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2020 Joint Work Plans – Review

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Outcome 1 – Governance and Rule of Law

State and civil society organisations perform effectively and with accountability for consolidated democracy in line with international norms and standards

National Development Goals: Accession to the European Union; Good Governance, Democracy and the Rule of Law

SDGs: 3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

UNDP REPRESENTATIVE

UNWOMEN REPRESENTATIVE

CONTRIBUTING UN AGENCIES: UNFPA, UNWOMEN, UNICEF, UNDP, UNODC, IOM, UNESCO, UNHCR, ILO

MAIN IMPLEMENTING LINE MINISTRIES: MOI, MEFA, MOJ, MOHSP, MOFE, STATE MINISTER FOR DIASPORA

Constitutional, ministerial and independent mechanisms are reinforced to identify and report human rights violations and enable evidence-based policy making and response

Contributing UN agencies: UNDP, UNFPA, UN WOMEN, UNICEF, UNHCR
Contributing Partners: Governments of Sweden, Norway, UK

OUTPUT 1.1 HUMAN RIGHTS

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNFPA & MEFA

SDGs

Goals: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 16, 17

Targets: 3.1, 4.5, 5.2, 5.5, 5.6, 8.5, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 16.2, 16.3, 16.6, 16.9, 16.10, 16.a, 16.b, 17.18

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Main Undertakings 2020

Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs prepared CEDAW 5th periodic State Report. (UNFPA)

Ministry of Health and Social Protection supported to (i) collect data and provide inputs to CEDAW 5th periodic State Report for the period 2016-2020; (ii) prepare a report to the Secretariat of the Monitoring mechanism of the Istanbul Convention on measures undertaken by Albania to address gender-based violence during the COVID-19 pandemic; (iii) monitor the NAP implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on “Women, Peace and Security” (UNWOMEN).

Parliament approved resolution on Child Rights, summarizing Parliament’s progress for 2019, highlighting their areas of focus for 2020 and demanding from MoHSP, MoJ, MoESY and State Agency for Child Rights and Protection to step up their actions in fulfilling the rights of children in various areas. (UNICEF)

The Parliament’s “Friends of Children” group held hearing sessions with MoESY and MoHSP to inquire about their measures in guaranteeing the rights of the child considering the new challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. (UNICEF)

INSTAT published at least 80 indicators focused on children, adolescents and young people in Albania, most of which are released for the first time. This comprises an important achievement in terms of official statistics generation, intended for decision makers to inform policies and actions as well as for public information. (UNICEF).

238 government authorities capacitated on successes and challenges of implementing the new Law on Civil Status, aiming to reduce risk of statelessness and provide effective solutions. (UNHCR, TLAS)

199 persons at risk of statelessness, out of which 106 cases of R/Egyptian origin, benefitted from provision of legal/administrative assistance. (UNHCR)

The Joint Coalition on Children and Statelessness identified new area for collaboration - set-up a statelessness determination procedure to protect stateless persons as per Albania’s pledge at the 2019 HLS on Statelessness. The provisions by the new draft Law on Asylum (to be approved by Parliament in 2020), is a milestone in starting this process. (UNHCR, UNICEF)

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Main Undertakings 2020

People's Advocate and INSTAT collaboration strengthened on gender statistics and SDGs, resulting in INSTAT publication "Women and Men in Albania, 2020" including for the first time a Human Rights section, based on PA's data on complaints related to human rights violations in Albania, disaggregated by gender and relevant issues of complaint. This cooperation was formalized with signing of a MoU, to be developed into a Work-Plan. (UNFPA, UNWOMEN, OHCHR)

People's Advocate and Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination laid solid foundations for an effective institutional cooperation to improve access to justice for vulnerable and marginalized groups. (UNDP)

- upgrade a study on minimum subsistence and provide recommendations for responsible state institutions to respond accordingly (UNDP, PA)
- increase PA, CPD outreach to remote areas and vulnerable groups in partnership with CSOs (UNDP, PA, CPD, CSOs)
- Strengthen legal framework in fighting all forms of discrimination and inequality in accessing basic services through a study on customers in need status. (UNDP, CPD, CSOs, MoHSP, MoFE)

People's Advocate supported with additional staff to handle cases of violation of child rights and to develop a child-friendly Handbook on Human Rights, focused on Child Rights. During the COVID-19 pandemic, People's Advocate played its public oversight role and issued several public calls (soft forms of recommendations) to authorities for ensuring child rights. (UNICEF).

People's Advocate and UNHCR strengthened their cooperation through

- conduct of regular protection monitoring visits at border areas;
- providing contributions at coordination meetings (central/local level);
- advocating through reports/recommendations addressed to Mol on areas: access to territory and identification and referrals of persons with specific needs; enhancement of pre-screening tools in the border areas; promoting non-discriminatory practices for asylum seekers and refugees;
- providing comments/recommendations to consultations on the draft Law on Citizenship held by the Parliament's Committee on National Security. The new Law on Citizenship approved by Parliament on 29 July 2020.

National public administration has greater capacity to improve access to information, address corruption and organized crime, and engage CSOs and media in efforts to strengthen monitoring of reform efforts.

Contributing UN agencies: UNDP, UNESCO, UNODC, UNFPA, IOM

Contributing Partners: Governments of Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Switzerland, Russia, USA, Netherland, the EU, Multi-Donor Trust Fund

OUTPUT 1.2 ANTI-CORRUPTION AND RULE OF LAW

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNDP & MOI

SDGs

Goals: 3, 8, 16

Targets: 3.5, 3.7, 8.7, 16.3, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6, 16.9, 16.10, 16.a, 16.b

Gender Marker 1

JWP Strategic Deliverables

Main Undertakings 2020

Container Control Programme (UNODC)

- Air Cargo Control Unit (ACCU) at Tirana International Airport is operational and SoPs are signed to enhance cargo security and harmonize national and international standards. A video on UNODC work at TIA published, aiming at increased visibility of the assistance and achievements in countering cross-border crime in Albania.
- One-week mentorship mission and four online mentorship sessions conducted at TIA for the officers of ACCU, discussing activities performed under COVID 19 situation. One-week online mentorship session conducted for the officers of Durres Port Control Unit (PCU), increasing knowledge on countering drug trafficking, cigarettes smuggling, methods of concealment, rip-on/rip-off phenomenon, Intellectual Property Rights and risk analysis.
- Total seizures from ACCU and PCU: 32.000 undeclared Euro, a gun, and 25.5kg of chocolate shaped marijuana. (UNODC)

Support to the Albanian authorities including during COVID-19 included (i) donation of evidence containers to Albanian State Police, further strengthening capacities of the Albanian law enforcement to address drug trafficking and other forms of organized crime and carry out related investigations and proceedings; (ii) donation under slogan “Those who protect citizens need to protect themselves” - CCP-branded gloves, multi-use protective FFP2 face masks, protective goggles and hand sanitizers - to Durres PCU, ACCU, frontline officers at Border Crossing Points at eastern green border of Albania; (iii) sharing self-paced eLearning modules on border control, risk profiling, cargo controls etc. with Durres PCU officers; (iv) dissemination of information in Albanian language on parenting during COVID-19 to support families in coping with the situation. (UNODC)

National authorities provided with a unified approach in conducting financial investigations at the outset of all investigations linked to serious and organized crime, drug trafficking, money laundering and terrorist financing matters as well as reinforced regional and cross-border cooperation amongst the law enforcement and judiciary institutions. (UNODC)

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Main Undertakings 2020



Publication of independent evaluation of the *Regional Anti-corruption Initiative RAI-UNODC joint SEE Regional Programme on Strengthening the Capacity of Anti-corruption Authorities and Civil Society to Combat Corruption and Contribute to UN Convention against Corruption Review Process* improved accountability for anti-corruption efforts undertaken and learning for future strategic decisions on programme work in Western Balkans, including Albania. (UNODC)

First Universal Treatment Curriculum "walkthrough" training workshop on drug dependence treatment and care conducted for Albanian (20 participants) and Kosovo (4) health professionals and university lecturers, strengthening capacities on treatment of substance use disorders in line with international practices. (UNODC)

Plan for the Return of Albanian Citizens from Conflict Zones finalized, and Reintegration Research / Baseline Assessment conducted for the reintegration of returning foreign fighters and their families, assessing the special needs of women, men boys and girls. (IOM)

A multidisciplinary working group established (May 2020) under CCCVE coordination on the reintegration assistance to FTF and their families tailored to their specific needs. (IOM)

Study visits organized between Albania and Kosovo Coordination Center for Countering Violent Extremism (CCCVE) to discuss process for the return and reintegration of Foreign Terrorist Fighters family members. 2-day training conducted with psychologists, psychiatrists and social worker to identify needs and prepare for reintegration of FTF and their family members. (IOM)

100 humanitarian packages procured and handed over to CCCVE on 31 March 2020.

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Main Undertakings 2020



Support for public services reform in Albania (UNDP)

- Co-location of central government service windows by ADISA in municipal one-stop-shops enabled in four additional municipalities (Mat, Pogradec, Roskovec and Ersekë), bringing the overall number to 11.
- Nationwide awareness campaign conducted on the rights of citizens in obtaining public services as mandated by the Citizen Charter. Information materials distributed in the offices of 18 key central government service providing institutions, all the municipalities and county main offices.
- Mystery Shopper assessment report of service delivery performance in central government institutions issued, inclusive of recommendations and identification of winners of 2019 Public Services Excellence Awards - ADISA as the top institution followed by the General Road Transportation Service Directorate and the National Employment Service (SHKP). SHKP Devoll and ADISA Krujë as the top performing branches, respectively, non-ADISA and ADISA.
- ADISALab enabled on adopting experimentation as a tool for innovation in citizen-centric public service delivery in Albania.
- Successful completion of ISDA Support Project and launch of the follow-on pool fund assistance for consolidation of citizen-centric public service delivery in Albania .

Integrity Planning (UNDP)

- The pilot Integrity Planning completed in six municipalities in line with the developed and endorsed integrity risk assessment methodology.
- Roadmap finalized on further extension of the Integrity Plan through the Integrity Risk assessment methodology.
- Ministry of Justice has in place its own Ministry's integrity plan for implementation.

Building Trust

- 2019 report of the Trust in Governance opinion poll finalized and launched. (UNDP)
- Within the framework of UNESCO's action to enhance media and information literacy (MIL) and competencies under the regional EU funded project "Building trust in media in South East Europe and Turkey – Phase 2, UNESCO' has been working with the Albanian Media Institute to provide technical support to authorities to formulate and adopt national MIL policies, strategy and other regulatory documents, update the Position Paper and Strategy Document in Albania, and develop basic evaluation and monitoring tools. (UNESCO)

Rule of Law

- Albanian Forensic Lab supported to revise SOPs for firearm criminal investigation and improve the technological base for forensic examination. (UNDP)
- Within the newly approved Regional Programme on Fighting against the illicit trafficking of cultural property in WB6, training programme elaborated and participants selected, from MoC, Law Enforcement Agency, Border Police and other relevant partners, to develop capacities on illicit trafficking of cultural properties. (UNESCO)

Local Government Units (LGUs) are able to deliver equitable, quality services and strengthen influence of citizens in decision-making.

Contributing UN agencies: UNDP, UNFPA

Contributing Partners: Governments of Albania, Italy, the EU

OUTPUT 1.3 LOCAL GOVERNANCE

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNDP & MOI

SDGs

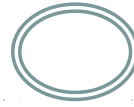
Goals: 3, 16

Targets: 3.7, 16.3, 16.5, 16.6, 16.7, 16.10

Gender Marker 2

JWP Strategic Deliverables

Main Undertakings 2020



Completion of STAR2 project and development STAR3 (UNDP)

- STAR3 assistance officially approved, encompassing support for strengthened local democracy, expansion of OSSIS to all administrative units of 50 municipalities and building capacities of central and local officials in the area of local governance.
- A cumulative expansion of OSSIS to 48 municipalities and 14 administrative units reached out of a target of 50.
- Successful conclusion of a second round of Local Governance Mapping.

National advocacy platforms to monitor planning & implementation of reproductive services and rights, focused on vulnerable groups and key populations, expanded at municipal level (UNFPA):

- “Youth voice” platform established in 2 additional municipalities, bringing the overall number to 12;
- Youth voice “Media platform” established in two additional municipalities, bringing the overall number to 9 and media reporting on SRH and youth has improved in the first half of 2020 – 50% increase in published articles vs. same period last year;
- Youth education and SRH budgeted for in two additional municipalities, bringing the overall number to 9.
- JoTabu portal, apps and Facebook page had a total reach of 236,000 people.

*Children and vulnerable adults/groups have equitable access to a friendlier justice system,
and juvenile justice is administered per the international standards*

Contributing UN agencies: UNICEF, UNDP, UNHCR, UNWOMEN, ILO
Contributing Partners: Governments of Austria, Norway, Sweden, UK

OUTPUT 1.4 ACCESS TO JUSTICE

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNICEF & MOJ

SDGs

Goals: 5, 16

Targets: 5.8, 5.a, 16.2, 16.3

Gender Marker 2

JWP Strategic Deliverables

Main Undertakings 2020

The workplan of the National Strategy on the Legal Education of the Public formulated with due attention to child rights. FLA Directorate at MoJ developed case management systems and practical working tools, instrumental to effective and efficient implementation of the FLA Law. (UNICEF, UNDP)

MoJ and National Agency of Information Society officially approved the ToRs for the establishment of the online Integrated System of Data on Criminal Justice for Children and NGO contracted to implement these ToRs. INSTAT and other administrative authorities are progressing with mapping of the Albanian criminal legislation vs. the UN International Classification of Crimes. (UNICEF)

1,153 people in need benefited from FLA services provided by three revitalized FLA centres in District Court of Fier, Lezhe and Durrës and two FLA Centers in Peshkopi and Shkoder, increasing their access to public institutions, and in particular in the justice system's services in FLA centres. (UNDP/Legal Aid NGOs)

Berat and Gjirokaster Police Departments equipped with child-friendly interview units to conduct interviews per the legal standards. 5 other departments are being completed with construction works, equipment, training and furniture supply. (UNICEF)

119 children in contact with the law benefited from psychological, legal, mediation and socio-economic reintegration services in Berat and Gjirokaster. Of these, 69 cases have been managed and 46 parents participated in parenting programmes in support of their children in contact with the law. (UNICEF)

School of Magistrates developed training curriculum (online content, adopting to post COVID-19 situation) and a customized training manual on International Labour Standards and domestic law. 43 professionals in Berat and Gjirokaster participated in capacity-building workshop in handling cases of children in conflict/contact with the criminal law. (ILO, UNICEF)

375 students participated in various workshops organized to support them with skills in resolving conflicts peacefully. (UNICEF)

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Main Undertakings 2020

8 children identified as unaccompanied foreign minors (from Egypt) at immediate risk of trafficking and accommodated in UNICEF-supported emergency shelter “House of Colors”. (UNICEF, SARPC)

Referral and accommodation of unaccompanied children at the entry border areas with Greece encountered practical difficulties in the management of such sensitive issue. During Jan.-end Aug.2020, 103 unaccompanied or separated children (UASC) identified at borders by Caritas Albania and People’s Advocate (partners of UNHCR).

