



# UN IN ALBANIA

A Dialogue on Sustainable Development



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# Governance

## KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

Government support to ensure IT equipment for One Stop Shops at Municipal level  
Steady pace of implementation during the pre-election campaign (2019) and ensure know-how transfer to the newly elected municipal administrators

### Main Contributing Partners

EU, Italy, Sweden, Swiss, GoA, USA, Austria

## Territorial and Administrative Reform – Consolidate Local Governance

### Modernized service delivery for over 70 administrative services

One Stop Shops piloted Elbasan, Pogradec, Policanin. OSS present in 49 Municipalities in 2019.

### Municipalities enabled to strengthen transparency, accountability, and participatory governance

Municipal Transparency Programme  
Monitoring tool adopted by Commissioner for the Right to Information and Data Protection

## Citizen-centric transformation of public service delivery

### ADISA Centers

Operational in Kruje, Kavaje, Fier, Gjirokaster. 11 new centers planned in 2019.

**Innovation Lab** for hearing and sight impaired persons & **Mobile Service Delivery** Unit operational model for service access in remote areas



# Child Protection Human Rights

## KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

Implementation of the child protection framework must be accelerated

100% geographic coverage with Child Protection Workers and building capacities.  
Municipalities minimum legal obligation for "dedicated CPW" is not met 28% of CPWs are appointed

### Main Contributing Partners

EU, Sweden

## Policy Making

Adoption of Child Rights and Protection Law, Criminal Justice for Children Code and Justice for Children Strategy 2017-2020. Sub-legislation is under development.

An online integrated tracking system of children in contact with criminal law is now a mandatory monitoring tool for MoJ.

De-institutionalization of children - Action Plan developed to access all children (230) in 9 public residential care institutions – facilitate reunion with biological families or placement in a family environment.

## Improved Practice

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new CPD offices operational in Shkoder, Korçe, Gjirokaster

1,650

children at risk identified and assisted annually by Child Protection Units

**House of Colours** in Tirana offers 24/7 response & shelter to survivors of violence.

30,000

calls of children in distress followed up annually by National Child Helpline ALO116 team

**Juvenile rate of detention** reduced - from 179 in 2014 to 114.3 presently - a trend expected to continue



# Free Legal Aid Migration & Asylum Human Rights

## KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

Fulfill requirements of FLA Law

Establish FLA Unit at MoJ to ensure access to justice for marginalized

Scale up FLA centres in all District Courts

Harmonize Legal framework on refugees

Law on Social Services to include asylum-seekers

Law on Social Housing to include refugees/persons granted subsidiary protection

Law on Citizenship to foresee flexible requirements for refugee naturalization

## Main Contributing Partners

Italy, EU, Netherlands, USA, Belgium

## Policy Making on Free Legal Aid

Adoption of Free Legal Aid Law (2017). Sub-legislation is being developed.

## Improved Free Legal Aid Practice

**300 vulnerable persons** supported annually with free legal aid services

**4 FLA centres** established in district court premises of Durres, Fier, Lezhe, Tirane

## Policy Making on Migration and Asylum & Reduction of risk of Statelessness

National Strategy on Migration and Action Plan is being developed

UN Albania conducted joint Needs Assessment of Border Points and updated its Preparedness to address mixed movements

Amendments to Law on Civil Status. Implementation will address 90% of cases.

## Improved Migration and Asylum Practice

Increase in **asylum procedures** compliancy with international refugee law/EU acquis - 60%/2017 vs. 50%/2016

Expansion of **reception capacity** for asylum seekers and migrants

- Gerhot, Gjirokaster registration centre for irregular migrants and refugees
- National Reception Centre for Asylum-Seeker
- Gjirokaster municipal social centre for asylum seekers with specific needs
- Caritas centre in Shkoder
- BMP Directorates of Shkoder, Kukes, Kakavije, Tirane

**5,000** refugees and migrants pre-screened, of which **3,700** requested asylum

25% return to Greece, 75% request asylum and temporary stay in Albania



# Health

## Policy Making

National Health Strategy 2016-2020, SRH Strategic Document and Action Plan 2017-2021, National Action Plan for Control of NCD 2016-2020

Revision of Package of **Primary Health Care** Services - services and tasks for PHC providers

Development of health guidelines/protocols and instituting 7 working groups & 1 network of health educators on HIV, TB, SRH

Albania **Demographic and Health Survey** to be released soon - highlight progress

## KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

Increase investments in health and wellbeing - implementation of strategies and provision of quality care services

## Main Contributing Partners

Switzerland, USA, EU, Global Fund, Kazakhstan

8.7%

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2.9%



Shares of GDP allocated to Public Health

## Improved Practice

National cancer control programme in place & MTH equipped with diagnostic machines - **1350 cases treated annually**; reduced waiting list from 2 months to 2-3 weeks.

