

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

DEMOS works with the mayors, directors and administration as well as assemblies of 17 partner municipalities that are clustered in three regions: Western, Central and in the Eastern part of Kosovo, covering around 40% of the Kosovo population (approximately 700,000 citizens).



Decentralisation and Municipal Support - DEMOS

WHY DEMOS

The domain Democratic Governance and Decentralisation is at the forefront of the Swiss Cooperation Office Cooperation Strategy 2013-2016 for the Republic of Kosovo.

An important part of this domain is the project Decentralisation and Municipal Support – (DEMOS) which supports municipalities to achieve visible and tangible improvements in the delivery of their services to their citizens. DEMOS' intervention lines are:

- Improving public service delivery in public space, municipal traffic and waste management;
- Improving financial administration and transparency;
- Improving the democratisation of local governments and participation of citizens in decision making;
- Contributing to an improved and more harmonised policy framework for local governance;

DEMOS IN BRIEF

Inception phase: January 2014 - June 2014
Implementation phase: July 2014 - December 2017

Project partners:

Gjakovë/Đakovica, Gračanica/Gračanicë, Hani i Elezit/Elez Han, Junik/Junik, Kaçanik/Kaçanik, Kamenicë/Kamenica, Klokot - Vrbovac/Klokot - Vërbovc, Lipjan/Lipljan, Novo Brdo/Novobërdë, Partesh/Partesh, Pejë/Peç, Prishtinë/Priština, Rahovec/Orahovac, Ranilug/Ranillug, Shtime/Štimlje, Štrpce/Shtërpçë and Viti/Vitina,

Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Local Government Administration and other line ministries, the Association of Kosovo Municipalities and the Democratic Society Promotion Project

Budget

10.794.945 CHF

Donors

Swiss Cooperation Office Kosovo

Implementer

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INTERVENTION APPROACH

The intervention approach of DEMOS is based on the following principles:

- Rewarding performance of municipalities by relating the size of the grant they can receive from DEMOS to their performance,
- Using the existing performance management systems of the Kosovo government to monitor the municipal performance,
- Rewarding own initiative of municipalities by offering technical assistance based on their requests.

SOCIAL EQUITY AND GENDER

DEMOS ensures that there is always equal representation of women and men in the programme activities such as: trainings, study tours, meetings, forums and village council structures.

Besides, DEMOS helps to strengthen the competence and confidence of less vocal citizens, particularly women, to participate in local governance by organising forum discussions.

Furthermore, the programme encourages and supports the sub municipal level/villages to have at least 30% women representation in the village council structures.

The programme has interventions in the field of gender responsive budgeting and works with female members of the municipal assemblies as well as with municipal gender officers.

LONG - TERM VISION

The long-term vision of DEMOS is that municipal administrations, mayors and assemblies provide services adapted to their citizens' needs. They put particular attention to transparency and to consultation with their

citizens, so that citizens know what the public administration does, and take an interest in it. Municipal own source revenues have substantially increased and municipal financing is transparent and more predictable.

OVERALL GOAL

DEMOS supports Kosovo in its transition process towards a democratic, decentralised state in which municipalities exercise socially inclusive governance and provide effective services responding to citizens' priorities and needs.

Outcome 1

Public services in waste, public spaces and municipal traffic in the supported municipalities respond better to citizens' priorities and needs

Outcome 2

Supported municipalities foster democratic processes and apply sound public policy and financial management processes

Outcome 3

DEMOS support at the central level contributes to a policy framework which is more conducive for decentralised governance

