



ANNUAL REPORT

Together for Life

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2024 marked an important year for Together for Life as we strengthened our role in promoting transparency, protecting health rights and empowering vulnerable communities in Albania.

Our work focused on increasing accountability in the health sector, addressing gender-based violence, supporting youth empowerment and strengthening community preparedness for emergencies.

One important milestone was our inclusion in the Core Support Programme of the Embassy of Sweden, which provides crucial support for strengthening TFL's strategic development.

Through collaboration with national institutions, civil society organizations and international partners, we continued advocating for policies that protect the rights and wellbeing of vulnerable communities.

Together, we are building a more equitable society.



WHO ARE WE

Our Vision

A society where all people are valued equally and can fully participate in social, economic and cultural life.

Our Mission

To promote a just and equitable society where all individuals can realize their rights.

Our Values

- **Commitment to social cause:** We strive to achieve fairness and solidarity.
- **Equity:** We aim to achieve social justice and promote personal development for all people irrespective of gender, ethnicity, background or affiliation.
- **Balance, objectivity and impartiality:** We show open-mindedness, fairness and a respect for the truth and respect for all people





2024 AT A GLANCE

7 grassroots organizations supported through a subgranting scheme

27 representatives of civil society organizations trained

241 241 students and teachers engaged in awareness workshops

5 Community Resilience Networks established in Pukë, Dajç, Fushë Krujë, Gramsh and Përmet

172,301 people reached through awareness campaigns

OUR STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

▶ Strategic Goal 1

Increase programmatic impact and service provision



Strategic Goal 2 ◀

Improve social determinants and healthy living

▶ Strategic Goal 3

Increase economic and social opportunities

Strategic Goal 4 ◀

Strengthen community resilience to emergencies



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF TFL IN 2024



In 2024, Together for Life expanded partnerships and strengthened its organizational capacities.

- TFL staff has been actively involved in developing new partnerships with CSOs, research institutions and universities at both national and international levels.
- Continued collaboration with key independent human rights institutions.
- Partnerships with national patient associations.
- Ongoing cooperation with youth organizations across Europe.



PROMOTED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

- Strengthened civil society role in governance, transparency and advocacy.
- Provided financial and technical support to 7 grassroots CSOs through a sub-granting scheme.
- Launched a national advocacy campaign that reached over 172.000 people, far exceeding the initial 100,000 target.





PROMOTED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

A **Monitoring Report** on Albania's National Health Strategy 2021–2030 was prepared:

- Highlighted health budget decline and risk to vulnerable groups.
- Raised concerns on the lack of transparency in the awarding and implementation of PPP concession contracts.
- Organized a high-level roundtable to present the monitoring report findings to policymakers and institution



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PROMOTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

- TFL has contributed to improving the budgetary transparency in the Municipality of Kukës by empowering local non-public actors to ***strengthen their role in monitoring the municipality's budgeting processes.***

- Furthermore, a six-month monitoring report on the implementation of the Municipality of Kukës annual budget (January–June 2024) was prepared and published, providing evidence-based data and recommendations to enhance accountability and informed decision-making.



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INFLUENCED POSITIVE POLICY

- TFL conducted a study on “Homebased healthcare Services for Elderly with Limited Mobility”.
- Brought national attention to the lack of dedicated funding for homebound services, highlighting critical gaps affecting both providers and elderly beneficiaries
- TFL’s efforts led to deepen discussions on the need for a dedicated fund for homebased services for the elderly with limited mobility.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- Established **partnerships with 15 new youth organizations** across the EU and Western Balkans.
- Implemented **6 Erasmus+ projects** focused on digital, environmental skills, democratic participation and civic engagement.
- **Enabled Albanian youth organizations to exchange best practices with EU counterparts** through exchanges, training of trainers, e-courses, and job shadowing.





ENHANCED COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO RESPOND TO HEALTH EMERGENCY

- TFL have made a good progress in **fostering community engagement and building their resilience** in managing health emergencies.
- **Established 5 Community Resilience Networks groups (CRNs)** in 5 areas of Albania (Pukë, Dajç, Fushë Krujë, Gramsh and Përmet) to improve emergency preparedness and connect communities with local institutions.



Training sessions with CRN members on health emergency response and evidence-based advocacy.





LESSONS LEARNED

Bottom-Up approach works

Inteventions are designed for and with the *community*
Fosters behavior change.
Empowers communities to handle both daily needs and health emergencies.

Community Resilience Networks (CRNs) are effective

CRNs bridge communities and local institutions.
Involving local leaders boosts participation and trust.

Partnerships with EU organization

Strengthened our management and governance skills.
Enhanced ability to work with youth and diverse teams.
Adoption of digital tools and innovative methods.

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