

BASHKI TË FORTA

STRONG MUNICIPALITIES - for citizens



URBAN SOLID WASTE SERVICE MANAGEMENT

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Management of Urban Solid Waste Service

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 overcoming major challenges of the urban waste management sector.

The project supports the design and implementation of local waste management plans and service regulations in accordance with the national plan and policies for integrated solid waste management. Based on the commitment of the municipalities, the activities of the BtF2 Project support the increase of the capacities of the municipal administrations for the design and implementation of innovative and effective solutions for the collection of waste, the promotion of the circular economy and the separation of recyclable waste, the improvement of the financing of the sector, choosing together with municipal councils and citizens the appropriate fiscal policies to cover service costs, implementing effective monitoring systems as well as improving communication with citizens and business.

BtF provides technical assistance and on-job support to local officials, training, exchanges of experience and lessons, and networking of professionals, thus contributing to improving the quality of service delivery, strengthening the role of citizens and municipal councils in monitoring services, increasing the quantity of waste that is recycled and that does not go to landfills or for burning, as well as the adoption of effective fiscal policies. In addition to dedicated technical assistance according to the specifics of each municipality, the Project also offers a series of national training courses for municipal civil servants and waste managers in order to increase the capacities of the sector.

The project works to facilitate discussions between municipalities and central institutions and line ministries in the process of defining national standards on waste management activities. Such a strategy will lay the ground for initiation of a dialogue with the main local and national actors of the sector in order to implement measures that contribute to the achievement of minimum service standards.

The project activities in support of municipalities contribute to increasing transparency, accountability and citizen participation. Special attention is paid to promoting the inclusion of marginalized groups in the design and implementation of policies on integrated waste management.

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