Through joint efforts made in collaboration with UNHCR, UNICEF, SARCP, MoHSP and NGOS a number of 24 minors have been assisted by Caritas Albania (with UNHCR funding) in Erseka Social Center (8 minors) and “Fshati I Pages” in Shkoder (16 minors).

Two emergency/coordination round table meetings held (Aug.-Sept.) to address the situation with the increased number of unaccompanied foreign minors who are identified/intercepted in the Albanian territory and are at risk of trafficking and smuggling, especially given the lack of a specific system for managing their arrival and referral (i.e. lack of accommodation capacities). Specific actions are identified for implementation within 2020. (UNICEF, UNHCR, IOM, Caritas Albania, MoHSP, Mol, SACRP)

Multi-sectoral coordination on trafficking at regional level increased through organization of three meetings (held in Shkoder, Kukes, Diber) amongst Regional Anti-trafficking Committees under the auspices of Mol’s National Anti-trafficking Coordinator’s Office, discussing issues of concern. (UNICEF)

Strategic engagement with the international organizations working in the field of human trafficking advanced with provision of comments to the GRETA report on Albania (3rd round of assessments) by UNICEF Albania and anti-trafficking consortium partners, to be endorsed and issued in October 2020. (UNICEF)

State institutions have capacities and mechanisms to mainstream gender in policy-making and planning processes.

Contributing UN agencies: UNWOMEN, UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA
Contributing Partners: Governments of Australia, Austria, Sweden

OUTPUT 1.5 MAINSTREAMING GENDER AND GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS - UNWOMEN & MOHSP

SDGs

Goals: 4, 5, 8, 10, 16, 17

Targets: 4.3, 5.1, 5.4, 5.c, 8.6, 10.3, 16.6, 16.7, 17.18

Gender Marker 3

JWP Strategic Deliverables

Main Undertakings 2020



In collaboration with People's Advocate Office and INSTAT, a workshop "users-producers of gender statistics with Ombudsman" was held in January with participation of 19 persons (4 men and 15 women), resulting in the preparation of gender data tables that will be feed into the Women and Men Publication 2020. (UNWOMEN)

INSTAT supported to (i) produce Women and Men 2020 publication, launched in June 2020; (ii) revise SDG gender related indicators definition of metadata, aiming to increase the number of these indicators measured in INSTAT dashboard; (iii) map availability of INSTAT's data in the PC-axis format and improve their disaggregation; and (iv) prepare annual SDG report, including recommendations to increase the number of SDG gender-related indicators presented in the report and respective data values. (UNWOMEN)

In the framework of NSDI III preparation, a mapping of SDG gender related indicators was conducted and used in several workshops to present the current situation of data-collection of gender statistics and responsible institutions that collect gender statistics and compute gender indicators.

The list of public employees at institution source that prepared gender statistics for the publication women and men 2020 was prepared in collaboration with the gender specialist at INSTAT. (UNWOMEN)

A Rapid Gender Assessment during COVID-19 situation conducted based on a nationally representative sample of 1,300 respondents. Key results, prepared and shared with UNCT and development partners. (UNWOMEN)

Within the new 3-year (2020-2022) regional project on Family Friendly Policies in the private sector, funded by Austrian Development Fund through UNFPA EECARO, two analysis are conducted - Policy Scanning and Private Sector Scanning - aiming for implementation of family friendly policies by the private sector, first time in Albania, and promotion of gender equality. (UNFPA)

Government authorities have strengthened capacities to enhance effective migration and asylum management.

Contributing UN agencies: UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, UNWOMEN

Contributing Partners: Governments of Austria, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, the EU, CEB

OUTPUT 1.6 MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – IOM, UNHCR & MOI

SDGs

Goals: 5, 10, 16, 17

Targets: 5.2, 8.7, 10.7, 10.b, 16.2, 16.3, 17.16, 17.18

Gender Marker 1

JWP Strategic Deliverables

Main Undertakings 2020

Advance policy framework

Support activated for the implementation of the National Strategy on Migration (2019-2022) and Action Plan (IOM)

UNHCR and Mol signed a Memorandum of Understanding (July) defining closer operational cooperation with UNHCR and partners on all relevant asylum-matters and supporting fulfilment of Albania's pledges at the Global Refugee Forum and High-Level Segment on Statelessness and allowing for greater data-sharing between the two entities.

UNHCR-fostered plans for an improved approach to the management of mixed movements advanced in June by Deputy Minister of Interior and key stakeholders. Key areas for proposed reform include reception capacity, tailored counselling, accelerated and simplified RSD and an enhancement of integration prospects. UNHCR will continue to engage closely in coordination with IOM for the remainder of the year.



Comments provided on Mol draft Regulation for the National Reception Centre for Asylum-Seekers (NRCAS) and agreement reached for the Centre to receive a full renovation and dedicated premises to host UASC and persons with specific protection needs, as well as a 24/7 police presence to address security concerns (a long-standing UNHCR advice). (UNHCR)

Comments provided on latest draft Law on Asylum to relevant Parliamentary Commissions, highlighting areas where previous comments and recommendations (submitted by UNHCR Mol last year) had not been fully addressed to date. UNHCR Representative met with the Chairpersons of two Parliamentary Commissions to discuss the draft in greater detail. The Law is expected to be analyzed by the Committees and then voted on in Parliament after the summer recess. (UNHCR)

UNHCR participated in a meeting of the Parliamentary National Security Committee to discuss the draft Law on Citizenship. Inputs and suggestions on how the Law can best address and mitigate the risk of statelessness were well-received and agreed upon by committee members and were furthermore reflected in the final version approved by Parliament on 29 July.

JWP Strategic Deliverables

Main Undertakings 2020

Data improvement - Household Migration Survey completed and published. Data collection on mix migration flows to Albania in the entry and exit land border and assessment of situation of mixed movements at the border finalized. (IOM)

Build up national systems of preparedness and response

Registration and Temporary Accommodation Centre for irregular migrants in Kapshtica, Korçë, 60 persons capacity, established. (IOM)

Reception facilities in two Registration and Temporary Accommodation Centres for irregular migrants in Albania improved conditions for children, women and girls in vulnerable situation, and increased availability and access to sanitary services in the context of the COVID-19 situation. (IOM)

MOI's contingency preparedness in case of sudden increase of arrivals supported. (UNHCR/IOM).

Counselling on Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) from Albania provided to 3,982 irregular migrants. (IOM)

TORs developed for engagement of gender experts in preparation of training materials for service providers and border police in case management and referral of GBV cases. (UNWOMEN).

As of 30 June, UNHCR and partners recorded 4,552 arrivals and 2,095 asylum requests. Despite closure of borders for 2.5 months, this is still a higher number of arrivals compared to same period in 2019 – mostly due to upticks in mixed movements pre-COVID (e.g. 1,521 arrivals in February). UNHCR engaged closely with government counterparts early in the year on the development of emergency plans (in case of sustained arrivals) and contingency plans (in case of sudden further increases). Discussions particularly focused on reception capacities, as during February the National Reception Centre for Asylum-Seekers (NRCAS) reached its maximum occupancy on several occasions.

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Main Undertakings 2020

The onset of the COVID-19 emergency in March led to sudden changes across UNHCR's areas of engagement. The closure of land borders also saw Albania's asylum-seeker population shifting temporarily from transitory to largely static. Two temporary border reception facilities in Korce and Gjirokaster at one point hosted around 100 residents (mostly families) who were supported by UNHCR's partner (Caritas Albania). Through partner Caritas, residents were provided daily meals, core relief items, psychosocial support and regular information sessions. A sub-sector of support to the BMP was coordinated by UNHCR with IOM and OSCE to avoid duplication in addressing needs – notably provision of PPE. UNHCR also facilitated the distribution of multilingual materials on COVID-19 to the NRCAS and the BMP.

In the frame of the EU IcSP funding regional project, 60 individuals with refugee or other temporary complimentary protection status, experiencing economic hardships during the COVID-19 emergency, were supported with a one-off cash transfer and PPEs continues to be distributed among refugees and asylum-seekers residing in the country. Following the announced resumption of RSD procedures and a request by DfAC, UNHCR and partners provided equipment for the set-up of remote interviewing.

UASC support

Support provided to MoHSP and SARPC to analyze gaps in the response to UASC arriving to Albania, coordinate with local providers to address UASC needs, identify sustainable solution to accommodation, address cases of UASC. (UNICEF/UNHCR)

Adequate accommodation options identified for UASC after the National Center for Asylum refusal. 16 UASC supported by ARSIS and provided with shelter, assistance and psycho-social support. (UNICEF)

Enhancing diaspora engagement for the development of Albania

13 fellows and secondees deployed in Diaspora Engagement Institutions; 6 Focal Points, 3 Technical Advisory Members and 4 consultants supported the Diaspora Initiatives. (IOM)

Diaspora Mapping/Profile research completed in five regions of Italy, Belgium, France. (IOM)

Capacity building provided to the newly established Diaspora structures - 1 ToT on Fundraising; 3 ToTs in Project Cycle Management; 1 ToT on general methodology – benefiting 16 participants from SMD, MEFA, NDA, NFD, Diaspora Publishing Center; Center for Arberësh Research, AIDA, Albanian Diaspora Business Chamber. (IOM)

Connect Albania Unit, composed with two senior and one junior legal expert, established under Albanian Diaspora Business Chamber. (IOM)

Prevention of irregular migration

Awareness raising campaign strategy guide on Preventing Unsafe Migration from Albania towards the EU Member States prepared, in cooperation with Mol and other stakeholders. 100,000 leaflets provided to Border and Migration Police. (IOM)

Outcome 2 – Social Inclusion

All women, men, girls and boys, especially those from marginalized and vulnerable groups, are exercising their entitlements to equitable quality services, in line with human rights; and more effective and efficient investments in human and financial resources are being made at central and local levels to ensure social inclusion and cohesion

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EU Chapters: 19, 23, 24, 32



OUTPUT 2.1 HEALTH

OUTPUT 2.2 EDUCATION

OUTPUT 2.3 SOCIAL INCLUSION AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

OUTPUT 2.4 CHILD PROTECTION

OUTPUT 2.5 GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

OUTCOME CHAIRS

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

UNICEF REPRESENTATIVE

UNFPA HEAD OF OFFICE

CONTRIBUTING UN AGENCIES: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNESCO, UNDP, UNWOMEN, FAO, IAEA, ILO

MAIN IMPLEMENTING LINE MINISTRIES: MOHSP, MOESY, MOI

There is increased access to quality, inclusive, equitable, and affordable health care services and community demand is increased.

Contributing UN agencies: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, FAO, IAEA

Contributing Partners: Governments of Austria, Norway, USA, the UNICEF Global Thematic Funds, Global Fund

OUTPUT 2.1 HEALTH

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – WHO & MOHSP

SDGs

Goals: 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 16, 17

Targets: 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.7, 3.8, 3.a, 3.b, 3.c, 3.d, 5.6, 8.2, 11.6, 16.5, 17.18

Gender Marker 2

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Main Undertakings 2020

COVID -19 response

Coordination: attend meetings of COVID-19 Task Force at MoHSP; prepare daily situation reports on COVID-19 to MoHSP, health partners, and UN; upload/update Albania's data to COVID-19 Partners Platform; co-chair UN Procurement Task Force; update regularly list of needs; support Partners Communication group; prepare UN Albania COVID-19 socio-economic recovery & response plan (SERP), published 8 July - Pillar 1 "Health first". (WHO)

Risk communication: MoHSP risk communication strategy developed. (WHO); Interviews in main media outlets delivering messages on measures to contain COVID-19. (WHO) Campaign #SuperHeroesWearMask #WeHugwithHeart targeted children, families and teachers to stop COVID-19 spread (UNICEF) Informative materials developed for distribution online and in different settings. (UNFPA) Daily situation reports and FB posts prepared on COVID-19 on WHO technical guidance; COVID-19 phone call green line active. (WHO)

Case management: Solidarity Trial participation: 51 patients enrolled in the Solidarity Trial. (WHO)

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC): Assessment of IPC gaps, training needs and practices at MTH, Regional Hospital Durres and PHC Centers in Tirane (ongoing); over 16,000 health workers, including from Regional and Municipality Hospitals on COVID-19, trained on Clinical Management, Surveillance, IPC, transmission and prevention of COVID-19; IPH mapped the confirmed and contact cases with COVID-19 by upgrading Infectious Disease Information System (ongoing); IPC training of Medical Students who will resume the clinical practice at MTH (ongoing). (WHO)

Medical Supplies: 32,160 testing kits provided with USAID funding and several thousand from WHO; testing machines (RNA automated extractor), ICU medical devices, medical imagery devices, medical emergency equipment procured. Around 30,000 PPEs procured. (WHO) Oxygen therapy supplies delivered including 10 units of oxygen concentrators and related consumables for oxygen delivery. (UNICEF) PPE and disinfectants for health facilities reached around 1,000 health personnel in Korce and Durres supporting them in their daily work to implement IPC standards recommended by National Health Authorities. (UNICEF) Two Maternity Hospitals in Tirane supported with PPEs. (UNFPA)

Surveillance: Expert mission conducted to support GoA strengthen and scale up COVID-19 contact tracing system in Albania and elaborate a performance improvement plan with associated resources, required by transmission scenario. MoHSP supplied with 12 vehicles (rent + fuel) for field surveillance teams. (WHO)

Laboratory: Laboratory assessment capacities to upscale country's laboratory operations for COVID-19 performed in 3 COVID-19 Laboratories – IPH, MTH, Shefqet Ndroqi; Laboratory online training on Saliva samples and Sequencing carried out; Assessment of COVID-19 laboratories in order to increase their capacity for COVID-19 testing carried out; 4 Laboratory Workshops conducted on "Pooling of samples - the Frankfurt Adjusted COVID-19 Test Method", "Biosafety measures related to COVID-19 testing", "SARS-CoV2 molecular point-of-care diagnostics landscape: Considerations for choosing new technologies", "SARS-CoV-2 Seroprevalence: Serological Testing Strategies". (WHO)

Points of Entry (PoE): Prioritization of assistance needed for PoE in the context of COVID-19 in Albania is ongoing; Assessment of preparedness of PoE conducted with regard to migrant health. (WHO)

Public health and health services: Rapid Assessment of availability and access to essential health services during COVID-19 and Analysis of the Health System response to COVID-19 in Albania conducted. (WHO) 250 professionals trained through 8 webinar sessions on mental health in emergencies and other relevant issues. (WHO, UNICEF) MoHSP developed new Strategy for Adaptation of Health System for the Dual Track Response to COVID-19. (WHO) COVID Partners Platform <https://covid-19-response.org/> updated. (WHO)

WASH: around 25,919 children and 34,547 adults from vulnerable families in 13 municipalities reached with personal and family hygiene supplies; pre-school institutions in 11 municipalities supported with cleaning and disinfection supplies to ensure compliance with standards established by the national health authorities for reopening of crèches and kindergartens and protecting children from infection; 18,200 children benefited from 2,000 hygiene kits, containing cleaning and disinfection supplies, delivered to 400 creches and kindergartens.

