

VISION

The project vision is to make systemic changes by developing partnerships and stimulating existing market players to take proactive role in providing employment related information and skills, thus increasing income and employment opportunities.

PROJECT OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

The project will be implemented by a team of five local project staff, as well as local actors and partners. The local partnership is crucial to ensure the project outcomes are achieved and are sustainable beyond the interventions of S4RE.

OUTCOME 1: S4RE focuses on working with existing local actors, local institutions, to provide better employment-related information, services and skills for unemployed youth in rural areas, particularly women and minorities.

OUTCOME 2: Project aims to better integrate small producers and businesses into selected supply chains: dairy and livestock, honey and beekeeping, non-timber forest products, berries and fruits, to improve productivity and quality leading to higher income opportunities.

OUTCOME 3: S4RE will stimulate improved performance and growth of local businesses to increase their competitiveness through the investment into non-formal education and training of existing and future employees.

Project duration:	2016 – 2018
Project area:	Sharr Mountains and South East of Kosovo
Beneficiaries:	Unemployed youth, women and minorities, rural households as producers in supply chain or employees of local businesses, and training providers



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The overall goal of S4RE is improved income and employment opportunities for youth, in particular women and minorities, and rural households in the municipalities of Sharr Mountains and the Southeast of Kosovo. In order to achieve im-

proved access to income and employment opportunities, S4REs integrated approach seeks to improve the employability of young people through more appropriate and market-oriented skills, facilitate the better integration of local

small producers and businesses into selected supply chains, and stimulate increased competitiveness of businesses through investment into non-formal education and training.



PROJECT AREAS AND ITS BENEFICIARIES

S4RE II continues to focus on the municipalities of the **Sharr Mountains** and the **SouthEast** of Kosovo, targeting four existing municipalities of Kamenice, Dragas, Strpce and Novobrd and expanding its outreach to eight additional municipalities in these two regions. The total beneficiaries are 6,000 unemployed youth, women and minorities, rural households as producers in supply chain or employees of local businesses, and training providers. Young women and men age 15-35 (women target 50%), as well as ethnic minority groups (target 25%) who are amongst the most disadvantaged groups in these regions are the main target group for S4RE interventions, thus promoting gender and social inclusion.



PROJECT IMPACT

The strategic focus of S4RE in phase II is on deepening and widening of impact to achieve sustainability and scale. Building on the experiences and lessons-learned from first phase, the project will seek to transfer the knowledge and experience of successful training and capacity-building models and solutions to the local partners so they can continue to provide services to youth and businesses, rather than providing essential skills and capacities itself as a project. The project aims to replicate or adapt in the other additional municipalities of the selected two regions successful models and solutions implemented in the four initial municipalities.

