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SUPPORT MEASURES ON FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Context



Providing effective solid waste management (SWM) services while ensuring financial sustainability is a major challenge for municipalities in Albania. The law no. 10463, dated 22.09.2011 "On integrated waste management", supported by Decision of the Council of Ministers (DCM) no. 319/2018, focuses on cost calculation of SWM services and includes models for calculating SWM tariffs. The adoption of the service cost calculation model is widespread, yet its regular application remains inconsistent. Municipalities face difficulties with the service tariff setting model due to data requirements, leading to a persistent use of a flat tariff system aimed at maximizing cost recovery. Tariff collection varies, with some municipalities outsourcing to Water and Waste Water Utilities and others managing through local finance departments. A 2021 study by URI indicates that the former group is more effective in collection. Despite these efforts, the average tariff collection rate is around 59.6%, signifying a need for improvement. Additionally, most municipalities have a SWM service plan, but monitoring and evaluation processes are often not established, implemented, or are poorly executed.

Project Objectives

This project's specific objectives are to:

i) Enhance financial sustainability and recycling activities in selected municipalities.
ii) Implement differentiated waste collection schemes.
iii) Establish a monitoring and evaluation system for service delivery quality and quantity.
iv) Draft and support the implementation of citizen satisfaction surveys.
v) Aid in the identification and integration of waste pickers and potential farmers for home composting.

Expected Deliverables

- Organize differentiated waste collection schemes.
- Calculate costs for implementing differentiated waste collection schemes.
- Improve financial sustainability via full cost coverage and enhanced tariff collection.
- Support municipal procurement for service reorganization.
- Establish a performance-based monitoring system, including technical aspects, citizen perception, and qualified observation.
- Implement Trained Observer Rating (TOR) system for quality assessment of service delivery.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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