Launch **pilot school food and nutrition programme** in selected elementary schools of Albania.

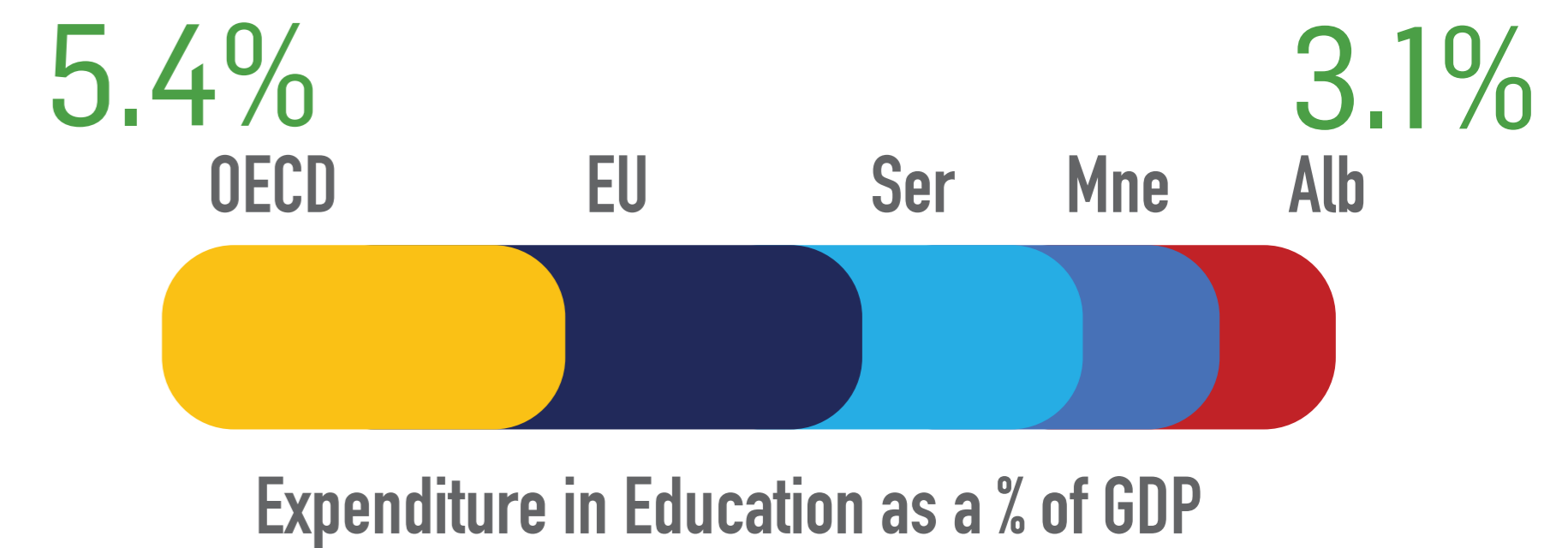
Annually: **500 health professionals** trained; **1000 people** reached through advocacy/informative health sessions.

**Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria** being implemented

# Education

## KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

Increase investments with focus on inclusion and quality - priority areas: preschool, teacher training and inclusive school practices.



## Main Contributing Partners

UK, Sweden

## Policy Making

Adoption of Pre-University Education Development Strategy 2014-2020. New Strategy under development.

Pre-school curricula framework and programme for teachers' professional development approved. **Standards and training methodology for 300 teachers** developed. Monitoring tools are being prepared.

CSE integrated in teacher training curricula of **5 universities - Tirane Korce, Vlore Shkoder, Gjirokaster.**

Pre-university anti-trafficking curriculum developed and training provided to **194 teachers in Shkoder, Tirane, Vlore, Korce.**

Education Policy Review report recommended further sectorial advancements.

## Improved Practice

Programme "**Promotion of intercultural and interreligious understanding through education in Albania**" piloted in 10 schools.

**Every Roma Child in Pre-school initiative** increased Roma children access in early learning services (66% in 2017; 23% in 2011).

Action Plan developed to combat violence against children in schools - implementation to reach over **5,000 children.**

Mechanism for early identification and **response to school drop-out** is in place. Prevention efforts reinforced in 20 schools.

