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USAID's Strengthening Resource Mobilization Activity

Results Highlights

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USAID's Strengthening Resource Mobilization Activity is a 5-year project, assisting North Macedonia's municipalities to raise and independently manage the resources necessary to fund services demanded by its citizens.

Partner Municipalities

17 partner municipalities selected and received a tailored approach for **technical assistance** in a duration of 18 months.



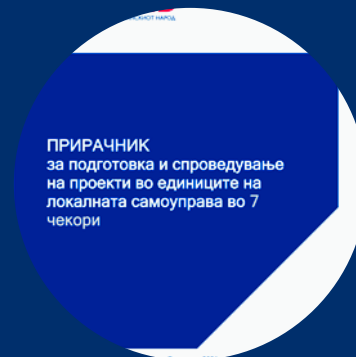
Own-source revenues increased

Strengthened operational capacity of municipal **tax administrations** by providing targeted on the job training and mentoring.



Greater External Funding Accessed by Municipalities

Reinforced municipal capacities by providing them with a practical **Guide on preparation and implementation of projects**, and a **Monthly Bulletin** for External Funding Opportunities and Resources available.



Local Governments' Budget Execution Rate Increased

Improved local governments' budgetary planning and execution by providing them with a user-friendly **Guide for Municipal Budget Planning**, a **capacity-building workshop** and **ongoing mentoring**, and **on-the-job training**.



Decentralization Process Enhanced

Established **partnership with central government**, towards strengthening the fiscal decentralization and improving the processes that affect local economic development.

Provided brief policy papers on **asymmetric decentralization** and recommendations for improvement of municipal **debt management**.



USAID's Strengthening Resource Mobilization Activity in numbers

Key Public Events

The online project's launching event brought together **133 participants** from the partner municipalities and government officials that were familiarized with Project's goal and activities.



The first Mayor's Forum served as a platform for the **partner municipalities** to discuss workable solutions and learn from each other.



How We Design Our Assistance ?

We facilitated self-assessments sessions with each partner municipality, and based on the findings, developed a *tailor-made* **Technical Assistance Package** to address their capacity needs. **82** representatives from the partner **municipalities** participated in these sessions.

Strengthen Municipal Capacities through Training and Mentoring

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Capacity Building Activities

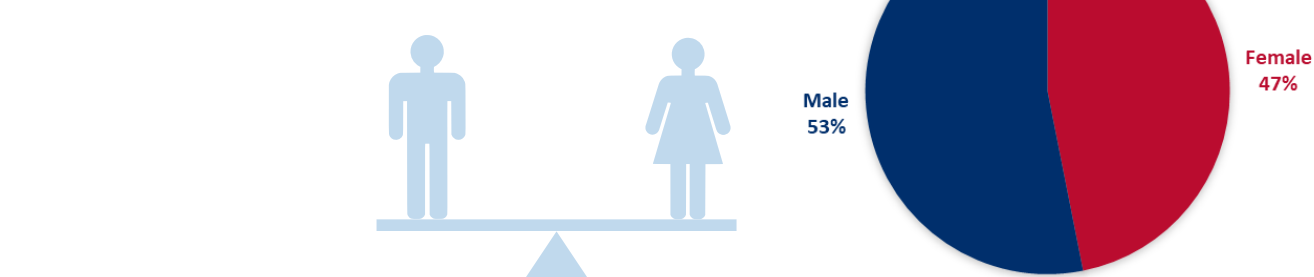
- 3 sessions on sharing municipal best practices;
- 1 consultative session; 1 workshop and 15 mentoring sessions on budget planning and execution;
- 1 online workshop for citizens budget;
- 1 online workshop for project development;
- 8 on-the-job trainings on updating property tax database;
- 21 mentoring sessions on own source reviews; municipal debt; access to external resources and budget planning and execution.

- 133 in activities aiming towards increasing **own-source revenues**;
- 49 in activities related to accessing **external funding**;
- 106 in activities towards increasing **municipal budget planning and execution rate**;
- 64 in improving **decentralization, knowledge, and experience-sharing** activities.

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Municipal Staff Trained and Mentored

Gender Structure



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