Capacities of 35 **PHC** providers strengthened on provision of SRHR services in the context of COVID – 19; COVID-19 prevention key messages integrated into the Family Planning virtual platform. (UNFPA)

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Health System Strengthening: Evaluation of National Health Strategy 2016-2020 and Rapid Assessment of COVID-19 impact to NCD Prevention & Early Detection Programmes in PHC conducted. (WHO) Law on Reproductive Health being revised. (UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO) Interventions identified for Migrant Health (WHO, UNHCR) Communication package on AMR in the context of COVID-19 developed. (WHO)

Emergency preparedness and response: PDNA (Health Chapter) prepared; Pilot study and training conducted of “the First Few X (FFX) Pandemic Influenza A (HxNy) Cases and Contact Investigation Protocol”; MoHSP Emergency Operation Plan, Influenza Hospital Preparedness and Response Plan and Emergency Operation Plan of the National Centre of Medical Emergency developed. (WHO)

Health information system – Data analysis, collection of health information, review of evidence is ongoing as part of the review of National Health Strategy 2016-2020. (WHO) 2020 national data on monitoring child growth and infant and young child feeding practices revised and bottleneck analysis prepared with representatives of National and Regional Health Operator Structures. (UNICEF)

Food & Nutrition: Universal Salt Iodization Law no 12/2020 revised and approved by Parliament, a milestone achievement at improving the law’s enforcement mechanisms and towards elimination of iodine deficiency disorders. (UNICEF) Computers and testing kits to monitor salt iodine provided to all public health laboratories; iodine in salt at all levels imported, produced in country and marketed. (UNICEF) Analysis of regulatory framework conducted on food standards in school settings and unhealthy food marketing to school age children; Secondary analysis conducted of nutrition status and nutrition knowledge, attitudes and practices among school age children in Albania. (UNICEF) Three assessments finalized on School Health - Assessment of Policy Framework, Legal Framework, Governance mechanisms and Health in all Policies approach. (WHO)

Mental Health: Mental Health and Psychosocial Support plan of intervention prepared during earthquake emergency. (WHO, UNICEF) Rapid assessment conducted of COVID-19 impact to the access and utilization of mental health services. (WHO)

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Perinatal Care: Maternal and Newborn Care - Study conducted to (i) identify the level of proficiency in the skills needed to manage normal (uncomplicated) pregnancies, childbirth and immediate postnatal care for mothers and babies; and (ii) provide evidence to availability and quality of maternal and newborn care at each health care facility. (UNFPA) The Programme of Immunization at IPH delivered recommended messages during Immunization Week. (WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA) Rapid Assessment conducted of the impact of COVID-19 to the immunization programme in Albania. (WHO, UNICEF)

HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis/STIs prevention – Activities implemented under the Global Fund grant programme in Albania - Finalization of HIV and TB National Strategic Documents, Rapid assessment of the continuity of HIV and TB essential services (WHO). Prevention activities conducted among people who use drugs and their injecting/sexual partners through outreach work and peer to peer involvement – 350 people, young key population, tested for HIV, Hep B, Hep C and STIs; 450 psychological counselling delivered; 7,000 condoms and 600 lubricants distributed (UNFPA)

Health Communication: Support to conduct virtual communication on World Health Day, World Immunization Week, World No Tobacco Day, World Blood Donor Day. (WHO)

Cancer prevention - Under IPH leadership, 14,000 HPV self - sampling kits along with instructions on procedures and logistics distributed across the country; 50 health care providers, focal points for national cervical cancer programme, trained; 600 women reached via informative materials on cervical cancer prevention. (UNFPA)

Radiotherapy related equipment, including an Orthovoltage machine and upgrading the currently non-functioning HDR brachytherapy machine, radioisotopes and cold kits for nuclear medicine services are being supplied to Mother Teresa Hospital. While shipments delivery has not been as planned, due to absence of flights from the supplier to the country, different delivery options are being explored from locations closer to Albania where road transport is possible. Planned trainings/fellowships for 13 staff from MTH radiotherapy, radiology and nuclear medicine departments will be materialized as soon as COVID-19 travel and immigration restrictions ease. (IAEA)

Initiation of Global Youth Tobacco Survey and Study on Compliance to Tobacco Law in Albania. (WHO)

Education policies, mechanisms, community partnerships and actions are strengthened for quality, inclusive education.

Contributing UN agencies: UNICEF, UNESCO, UNFPA, ILO

Contributing Partners: Governments of Austria, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway, UK, USA, PBF, UNICEF Global Funds/Committees

OUTPUT 2.2 EDUCATION

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNICEF & MOESY

SDGs

Goals: 4, 5

Targets: 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 5.2, 5.b

Gender Marker 2

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Main Undertakings 2020

Improve school practices to promote quality inclusion and equity

Implementation of a positive behaviour intervention program to combat violence in schools resulted in capacity development of 700 teachers, which benefited directly 1,250 children. (UNICEF)

Drop-out mechanism for early interventions are made part of the professional development networks for teacher training and inspection guidelines, with 600 teachers trained by end Q32020. (UNICEF)

Model online classes prepared, facilitating teachers' delivery of online CSE classes all over the country. More than 50% of teachers (at national scale) monitored on the delivery of online CSE classes. (UNFPA)

300 teachers trained in inclusive preschool education, while the standards and assessment for preschool directors is being developed jointly with ASCAP. (UNICEF)



An optional learning module on negotiations and dispute prevention skills for general high schools and VET students is being developed in collaboration with ILO-International Training Center in Turin and (ASCAP). (ILO).

Regional Cooperation: A peace building methodology for teachers developed jointly with RYCO and the first training of teachers from 25 schools of WB6 conducted (March). Y-peer peacebuilding manual finalized in cooperation with RYCO and the first TOT conducted (July). (UNFPA/UNICEF)

Inform policies through data and research

MoESY is being supported by UNICEF to develop the new Education Strategy, drawing from findings of (i) UNICEF-prepared study on Albania's assessment and evaluation system with OECD; (ii) UNESCO's comparative interdisciplinary analysis of SDG 4 in SEE with focus on Albania; and (iii) PDNA exercise UNICEF-inputs used for emergency and recovery planning within the new sector strategy.

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Main Undertakings 2020



COVID-19 response

- MOESY developed protocols for the safe return to school based on guidance provided continuously by UNESCO, WHO, UNICEF and World Bank.
- An online learning platform (Akedemi.al) established to provide all children (3-18 years) with online learning opportunities during the COVID-19 lock down. The platform is currently being upgraded to offer a quality and interactive learning process. (UNICEF)
- 500 vulnerable children supported with digital devices for continuation of online learning. (UNICEF)
- 2,100 schools and 380,000 students benefitted from awareness materials on school safety, disinfectant gels; 170,000 vulnerable children equipped with fabric face masks. (UNICEF)
- 1,200 teachers trained in ICT using UNESCO's tools/expertise. (UNICEF)
- 300 teachers trained on providing accelerated learning for back to school support for children. (UNICEF)

Social protection measures and mechanisms at national and local levels are strengthened with budgets and clear targets that reflect equity and social inclusion standards.

Contributing UN agencies: UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNWOMEN, ILO
Contributing Partners: Governments of Albania, Switzerland, the Joint SDG Fund

OUTPUT 2.3 SOCIAL INCLUSION AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNDP, UNICEF & MOHSP

SDGs

Goals: 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 16

Targets: 1.3, 1.4, 3.7, 4.1, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 10.2, 11.1, 11.10, 16.6

Gender Marker 2

JWP Strategic Deliverables

Main Undertakings 2020

Advancing establishment of municipal social services for vulnerable people:

Costed social care plans are being developed for 21 municipalities based on Needs Assessment conducted for each municipality. (UNDP/UNICEF)

50 municipalities capacitated to use MIS for social care services. (UNICEF)

7 municipalities supported through Social Fund grant scheme to introduce innovative social care services at local level. (UNDP)

Capacities of 6 municipalities (Puke, Devoll, Rrogozhine, Skrapar, Polican, Fushe-Arre) strengthened through training/mentoring for development of social care plans, accessing Social Fund and using MIS on social care services (2 trainings, 46 municipality staff). Municipal teams are currently mapping existing services and assessing the needs, which will serve as the basis for the social care plan development. (UNDP/UNICEF)

2 municipalities (Maliq, Pogradec) developed local youth action plans, in compliance with the Law on Local Governance and National Action Plan for Young People 2015–2020. (UNFPA)

10 municipalities (Durrës, Korçë, Tirane, Elbasan, Lezhe, Rrogozhine, Kamze, Puke, Devoll, Pogradec) benefited from technical assistance/mentoring in applying GRB within MTBP 2021-2023, ensuring that needs of vulnerable women and girls are incorporated in policies and related budgets associated with municipal integrated social care services. (UNWOMEN)

In cooperation with MoFE, 8 online trainings on Local Finances and Gender responsive budgeting held with Municipalities of Durrës, Tirane, Elbasan, Lezhe, Korçë, Kamze, Puke, Devoll, attended by staff of the main Departments of Municipalities related to gender equality, social services, budget and finance. (UNW)

6 municipalities and rural administrative units conducted participatory practices for GRB by involving local CSOs to engage the community and vulnerable women. 60 consultations held with participation of 739 women, discussing needs/priorities mainly on infrastructure upgrading, economic empowerment and support services for vulnerable groups to facilitate integration in society. (UNWOMEN)

20 CSOs trained on integrated social care services sector planning and expenditure monitoring and are currently being supported and mentored to prepare 6 Gender Budget Watchdog reports. (UNWOMEN)

157 municipal staff trained on new legislation on social care services and their tasks and duties. (UNDP)

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Main Undertakings 2020

Vulnerable groups empowered to demand their rights and hold institutions accountable for quality delivery of social care services.

- Policy framework on inclusive policies developed/implemented (UNDP)
 - four draft bylaws of the Law 93/2014 on Inclusion of and Accessibility for PWD drafted
 - National Action Plan on PWD 2016-2020 revised
 - National Action Plan on the Integration of R/E 2021-2023 drafted with a particular focus on integrated social care services reaching the most vulnerable individuals and families.
 - 32 draft legal acts/ by-laws on social housing drafted and consulted (17 approved; 15 pending approval)
- MoFE budgeted the SGD 11 indicators “Proportion of urban population living in slums, informal settlements or inadequate housing”. (UNDP)
- Quality community-based services for PWD delivered in 9 municipalities (Diber, Ure Vajgurore, Permet, Lushnje, Pogradec, Sarande, Bulqize, Shijak). 4 new community-based services will be established and implemented in Kruje, Maliq, Korce, Vlore. (UNDP)

- Small-grant projects implemented in partnership with local NGOs in 6 municipalities (Tirane, Kamze, Puke, Pogradec, Devoll, Rrogozhine), advocating for increased demand and delivery of social care services - (Baseline2019: 0 beneficiaries; Aug.2020: 115 beneficiaries of social care services). (UNDP)
- Over 2,750 R&E, PWD, women and youth enjoy increased access to services and over 2,000 received quality social care services. (UNDP)
- 7 awareness sessions promoted/expanded the community-based model for quality integrated Sexually Reproductive Health services in Puke, Malesi e Madhe, and remote areas of Elbasan, Berat, Korçe. (UNFPA)
- Monitoring model to implement SRH & Youth policies/strategies on most vulnerable/marginalized established in Fier, Durrës, Permet. To be established in 2 new municipalities by 2021.
- Capacities of R/E health mediators strengthened with knowledge and information on SRH – one training toolkit designed and 7 meetings organized in Korçe, Berat, Elbasan, Shkoder. (UNFPA)

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Main Undertakings 2020

A comprehensive resource package on social care and social protection literature for social workers and social protection workforce developed and available for all pre-service and in-service social workers. The design to establish an online platform for all practicing social workers finalized, available and managed by Department of Social Work at Faculty of Social Sciences. (UNICEF)

National report “Fiscal Space for Social Protection” is being prepared (to be finalized within 2020), serving as basis for the national dialogue to be initiated around this topic. Handbook “Fiscal Space for Social Protection - making an assessment of financial options” published in Albanian language, serving to guide capacity building activities with central and local authorities in selected municipalities. (ILO)

MoHSP organized two round tables to start discussing and drafting a national roadmap for a shock responsive social protection. Budget briefs drafted for social protection, health and education. Funding mobilized to develop financing options for social protection and unfunded mandates at LGU. (UNICEF)

Humanitarian Cash Transfers (HCT) piloted in 3 municipalities (Korce, Durres, Shkoder) supporting with multipurpose basic needs cash about 1700 households with no income. (UNICEF)

Child Poverty - Roadmap finalized to develop, for the first time, the EU child deprivation index using data on child material and non-material deprivation coming from SILC 2018. (UNICEF/INSTAT)

INSTAT conducted a vulnerability mapping study in 16 municipalities to assess social exclusion, vulnerabilities and gender-based discrimination at local level by using as a base-line the EU-SILC survey and updating it with some additional variables needed for the analysis. Work for the final draft report is on-going and will provide policymakers with information about the current situation and main poverty-risk-factors for citizens, including women and girls in the 16 municipalities. (UNWOMEN)

Capacities of youth advocates are strengthened by periodically monitoring the municipalities and their commitment progress to the youth agenda. “Youth Voice” network prepared the monitoring progress report on Tirana Municipality work on youth, whose findings were shared with the Municipality and made available on youth voice portal. (UNFPA)

“Youth voice” advocacy platform established in 3 additional LGUs (Kruje, Ure Vajgujore, Shijak) and capacities of municipality staff and CSOs strengthened in advocacy on SRH/ ICPD/ SDGs through several (on-line) trainings in i) fundraising, EU funding and diversification of funding sources , ii) strategic planning of the network ; iii) SWOT analysis of the network; iii) identification of youth advocacy issues. (UNFPA)

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Main Undertakings 2020



COVID-19 multidimensional impacts addressed, and local government institutions sustained to protect needs and rights of people living under the pandemic duress, with focus on most vulnerable groups and/or people who risk being left behind, through:

- Implementation of small-grants projects in partnership with local NGOs, focused on: (i) integrated data collection and analysis in response to social problems arising from COVID-19; (ii) awareness raising, strategic communications; (iii) implementation of digital and telephone services for vulnerable communities; (iv) establishing links between social protection services and health care; (v) promoting employment for R/E communities through social care case management; (vi) teletherapy for PWD and elderly. (UNDP)
- Conducting a social mobilization campaign to mark Int'l Romani Day and attract society's attention on additional challenges faced by this minority during the COVID-19 pandemic. (UNDP)
- Provision of emergency food assistance and hygienic items to 2458 households (2204 UNDP, 254 UNFPA) from vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.
- Informative materials developed for online distribution and for distribution in different settings (436 health centers, 1500 pharmacies, 6 youth centers and community-based activities). (UNFPA)
- Participatory Budgeting Network PRISMA was established in 2020 with support of local partner organizations of Elbasan, Lezhe, Diber, Durres, Lushnje. Local partner organizations engaged in mid-March to coordinate efforts on COVID-19 response about (i) data gathering at municipal level on women's and communities' changing needs and (ii) monitoring of municipalities priorities in the view of response of emergency to Covid-19. (UNWOMEN)

Child protection systems are strengthened to prevent and respond to cases of violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect of children, with a particular focus on vulnerable children and families.

