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The project “Strong Albanian Local Statistics”, SALSTAT is part of the project “Bashki të Forta” of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) for a period of August 2018 - August 2022. “Bashki të Forta” project has focused on different aspects of local development in Albania, supporting decentralization and local governance.

The External Review of the project evaluation in 2021 confirmed that SALSTAT produced measurable results, which led to the decision to renew SALSTAT project for a second implementation period from 2022 to 2026.

The three key stakeholders of the project are INSTAT, municipalities and some line ministries and governmental agencies, particularly those engaged in the data collection of statistical data and/or in charge of administrative data/registers.

For the new phase, SALSTAT will intensify the collaboration with municipalities and other governmental agencies to build up trust in official statistics and engage with stakeholders in a debate of the benefits of official statistics for the democratic governance and for the decision-making process, in particularly for municipalities to fulfil their tasks, duties and functions.

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Dissemination of the Regional Statistical Yearbook 2021

During May 2022, the team of SALSTAT project organized meetings with some Heads of Regions (qarks), in Fier and Elbasan. The aims of the meetings were to promote and discuss the activities related to regions as well as to engage in an exchange for the needs of regions during a possible SALSTAT phase II.

During the meeting the following topics were discussed:

- Presentation and submission of the Regional Statistical Yearbook 2021, in English and Albanian.
- Contents of the "Regional Statistical Yearbook" and importance of disaggregated indicators on regional and local level;
- SALSTAT project in the framework of the Swiss Government support for INSTAT and the improvement of local data;
- CENSUS - The importance and connections of the commissions at the municipal level.

Preparation of the Regional Statistical Yearbook 2022

During April, 2022 INSTAT staff has started the work for the Regional Yearbook (RSY), 2022 with continues support from the FSO expert.

From 17th – 20th May, the expert had a mission at INSTAT. Together with the designer of Regional Statistical Yearbook (RSY) 2022, they had meetings with INSTAT directors, and organized trainings for RSY producers (INSTAT staff), as per the following topics:

- Producers of RSY - guidelines and priorities of the RSY 2022 – Introduction
- Problems in the submission of the chapters (problems and lessons learnt)
- Working in Word and Excel to tips and tricks
- Question and discussions

As per the work plan of INSTAT, it is foreseen to publish both versions of RYB (English and Albanian) on 15th December 2022.



Statistical Building and Dwelling Register & Population and Household Register

1. In the framework of the SALSTAT Project, INSTAT is implementing the Statistical Buildings and Dwellings Register (ASRBD). A workshop was held in Neuchâtel during 21st - 24th June 2022, in cooperation with Swiss Federal Office of Statistics. Focus points at the workshop were:

- Discussions on current status on implementation of Albanian Buildings and Dwellings Register (ASRBD); progress made, and milestones for the upcoming activities;
- Experience from the FSO Switzerland on Federal Register of Buildings and Dwellings;
- Presentation and discussions on defining and implementing of a new Albanian Nomenclature (repertoire).

Sharing the experience with colleagues from statistical office of Switzerland (FSO) was fruitful to understand how the register operate, methodology and possible data providers to update the register, statistical production based on the data from the register.

It was important to understand that the building and dwellings is not something static, but a dynamic system, in continuous change, and the data flow needs a clear division between register and statistical producers.

From the discussions there were some proposals on how to update the possible future statistical register in Albania, with INSTAT having the lead role.



2. During the period from 6th-10th June 2022 the expert of Population and Household register had his first mission at INSTAT. He worked closely with the INSTAT Directory of Social Statistics.

On 07th June 2022, the expert gave a seminar to INSTAT directors about the “Transition to a register-based census”.



His second mission was during the period 16th – 19th August 2022. On 17th August the expert gave a seminar to INSTAT staff about the "Population Register: the case of the Netherlands".

The seminar focused on the example of the Netherlands related to the Census based on registers.



Workshop with Regional Statistical Offices staff

During 14th to 15th April 2022 a workshop with Regional Statistical Offices (RSO) staff and Census team support was organized at Tirana International Hotel.

In the two days' workshop participated 49 employees from all 28 Statistical Regional Offices, from those were 10 Head of the offices, and 39 specialists. From INSTAT head quarter were present General Director, General Secretary, and other directors of the biggest directories of the institutions.

