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Facts on Philanthropic Activity
October—December 2019
About 48% of donations went for the support of families affected by the 26th November earthquake in the Durres and Tirana regions. Solidarity by the country, region and diaspora was absolute and immediate. Individuals, civil society organizations, and businesses donated funds, food and clothing to these families. Volunteers and rescue teams or experts were sent on the ground from neighboring countries.

Social networks and crowdfunding platforms have also played an important role in addressing assistance to groups affected by this natural disaster. The main and comprehensive platform was the government portal, e-Albania. Hundreds of crowdfunding campaigns have been carried out. Many of the organizers of these campaigns have stated that they would distribute the donations themselves to those affected by the earthquake, while some have chosen to channel their donations through non-profit organizations, such as: Red Cross, Caritas, Different Weekend, Firdeus Foundation, etc.

### Number of Donations

- **Cash** (88.33%)
- **Goods or Materials** (8.33%)
- **Services** (3%)
- **Volunteer** (0.33%)

### Final Beneficiaries

- People: Social Geography (48.1%)
- Child Without Parent Care (12.02%)
- People Economic Need (12.02%)
- Adults Excluded (5.01%)
- Child-Frugal Specific Geography (4.01%)
- General Public (4.01%)
- Adult Physical Health Status (2%)
- Adult Social/Functional Disabilities (5%)
- Child Physical Disabilities (2%)
- Child Physical Health Issues (1%)
- Adults Survivors of Violence (1%)
- Adults Physical Disabilities (1%)
- Adult Mental Health Issues (1%)
- Adult Single Parents (1%)
- Child General (1%)
- Child Excluded (1%)
- Child Direct Violence (0.2%)
- Child Vandalized (0.2%)
- Adult Violence Victims of Trafficking (0.1%)
- Adults Survivors of Violence (0.1%)
- Adult Mental Health Issues (0.1%)
- Child Economic Need (0.1%)

### Purpose of Donation

- **Natural Disaster** (47.57%)
- **Support to Marginalized Groups** (28.74%)
- **Poverty Relief** (12.88%)
- **Culture & Arts** (4.96%)
- **Education** (1.98%)
- **Healthcare** (1.98%)
- **Public Infrastructure** (0.99%)
- **Environment** (0.3%)
- **Sport** (0.3%)
- **Mixed** (0.3%)
Channels of Donation

- National Government: 22%
- Individual and Family: 12%
- Institution-Social: 11%
- Institution-Culture: 4%
- Institution-Education: 3%
- Institution-Sport: 1%
- Other: 0.7%
- Unknown: 0.7%
- Institution-Medical: 0.7%

Value by Nature

- Cash: 1,412 Million ALL
- Goods or Materials: 1

Category of Donation

- Call for Donations/Campaign: 43%
- Direct Donation: 41%
- Event: 15%
Children and Youth Mass Individual – A small or large group of people
Mixed – Donations combined of more than one category / town.
Specific Geography – Specific Geography Area
Seasonal Giving – Donations made during the holidays season
SME – Small and Medium Enterprises
NPO – Non-Profit Organization
General Public – Groups of people or individuals who were assisted through economic and material aid in cases of natural recovery from disaster, or difficulties of living
Poverty Relief – Donations carried out with the aim to mitigate poverty for individuals or families living in economic difficulties or during natural disasters
Women and Children
New equipment's for Bulqiza high school

Thanks to AlbChrome, the “28 Nenti” high school in Bulqiza has been equipped with a computer lab. 13 new computers were added to this lab.

AlbChrome came to the aid of kindergarten no. 2 in Burrel as well, thus improving the conditions for the infants who grow up there daily by providing them with all the equipment necessary for daily use.

A special day for children without parental care

Tragically millions of children worldwide are orphans for various reasons. World Orphans Day is a special day dedicated to these children and the general public is made aware of the challenges that children without parental care face in their lives.

The National Association of Orphans of Albania in cooperation with the Embassy of Egypt in Albania organized a joint charity event in the premises of the National Museum of History, where a number of artistic objects of special value, artwork and paintings of a particular style were exhibited in the stands.

The proceeds from their sale went to support orphaned children in Albania.

Full recovery for Ernesto

11-year-old Ernesto was suffering from a severe bone tumor disease which represented an emotional and economic challenge for a family such as his.

The American Hospital and Dr. Klodian Allaybeu provided medical care for him free of charge.

