



ALBANIA

REHABILITATION AND EXTENSION OF RWSP SYSTEMS IN SELECTED COMMUNES IN NORTHERN ALBANIA



Client Albanian Development Fund

Financing KfW Entwicklungsbank

Duration of Services 10/2009 – 10/2014

Cost of Implementation 10.6 Mio Euro

Value of Services 1 482 950 EUR

Scope of Services

- Programme Management
- Selection and prioritisation of villages to be included in the programme
- Preparation of standard documents for local Consultants
- Procurement of services and works
- Supervision of local Consultants in planning and construction supervision activities
- Accompanying measures

Brief Project Description



The overall objective of the project is to improve and secure the living conditions of the rural population in the participating regions (Diber, Shkoder, Kukës) of Northern Albania. The population in the programme villages (to be selected 40...50 out of about 90) shall be supplied reliably with clean water in sufficient quantity, aiming likewise at cost-covering and socially acceptable tariffs.

The investment measures of RWSP aim to supply 40.000 - 50.000 inhabitants of selected 40-50 villages distributed in the 3 regions with hygienically clean water in sufficient quantity. The foreseen measures to achieve the programme objectives are:

- New construction or rehabilitation of 40-50 gravity WSS and, in exceptional cases, simple sewerage facilities
- Planning and consulting services for the selection of eligible villages and general project management
- Execution of feasibility studies, final design & procurement documents and construction supervision of the WSS.

The Joint Venture CES / Sachsenwasser was entrusted to manage the entire programme and supervise all activities related to selection of priority villages, planning and implementation of the investments.

The user-oriented and demand-driven water supply system approach as to be applied in the framework of RWSP has proven to be the most sustainable solution for rural water systems worldwide. To ensure genuine demand and commitment, the beneficiaries shall provide a part of the capital cost of the investment in the own water supply infrastructure in a mix of cash and in-kind participation.

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Indicators for the Programme Objective are:

- Continuous and sufficient supply (24 h, > 50 l/c/d) with drinking water according to WHO standards
- Water supply systems are properly operated and maintained
- Connection rate in service area > 80%
- Collected revenues from water sales cover costs for operation and allow for saving sufficient funds for maintenance

Expected results are:

- The technical infrastructure is installed and in good working order
- The operators of the infrastructure are able to operate and maintain the water systems
- The target group is aware of hygiene, health and operation aspects of water supply and sanitation



The programme implementation comprises three main tasks:

1. Overall Programme Management
 - Implementation concept is compatible with Programme objectives, schedule and budget
 - Programme Executing Agency fulfils its role and completes its obligations
 - Reporting
2. Investment Measures
 - Village Selection process
 - Preparation of feasibility studies, final design and tender documents
 - Construction of water supply systems
3. Accompanying Measures (Capacity Building)
 - Villages and Communes are willing and committed programme partners
 - Preparation of a general concept for the operation of the new water supply systems
 - Operator's staff are professionally competent in the O&M and the commercial operation of the new water supply system(s)