



Together for Life

Annual Report

2022

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Vision and Mission

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MISSION

A society in which people can enjoy their rights, are valued and treated equally and where they can participate fully to realize their full social, economic and cultural potential.

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VISION

We work with people and communities to promote a just and equitable society that guarantees their rights and realization.

COLLABORATORS AND NETWORK



2023 FACTSHEET



470,161 EUR was the annual budget for the project supported by donors during 2022



15 projects were implemented during 2022 from “Together for Life”



13 donors supported financially TFL to implement the projects



52 meetings organized online and face-to-face for the projects implemented



2218 citizens participated in the activities of TFL



200 persons participated in the trainings implemented by TFL



3 recommendations were given to local and central government for improvements on health and social services



3 hearings were organized with the city councils



1 times TFL participated in the hearings of parliamentary commissions



7 meetings were performed with representatives of public and independent institutions



4 reports and studies published



97 informative materials produced during the projects' implementation



3 investigative stories on health sector



25 media appearances of TFL staff in the framework of projects' implementation



8 newsletters sent to the donors on the organizations' successes



445,246 people reached through publications



3 participations in the international meetings (representations)



54 CSO representatives trained during the project activities



12 community health mediators identified, trained and promoted



3 community initiatives to change the situation of the community in Shijak municipality



3 environmental-health activities ideated and implemented by high school students



39 returnees received health support and found solution for their health problems due to TFL's projects



44 health staff trained in three cities about returnees



1 network created



1 community platform built and transferred to municipality of Shijak for management



1 health category created and updated regularly on Covid-19 and immunization

PUBLICATIONS

- **March 2022**

The management of NCDs during health emergencies[1]

- **April 2022**

Sexual and reproductive health rights of adolescents in Albania[2]

- **May 2022**

Report on the coverage on the situation of terrorism and extremism in the country via media broadcasting and the Albanian legal framework in response to threats as organized crime and terrorism[3]

- **December 2022**

Analysis, the total cost of the health budget covering the planned payments for the concession contracts[4]



IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

1. Reintegration of the returnees by increasing access to health care and improving their health
2. Transparent and Accountable Health Sector in Albania (TAHSA)
3. Clean Air, Healthy Life
4. Fashion Inspiration - FASHORATION
5. Leadership is for Everyone - LEO
6. Youth echoes for health and environment
7. Cooperation and Interaction of CSOs to increase the accountability and transparency in the health sector in Albania
8. Gender mainstreaming in the socio-economic policies of the municipalities in the region of Lezha
9. Increasing resilience of future journalists toward extremism and terrorism
10. Strengthening civil society engagement in the Covid-19 response at national and local levels
11. End-line assessment on the spectrum of the quality of health services in rural and urban PHCs in Dibra and Fieri regions
12. We can't advance health without advancing rights
13. Let's talk about vaccines
14. Continue and maintain the advocacy effort on monitoring and scrutinizing the state health budget
15. Protect biodiversity through increasing media journalists' awareness and capacities^[5]

[1] <https://www.co-plan.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Menaxhimi-i-semundjeve-jo-te-transmetueshme-ne-kushtet-e-emergjencash-shendetesore.pdf> [1]

[2] <https://www.togetherforlife.org.al/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Rights-of-sexual-and-reproductive-health-of-adolescents-in-Albania.pdf>

[3] <https://www.togetherforlife.org.al/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Report-on-the-coverage-on-the-situation-of-terrorism-and-extremism-in-the-country.pdf>

[4] <https://www.togetherforlife.org.al/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Analysis-of-the-concession-agreements-in-health.pdf>

HIGHLIGHTS / SUCCESS STORIES

1

The recommendations presented by TFL to the Albanian Parliament, which emphasized the need to plan the management of chronic patients during emergency situations, have been incorporated into the National Health Strategy 2030.

2

TFL has periodically shared and presented health budget monitoring reports to the members of the Parliamentary Committee on Labor, Social Affairs and Health. The focus was to increase their information and sensitivity on the issue of transparency funds management for the responsible institutions, including the Ministry of Health and Social Protection. The TFL reports are not only quoted by the members of the Parliamentary Committee, but in some cases, they have providing solid grounds for the initiation of hearings with the institutions' officials.

3

TFL continued to exert pressure on public authorities to address relevant issues, often left unattended. An example of such work is addressing the issue of the inclusion of in Vitro Fertilization healthcare expenses in the healthcare budget.

Together for Life has used media as a mechanism in providing knowledge and voice to citizens, uncovering corruption and developing a culture of criticism in collaboration with other professional media

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Together for Life built the website **TRANSPARENCY.COM.AL** dedicated to improving transparency and accountability in the health sector. The primary audience of the website are other civil society organizations and citizens at large.

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[5] <https://earthjournalism.net/program-updates/ejn-media-grantee-trains-albanian-journalists-to-report-on-biodiversity>

MEDIA REPRESENTATION

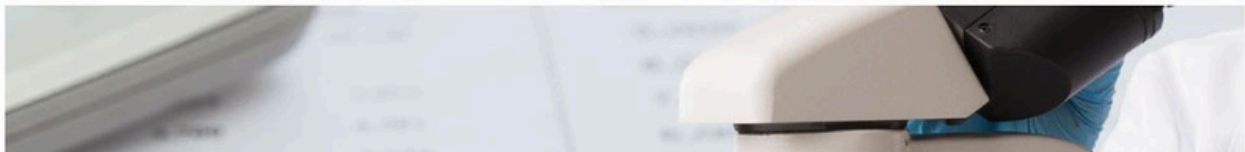


1. Denisa Celami, representative of "Together for Life": Money were invested for the construction of an in-vitro cabinet that was never built[6]

