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## CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

### Background

The current situation of waste management in Kosovo is worrying for many reasons. The key problems include inappropriate infrastructure leading to inappropriate management and handling of operational issues such as lack of implementation of legally required reforms, insufficient enforcement of policies and legislation, insufficient coverage of waste collection services, low levels of waste fee collection, persistence of illegal dumpsites, etc. The implications of those challenges result in continuous increase of waste generation thus producing negative effects to the environment we live in and consequently the public health.

To address these issues and have a cleaner and healthier environment, Kosovo authorities developed the strategic framework and adopted the basic legislative acts. However, the policy and institutional framework requires further interventions for their full implementation and enforcement in daily lives of citizens.

At the same time, there are several non-governmental organisations active in the sector, be it organised and/or individual initiatives for waste collection and cleaning of dump sites which contribute to alleviating the existing situation. Yet, in order to achieve more results, a more active civic engagement in the waste management is required.

In parallel, a number of projects and initiatives are undertaken by development aid partners in Kosovo as well. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) are two among those that provided their support in the area. Therefore, besides the overall goal of ameliorating the prevailing situation, this call intends to synergise with those initiatives and create complementarities especially with Decentralization and Municipal Support (DEMOS)<sup>1</sup>, a SDC funded project supporting local governance in Kosovo.

Considering the above, the Democratic Society Promotion (DSP) II project decided to open a specific call for implementation in the area of waste management. The projects are expected to directly contribute to Outcome 1 of DSP, i.e. that citizens and civil society organizations increase their demand for, and take an active role in seeking high quality services, good governance and the integration of minorities<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information click <http://helvetas-ks.org/demos/>.

<sup>2</sup> For more information on the DSP II project click <http://kcsfoundation.org/dsp/>.

## **Overall Goal**

The overall goal of DSP II is to contribute to significant and sustainable changes that will in turn contribute to the development of democratic society in Kosovo.

The aim of this call for implementation is to support the engagement and contribution of citizens and civil society in the waste management in Kosovo.

## **Priority Intervention fields**

Project proposals submitted for this call shall address one or more of the priority areas listed below:

1. Involvement of citizens and civil society in waste management cycle, including but not limited to reduction of waste generation, separation at source, collection, transportation, recycling and disposal of waste;
2. Involvement of citizens and civil society in influencing local and central public institutions in priority setting, planning, budgeting and decision making related to waste management. This may include:
  - a. waste management planning and budgeting
  - b. extension of waste collection services
  - c. waste fee collection
  - d. removal of illegal dumpsites
  - e. enforcement and inspection
  - f. citizen reporting mechanisms, etc.
3. Involvement of citizens and civil society in monitoring local and central public institutions in waste management;
4. Increased transparency of local and central public institutions in waste management issues;
5. Increased downward and upward accountability of local and central public institutions in waste management issues;
6. Increased civic knowledge and awareness of waste management issues, obligations and repercussions.

Any project proposal should take account of:

1. Inclusion of gender perspectives in waste management;
2. Contribution of waste management in addressing social, economic and cultural integration of marginalised groups of the society (minority communities, youth, elderly, women, etc.).

## **Levels of intervention**

The proposed interventions could target the:

- local level, namely grass-roots organisations and initiatives that address the neighbourhood, village or municipal level challenges associated with waste management;
- inter-municipal level, namely project ideas that address waste management issues through inter-municipal cooperation;
- national level, namely initiatives that address waste management issues across the country, be it policy, legislative or capacity challenges.

### **Application criteria**

DSP II through this call for implementation intends to provide financial support to civil society organisations and civic initiatives that will implement qualitative and meaningful projects, initiatives or civil society activities that contribute to significant positive changes in the area of waste management in Kosovo.

In order to be eligible for application, applicants shall:

- be active civil society organisation in Kosovo;
- be non-for-profit organisation;
- be directly responsible for project management and not have intermediary role; and
- have potential to prove their capacities for the management of suggested activities.

### **Number of applications grants for applicants**

The eligible applicants may apply with more than one project proposal. DSP beneficiaries with ongoing grants may not benefit from two grants at the same time.

### **Duration**

The maximum duration for the implementation of the proposed projects is 12 months.<sup>3</sup>

### **Budget**

Minimal and maximal amount of funding is not determined. Applicants are encouraged to present effective and realistic budgets for the presented project.

### **How to apply**

Applicants need to apply with project proposals that are in compliance with the present call and use the standard form used in DSP II.

Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

Applicants shall fill in the application forms in Albanian, Serbian or English language.

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<sup>3</sup> Implementation of the approved projects might not start before September 1<sup>st</sup>. All projects and activities shall be concluded in October 2018 at the latest.

Applications can only be submitted in electronic form in .doc or .pdf format to the following e-mail [dspalikimi@kcsfoundation.org](mailto:dspalikimi@kcsfoundation.org) with the subject title ***“DSP call for implementation- Environment-full name of applicant (acronym)”***

The e-mail shall include the following documents:

- completed application form for project grants (concept-document)
- the budget form
- the certificate of registration as an NGO; for citizen initiatives, a proof of civic initiative functionality should be provided.

The deadline to submit applications for this call is 14 June 2017.

### **Evaluation**

Applications will be evaluated by an independent body composed of 5 members called Grants and Awards Board (GAB). When assessing the applications, besides relevance and quality, the proposed priority areas and levels of intervention will be taken into consideration.

### **Notification of decision**

Depending on the meeting of the Grants and Awards Board, KCSF will notify all applicants on the decision. The grant beneficiaries list will be posted on [www.kcsfoundation.org/dsp](http://www.kcsfoundation.org/dsp).

### **Contact**

Any question you may have on the preparation of applications or grant application details can be sent via e-mail at [dsp@kcsfoundation.org](mailto:dsp@kcsfoundation.org).