Contributing UN agencies: UNICEF, WHO, ILO

Contributing Partners: Governments of Albania, UK, USA, Global Partnership to end Violence against Children

OUTPUT 2.4 CHILD PROTECTION

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNICEF & MOHSP

SDGs

Goals: 1, 5, 8, 10, 16, 17

Targets: 1.3, 1.4, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 8.7, 10.2, 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, 16.9, 16.10, 16.a, 17.6, 17.9, 17.17, 17.18

Gender Marker 1

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Main Undertakings 2020



MoHSP and SARPC developed guidelines for case management during COVID-19, laying out interventions in cases of children in need for protection as per level of risk and implementing protection measures while keeping professionals safe. (UNICEF)

Over 300 frontline professionals from different disciplines benefitted from a joint UNICEF-WHO-MoHSP training on MHPSS during emergencies.

7 Police Stations (Kukes, Peshkopi, Korce, Fier, Sarande, Berat, Gjirokaster) equipped with child-friendly interviewing rooms for interviewing children in contact or in conflict with the law. (UNICEF)

Since COVID-19 outbreak, 41 Child Protection Workers received technical professional mentoring for cases of children at high or immediate risk and specialized services (medical assistance, mental health, psychosocial support, etc.) as per individual needs. (UNICEF)

363 children (Tirane, Durrës, Shkoder) at high risk (183) and immediate risk (180) of violence, abuse, exploitation or neglect identified, rescued, referred to protection services and assisted with direct services, including to prevent separation of the child from the family - 76 children identified as potential victims of trafficking. (Emergency protection services/UNICEF)

Following the earthquake, over 3500 children and families received psycho-social care, play and education, tailored individual counselling and referral to mental health professionals, through 14 Child-Friendly spaces. 675 children benefited direct counselling from National Child Helpline ALO 116 111 and 1320 children and 1311 adults benefitted psychosocial and mental health care from the web-based counselling service nukjevetem.al. (UNICEF)

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Main Undertakings 2020



The National Plan for De-Institutionalisation developed, reviewed and approved. Three new models of services (Professional Foster Care; Child and Family Support Hub; Child and Family Reunification Model) developed to support the family and the child, setting up foster families and procedures for the de-institutionalization of children. (UNICEF)

28 children prevented from institutionalization and remained with their biological families; 41 families of children currently in institutions empowered with direct support and through the family strengthening program in preparation for the child to return to the biological family. (UNICEF)

Systemic Response to Human Trafficking strengthened through (i) setting up and capacitating 4 Mobile Units to identify VT/PVoT in most at risk trafficking areas; (ii) establishing an emergency service for VT/PVoT in Municipality of Shkodra, including a new psychosocial team trained in providing emergency services in the shelter and main services to children at high risk; and (iii) 3 school support programs established (Kukes, Tirane, Ndroq) to assist youth in risk of school drop-out. (UNICEF)

➤ As a result, 10 VT/PVoT identified by Mobile Units during Jan.-Aug.2020; 203 individuals in hotspot areas entered the prevention programme, benefitting from a range of different support services, including vocational education and training; 163 VT/PVoT received direct support services, shelter, basic needs care and access to services and assistance for reintegration and rehabilitation; 50 children and youth in risk of school drop-out assisted with catch up classes and parental counselling for school integration.

Capacity of institutions and service providers to implement legislation and normative standards on Elimination of Violence against Women (EVAW) and other forms of discrimination is strengthened.

Contributing UN agencies: UNDP, UNFPA, UNWOMEN, UNICEF, WHO, ILO
Contributing Partners: Governments of Sweden, UK, the EU

OUTPUT 2.5 GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNDP & MOHSP

SDGs

Goals: 5, 8, 16

Targets: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.6, 8.7, 16.1, 16.2

Gender Marker 3

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Main Undertakings 2020

Strengthened normative and accountability framework to EVAWG, including harmful practices:

Development of two standardized protocols for CRMs members on managing domestic violence cases in normal situation and in COVID-19 situation (UNDP)

Adoption of Protocol “On the operation of public and non-public residential centres, providing shelter services to victims of domestic violence and human trafficking during the COVID-19 pandemic” (UNWOMEN)

Development of policy and procedures against harassment and sexual harassment to protect women and men respectively among armed forces (approved) and police forces (pending approval) (UNDP, UNWOMEN)

Approval of three SoPs for Health, Psycho-Social and In Emergencies and training of 164 service providers on these SoPs implementation across all 61 municipalities. (UNFPA)

Submission to Parliament of recommendations to address violence against women in elections and an analysis of the Albanian legislation in this field (UNWOMEN)

The national legal framework gap analysis conducted regarding the ILO Convention 190 on “Ending violence and harassment in the world of work” and shared with MoFE in the frame of the initiation of the ratification procedure for the Convention 190. (ILO)

People’s Advocate and Department of Public Administration entered a MOU on developing unified policies and procedures, safeguarding work environment in public administration from violence, harassment, sexual harassment along with follow up actions for effective policy implementation. (UNDP)

PA finalized its alternative report to CEDAW Committee in the framework of Albania’s forthcoming review 2016-2020 and conducted the monitoring and analysis of budget planning to address GBV in MTBP 2018-2020 of the central government and five municipalities. (UNWOMEN)

Monitoring Network against GBV issued recommendations to several state actors to take effective measures to address recent cases of sexual violence. A monitoring of compliance with recommendations is being followed. (UNWOMEN).

The Sub-Parliamentary Committee on Gender Equality identified some interventions in the area of gender equality during COVID-19 pandemic and maintained ongoing communications with local and national institutions for managing the situation of violence against women and other groups, who were at higher risk of facing domestic violence due to the lockdown. (UNWOMEN).

Leading women’s rights CSOs conducted monitoring of referral mechanisms in 11 municipalities, including a special reporting during COVID-19 health crisis. (UNWOMEN).

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Implementation capacities of local actors and law enforcement agencies improved in adequately implementing VAW related laws and policies and 2018 amendments of DV law, through certified trainings by ASPA, School of Magistrates, others:

- 33 judges, prosecutors, judiciary chancelleries, 62 DV Local Coordinators, 22 police officers, and over 60 service providers at local level benefited from online training related to the two newly approved protocols in managing DV cases by CRM members at municipal level. (UNDP)
- 316 members of CRMs, 46 CRM local domestic violence coordinators, and social service providers benefited from 27 online trainings related to: i) use of the two protocols on how to manage DV cases during COVID-19 pandemics and under normal situation; ii) informative sessions on DV and case management during COVID-19; iii) CRMs steering committee and multisectoral technical teams meetings; and iv) systematically use of REVALB system. (UNDP)
- 37 public and non-public service providers trained on provision of sheltering services during COVID-19 based on the approved protocol; 400 police officers and psychologists trained on prevention of sexual harassment in the workplace; 32 journalists trained on standards for reporting on GB-VAW and privacy protection of victims. (UNDP, UNWOMEN)
- 230 professionals from different fields received training on mental health and psycho-social support in emergencies, with a particular focus on GBV in emergencies. (UNICEF, WHO)
- First line professionals engaged in providing specialized support services to women and girls, victims of GBV/DV were equipped with 21,200 masks in all 61 municipalities, with the aim to protect themselves and GBV/DV survivors. (UNDP)

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Main Undertakings 2020

Improved institutional response to EVAWG

The multi-sectorial CRMs have scaled up and consolidated, serving as institutional response to violence against women at the local level, and the data collection system (REVALB) has improved. (UNDP)

- 55 CRMs established, covering 90% of Albania, 21 (38%) of which established with UNDP support. 637 GB&DV cases are recorded in REVALB, 17% increase compared to 545 in 2015.
- 366 DV cases benefited from multiple services provided through coordinated referral mechanisms at local level. 270 DV cases provided with psychosocial services; 181 women and 1 man supported with psychological counselling; 51 children sustained with online school support and counselling and online psycho-social support.

MoHSP completed the monitoring of the GE Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2020 and generated data needed for the new strategy; collected data and provided inputs to CEDAW 5th periodic State Report for the period 2016-2020; and revised and improved the specific guidelines produced for media on better addressing the issues of GE&VAW. (UNWOMEN)

Capacities of 46 service providers increased in ensuring familiarity and use of changes to legal framework on GBV in 2 municipalities (Vore, Kurbin) with new referral mechanisms. (UNWOMEN)

UNWOMEN and the Police Directory of Elbasan signed a cooperation agreement to provide support in issuing emergency protection orders to survivors of GBV.

Five municipalities (Durrës, Korçë, Tirane, Elbasan, Lezhe) supported to effectively apply gender responsive planning and budgeting in the local MTBP, with a focus on budgeting in VAWG. (UNWOMEN)

The Quality Assurance Agency in Higher Education developed teacher training programmes related to Sexual Violence prevention and is currently designing a Flagship system to address GBV and sexual violence in schools and out of schools with engagement of all sectors. (UNFPA)

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Challenge norms pertaining to VAWG (including child marriage)

Multiple online activities raised awareness on GB&DV, challenged gender stereotypes and family power roles reaching out over 2,528,000 people through videos, infographics, art, trainings, social and traditional media. (UNDP, UNWOMEN, UNFPA, CSOs, MoHSP, CRMs, LGUs, Media);

MoHSP produced a Public Service Announcement to raise awareness on VAW during COVID-19 health crisis, reaching 400,000 views; A nationwide SMS campaign to encourage reporting and non-acceptance of VAWG reached 16,000 citizens across the country and 3,500 awareness raising materials on reporting VAWG distributed in Korçe, Vlorë, Shkoder, Tirane, Elbasan region, Durrës, Kamez; A series of local screenings of the Albanian movie “Open Door,” organized in Prrenjas, Elbasan, Pukë with the participation of hundreds of women on the occasion of International Women’s Day. (UNWOMEN)

1,070 people benefited from 23 online awareness campaigns on healthy family relationships; friendly information sets related to family and children during COVID-19 situation and DV. Over 74,616 people reached in social media. (UNDP)

Improved Services for survivors of VAWG:

- LILIUM Center provided specialized integrated emergency support services to 21 cases (3 women; 17 girls; 1 boy) of sexual violence, out of which 14 cases supported during COVID-19 pandemics. An internal regulation developed on managing emergency sexual violence cases in COVID-19 situation and is being currently used by LILIUM Center. (UNDP)
- The costing of the Lilium Center services prepared to ensure budgetary allocations (UNWOMEN)

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Main Undertakings 2020



Actions undertaken to protect needs and rights of people living under the COVID-19 pandemic duress.

2 Rapid Gender Assessments conducted: (i) measure the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on women and men, including in the area of GBV; (ii) assess challenges and gaps of 6 women's CSOs in offering services to survivors during COVID-19, resulting in adaptation of support to CSOs based on the situation. (UNWOMEN).

CSOs enabled to provide legal and psycho-social support to survivors, including provision of free legal aid.

- 15 CSOs across Albania capacitated to respond to and mitigate the pandemic, fight against COVID-19 related domestic violence. (UNDP)
- Through CSO support, 2 psychologists are providing free psycho-social support to rural women survivors in Belsh and Gramsh.
- 12 CSOs supported with 1,100 protective equipment units to continue service provision including accommodation in shelters during COVID-19 (UNWOMEN)
- FLA services provided with support of specialized CSOs, online and in person, benefiting 31 vulnerable women and girls in 5 operational FLA Centers in Durrës, Fier, Lezhë, Peshkopi and Shkoder. (UNDP)
- 15 students from the Law Faculty in Tirana, with capacities to support survivors of violence, are supporting lawyers of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives to provide free legal aid to survivors. (UNWOMEN)

Outcome 3 – Economic Growth, Labour and Agriculture

Economic growth priorities, policies, and programmes of the GoA are inclusive, sustainable, and gender-responsive, with greater focus on competitiveness, decent jobs and rural development

National Development Goals: Accession to the European Union; Growth Through Increased Competitiveness; Investing in People and Social Cohesion; Growth Through Sustainable Resources & Territorial Development

SDGs: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 17

EU Chapters: 8, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20 and 26



OUTPUT 3.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OUTPUT 3.2 LABOUR

OUTPUT 3.3 AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

OUTPUT 3.4 CULTURE

OUTCOME CHAIRS

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMY
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ILO NATIONAL COORDINATOR

CONTRIBUTING UN AGENCIES: UNWOMEN, UNDP, FAO, IOM, UNECE, UNESCO, UNCTAD, ILO, UNIDO

MAIN IMPLEMENTING LINE MINISTRIES: MOFE, MOARD, MOC

Central and local governments are able to deliver effective economic support services and implement urban development policies that promote gender equality, the green economy and inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Contributing UN agencies: UNDP, UNECE, UNCTAD

OUTPUT 3.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNDP & MOFE

SDGs

Goals: 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17

Targets: 1.1, 4.4, 8.3, 11.3, 11.4, 11.6, 11.b, 11.c, 12.a, 17.14

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Main Undertakings 2020



Strengthen the trade policy framework in the area of competition and consumer protection - in the context of the Sofia Competition Forum, a webinar was organized on 2 June 2020 with the participation of the competition authorities from the Western Balkan countries, including Albania, focused on the Consumer Protection issues under the COVID-19 pandemic' situation, which has opened the way to abusive business practices impacting the consumers. WB6 benefited from sharing of lessons learned and best practices to deal with this phenomenon. (UNCTAD)

Develop capacities of the Albanian Customs Administration (ACA) – ACA benefited from an Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) in line with the provisions of the World Customs Organization and European Union. The System included an innovative e-commerce solution for pre-arrival processing of express consignments, harmonization of automated clearance processes, application of advanced risk management techniques specific to e-Commerce and express operators. (UNCTAD)

Labour market governance, tripartite dialogue, and collective bargaining are strengthened and reduce informal employment, improve occupational health and safety and enhance the employability of youth, women and other vulnerable groups.