Prof. Dr. Kamil Kose performed the delicate intervention that saved Ernesto's life and as a result the small patient’s knee will function normally.
Internationally renowned Albanian soprano Emonela Jaho, along with Vikena Kamenica and dancer Enada Hoxha performed at a charity concert on behalf of all women and girls affected by breast cancer.

For two years Emonela Jaho has been the ambassador of the campaign against breast cancer. The concert under the motto “Pink Ribbon” reminds me of” was received with great interest by the public and the proceeds from this concert went to this cause.
Prime Minister Edi Rama, during a meeting with Albania’s major entrepreneurs, has urged them to become part of a mechanism to help people in economic need in Albania. “Shqipëria Solidare” is the name of the fund launched by the government in cooperation with various businessmen. Each businessman will face an equal burden, which can be up to 2% of their dividend. The mechanisms of this process will not be controlled by the government, but by the businessmen themselves. The purpose of this initiative is to help people in economic distress.

“The ambition is not simply to create a closed circle, but to create along with the big business the core of a national leadership in the name of social responsibility and in the function of solidarity in Albania,” said Prime Minister Rama during the meeting.
Tragedy

of November 26th 2019
The earthquake that struck the Durrës and Tirana region on the 26th of November was one of the most powerful earthquakes ever to hit our country. In the wake of this tragedy, solidarity has been absolute and immediate. Partners Albania through daily monitoring of the situation has been able to identify some dynamics regarding donations, channels of donation, donors and platforms used.

Albanians living in the region of the Balkans also showed impressive coordination and solidarity, particularly Kosovo Albanians who were among the first to respond to the call for urgent help. Alongside funding, food and clothing, volunteers and rescue teams or experts were sent on the ground from countries such as Italy, Greece, Romania, Serbia, Switzerland, France and Israel. Albanian army forces, special forces, firefighters and civilian emergency units worked together and tried their hardest to find life among the ruins.

Social networks, media portals and various platforms have played an important role in addressing assistance to vulnerable groups affected by the earthquake. The main and all-inclusive platform was the government portal, e-Albania. Numerous campaigns have been carried out through Facebook and crowdfunding platforms such as GoFundMe, JustGiving, Go Get Funding, Giving Balkans, Fundly etc.

This natural disaster revealed a massive sense of solidarity and highlighted the facet of volunteering characteristic to Albanians and not only. Donor response to the hashtag #ActforAlbania was immediate between Europe, North America and Australia. Over 89% of donation campaigns were initiated by the Albanian Diaspora. Donations came however from every corner of the globe.

This tragedy seems to have united the Albanians more than ever. Among the many donation campaigns, prominent are those raised by family members of persons who have lost their loved ones.

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Different Weekend, Firdeus Foundation and Albanian Roots are the organizations that have so far managed to raise more funds.

In the days following the 26th of November, there was an activation of all state structures and not only. In addition to the admirable work of medics and the search and rescue teams, everyone made their contribution depending on their area of coverage.

Nonprofit Organizations were engaged by collecting food, clothing, blankets, mattresses, hygiene materials and providing medical assistance. Also as part of a more coordinated intervention in cooperation with government and donor institutions, NGOs provided psychological support services and organized recreational activities for children, women and the elderly at various accommodation centers.

A tragedy of this magnitude has undoubtedly been a strong test for Albania, but empathy, solidarity and support has been abundant. This leads us to hope for a full recovery and a slow but certain healing of the wounds caused by this natural disaster.
Philanthropy Europe Networks Forum brings together a great number of national, regional and European philanthropy support organizations. It offers a common ground for philanthropic organizations or organizations engaged in philanthropic projects. This mapping of the most relevant philanthropy support organization provides an introduction of the main goals, activities and structures of these organizations. It presents a great opportunity for networking and outlining the main stakeholders in the field of philanthropy.

Philanthropy Europe Forum emerged on the basis of DAFNE (Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe) and is an annual forerunner event which provides a space to discuss current issues, share knowledge, raise awareness on various topics and engage with an extensive range of stakeholders. Philanthropy Europe Forum involves field leaders and experts from national associations, donors forums and philanthropy support organizations.

This year the event was held in Madrid, Spain for the first time on January 23. It brought together European philanthropy networks and regional, global thematic networks. The forum’s highly interactive format provided many opportunities for active commitments and networking.
