

Law on Local Self Government defines "direct participation of citizens" as both individually or collectively inclusion of residents of the municipality in deciding on matters of local importance in the various decision-making levels (Article 2).

Macedonian citizen participation at the local level is very low. Very few citizens participate in the development and definition of public policies. Public discussions on the conditions and needs of the citizens at the local level are the basis for development and promotion of civic participation and the way of practicing participatory and accountable good governance of local government.

**Overall objective** of the project is 'Increased and empowered citizens participation in decision making process at local level'.

**Objectives of the project** are the Increased and empowered citizens' participation in decision making process at local level and developed of local administrative capacities for decentralization and democratization in addressing common needs and concerns of local communities, in partnership with citizens and local stakeholders.

The **target group** is citizens from Kumanovo and Lipkovo.

The **target area** covers the territory of Kumanovo and Lipkovo. Expected results of the project are: developed skills and attitudes of citizens and local authorities for active participation of citizens in community development at the local level, and implemented projects selected in group sessions in the communities.

To achieve the **results** group sessions will be held (structured discussion) in three selected small communities (villages), workshops, training and consulting for: project planning, formulation of projects and preparation of budgets, financing and monitoring the implementation of projects selected in group sessions.

The **period** of implementation is September 1, 2015 to March 30, 2016.

The **financial plan** of the project is 7,176,180 MKD.