Contributing UN agencies: UNDP, ILO, IOM

Contributing Partners: Governments of Albania, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland, the EU

OUTPUT 3.2 LABOUR

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – ILO & MOFE

SDGs

Goals: 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17

Targets: 2.3, 2.4, 4.1, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.b, 4.c, 5.5, 5.b, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 9.3, 9.b, 9.c, 10.1, 10.2, 16.3, 16.6, 16.7, 16.b, 17.3, 17.8

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Main Undertakings 2020



The Rights@Work for Youth learning package revised in accord with Albanian national legislation, to be used by NAES in its initiatives aimed at raising young people's awareness of their rights at work. A manual for NAES staff and promotional materials for NAES clients are under preparation. (ILO)

On-line workshop on handling labour disputes in difficult situations conducted with members of State Mediation Network (public mediators in MoFE and regional and local employment offices). A series of other on-line topic-based trainings will follow. (ILO)

A manual on handling labour disputes in the workplace is being prepared, for finalization within 2020, to be used by 20 pilot enterprises (public and private) during 2021 and further replicated by regional and local employment offices. (ILO)

An analytical report recommending improvements and streamlining of public procedures for mediation and conciliation of collective labour disputes is under preparation, to be finalized in tripartite forums within 2020. (ILO)

A specialized tailor-made training programme/curriculum and manual on negotiation and conciliation skills is under preparation in collaboration with ILO-International Training Center, to be finalized within 2020 and serve as the basis for specialized training for mediators/conciliators delivered by ILO ITC Turin in 2021 and 2022. (ILO)

The Report on Skills Anticipation in the Wine Production value Chain prepared in cooperation with ILO social partners, serving as a guide for the sector skills' committees to determine the new skills to be introduced in VET schools' and centers' curricula. (ILO)

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Main Undertakings 2020

The Social Employment Fund established by DCM No.177, dated 26.02.2020. (UNDP)

MoFE monitored NESS implementation and prepared NESS Annual Progress Report 2019. (UNDP)

A comprehensive VET review finalized, mapping out the current VET model and identifying challenges that hamper the system from responding effectively to skill demand in the labour market. (UNDP)

The plan for the re-organization of VET providers prepared based on a multi-dimensional analysis of the socio-economic, labour market and VET offer in four regions (North, Central, South East and South West) of the country and respective municipalities. (UNDP)

Seven Active Labour Market Programmes (ALMPs) developed in line with the needs of the registered jobseekers, including laid-off workers from COVID-19, and approved by the Council of Ministers, featuring: a) Supply driven individualized EPP implementation process; b) new ALMPs for specific groups with added vulnerabilities that hamper labour market integration; c) diversified typology of implementation partners; d) typology of support based on specific needs of the unemployed jobseekers; e) improved targeting procedures. (UNDP)

A draft model for accreditation of (public and private) VET providers in Albania developed and is being consulted with key stakeholders, including standards, criteria, procedures, a roadmap, and capacity development plan for NAVETQ and VET providers. (UNDP)

The IPMG on “Employment and Skills” supported with labour market analysis and signaling, especially during the COVID-19 crisis impact. (UNDP)

There is increased capacity to design and implement policies and strategies for sustainable rural development and modernization of the agricultural sector that are gender sensitive and empower rural women.

Contributing UN agencies: FAO, UNWOMEN, UNIDO

Contributing Partners: Governments of Albania, Hungary, Turkey, Sweden

OUTPUT 3.3 AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – FAO & MOARD

SDGs

Goals: 1, 2, 5, 8, 12

Targets: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.3, 5.a, 8.2, 8.3, 8.5, 8.6, 12.1, 12.2

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JWP Strategic Deliverables

Main Undertakings 2020



Rural Women Economic Empowerment

The Italian Cooperation has officially approved the project GREAT-Gender Rural Equality and Tourism. Project agreements documents have been cleared and are ready for signature of involved parties. The Inception Phase and annual work plan are expected to start in October 2020. (UNWOMEN)

Smallholders

A project proposal developed and endorsed to increase income opportunities for smallholders and accelerate rural women's economic empowerment. (FAO) and enhance smallholder access to Vocational Education and Training (FAO and ILO). The project is financed by the Albanian Government under the Albania SDG Acceleration Fund.

Food quality and safety

Knowledge and capacities of public/private chain actors on food quality and safety standards upgraded through trainings on small scale processing. (FAO)

EU integration

Project document prepared for assisting MoARD on elaboration of the framework conditions for producers and businesses, strengthening their competitiveness, including support for Ch11 approximation with EU. (FAO)

The regulatory framework on product quality certification, including GI, organic and traditional products, developed and training provided to MoARD staff. (FAO)

State institutions have inclusive policies to foster cultural and creative industries, improve access to cultural markets, protect cultural diversity, and improve the management of cultural heritage as drivers and enablers for sustainable development.

Contributing UN agencies: UNESCO
Contributing Partners: Government of Italy

OUTPUT 3.4 CULTURE

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNESCO & MOC

SDGs

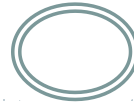
Goals: 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

Targets: 11.4, 13.3, 14.2, 14.5, 15.9, 16.6, 17.7

Gender Marker 2

JWP Strategic Deliverables

Main Undertakings 2020



The regional EU-UNESCO project “Fight against illicit trafficking of cultural properties in Western Balkans” (approx. 3 million euro) approved and will soon start implementation. Albania is one of the six beneficiaries, where a comprehensive programme will be implemented aiming to enhance capacities of professionals to fight this phenomena. (UNESCO)

- Enhancing cooperation in culture, including work to protect the Western Balkans cultural heritage and to fight against the illicit traffic in cultural property, is one of the actions in support to Flagship Initiative 6 of the Western Balkans Strategy to foster reconciliation and good neighbourly relations.
- The actions will also support the EU candidates to fulfil the obligations under Chapters 1, 24, 26, 29, 31 of EU Accession negotiations.

Contribution to the elaboration of the Albania PDNA on earthquake support, with focus in the cultural heritage sector, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the National Institute for Cultural Heritage, which received EU commitment to allocate 50 million euro to rehabilitation of damaged cultural heritage sites, including monuments, museums, libraries and archeological sites, to be done in line with the UNESCO operational guidelines for the world heritage sites where applicable.

Through the Swiss Government contribution (80,000 euro), the project “Digitization of the archive of the National Institute for Cultural Heritage and the establishment of a protocol for emergency evacuation of the archive” started implementation for the period August – December 2020.

Outcome 4 – Environment and Climate Change

Government and non-government actors adopt and implement innovative, gender-sensitive national and local actions for environmental sustainability, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and disaster risk reduction

National Development Goals: Accession to the European Union; Growth Through Sustainable Resources & Territorial Development; Investing in People and Social Cohesion; Good Governance, Democracy and the Rule of Law (Strengthening Public Order and Emergency Preparedness)

SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

EU Chapters: 15, 27



OUTPUT 4.1 DRR AND CLIMATE CHANGE

OUTPUT 4.2 NATURAL RESOURCES

OUTPUT 4.3 EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

OUTCOME CHAIRS

MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT

UNDP REPRESENTATIVE

UNEP NATIONAL COORDINATOR

CONTRIBUTING UN AGENCIES: FAO, UNDP, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, ILO, UNWOMEN, UNIDO, WHO, UNICEF, UNOPS

MAIN IMPLEMENTING LINE MINISTRIES: MOTE, MOARD, MOIE, MOESY, MOC, MINISTER OF STATE FOR RECONSTRUCTION

Scaled up action on DRR and climate change mitigation and adaptation across sectors.

Contributing UN agencies: UNDP, UNIDO, UNEP, UNESCO, FAO, UNICEF
Contributing Partners: Governments of Italy, Norway, the Global Environment Fund

OUTPUT 4.1 DRR AND CLIMATE CHANGE

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNDP & MOTE, MOIE

SDGs

Goals: 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17

Targets: 7.2, 9.1, 11.2, 11.b, 12.1, 12.2, 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 15.1, 15.3, 17.9

Gender Marker 2

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Main Undertakings 2020

National Circumstances, Institutional Arrangements, Constraints & Gaps, Financial, Technical & Capacity Needs developed as part of 4th National Communication and 1st Biennial Update Report. Vjosa river basin is the focus of vulnerability and adaptation in the 4th National Communication - climate change scenarios are downscaled based on the new IPCC scenarios; current and future climate impact assessments, involving also GIS methodology, finalized on Agriculture, Water Resources, Health; Natural Disasters, Soil Erosion, and Hydrogeology, while work is ongoing for Tourism subsectors, settlements, population and biodiversity. (UNDP)

The time series for GHG emissions 2012–2016 for several sectors prepared. Draft National Inventory Report will be consulted with stakeholders within 2020. Capacity building and hands on trainings on GHG emissions inventory delivered to representatives of MoTE, National Environmental Agency, line ministries, and lecturers and students of Tirana Polytechnic University. (UNDP)

Through the “UNDP Climate Promise” initiative, in close coordination with NDC Partnership for the Revision of NDC of Albania, MoTE is being supported on the preparation, consultation and publication of TORs to source the needed international expertise for NDC revision. (UNDP)

A capacity needs assessment of farmers, extension services and institutions conducted for coping with the climate change impact on agriculture and disaster; Scanning of current state of land, soil fertility, pollution and degradation in target areas finalized. (FAO)

4 bio-energy technology demonstrations installed in 4 pilot enterprises, feasibility studies and business plans prepared aiming to make biomass energy projects economically feasible to reduce the national GHG emissions. Other enterprises are being evaluated for further support. 5 stakeholder consultations organized on the prospect of bio-energy use, policy and support measures of the industries for bio-energy production in Albania. (UNIDO)

Post earthquake response: (i) information products and services developed (data coordination, databases and infographics) to inform humanitarian community response in Albania. (UNDP, National Civil Protection Agency, GOA, OCHA, relevant stakeholders); (ii) Albanian authorities supported to elaborate earthquake PDNA. (UN Agencies in Albania); (iii) Development of Emergency Operation Plans of MoHSP and National Centre of Medical Emergency, Tabletop Exercise, Natural Disaster Scenario - Flash Floods. (WHO).

JWP Strategic Deliverables

Main Undertakings 2020

Research work started on the labour market opportunities in a selected green economy sector in the upper basin of Vjosa River (Gjirokastër Region), focusing on identifying potential for job creation in the green economy and designing interventions to incentivize market actors to trial new ways of working that address root causes of key constraints while deriving organizational benefit. (ILO, UNWOMEN)

An awareness raising video spot produced, identifying main potential social businesses owned by women in Vjosa River upper basin and showing their contribution to the agri-tourism of the area, aiming to reach local tourists to consume Albanian products owned by women who are particularly experiencing challenges in the COVID 19 pandemic situation. (UNWOMEN)

Identification and promotion of local traditional, organic and GI products is ongoing in support to agro-tourism and sustainable production and consumption in the Vjosa River upper basin area. (FAO)

Teacher training modules developed on environmental education. Training will be organized within 2020Q3-Q4 with schools near Vjosa river upper basin. (UNICEF)

The legal and institutional framework for Sustainable Land Management strengthened with the drafting of two sublegal acts for the forestry sector, addressing the criteria and rules for forest classification, and a guideline on the professional criteria for the appointment of employees of the structure responsible for forestry in the local government level. Sustainable Land Management priorities identified for mainstreaming in multi-sector strategies and work is ongoing to finalize a handbook containing SLM strategic priorities. (UNEP)

Green Climate Fund (GCF) Country Programme development advanced with (i) screening of project proposals and organization of six multi-stakeholder meetings to communicate the screening results, and (ii) clustering project proposals and aligning them with GCF financing requirements. A total of six programmes/projects consistent with the Fund's initial investment framework identified and synergies established with several developing partners operating in Albania. A mapping exercise for potential accredited entities conducted and "no-objection procedures" drafted in collaboration with the NDA. A multi-stakeholder training delivered (16 April 2020) with participation of 29 representatives from line ministries, national agencies, international implementing agencies, and CSOs. Two knowledge products outlining Albania's engagement possibilities with the GCF are being finalized and translated. (UNEP)

Central and local institutions and communities are strengthened to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.

Contributing UN agencies: UNECE, UNDP, UNESCO, FAO, ILO, UNWOMEN, WHO
Contributing Partners: Governments of Croatia, Italy, Norway, the Global Environment Fund

OUTPUT 4.2 NATURAL RESOURCES

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UNDP & MOTE, MOIE

SDGs

Goals: 3, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17

Targets: 3.9, 3.d, 6.1, 12.1, 12.4, 13.1, 13.2, 14.5, 14.a, 15.1, 15.3, 15.5, 17.14, 17.19

Gender Marker 2

JWP Strategic Deliverables

Main Undertakings 2020

Protected Areas Development (UNDP):

- Marine park Karaburun-Sazani equipped with a new speedboat, fulfilling needs of local administration to better and efficiently accomplish the monitoring and enforcement tasks, and other activities in the area.
- Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool and Financial Sustainability Scorecard training modules developed and delivered and are functional in an e-learning platform. They serve to build the financial management capacity of central/local institution by demonstrating the efficacy of different financing strategies through some targeted activities in National Parks.
- 4 Visitor Centers in targeted protected areas benefited from juniors' assistance on operation and touristic data recording.
- Landscape solutions/studies are being developed for Dajti and Llogora National Park and buffer zones will provide design alternatives for most prominent ecotourist facilities, in compliance with conservation and management expectations.
- Three duck floating houses placed in Tirana Grand Park Lake on World Environment Day.