2. TFL Report: Concessions in health "crush" the budget of the sector, 5.6 billion ALL economic damage[7]

Raporti i TFL: Koncensionet në shëndetësi "dërrmojnë" buxhetin e sektorit, 5.6 miliardë lekë dëm ekonomik

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3. Study on the health of Albania: Lack of transparency with procurements and tenders for the Covid-19 Pandemic[8]

Studimi mbi shëndetësinë e Shqipërisë: Mungesë transparence me prokurimet dhe tenderët për Pandeminë Covid-19



"PPP në shëndetësi, 47.5 mln euro për shërbime të pakryera" – Raporti: Për 4 kontratat janë dhënë 189 mln euro, investimet e tyre as 9% e shumës

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4. "PPP in health, 47.5 million euros for unfinished services" - Report: 189 million euros were awarded for 4 contracts, their investments are not even 9% of the amount[9]

5. "Together for Life" raises the alarm, this is how concessions in health "crushed" the budget of this sector, in 6 years 5.6 billion ALL economic damage, the report for Albania reveals[10]

DONORS



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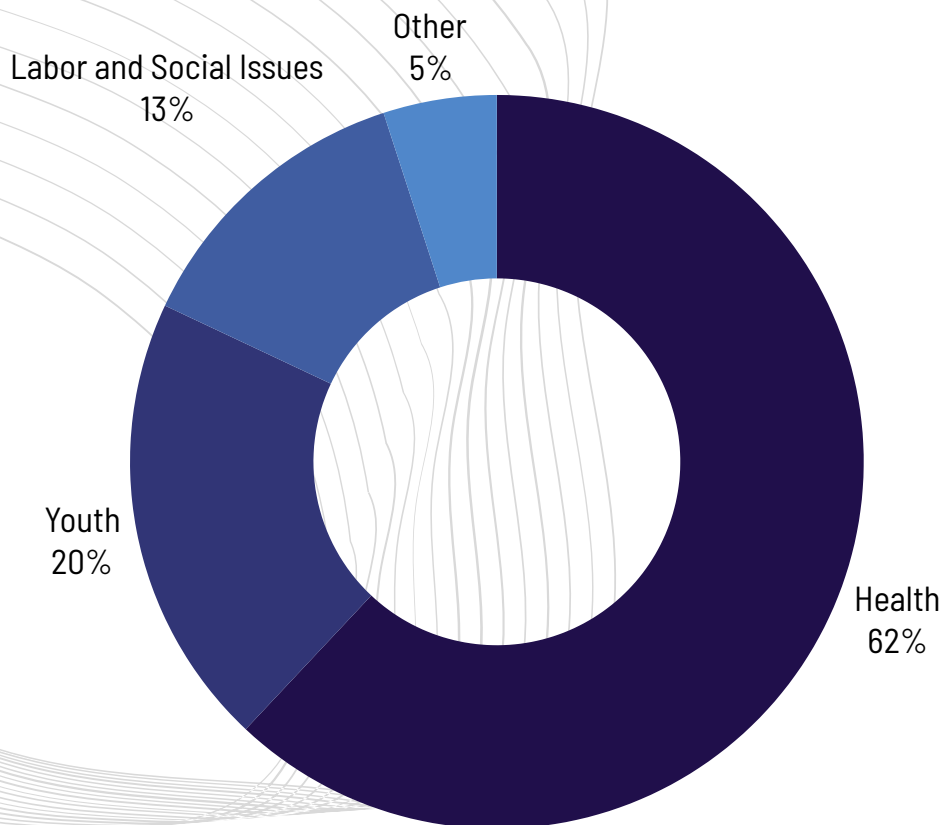
HAP
health for all project



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BUDGET

THE AREAS THAT “TOGETHER FOR LIFE” HAS BEEN WORKING DURING 2022 HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE DONORS:



[6] <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1158145164794429>

[7] <https://shekulli.com.al/2022/12/28/raporti-i-tfl-koncensionet-ne-shendetesi-derrmojne-buxhetin-e-sektorit-5-6-miliarde-leke-dem-ekonomik/>

[8] <https://www.zeriamerikes.com/a/6431319.html?fbclid=IwAR1H5QVo5Rcx9Na7b75mSlMouGcdeqHmj6b79OmExZkuAwvnLGleB7Yx9vU>

[19] <https://scantv.al/ppp-ne-shendetesi-47-5-mln-euro-per-sherbime-te-pakryera-raporti-per-4-kontratat-jane-dhene-189-mln-euro-investimet-e-tyre-as-9-e-shumes/>

[10] <https://sot.com.al/ekonomia/together-for-life-ngre-alarmin-ja-si-koncensionet-ne-shendetesi-therrmua-i560740>

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"Together for Life" (TFL) association is a non political, non governmental and not-for-profit organization, established in late 2009 as an initiative of a group of reputable journalists as a membership organization.

TFL has undertaken a range of innovative and successful projects and activities. It has gained reputation as the first and most prominent organization dealing in health rights in the country; as well as has expanded its activity to promote the debate on the building of civil society and a culture of human rights in Albania; with a focus on vulnerable communities; communities living in remote or economically less advantaged areas; women and youth.

Together for Life Organization (TFL) since its inception is playing an active role socio-economic betterment and cultural development of the society through a rights-based approach. TFL has successfully managed and implemented project on human rights, patients rights; labor rights; economic empowerment and good governance and achieved remarkable milestones.

TFL was founded on values of transparency, participatory approach; teamwork; commitment and efficiency based on the principles of development and coordination of all stakeholders in the development process.

TFL has implemented several projects on patients rights; investigating and raising awareness on management practices in the healthcare area; promotion and protection of youth and women rights and social realization.