

# Support to Anti-Corruption Efforts in Kosovo (SAEK) II 2016-2020

SAEK will address the supply side, address lack of trust of citizens in public institutions. Total budget of the Project is 4.7 Million Euro

## **Context:**

- politicized and weak prosecution/judiciary, lack of support to whistleblowers, high perception of prevalence of corruption in all institutions, possibility of retaliation if a case is reported, lack of investigation and prosecution of corrupt officials
- SAEK has and will continue to bridge the gap between institutions and citizens by helping the institutions to have integrity systems in place and through awareness raising to turn citizens into agents of change

## **Action:**

- Kallxo.com, run by civil society, is a flagship initiative of SAEK that has become one of the main sources of trust and communication between citizens and institutions
- Since 2012, 5,000 cases reported by citizens all over Kosovo
- cooperation established with all the RoL institutions (AC Agency, Prosecution, Judiciary, EULEX, Police, Customs)
- cases resulting in indictment are televised through the most watched TV program in the national TV station RTK “Life in Kosovo” all across Kosovo

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- The proposed intervention is cost – effective as it reaches out and provides access to a remedy for corrupt practices to a significant number of citizens, throughout Kosovo, without creating additional costs for use for the citizens (no cost to institutions)
- It is beneficial because the effect of the remedy will serve to increase public trust in the responsiveness and willingness of the institutions to combat corruption (aim of the intervention)
- It is measurable because there are baselines in place from SAEK I and also platform can provide accurate statistics of usage, cases reported, cases forwarded to institutions, responses received and actions taken/results achieved.
- GDP of Kosovo: \$7.387 billion (2014, World Bank)
- Public sector of Kosovo: 28.2% or 91,281 employees (2015, GAP Institute)\*
- Costs of corruption in public sector in Kosovo: 5-10% of public sector budget is wasted by corruption only through public procurement, the rest of sectors remain unmeasured (2015, estimated by the World Bank)
- Reduction of corruption in public sector due to SAEK systemic approaches: minimum 1% through Integrity Plans as prevention mechanism. 1% in 2015 is equal to 4,217,205.00 Euro (out of the total budget assigned for local governments)

▪ \*64.7% (323,508) of the population economically active are employed

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- Reduction of costs in public sector will be measured by:
  - increase of cases processed by KPC, KJC, ODP which adds to the effectiveness of such institutions and leads to reduction of costs. E.g. During 2014 & 2015, ODP has increased the number of cases processed and submitted to KPC and KJC for review by 30%
  - Due to digitization of municipal public services (e-procurement, e-recruitment), there will be reduction of administrative costs. E.g. During 2015, Municipality of Gjakova/Djakovica has prevented corrupted acts and has increased efficiency of public money by;
  - Increased number of successfully prosecuted cases of corruption by Prosecution and Courts, in particular involving public procurement, which will decrease the amount of misappropriated public budget. E.g. The % of solved criminal charges against persons for criminal offences of corruption in 2013 was 40.3%, in 2014: 45.5%. During the first 6 months of 2015: 43.9% (latest data not available yet).
  - Health Ombudsperson of Prishtina and Prizren have received a total of 918 individuals cases help and advice (513 in Prishtina and 405 in Prizren). A total of 84 complaints have been filed from May – November 2015, whereby 50% of cases have been resolved, and the rest are being currently treated from the Department of Inspectorate of Ministry of Health (MoH). From December 2015 – February 2016, additional 66 cases have been sent to the MoH.