

Project Fact Sheet – NOR – 08

Project Title	“Equality, non-discrimination and inclusion of persons with disabilities through self - advocacy”
Thematic priority area	Non-discrimination and marginalised groups
Implementing organization (and partner if applicable)	Albanian Disability Rights Foundation (ADRF)
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Implementation period	Start date: 15/01/2020 End date: 15/01/2021
Budget supported by the Civil Society programme for Albania and Kosovo	€ 33,686.25
Total project budget	€ 33,686.25
Geographical coverage	Tirana, Elbasan, Shkoder, Vlore
Project objective	<p>The overall objective: To promote the respect for human rights of persons with disabilities in Albania, through enforcement of non-discrimination and inclusion.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Empower the community of persons with disabilities to claim their rights on anti-discrimination and inclusion. II. Enhance access to knowledge on human rights and the disability legislation, especially on the Law on Protection against Discrimination amongst state and non-state stakeholders as preconditions to eliminate discrimination and influence social inclusion.
Targeted beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Groups (3) composed of 12 self-advocates with disabilities will be capacitated - At least 30 DPO-s and NPO-s (average 120 staff members of DPOs/NPOs) - At least 100 staff of public and private entities (government, nongovernment authorities) will benefit from 10 capacity building events as well as from the resource of publications /toolkit to be produced under the project, as well as through interaction and engagement



	<p>with the disability community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Society as a whole (most specifically general public in four targeted districts), will also benefit through awareness raising activities.
<p>Main activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select the members of the self-advocacy group during the initial phase of the project and planning of activities. • 1 (one) explanatory toolkit for the community of persons with disabilities, activists, institutions, NPO-s, DPO-s which focus on the legal framework and policies that address discrimination. • Conduct 8 (eight) intensive mentorship sessions to build skills on issues related to human rights approaches to disability. • Carry out 14 meetings with the disability community (including door to door as per needs). • File at least 5 (five) Cases of discrimination against persons with disabilities as a result of community actions (meetings, door to door, other local sources of information etc, • Organize 8 (eight) targeted advocacy meetings (with involvement of at least 3 representatives of self - advocacy groups) (two per each district). • 4 (four) statements will be released during the project's implementation from the self-advocacy groups on social media. • 2 (two) YouTube videos will be produced during the life-span of the project that will be largely shared on social media, local TV programs etc • 4 (four) Training sessions (two per each targeted district) with 20 participants each (80 people) organized in cooperation with the advocacy groups and experts on disability and non-discrimination laws, policies and practices. • 2 (Three) brief newsletter informing on the latest news in relation to disability. • 5 (five) training sessions with 20 representatives, (in total



	<p>100 participants) at local and central level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1(one) booklet with a Summary of discrimination cases based on disability case- law established by the Commissioner on Protection against Discrimination in Albania. • 1 (one)Compilation of the prominent cases dealt with by the European Court of Human Rights and other prestigious international bodies.
<p>Project results</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment of 4 self-advocacy groups skilled up to pursue advocacy actions in national and local level. 2. Capacities of at least 30 targeted civil society organizations (Disabled Persons Organizations/DPOs, NPO-s etc.) increased to utilize human rights-based approach in advancing the inclusion, equality and nondiscrimination of persons with disabilities. 3. Increased awareness of the community of persons with disabilities and the relevant stakeholders, general community, on issues of non-discrimination, accessibility, equality and inclusion. 4. Enhanced skills and knowledge of the state institutions, the Commissioner on Protection against Discrimination, the Ombudsman, 4 (four) local government units and central governmental institutions on human rights based approach to disability. 5. Developed tools in the form of toolkits, case-law summaries will ensure an evidence-based data for the involved institutions in the fight against discrimination for persons with disabilities.