and small business development, the project aims at improving capacities of selected agricultural and business associations through two segments. The first one is provision of technical assistance through the delivery of tailor made trainings for the selected associations’ members while the second one is the provision of small-scale grant-based packages for additional development purposes planned by the associations.

Component 3

Creation of community development opportunities - Bottom –Top Participatory Approach

This component will “flow” in pyramidal direction – from the wide bottom to the narrow top. The nature of sub-granted projects through an Open Call for Proposals, will guarantee that approach, as grass-root organisations and citizen groups will be given the opportunity to directly apply for funds aiming at community development. It is expected that host municipalities will also support and co-finance these ideas.

Such participatory approach will fully ensure that vox populi is heard, create additional bonds between local governments, civil structures and residents and facilitate communication and dialogue between ethnic groups for common future benefits.

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