Maritime Development (UNDP)

- High level representatives from the 5 Drin Riparians signed the Strategic Action Programme for the sustainable management of the Extended Drin Basin, comprising over 100 agreed policy and technical actions for countries to implement.
- 28 Legal Acts developed ensuring 100% compliance with 30 EU Directives and Regulations accompanied by the respective table of concordance covering the areas of (i) Maritime policy (ii) Flag State (iii) Passenger ships (iv) Insurance.
- A technical working group on maritime is established and functional by MoIE Order .
- Full review and assessment of Maritime Education Training Sector and performance in Albania conducted. Training packages are being delivered to maritime institutions in the country.
- An assessment of maritime clustering potential conducted based on the nature of activities and priority areas associated with a database of economic facts and figures.
- The National Blue Economy Programme is being developed to support the vision and mid to long term planning in the maritime sector (including crosscutting subsectors of tourism, transport, aquaculture).

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Main Undertakings 2020



Innovation in environment information and monitoring (UNDP)

- The first hackathon on environmental governance innovation in Tirana organized to explore innovative solutions towards improving Albania's environmental governance capacity. Five challenges and proposed solutions were presented with a growing civic-minded technology in Albania.
- Following signature of the MOU between UNDP, MoTE and Academia, students from the Environmental Engineering Department in Polytechnic University of Tirana developed a methodology 'Erosion Potential Method (EPM)' to monitor soil erosion in Albania's environment.
- An MOU signed between UNDP and Agriculture University of Tirana to set-up the Experimental Field of Aromatic Medicinal Plants at the University, fostering their conservation and testing capacities and interaction with private sector.
- 9 CSOs supported in promoting biodiscovery projects to improve research capabilities, add value to genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, and pilot bio-cultural community initiatives and protocols ABS related to support communities.

Management of UNESCO designated sites in Albania improved through establishment of a functional coordination mechanism for the operational management of Ohrid-Prespa watershed, the Biosphere Reserve and cultural and natural heritage of Ohrid lake region.

Draft law on Medical Waste in Albania developed under the project "Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of 2030 Agenda in SEE, Central Asia and the Caucasus". (UNECE)

Online workshop "National housing policy in Albania: financing for affordable housing and the role of housing agencies" discussed challenges and opportunities of housing finance and the present and future role of the National Housing Agency in Albania based on relevant international best practices. The outcomes of the workshop will be used for revision of the National Housing Strategy, NHA future and for developing local housing plans for three pilot municipalities in Albania. The workshop will also contribute to collection of best practices for affordable housing for UNECE #Housing2030 initiative as well as serve as the start for the development of a Country Profile on Urban Development and Housing of Albania, scheduled for completion by 2021. (UNECE)

Self-resilience of earthquake affected vulnerable communities is fostered, and livelihoods rebuilt through implementation of post-earthquake recovery measures, guided by Albania's Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)

Contributing UN agencies: UNDP, UNOPS, UNICEF, UNWOMEN, FAO

Contributing Partners: Governments of Luxemburg, USA, the EU, SDG AF/Pooled Earthquake Funds

OUTPUT 4.3 EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

OUTPUT WORKING GROUP CHAIRS – UN RCO & MINISTER OF STATE FOR RECONSTRUCTION

SDGs

Goals: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16, 17

Targets: 1.1, 1.3, 1.5, 2.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.a, 4.c, 5.2, 5.a, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.9, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.b, 11.4, 13.1, 16.2, 17.3

Gender Marker 2

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Main Undertakings 2020

Based on the Rapid Needs Assessment conducted by FAO, 54 farmers in 3 municipalities affected by the earthquake identified to receive support. Losses in agricultural productivity (up to EUR 300,000) will be covered through small scale investment grants and access to finance until December 2021. Drafting of the document for interventions completed and reviewed with main stakeholders (FAO)

Training and technical assistance will be provided to MoARD, relevant agencies and microfinance institutions, aiming to improve DRR policies and strategies, agricultural rehabilitation and addressing financing needs in agriculture impacted areas. (FAO)

Over 3,500 children, parents and caregivers in the earthquake affected areas assisted with community services (mental health and psychosocial support - MHPSS), awareness session, referrals and provision of hygienic packages. (UNICEF)

183 children at high risk of abuse, neglect, violence and exploitation identified, referred to child protection services, and assisted with direct services, including to prevent separation of the child from the family. 48 Child Protection Workers and social workers at local level supported with technical professional mentoring for cases of children at high or immediate risk. (UNICEF)

Over 300 professionals from different disciplines benefitted from a joint UNICEF-WHO training on MHPSS during emergencies.

180,000 vulnerable children, including children affected by earthquake, benefited from MoESY-developed Standards for back to school and safe to school supplies. 1,200 teachers benefitted from blended learning technique training alongside an upgraded and interactive platform for learning. (UNICEF)

UNDP's *In Motion Program* supported micro and small businesses in their post-earthquake recovery efforts, by improving trade practices, commercial attention and customer service, enabling them to re-capture and expand their market and improve productive capacity. Following the steps of gathering socio economic information, diagnosis, personalised technical assistance, improved commercial image and financial support, 15 micro businesses in Durres benefited from this support.

Local CSOs in Durres supported to establish an online platform to increase transparency and accountability in the reconstruction program post-earthquake. Over a bottom up approach, civil society activists and community representatives are engaged in program monitoring and drafting of local policies and recovery programs. (UNDP)

Agreement to be signed (Sept/Oct) between EU and UNOPS in the amount of Euro 50 million to support rehabilitation and revitalization of earthquake affected cultural heritage properties, incl. gender sensitive infrastructure/design and socio-economic measures for women.

PoCSD Implementation Challenges 2020

The earthquake and the COVID-19 pandemic put a strain in the implementation of planned activities:

- ✓ the participation of country delegations to the 64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women was canceled following the decision to change the format of the CSW proceedings, which did not receive the usual engagement of stakeholders and side events.
- ✓ access to territory, while not limited under the country's State of Natural Disaster, it was constrained by additional border management measures. Interceptions and a more systematic use of pre-screening picked up again as of May, however, with reported cases of returns of persons who expressed intention to seek asylum in Albania.
- ✓ focus on the municipal work shifted to provision of basic services and management of delegated task from the State Commission of COVID-19 Extraordinary Situation.
- ✓ as MoHSP focus shifted mostly to health sector and addressing the COVID-19 emergency situation, the drafting of the new Gender Equality Strategy 2021-2025 and Action Plan and the assessment of the National Youth Action Plan have been postponed to a later stage.
- ✓ disruption of the academic year during 2019 earthquake affected children learning, with 21,000 children attending host schools for the academic year 2020. COVID-19 school lock down required a revolution in the way education interventions are designed, putting a heavy weight on the system and especially on teachers who had to shift to blended online learning.
- ✓ child protection workers were not identified as core service work force during COVID-19 lockdown. Hence many cases of child abuse went undetected, unreported, unaddressed; lack of specialized community based mental health professionals and services to properly refer and treat children and family members affected by the earthquake and/or COVID-19; limited personal protective equipment and items for professionals and others to use to prevent and respond to violence against children in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ increased cases of VAWG and unavailability of services to survivors. COVID-19 pandemic showed the importance of declaring services to survivors of violence (especially GBV, DV), as essential during a crisis situation. Recent cases of sexual violence, especially among minor girls, and their mishandling, showed the urgent need to address the legal and institutional framework against sexual violence and the need to strengthen CRM mechanisms.
- ✓ operationalization and collection of the levy for the Social Employment Fund would be perceived as another financial burden in this time of crisis and as such will probably be delayed; completion of the restructuring process of NAES, NAVETQ and MoFE was delayed, affecting the development and delivery of tailored capacity development measures for these institutions; implementation of active labour market programmes was re-directed to focus on the labour market re-integration of those jobseekers that were laid off during the COVID-19 lock down; private sector engagement in VET will need to be addressed in line with the country's economic recovery process.
- ✓ implementation pace of enterprise level activities slowed down (postponed to 2021).
- ✓ progress in support of earthquake recovery is dependent on the timely disbursement of funds from all contributing partners.

PoCSD Implementation Challenges 2020



Unavailability of regular age/sex disaggregated data in the country hampers the quality of human rights reporting, which is being addressed through UN support to strengthen the relation between INSTAT and human rights institutions.

Delays in lodging asylum applications continued despite of continuous observations made by UNHCR in several occasions and high -level meetings with authorities of Ministry of Interior. Pending approval of MoHSP instruction on accommodation of foreign UASCs required by the DCM 111 (06.03.2019).

There is a contradiction between the Law on the Rights of the Child and the Law on Social Care Services: As children in need for protection UASC have a right to alternative care as provided by social service.... However, they are not entitled to these services because the Law on Social Care has excluded foreign UASC from receiving any state social services in Albania.

Lack of emergency services near the border areas that would provide immediate shelter and assistance to the child.

Donated equipment in the health sector is not exempt of VAT (20%) when entering the country. Government counterparts need to explore opportunities to achieve a VAT exemption for UN donations.

Capacities and resources of public administration in charge of social protection and social services remain limited at all levels, both in terms of the number of staff, technical capacity and financial resources.

Patriarchal attitudes continue to pose a significant obstacle in efforts to combat violence against women and girls, which affects reporting rates and the ability of survivors to seek and receive support. Innovative tools are being considered and used to address these attitudes, but a wider societal shift is needed in behaviors and attitudes towards women's roles within and outside the family.

Weak financial and advisory services at local level and low capacity/knowledge to adapt food safety and quality standards.

Absence of adequate legal framework ensuring the best appropriate management of the cultural sector, lack of inclusion of the culture sector in DRR country plans, limited capacity development actions in the Cultural Heritage Preservation sector to address emerging issues in the preservation of Albania's rich cultural heritage.

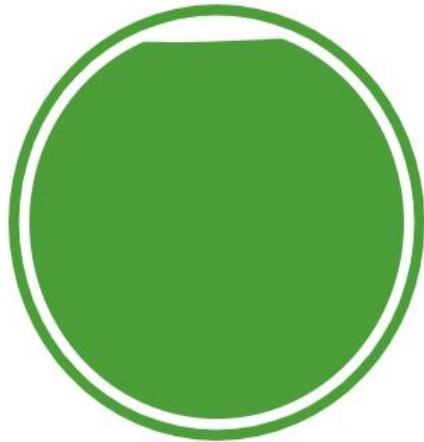
The respective draft bylaws of the Law on Protected Areas, which are awaiting government approval, will be a step forward on supporting an effective management of the protected areas and introducing needful financial instruments.

2020 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

“January - August”

Total Required Resources (Annual)

\$110,048,582



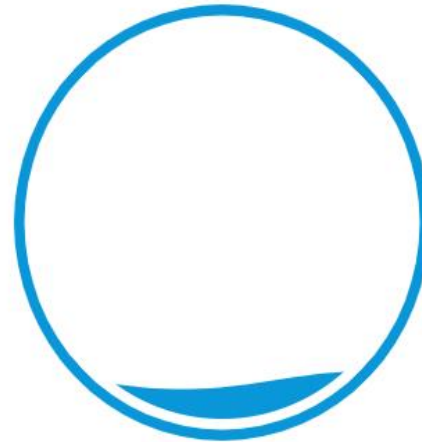
Available Resources (Annual)

\$51,204,470



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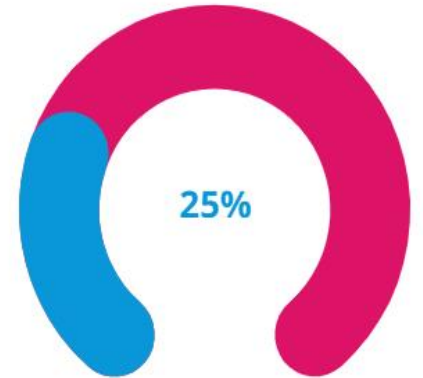
\$12,849,571



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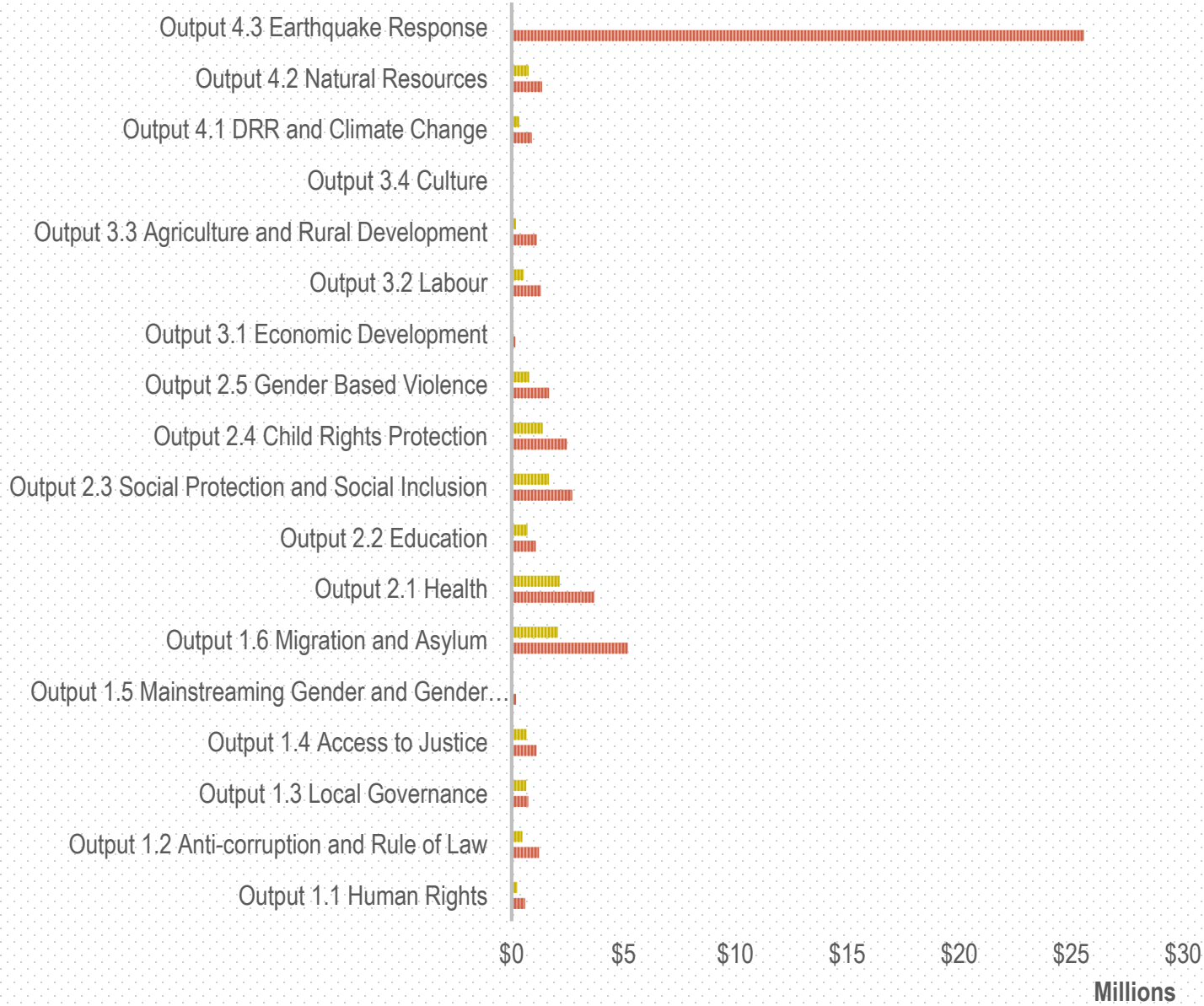
Ratio of Expenditure vs Available Resources (Annual)

