PROJECT 7



Project Title

Reorganization and expansion of Water network and sanitation (Municipality of Mat)

Project Type

Public Services

Project Location

Burrel, Komsi, Lis, Macukull, Baz, Ulëz, Rukaj, Derjan,

Total Pre-Estimated Budget 9

900,000

Project Background and Analysis

Because of the merge and amalgamation of the local government units into bigger ones, a new situation will emerge and the effective public service provision is expected to be one of the main aimed consequences. Keeping the same standard in providing the current services and further improvement are tendencies that should go in parallel. The water supply in the Municipality of Burrel is provided for 100% of the population, whereas the sewage for at least for 60 % of it. In other communes, the inhabitants access to service provision schemes is even lower. In the city of Burrel, the service is organized as a shareholding company, whereas in the rest of the territory, both services are managed by the communes themselves. The tariff collection is at the level of 50 %. The creation of an extended entity, such as Municipality of Burrel, makes it necessary to re-organise the services and to add investments to increase the service level and access level to these two basic services, making it comparable to national levels.

Specific Objectives of the Project

The reorganization of the water-sanitation service and adding up investments to increase the inhabitants access to this service at comparable levels (not less than) with national average norms published by the Ministry of Public Works and Transport.

Expected Results and Project Indicators

- The reorganization of the water supply and sewage, to include all the amalgamated units into one single service entity for all the inhabitants (a service entity organized as a public corporate; the total number of population to be provided service is more than 27000 inhabitants; the access percentage in the water supply network is more than 85 % and for sanitation more than 50 %);
- Setting one single tariff for water supply service and sanitation services in all the territories of the new Municipality of Mat (published tariff and included in the fiscal package approved by the Municipality of Mat and in the green tax).; Development of cost calculation system for the integrated system for water supply and sanitation service (cost per inhabitant and as a consequence the same tariff for all the inhabitants covered with service); Increased revenues from the service unit (the balance of the activity from the service unit is not negative); New investments to improve inhabitants' access in these services carried out by the Municipality of Mat (plans and implementation of investment project by the Municipality of Mat).; Investments for increased effectiveness in service and service bills and lower losses (investments in meters, passing from the tariff to a fix sum in tariff for m3).

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Project Activities

- Study on integrated system of water supply and sanitation and the way of organizing the service entity (shareholding company or the municipality).
- Review of plans and projects for ex-units for investments and development of an integrated plan for these investments in coordination with the responsible structure at central level (Ministry of Public Works and Transport)
- Harmonization of regulation and statute of the unit that provides the service according to the law on decentralization and local finances.
- · Approval in the Municipality Council of the project-plans for investments and requests for funding from donors or ADF or the Regional Development Fund.
- · Approval of the service tariff as part of the fiscal package applied by the Municipality and inclusion of the revenues/expenses in the plan/implementation of the municipality burdet
- · Development of promotion materials for the promotion and service modalities (leaflets)

Project Maturity

Currently, the water supply service in the units that will be merged in the Municipality of Mat, are provided by the communes. This service form is different from the existing Municipality of Burrel, where the service is provided by a shareholding company. The study is expected to give recommendations on service provision in the future.

There exist a lot of investment plans in the area, carried out by the excommunes or the Municipality of Burrel. But these plans should be redeveloped to adapt to the new reality of the functioning of the Municipality of Mat.

The new law on Local Government functioning is expected to specify the powers and the way of organization of the water supply and sanitation services by the local government units.

Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

Funding resources:

- Regional Development Fund
- Albanian Development Fund
- Unconditional Transfers
- · Own revenues from the tariff
- Donors
- Decentralization Support Fund

Partners:

- Municipality of Mat
- · Central Government and Council of Qark
- Donors: EU, BERZH, KWF

Project Cost

Study on integrated service system of water supply and sanitation and the way of service	800,000
entity organisation	
Development of promotion materials (2000 pieces)	100,000
Total:	900,000