



WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE PROJECT IN LEZHA CITY MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM 1

Domain

Economic Development

Duration of the Project

2011-2014

Overall Project Budget: € 13.6 million

- **Swiss Grant Contribution**
€ 10.5 Million (80%)
- **Kreditanstalt Für Wiederaufbau (KfW)**
€ 3.1 Million loan (20%)

Location

Lezha City

Project Partners and Beneficiaries

- *Lezha water supply and sewerage utility*
- *Lezha municipality*
- *Ministry of Finance, Albania*

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1. Context

- The city of Lezha has an estimated population of around 30'000 and its neighbouring communes of Shëngjin and Ballëren have 16'000 inhabitants. The city, being one of the poorest within Albania, has an inadequate water supply and sewerage infrastructure. Nevertheless, the economic potential of Lezha is considerable in fish, food processing, tourism and also due to strategic location of Shëngjin port between Albania and the neighbouring countries respectively: Montenegro and Kosovo.
- Switzerland has a comprehensive Decentralisation and Local Development Programme (DLDP) in the regions of Shkodra since 2006 and of Lezha from 2010. In addition, Switzerland and Austria have a joint Regional Development Programme (RDP) which supports equal access of all citizens to quality public services and a significant increase of economic opportunities in the Qarks/Regions of Lezha and Shkodra through strengthened Qark/Region institutions.
- Building upon the good experience made in the implementation of water supply and sewerage projects in Pogradec and Shkodra cities, Switzerland joined KfW Municipal Infrastructure Program 1, which focuses on Lezha, Fier, Gjirokastra and Saranda cities.





2. Objectives

- The **impact** of this *Water Supply and Sewerage Project in Lezha City* will be a contribution to an efficient use of the rare water resources and to environmental protection with parallel improvement of living, working and health conditions for the population.
- The **outcome** of the project will be to assure a reliable and hygienically safe water supply for the population of Lezha city with cost covering and socially affordable tariffs as well as to provide an adequate settlement hygiene through wastewater disposal. *The customers will benefit from improved services with 24 hours clean drinking water.*
- The project **outputs** would be as follows: (i) reliable water supply ensured; (ii) hygienically safe waste water disposal ensured; (iii) and good institutional performance ensured.
- The **technical project targets** and Lezha water supply and sewerage utility *performance indicators* are as follows: (i) improved quality of service with 4'000 new connections to the water supply system; (ii) water quality will comply WHO standards; (iii) increased operational cost covering from 58% to 100%; (iv) and increased efficiency in water bill collection from 70% to 80%.



3. Activities

- The project contains the following **three components**. *SECO will contribute with a grant of € 10.5 million to the realization of these components:*
 - *Technical rehabilitation of the water supply system of Lezha city* includes: (i) rehabilitation of the distribution network in Lezha city; (ii) distribution network of SMT area; (iii) distribution network of Frutore area; (iv) rehabilitation of well number 1; (v) construction of new water reservoir; (vi) integration of the existing water supply system in SCADA system; (vii) and maintenance equipment, leak detection and calibration.
 - *Sewerage: emergency measures in Lezha city center.*
 - *Consultancy: (i) consulting for technical planning and supervision; (ii) and study on waste water disposal.*
 - *KfW will contribute with a €3.1 million loan to the realization of these components:* (i) water reservoir rehabilitation; (ii) construction of main distribution network in Strauss district; (iii) construction of main transmission and distribution network for Balldren; (iv) installation of house water meters in all city; (v) institutional strengthening and consultancy services for water supply and sewerage utility; (vi) and construction of sewerage network in Strauss district.

