Data on Young People Surveyed in 14 Municipalities of the Country

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In the framework of the program for the expansion of the network “Youth Voice”, coordinated by the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights, in partnership with UNFPA Albania and in implementation of the project “Leave No One Behind” are surveyed young people about their knowledge of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), as well as the Municipality’s youth programs. Respondents were **867 girls (62%) and 533 boys (38%)**.
Data on young people surveyed in 14 municipalities of the country aged 14-29 years old are surveyed during 2017-2019.

Statement of Commitment for Youth was signed by the Municipality of Tirana in 2015 and monitored in 2019.

Outreach in 15 Municipalities:
Shkodër, Roskovec, Belsh, Korçë, Pogradec, Tiránë, Durrës, Fier, Maliq, Krujë, Dibër, Lezhë, Përmet, Urë Vajgurore, Shijak

During: 2017-2019

1400 young people (from 14 Municipalities) aged 14-29 years old are surveyed during 2017-2019.

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A - Youth Knowledge on SDGs

1 in 10 young people have heard what SDGs are.

55% of the young people surveyed stated that they were not personally involved in achieving SDGs.

55% School and the internet are the source of information for young people about SDGs.

70% Municipality youth programs and services

Information on:
- Sustainable Development Goals – SDGs
- Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)
- Young people have heard what SDGs are.
- School and the internet are the source of information for young people about SDGs.
B - Youth Knowledge on SRH

1 in 7

Young people have never received information on sexual and reproductive health.

78%

School (in 78% of cases) and the Internet (in 70% of cases) are the most common source of information used for SRH.

1 in 10

Young people (10% of them) say that they cannot talk about this topic with their parents or their parents do not allow them to talk.

65%

School (in 65% of cases) and the Internet (in 27% of cases) are considered the ideal tools for young people to get information about SRH.

C - Youth Knowledge on Municipality Programs and Services for Youth

Approximately 1 in 3 young people are aware of the programs / priorities of the Municipality regarding young people.

The online portal (in 31% of cases), public announcements (in 31% of cases) and the official website of the Municipality (in 28% of cases) are the source of information for young people about the Municipality’s programs for young people.
D - Most Favorite Programs that Young People Would Like to Benefit from the Municipality

Social activities, information, awareness, training

Participation in decision-making / youth council / youth forums, civil society organizations

Entertainment and sports activities

Environmental and cultural activities

Laboratories, computers, reading rooms

Youth activities and services (through youth center, employment / vocational courses, education, health, student and youth card, e-services, scholarships, etc.)

Heating systems
Budgeting for Youth

14 Action Plans and Budget for Youth have been compiled at the municipal level (Shkodra, Lezha, Durres, Dibra, Fier, Pogradec, Korca, Përmet, Maliq, Kruja, Ura Vajgurore, Shijak, Belsh, Roskovec).

Youth budgeting emphasizes the need for planning and investments for young people by the Municipality in relation to:

- Encouraging the participation of young people in democratic processes and decision-making
- Implementation of the foreseen actions of the Social Care Plan compiled in some Municipalities of the country in relation to the promotion of the employment of young women and young people through effective labor market policies
- Encouraging the involvement of young people in environmental activities
- Encouraging the involvement of young people in artistic and cultural activities
- Encouraging the involvement of young people in health education activities
- Encourage the involvement of young people in activities to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
### Declaration of Engagements with Young People in the Municipality of Tirana

From the monitoring of youth needs, according to the Declaration of Youth Engagements, signed by the Mayor of Tirana in 2015, it results that the level of achievement is as follows:

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| Promote youth entrepreneurship | Competitions for “Innovative Ideas”.  
Start Up Program “Young people towards a profession”. |
| Creation and functionality of the Youth Centers in peripheral areas. | All libraries have been turned into multifunctional centers with the decision of the Municipal Council with no. 35 dt 29.03.2018. Four neighborhood libraries have been completely reconstructed and turned into multi-functional Centers, starting from December 2017, such as: Hamit Beqaj, Musine Kokalari, Petro Zheji and Misto Treska. Currently, the works have started in the library of Units No. 6 and 11 and in the future the works in the library of Unit No. 2 will start soon. |
| Issue and start operating the Youth and Student Card. | Students of Tirana universities from May 27, 2019 have been provided with a student card, thanks to which they benefit from free or reduced cost services. In addition to the online platform kartaestudentit.al set up, the Student Card Application is now available for download on both Android and iOS. |
| Establishment of the Youth Advisory Board of the Tirana Municipality. | Youth Advisory Board was established in October 2015 and operational since 2016.  
- The structure, composition, membership, functions, etc., are structured in the regulation of its functioning, which is in the process of completion. |
Fact Sheets from the Surveys with Young People on SDGs, SRH and Municipality Youth Programs

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