

# BASHKI TË FORTA

## STRONG MUNICIPALITIES - for citizens



# PRESCHOOL EDUCATION SERVICE MANAGEMENT

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Initiated and funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC and implemented by Helvetas, the Bashki te Forta Project provides technical assistance and effective instruments to support municipalities in improving the preschool education service as an own function of the local self-government units. The Project support builds on the experience and instruments designed during the first phase (BtF1) with 6 pilot municipalities, which have been evaluated as champions and will serve as models for the other 55 municipalities. The support of BtF2 will help the municipalities to improve the service and will have a positive impact on social inclusion and gender equality. All 61 municipalities of the country are assisted in providing the service with minimum affordable standards and according to the principles of good governance. The main focus will be on the design, implementation and monitoring of plans and other measures that seek to improve the quality of the preschool education service.

The Project's technical assistance consists of:

- ▶▶▶▶▶ Training
- ▶▶▶▶▶ On-the-job direct support to local officials regarding the use of instruments that enhance service delivery efficiency
- ▶▶▶▶▶ Support in applying best practices implemented by other local self-government units
- ▶▶▶▶▶ Exchange of experience and networking among municipal professionals
- ▶▶▶▶▶ Promotion of innovative solutions.

In cooperation with the Albanian School of Public Administration (ASPA), the project will design and disseminate a curriculum for local officials and train the latter in order to increase their capacities in providing quality preschool education services.

In parallel with increasing the capacities of local administrations, the project contributes to the strengthening of the municipal councils, and their representative, decision-making and oversight role on the preschool education service. The involvement of parents and groups in need helps to increase transparency and accountability and contributes to service improvement.

At the central level, the Project aims to support the discussion between the actors of the system in order to establish the minimum adequate and affordable service standards for preschool education in all municipalities. The Project focuses on creating an enabling environment to ensure this transformation and works to harmonize the efforts of municipalities and the central government in the implementation of the Education Strategy, the Strategy for Decentralization and Local Self-Government as well as EU directives for the education sector.

The involvement of LGUs in policy making will be ensured through the Association of Municipalities and Association for Local Autonomy, which are supported to lobby the central level so that the voice of municipalities is heard and their input and feedback are incorporated in strategic documents and reflected in increased funding for the sector.



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