Continuous educational training provided to over **800 teachers** and directors of professional networks

# Social Inclusion & Protection

## KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

Increase public spending and complete legal framework for social inclusion and protection programmes.  
(Approx. 12% of GDP is devoted to social protection out of 32.8% of GDP devoted to government spending overall.)

## Main Contributing Partners

EU, Swiss

## Policy Making

**Secondary legislation** almost completed to implement Laws on Social Care Services, Social Enterprises, Social Housing

Approach & implementation modalities of resourcing **social fund** from central budget, guided by principles of solidarity and equity



LGUs guided/supported to finalize and budget **Social Care Plan** (15 under development) to advance services in their territory

**Social Pact for Impact** (March 2017) enabled 70 new services at the municipal level for all Albanian citizens

## Improved Practice

**Over 6,000 R/E supported annually with an inclusive package of social services**

**5 R/E employment mediators** trained and placed within the National Employment Services

**20 R/E CSOs** supported through capacity building and grant schemes

Living conditions of **1500 R/E families (6000 inhabitants)** improved through 10 community upgrading infrastructure projects

7 employment promotion programmes & mediation services targeting R/E accessed by more than **450 R/E individuals**

**4 Community Centres** built in Pogradec, Sarande, Bulqize, Shijak – host 110 children

More than **700 PwDs** supported to access local social services – 50% with rehabilitation services tailored to needs.

**Institute of Blind Students** equipped with assistive technology benefiting 68 visually impaired students.

**5 facilities** offering social services are being rehabilitated in Permet, Diber, Ura Vajgurore, Vlore, Kruje.



# Gender Equality and Gender-Based Violence

## KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

Mainstream gender through a robust and stable national gender machinery, an administration with specific GM skills, and an integrated process of GM in all elements of governance.

There is a need for increased funding from LGUs towards GBV interventions, and for governmental support to scale up referral mechanisms.

## Main Contributing Partners

EU, Sweden, Australia, Korea, Austria

## Policy Making

### Protective/procedural measures strengthened -

adoption of Free Legal Aid law, amendments to Code of Criminal Procedures and Law on "Measures against violence in family relations"

### Albania submitted national report to GREVIO;

Action Plan on implementation of GREVIO's recommendations developed and approved by National Council on Gender Equality.

Parliament approved a **Resolution on violence against women**

Development of a set of 3 legal/policy measures related to **women entrepreneurship** – 1. binding quotas for women representation in company boards; 2. entrepreneurial learning platforms for women; 3. access to credit.

Enriched knowledge base of **child marriage** through study on social norms supporting the phenomenon



## Improved Practice

28 MTBP 2018–2020 programmes are **GRB compliant** from 9 previously - 15 billion ALL (2018) to advance gender equality. First time in Albania, CSOs to act as watchdogs to monitoring **GRB implementation.**

Established/consolidated local multi-sectorial response to GBV - 60.6% of municipalities with established CCRs; increased level of awareness – **4,537 cases** in 2017 compared to 94 in 2005.

Albania's first **sexual assault center** established at Albanian State Police; SOPs developed for Multi-sectorial response to GBV.

**Network of 46 CSOs** working on GE and GBV established to increase accountability of gov. institutions to fulfil obligations.





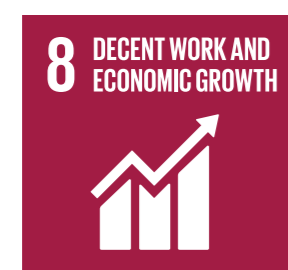
## Policy Making

NES conducted a Participatory Inclusive Assessment of ALMMs to improve access of vulnerable groups to labor market & resources.

New Action Plan for NES in line with (future) mandate as National Agency for Employment and Skills.

Results of report “Enabling Environment for Sustainable Enterprises” led to development of a Strategic Policy Framework offering key policy solutions to the identified gaps.

Results of national enterprise survey on Skills Needs are being translated into concrete action plan to minimise labour market skills mismatches and shortages.



# Employment

### KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

Approval of new Law on Employment Promotion as milestone for establishment of NAES

Operationalization of Employment Fund for PwDs

Reforming of ALMMs in line with EU best practices and introduction of new measures - self-employment

Increased capacities and upgraded infrastructure of employment services for management of VET providers and service provision

### Main Contributing Partners

GoA, Swiss, Austria, UK, Turkey, EU



## Improved Practice

**Annual report** of National Employment and Skills Strategy completed; mid term review being finalised.

MoFE and NAVETQ adopted a self-assessment guide and action plan and delivered a training for trainers that coached all VET institutes nationwide (**35 Vocational Schools; 9 Vocational Trainings**)

**Third round of self-employment programme for young people** launched in Tirane, Shkoder, Kukes, Diber with involvement of NES

State Labor Inspectorate OSH campaigning in construction sector (reached **500 companies**) will be replicated in other sectors

# Rural Development

## KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

Improve rural women economic empowerment through clarification of land/property titles and access to financial and advisory services.