25%



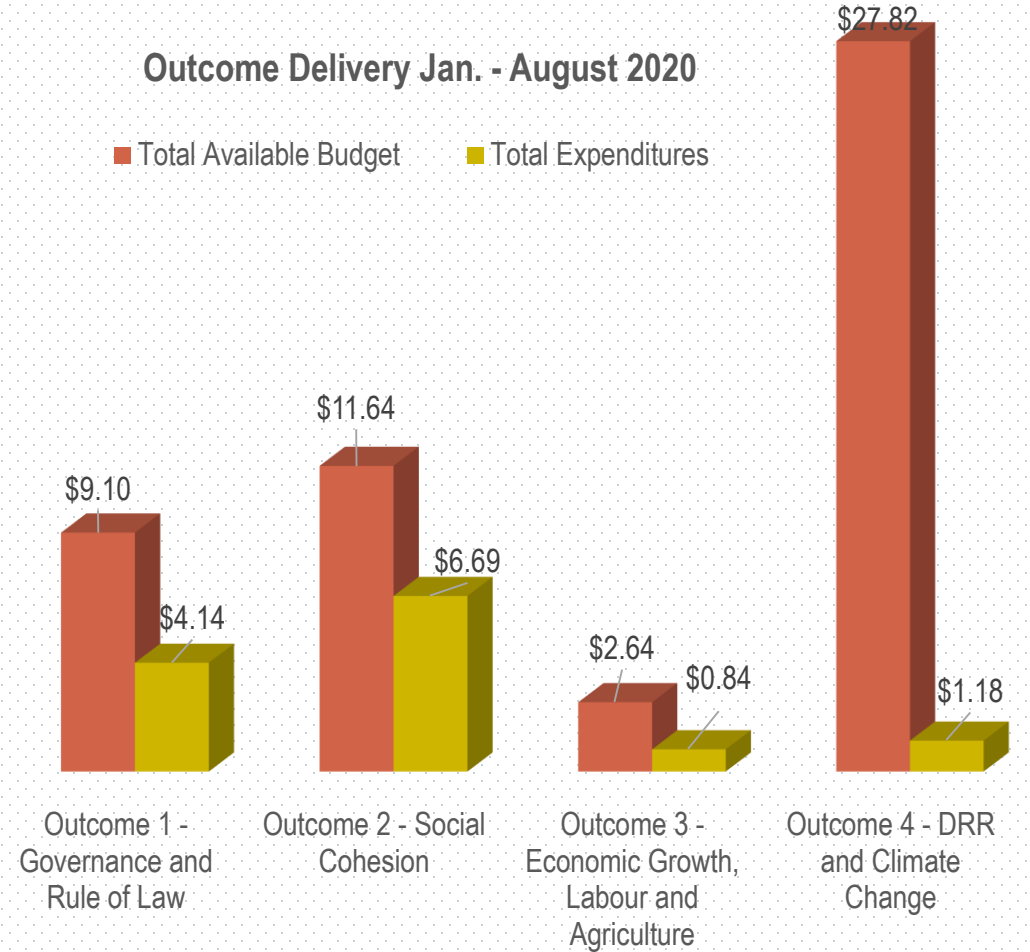
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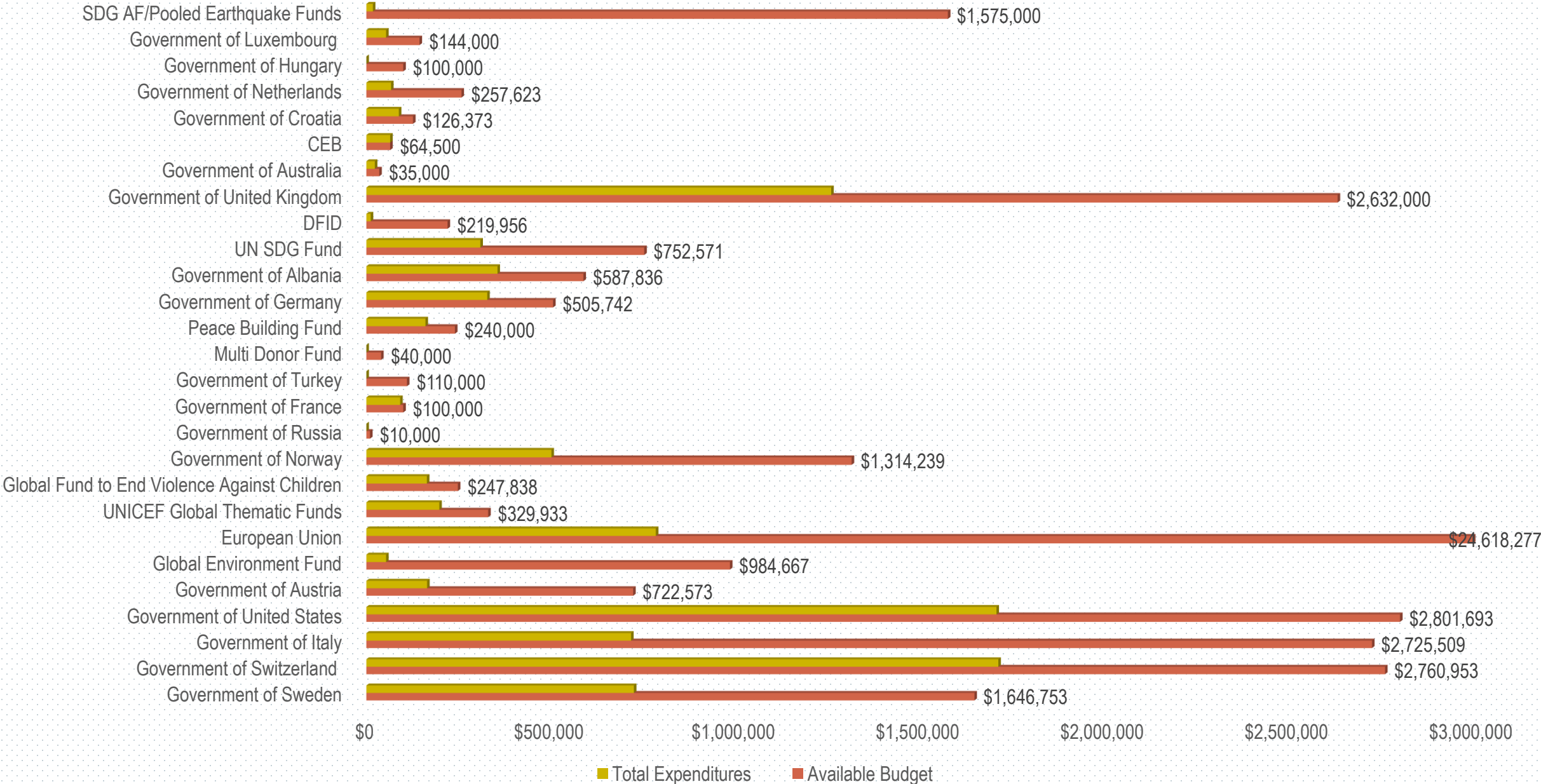


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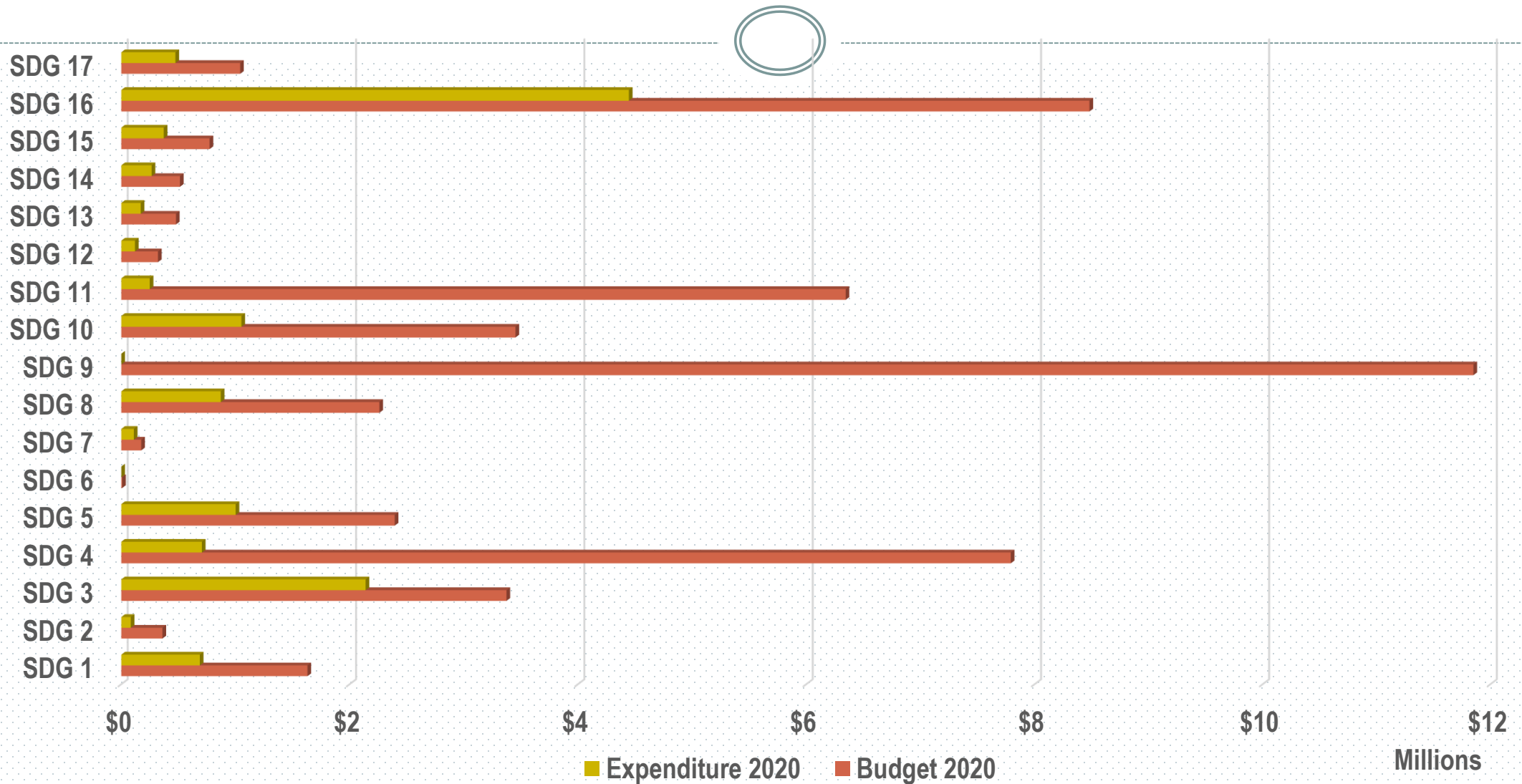
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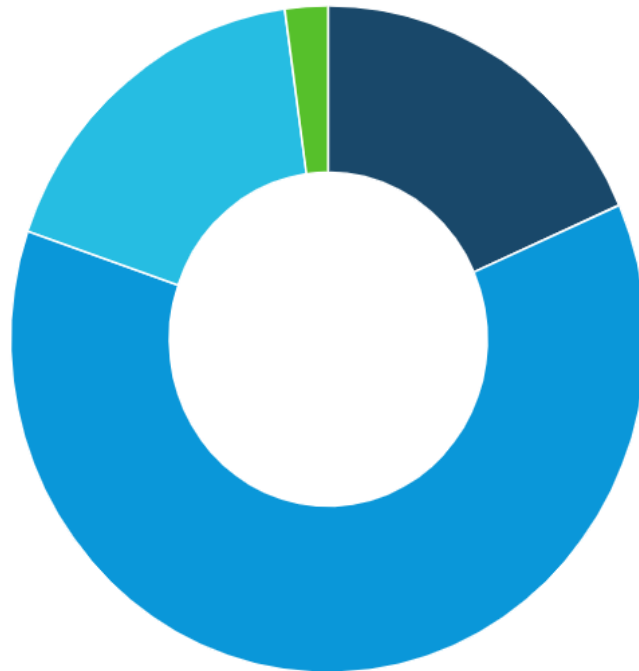
Contribution to SDGs



