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The project “Strong Albanian Local Statistics”, SALSTAT II is part of the project “Bashki të Forta” of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) for a period of October 2022 - September 2026. “Bashki të Forta” project has focused on different aspects of local development in Albania, supporting decentralization and local governance.

The 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 II 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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## Publication of the Regional Statistical Yearbook 2022

The final work on the Regional Yearbook 2022 (Prefectures and Municipalities) took place. The Regional Yearbook was published on 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 in English and Albanian. Below the respective links:

<http://www.instat.gov.al/en/publications/books/2022/regional-statistical-yearbook-2022/>

<http://www.instat.gov.al/al/publikime/librat/2022/vjetari-rajonal-statistikor-2022/>

If you are interested in receiving a hard copy of the book, please contact SALSTAT per mail.

## Dissemination of the Statistical Yearbook for Regions and Municipalities

On 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 an event took place to present the results for the of the “Regional Statistical Yearbook 2022” at “Hotel Tirana International” in Tirana



## Synergy between SALSTAT and HELVETAS – Bashki Të Forta

In the frame of the synergy between two projects SALSTAT II and HELVETAS, regular monthly meetings are held in order to avoid overlapping activities.

On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022, was organized a kick off meeting with both teams. The main discussions were on the collaboration on household waste management statistics and on the new collaboration sector, in pre-school education.



## Development of a concept for digital dashboard

On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022, a kick off meeting for digital dashboards and incorporation in the INSTAT internet and intranet for the dissemination of statistics for regions and municipalities took place at INSTAT.



## SALSTAT/ INSTAT action plan for 2023

On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, a full day seminar took place at Rogner Hotel, Stockholm meeting room. In the seminar participated INSTAT, SALSTAT II team and SDC representative, the main goal was to discuss the activities plan 2023 and the further steps. The agenda for the full day seminar at Rogner Hotel, Tirana was as following:

- ✓ Presentation of the activities of YPO 2023: Outcome 1, Outcome 2 and Outcome 3
- ✓ Lessons learnt from the first phase of the SALSTAT project
- ✓ Discussions on effects of risks like: local election, Census, human resources etc.
- ✓ Discussions on the upcoming events planned in February (RY event) and May (SDG event) 2023





## Albanian Statistical Building and Dwelling Register

In the framework of the SALSTAT project, INSTAT is implementing the Albanian Statistical Building and Dwelling Register (ASBDR). During this period the expert worked with Geo-Information-Sector (GIS) on the ASRBD Pilot data on analysing the possibility of geographical data from different sources: pilot data 2021 (buildings, entrances, dwellings); and the address data from address system of Civil Registry Office; creating ASBDR reference table «StreetNames» to be implemented in Census 2023 application.

The expert had two missions at INSTAT, during November 2022 and March 2023, and had meetings and discussions with IT department, Legal office, and GIS team of INSTAT.

The GIS unit, in close collaboration with the international expert, achieved some milestone: the official street names were standardise for the linkage between tables of the implementation of the register and the data of map updating and the pilot date were treated to be ready for the construction of the pilot database of the register.



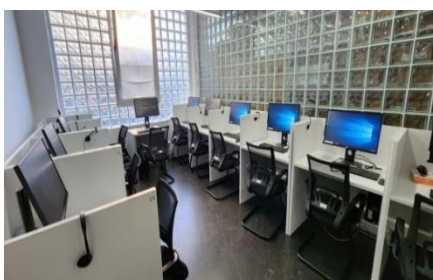
During March 2023 the expert and GIS team had an exchange meeting with National System Address Department at the Ministry of Interior, at technical level.



## Workshop with Regional Statistical Offices staff

In December 2022 a seminar was organized with regional offices of INSTAT regarding:

- ✓ Presentation of the "Calendar of surveys / Observations, 2023;
- ✓ Demonstration of the monitoring system;
- ✓ Presentation of the CATI system;
- ✓ Intranet - Regional Offices /updating with necessary documentation.



## Trainings for Municipalities staff on household management waste survey

During February 2023, together with the INSTAT's directory of Agriculture and Environment, SALSTAT completed the necessary administrative procedures, including the official notification for Central Election Commission for the training for the municipalities and regional statistical offices on the fulfillment of the survey on household waste.

The two days training per each group took place during the following days: 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>; 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>; and 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, at the premises of Diplomat Hotel, as per the agenda below:

- ✓ Urban statistics in the municipalities (INSTAT).
- ✓ The problems encountered by the municipalities last year on concept and data collection (INSTAT)
- ✓ The methodology for collecting this data (INSTAT)
- ✓ Data collection application (INSTAT IT expert)
- ✓ Methodology of data collection and production for waste – according to Decision of Council of Minister 538/2021 (Helvetas expert)

In total 63 staff employees took part in the trainings, from those were 31 staff employees' women (49 % of total participants). Also, 19 staff employees of 17 Statistical Regional Offices (SRO) attended the training.

As summary, 82 participants completed the training.

In total, staff representatives from 46 municipalities (75 % of total municipalities) participated in the training course.

The link of the online survey was submitted to all municipalities and the waste statistics department supports the municipalities' employees to fulfill the online survey on Household Waste Management.

If necessary, an on-site support is be offered from INSTAT, especially from SRO and SALSTAT staff, in order to have qualitative data from all 61 municipalities on household waste management.



## **Training for Civil Status Offices staff for improvement of Vital Statistics quality**

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

Pursuant to this memorandum, a series of trainings are organized with the aim of developing capacities in terms of improving the quality of vital statistics at the local level as well as the general registration of vital events and its legal framework.

The trainings are logistically supported by the SALSTAT project.

Two pilot trainings were held on August and September 2022, with all employees of the Civil Status Offices of Korça and Shkodra Region. After the assessment of the data collected from these two qarks from the Directory of Social Statistics of INSTAT, the conclusion was that there are improvements in vital events variables registration.

Based on the MoU and after the assessment, it was agreed to continue with the training of the Civil Status (CS) Offices. Currently, four training rounds for the CS Offices of Tirana qark take place on 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> April 2023.



In the opening of this event were present the General Director of INSTAT, Ms. Elsa Dhuli and the General Director of GDCS, Mr. Vangjush Stavro. They both highlighted the positive collaboration between two institutions and appreciated the support of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation through SALSTAT project.



The main topics that were discussed during the training included: Importance of training, National System of Official Statistics, legal framework for civil registration and vital events, collection and recording of vital data by GDCS.



The focus was on the identification of problems to achieve the improvement of the quality of vital data. This was made possible by analyzing 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.

In addition, the identification of the problems of death registrations was discussed in detail. INSTAT proposed the distribution of the list of illness codes and description of the disease according to the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD 9 and ICD10).

## Meeting with Association of Local Autonomy of Albania (ALAA)

During March, 2023 a meeting took place with SALSTAT project teams and Ms. Adelina Farrici, Executive director of association of local autonomy of Albania as a part of the SALSTAT Steering Committee.

In this meeting the possible collaboration with municipalities' staff and their needs for trainings has been discussed. One of the main interest of the municipalities is to have data in municipality level to support them to realize the vision of their tasks. In addition, if the municipalities will have an accurate data base, it will guide the direction of the development of the municipalities.

Furthermore, the idea of a creation of a manual for the trainings, which the municipalities can to refer in their daily work, has been discussed.

The Consistency of the same staff in training related to statistical data is important for the municipalities in order to collect the right data. Next steps will be the selection of the pilot municipalities for trainings.

Ms. Farrici has given the support to the project in communication with municipalities.

**THANK YOU FROM SALSTAT TEAM!**

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