## Main Contributing Partners

EBRD, Italy (expected for GREAT project)

## Policy Making

Law on the quality of traditional products prepared - parliamentary approval expected within 2018.

A feasibility study on smallholders support is being developed, to be followed by Action Plan and pilot models in municipalities.

System for data collection, reporting, and economic analyses prepared and being used by MoARD for policy formulation.

## Improved Practice

Development of **GREAT** project - "Gender Rural Equality and Tourism" - to empower rural women. Complements GoA "**100 villages**" programme.

**500 women farmers** equipped with practical knowledge and know-how to access market, credit and subsidy schemes, business management and growth and move up the value chain.

**700 farmers and 150 extension specialists** from Agriculture Information Centres capacitated to offer gender-oriented services to rural women and trained for preparedness on climate change and floods (6 municipalities South Albania).

**Youth employment in rural areas** - 50 local farmers in the commune of Shengjergj and Tirane supplied with autochthonous local seeds of vegetable and other crops.



# Environment & Climate Change

## KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

Complete legal/policy framework enabling financial sustainability and sustainable management of Protected Areas.

Increase financial resources, capacities on management, data and analysis, and community involvement in environment protection.

## Main Contributing Partners

GEF, GCF, GoA, Italy, Croatia, EU, ITF Slovenia, Germany

## Policy Making

**Environmental Information Management and Monitoring System** established and functional, with dedicated IT equipment and user manual.

**Protected Areas** National Planning Framework is under development - (i) Dajti National Park financial baseline assessment; (ii) baseline assessment on management structure and resource mapping for Divjaka-Karavasta; and (iii) business plan for Llogara-Karaburun-Sazan.

Amendments to Law on **Wild Fauna Protection** and Law on **Hunting** are prepared in conformity with EU Directives

Establishment and operationalisation of the **Energy Efficiency Agency and the Energy Efficiency Fund.**

## Improved Practice

Launched new project: **“Management of marine and coastline pollution for increased Safety at Sea and Ports”** - responding to emergencies into marine environment.

2nd phase of project “marine and coastal protected areas” to replicate positive achievements of **Marine Park Karaburun-Sazani.**