Contribution to Gender Equality and Human Rights

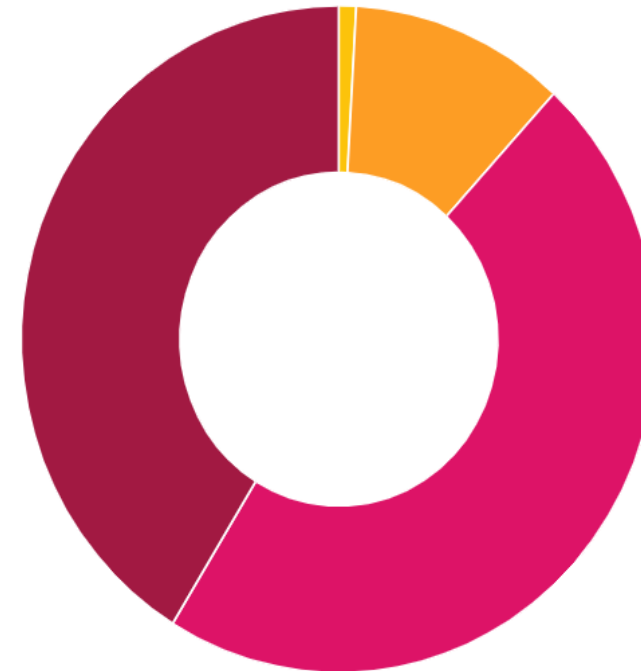
Gender Equality Marker

- Principal contribution
- Significant contribution
- Limited contribution
- No contribution



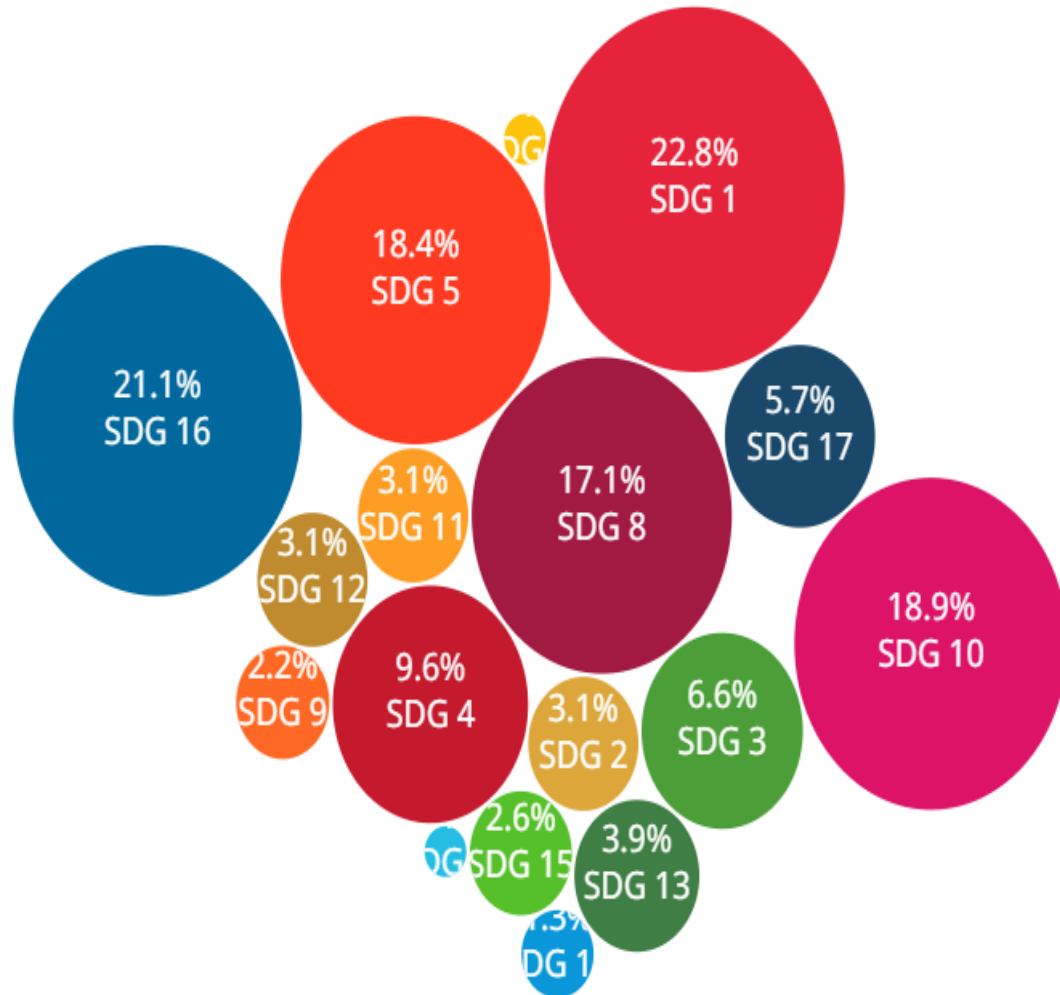
Human Rights Marker

- No contribution
- Limited contribution
- Significant contribution
- Principal contribution

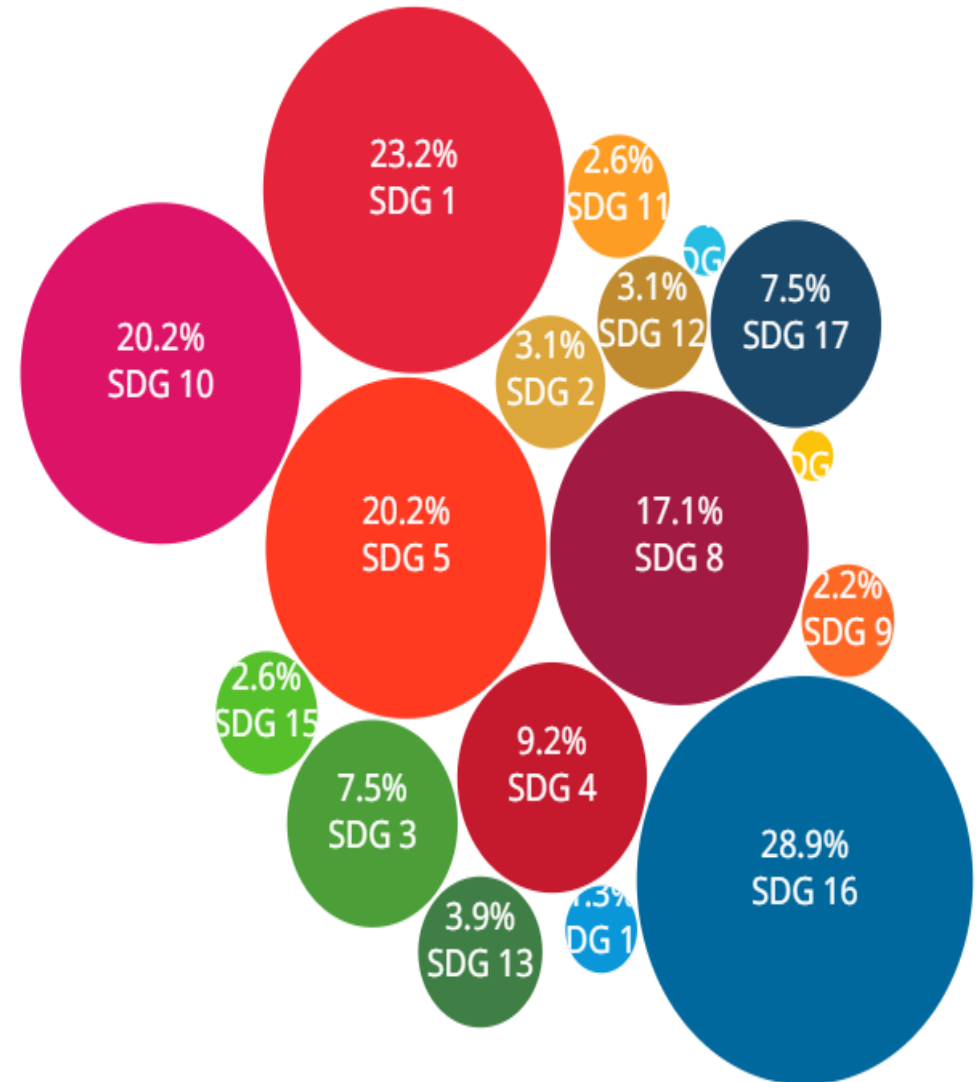


Contribution to Gender Equality and Human Rights

Gender Equality Marker



Human Rights Marker



COMMUNICATION & VISIBILITY



- ❑ A communication and advocacy campaign was run on UN75 and Decade of Action. Three public dialogues were held and over 4000 people participated in the survey by end of June. Campaign continues till the end of year.
- ❑ A Social media campaign highlighting UN Albania Results in the country as evidenced in the Government of Albania – United Nations Progress Report 2018, was implemented. The Report (hashtag #2019ProgressReport) earned over 80 K impressions in social media while report was shared widely with UN key partners in Albania and abroad.
- ❑ Two editions of the UN newsletter “Delivering for Development in Albania”, presenting UN Agencies work in the country, were developed and widely shared with UN key partners in Albania and abroad.
- ❑ Four issues of Covid-19 UN Response Special Newsletter were developed and shared with UN key partners in Albania and abroad
- ❑ The UNRC featured in four exclusive interviews, helped raise awareness on UN’s interventions and impact in Albania.
- ❑ UN’s social media platforms especially Twitter saw an increase by 10% in the number of followers. Instagram account was activated for UN Albania, thus helping maximize UN’s reach.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

On September 2015, Republic of Albania, along with other 192 members of the UN, committed to implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by adopting the Declaration of the Summit on Sustainable Development, held in NYC.

2019-2020

UN is supporting government to establish SDG interim targets, draft Vision 2030 document that lays out longer-term priorities, and develop NSDI 2021-2027 aligned to SDGs.

A Parliamentary sub-committee for Sustainable Development established in February 2020 to monitor and support the achievement of the SDGs in Albania. UN started implementation of an SDG Fund project, which among others, will support Parliament on implementation of Parliament's SDG Action Plan.

2018

Albania's deputy prime minister presented the Voluntary National Review of SDGs at the 2018 HLPF held under theme 'Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies.

UN, in collaboration with government, undertook an SDG mission focused on Mainstreaming, Acceleration, and Policy Support (MAPS), the first in the Western Balkans. The MAPS report was launched officially by government (19 Sept.).

UN and the government announced establishment of Albania SDG Acceleration Fund (April). Government committed \$500,000 in 2019 and \$2M annually until 2021.

2015-2017 Public Expenditure Review to SDGs in Albania informed on GoA spending on each SDG, serving to design specific/focused programmes to reach the marginalized.

Report on the Harmonisation of SDGs with Existing Sectoral Policies, launched in February 2018, serves as a useful national baseline report.

2017

Prime Minister decreed the establishment of an Inter-Ministerial SDG Committee, Chaired by Deputy PM, and Inter-Institutional Working Group in May 2017. Both structures have held meetings twice a year.

Albanian Parliament unanimously passed a Resolution and 25 universities signed a Declaration of Commitment, pledging to promotion, implementation and monitoring of Agenda 2030 and SDGs, through inclusive and broad-based development processes, in line with Albania's development priorities and EU integration.

The SDGs are integrated into NSDI 2015-2020 and National Statistical Programme 2016–2020.

2015-2016

PMO implemented, with UNDP support, a pilot project to develop and test SDG16 targets and indicators prior to adoption of Agenda2030. As a result, a set of 21 governance indicators, along with targets, baseline data and sources of data, were integrated into the NSDI II pillars.

Using UN Rapid Integrated Assessment (RIA) tool, the level of integration was assessed of SDG goals and targets into NSDI II and sectoral programmes.

September 2015 - 17 SDGs of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by world leaders, including Albania, at an historic UN summit.

Acronyms and Abbreviations



ADISA	Agency for the Delivery of Integrated Services Albania	IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency	SARPC	State Agency for Child Rights and Protection
ASRH	Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health	ICCS	International Classification of Crimes for Statistical Purposes	SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
AWEN	Albanian Women Empowerment Network	ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development	SFN	School Food and Nutrition
CCA	Climate Change Adaptation	IPARD	Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance in Rural Development	SIIG	Statistical Indicators and Integrity Group
CCP	Container Control Programme	IPH	Institute of Public Health	SILC	Survey on Income and Living Conditions
CCR	Community Coordinated Response	IPR	Intellectual Property Rights	SIPD	Social Inclusion Policy Document
CPD	Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination	ISARD	Inter-Sectoral Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development	SLM	Sustainable Land Management
CEDAW	Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	KAP	Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices	SMD	State Minister for Diaspora
C4D	Communication for Development	LGU	Local Government Unit	SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
CPS	Child Protection System	LINAC	Linear Accelerator	SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
CPU	Child Protection Unit	MCH	Maternal and Child Health	SWH	Solar Water Heating
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child	MIL	Media and Information Literacy	TB	Tuberculosis
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education	MIS	Management Information System	TDA	Trans-Boundary Diagnostic Analysis
CSO	Civil Society Organisation	MISP	Minimum Initial Service Package	TLAS	Tirana Legal Aid Society
DCM	Decision of the Council of Ministers	MoARD	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	UASC	Unaccompanied and Separated Children
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction	MoESY	Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth	UPR	Universal Periodic Review
ELDS	Early Learning and Development Standards	MoFE	Ministry of Finance and Economy	USI	Universal Salt Iodisation
EMIS	Education Management Information System	MoHSP	Ministry of Health and Social Protection	VAW	Violence Against Women
EPR	Environmental Performance Review	MP	Member of Parliament	VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls
EU	European Union	MTBP	Mid-Term Budget Programme	VET	Vocational Education Training
EVAC	Ending Violence against Children	MTH	Mother Theresa Hospital	VoT	Victim of Trafficking
EVAW	Elimination of Violence Against Women	MTR	Mid-Term Review	WCO	World Customs Organisation
FLA	Free Legal Aid	NAP	National Action Plan		
GADS	Gender Alliance for Development Center	NARU	Needs Assessment and Referral Unit		
GB-DV	Gender-Based and Domestic Violence	NCD	Non-Communicable Disease		
GBV	Gender-Based Violence	NDC	National Determined Contribution		
GCED	Global Citizenship Education	NES	National Employment Service		
GCF	Green Climate Fund	NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation		
GI	Geographic Indications	NHRI	National Human Rights Institution		
GIS	Geographic Information System	NSGE	National Strategy on Gender Equality		
GM	Gender Mainstreaming	ONAC	Office of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator		
GoA	Government of Albania	OSS	One-Stop-Shop		
GRB	Gender-Responsive Budgeting	PCU	Port Control Unit		
GREAT	Gender Equality in Rural Development and Tourism	PHC	Primary Health Care		
GREVIO	Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence	PoCSD	Programme of Cooperation for Sustainable Development		
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	R&E	Roma and Egyptian		
		REVALB	Recording Violence in Albania		
		RMSA	Refugee and Migrant Services in Albania		



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Through a coherent country [programme](#), the UN fully supports and works towards the complementary agendas of: Albania's goal of European Union integration, national priorities expressed in the National Strategy for Development and Integration and the Integrated Planning System, as well as harmonization and aid effectiveness. This includes Albania's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).