The main discussions were related to the yearly work plan, the coming Census, and the expectations from RSO in support of the municipalities' staff for various data collections.



Trainings for Municipalities staff

1. On 31st May, 2022 was completed the training block with municipalities' staff on "**Advanced Microsoft Excel**". The training started on 19th April, and was organized in small working groups with two days' trainings for each group. The lectures were held by a national local expert on "Microsoft Excel".

In total were trained 110 staff of municipalities and from those were 77 women, or 70% of total.

In total are trained the staff representatives of 50 municipalities out of 61, or in other words 82 % of total municipalities.



2. From 05th – 12th May 2022, SALSTAT/ INSTAT in synergy with Helvetas project, completed the training on **“Web-based data collection platform for Household Waste Management Statistics”** with municipalities' staff and the heads of respective Statistical Regional Offices (SRO).

The main topics of the training were:

- Urban waste statistics in the municipality
- The issues faces from municipalities last year during the fulfill of the survey, especially on concept and definitions (INSTAT)
- Methodology for production and data collection (Helvetas)
- Application of the data collection (INSTAT)
- Legal basis and principle of Statistical confidentiality

In total are trained 54 staff employees and from those were 26 staff employees' women, or in other words 48 % of total participants. Additionally, the training was followed from 22 staff employees of the 18 Statistical Regional Offices.

As summary, the training was followed in total from 76 participants. In total were trained the staff representatives of 43 municipalities out of 61, or in other words 70 % of total municipalities.

The link of the online survey it is submitted to all municipalities and the waste statistics department is supporting the employees to fulfill the online survey on Household Waste Management. They successfully completed the online survey till end of July and the data will be published on September 2022.



3. During the period from 07th – 23rd June 2022 the training block with municipalities' staff on **“Collection, editing e processing, and analyses of data”** took place. The training started on 07th June, and was organized in two days training per each group. The lectures were held from INSTAT staff and two national local experts.

The agenda of the training was as following:

- General statistical infrastructure
- Collection, editing of social data
- Collection, editing of economic and enterprises data
- Labor market and prices indicators
- Completion of the questionnaire by the municipalities
- Statistical data analysis

In total were trained 93 staff of municipalities.

In total are trained the staff representatives of 49 municipalities out of 61, or in other words 80 % of total municipalities.



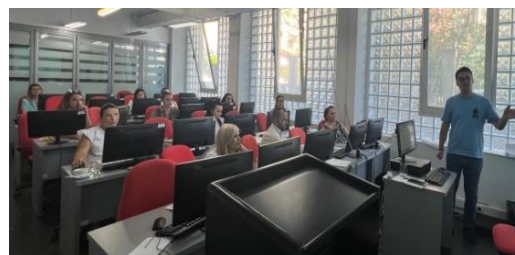
Training for Probation Service staff

During the period 18th – 21st of July a training for Probation Service staff was organized, regarding Excel and analyzing, processing of the data. There were two groups and two days' trainings for each group. The lectures were held from two national local experts.

The agenda of the training was as following:

1. Microsoft Excel
2. Analysis, and data processing

In total were trained 25 employees.



Training for Civil Status Offices staff for improvement of Vital Statistics quality (Pilot training)

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) and the General Directorate of Civil Status (GDCS) was signed during July 2022.

The agreement was signed by the two holders, the General Director of INSTAT, Ms. Elsa Dhuli and the General Director of GDCS, Mr. Vangjush Stavro.

Pursuant to this memorandum, a series of trainings will be organized with the aim of developing capacities in terms of improving the quality of vital statistics at the local level. The trainings will be logistically supported by the SALSTAT project.



On that purpose, during 1st – 2nd August 2022, a two days' pilot training with the staff of Civil Status Offices employees of Korça region (Korçë, Pogradec, Kolonjë, Devoll, and Maliq municipalities with all administrative units) was organized. In total 41 employees took part in the training.

The agenda of the training was based on the improvement of the vital statistics, and the main topics discussed included: the importance of training, National System of official statistics legal framework for civil registration and vital events, collection and recording of vital data by GDCS. During the training were analyzed vital statistics and the processes followed by INSTAT, related to the cleaning of duplicates, missing data, imputations, extreme values and the need to add variables.

From the GDCS part were explained the procedures of the registering of foreign citizens, of the address of citizens, and the implementation of the decrees issued by the Institution of the President for leaving/acquiring citizenship.



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