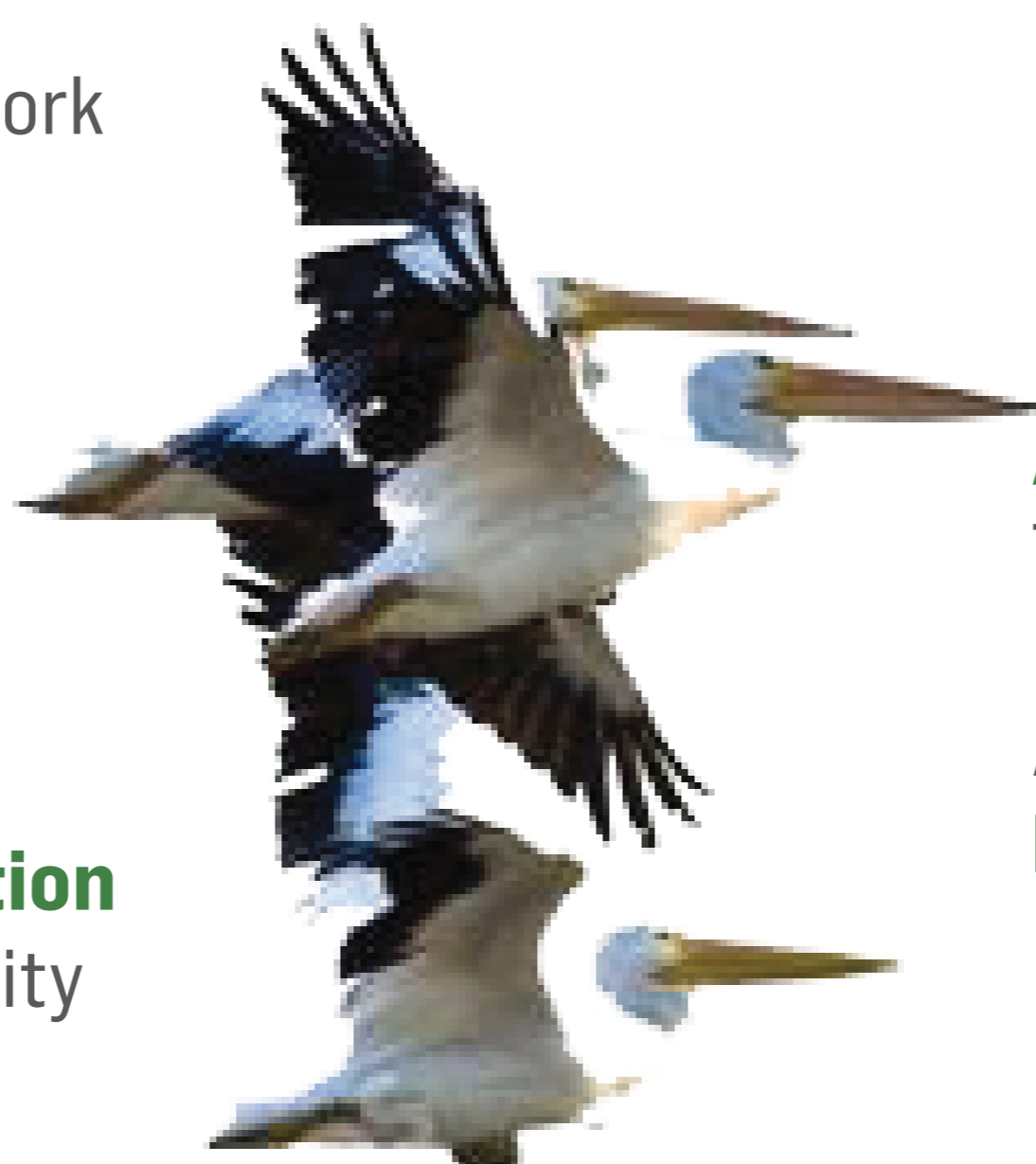
**Aarhus Center** for Tirana redesigned at MoTE premises. Application **‘Tirana I me Outdoor’** is being developed.

**Radhima Information Centre** is operational, equipped with work program, public awareness plan, staff manual & visitor rules.

**Marina Habitat Rehabilitation Centre** is operational, providing recovery operations for turtles.

**Solar upscale** reached 13 municipalities (55 institutions), **saving 70% of energy** used for hot water.

**A municipal energy tracer platform** tested in Durres Municipality - goal of an energy MIS in all Albanian municipalities.



# 2018 UN Financing



UN Funding  
**\$ 5,131,635**

Donors Funding to UN  
**\$ 16,626,929**

EU  
\$ 3,821,761

**Gov. of Albania**  
**\$ 525,803**

Gov. of Italy  
\$ 3,048,305

Gov. of Sweden  
\$ 934,416

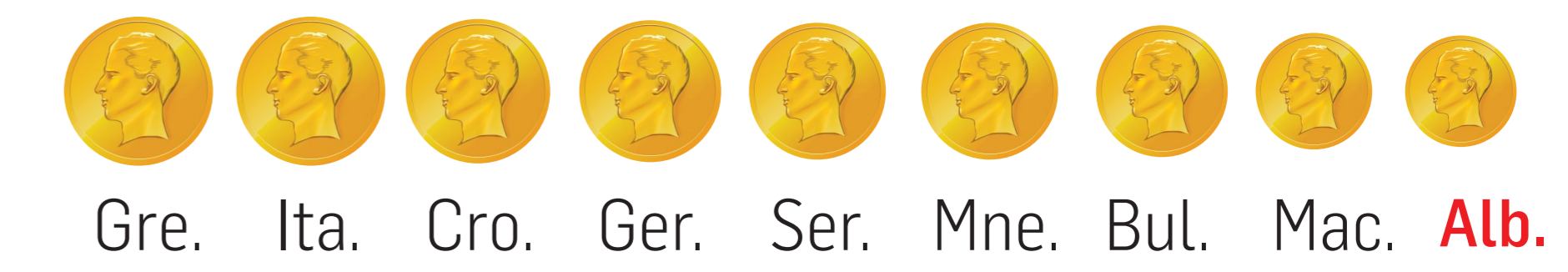
GEF  
\$ 2,476,412

Gov. of Switzerland  
\$ 2,570,568

## Shares of GDP collected as Government Budget Revenues

**48%**

**27.8%**



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