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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 four years. “Bashki të Forta” works for the development of local government and decentralization in Albania.

The main stakeholders of the SALSTAT project are INSTAT, municipalities, line ministries and government institutions, especially those responsible for administrative data / registers.

INSTAT is the main partner of the SALSTAT project. Line ministries as well as municipalities are key partners, as they are users and producers of local and regional statistical data.

- Despite the current challenging situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the SALSTAT project has taken positive steps forward, successfully completing the activities planned for the first 6 months of the year.

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Preparation work for the Regional Statistical Yearbook 2020

The work on the preparation of the publication of the Regional Yearbook 2020 has continued (publication is planned on 20 November 2020) with additional mid-term indicators on the region and local level. The work has been carried out in close collaboration with the Swiss Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

Part of these work has been regularly online meetings between the FSO expert, Mr. Werner Haug, and INSTAT staff with the aim to particularly update and extent the available statistical indicators by regions and municipalities. The chapter of "Profile of Municipalities" has more statistical indicators and new main findings. The Yearbook will also have more thematic maps in chapters in order to visualize the comparison between regions or municipalities. This is the second Regional Yearbook prepared in collaboration with FSO and INSTAT aims to improve year by year the publication.



Online training on household waste statistics

In 2020, INSTAT in cooperation with the SALSTAT project, has applied for the first time the innovative method CAWI (collection of data via the web) of information on urban waste from municipalities referred to 2019.

This new method will enable the production of some new indicators disaggregated at the county level and on medium-term at the municipality level.

In June 2020, INSTAT-SALSTAT organized online trainings with all municipalities on the statistical survey on urban waste, through an online communication platform, Microsoft Teams, installed in the regional statistical offices of INSTAT.

The web-based data collection has taken place in July / August 2020.

As a result:

- 61 municipalities were trained on household waste survey
- Data were collected from 61 municipalities
- Drafting the quality report
- Publication of results

The first results on the household and waste statistics are published on the INSTAT home page - Household Waste Statistics:

<http://www.instat.gov.al/en/themes/environment-and-energy/environment/publication/2020/urban-solid-waste-2019/>

Furthermore some indicators and data will be disseminated in the Regional Yearbook 2020.



Trainings for the municipalities staff

The assessment of the first training module for municipalities was completed in the May 2020, but due to the Covid-19 situation the trainings had to be postponed. Finally the trainings have been conducted between 21st September until 9th October 2020. The first set of the trainings for municipalities contained the following modules:

- Knowledge on official statistics and statistical system
- Statistical Quality (Base level)
- Data collection and Statistical processing
- Nomenclature of Economic Activities (NACE)
- Excel
- Dissemination, communication and publication
- European Integration

Trainings are held at INSTAT premises in small groups following all respective measurements in the frame of Covid-19. All participants followed the course with great interest and their positive feedback showed the importance of statistical trainings for municipalities. SALSTAT plans to offer regular trainings on official statistics for municipalities throughout the project implementation.



IT equipment for INSTAT regional offices

SALSTAT has launched the first steps to modernize the statistical regional offices. The modernization of the infrastructure of these offices is an important element to improve and better facilitate the statistical cooperation and collaboration between municipalities / regions and the regional offices as well as with INSTAT headquarters.

In May/June all 27 regional office have been equipped with a new IT infrastructure, among these were 38 computers, including licenses for software and equipment and 28 photocopiers. The modernized infrastructure facilitated also the online training for household waste statistics.



Mid - term indicators on the regional and local level

SALSTAT together with INSTAT are continuing to provide statistical data on the regional and local level, by improving the existing key indicators and providing new indicators in the short, mid and long-term for the regional and local level.

An important reference of work is providing regularly additional indicators for the Regional Statistical Yearbook, which is the INSTAT flagship publication for indicators on the regional and local level. The aim is to steadily enrich and expand the statistical indicators for Qarks and municipalities.

INSTAT is drafting a Memorandum of Understand (MoU) improves and deepens the cooperation with municipalities on the statistical cooperation. The aim is to formalize and define the cooperation and collaboration between the two partners, especially the role of municipalities as data users and data providers for official statistics. One important element will be the annex endorsed to it with respective mid-term indicators identified and updated recently.

Statistical building and dwelling register

SALSTAT conducts a detailed assessment of the existing and additional variables needed for the establishment of a statistical building and dwelling register from potential relevant sources (for instance upcoming Census, Civil Register, and register for new building permits by the Agency of Territorial Development, and data available at municipalities, etc.). Based on the findings, a proposal for statistical building and dwelling register will be established. This work is ongoing and the results will be available in the upcoming months.

The challenging Covid-19 situation is causing delays on the activity, which might also affect the possible implementation plan.

Trainings for INSTAT staff

On 28 – 29 September 2020 is organized a work-shop on the strategy and the annual plan 2020 – 2021 of INSTAT and the Yearly plan of Operation 2020-2021 of SALSTAT project, in the framework of the inclusion of project activities in the annual plan of the institution.



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