

PROGRESS REPORT

"STRENGTHENING OF THE CAPACITIES OF THE ALBANIAN FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE"

Reporting period

This reporting includes the implementation of AFPTS project activities for the period September - December 2023.

In cooperation with the General Director of the Fire Protection and Rescue Service (DPSHMZSH), the beneficiary municipalities and other partners, the project has carried out several activities and is working to achieve its objectives for strengthening the capacities of AFPRS. Likewise, the project is monitoring ongoing contracts and preparing the necessary documents for future procedures according to activities.

Progress

During the reporting period, the project has implemented several activities that have a significant impact on strengthening the capacities of the Albanian Fire Protection and Rescue Service.

The contract for the purchase of 3 fire engines is ongoing. The 2 new firefighting vehicles, for the municipalities of Fier and Pogradec are expected to arrive in January 2024. The fire engine for Lezha municipality is expected to be delivered on the first 15th of February 2024. A handover ceremony will be organized as soon as the fire trucks will arrive in Albania.

The construction of the fire station in Fier Municipality is ongoing. The building is planned to be completed in May 2024. The Contractor has completed the mobilization works and has progressed so far with the structural work in a range of 33 % according to the last monthly report of the Supervisor. The contractor has completed the reinforced concrete structure of the building in the ground floor and is continuing with the concrete of the columns of the first floor. The percentage of works carried out to date referring to the volumes certified and paid with the first installment is 11.68 %.

The work for the construction of the fire station in Lezha Municipality has not yet started. The Lezha Municipality fail to find a suitable construction site for the new fire station. In this circumstances UNDP with the endorsement of the GDAFPRS has decided to construct the new fire station in Pogradeci Municipality. The procedures for approval of the construction permit and selection of the construction company is ongoing.

The trainings in all 10 municipalities have been completed. More than 377 firefighters were trained. With the proposal and approval from DPSHMZSH, firefighters from other municipalities that were not part of the beneficiary municipalities were also trained, such as: Divjaka, Patos, Gjirokaster, Delvine, Permet, Roskavec, etc. A closing ceremony will be organized during January 2024 for the delivery of training certificates.

UNDP will inform you in advance for the time and place of the ceremonies.

The project is committed to implement all activities during 2024.