

Municipal Council on Safety in Communities



"Empowerment of municipal council on safety in communities" project started in April 2009. During these two years, the project was implemented by NGO "Syri i Vizionit" and supported by EWMI and USAID. Within this project, NGO "Syri i Vizionit" is more focused on monitoring civil society's work in the project, as well as monitoring of MCSC's work.

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Municipal Council on Safety in Communities (MCSC) - Pejë/Pec



As a consulting body for safety issues, the Municipal Council on Safety in Communities was established in June 2009 and it holds regular monthly meetings to discuss various problems that preoccupy residents of Pejë municipality, irrespective of their ethnic and religious backgrounds.

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» Empowerment of the Municipal Council on Safety in Communities through Civil Society Empowerment «

Reestablishment and Empowerment

The project aims to assist in functionalizing of Municipal Council on Safety in Communities (MCSC) at the municipality of Pejë, mainly through active involvement of civil society in this Council. Its beneficiaries will be the municipality, civil society, communities' representatives and all citizens, since the Council will contribute to increase of safety in general. During these months, a person from our organization followed the Council's work and he held regular meetings with the NGOs to collect information and impact on MCSC's work agenda.

Meetings were held on weekly basis with civil society organizations where they jointly identified problems faced by Pejë municipality communities, addressing them to the Council to find solutions and create safety and wellness for all Pejë citizens. As part of this project, regular meetings were held with the mayor to reestablish the Council in accordance with the administrative direction.

"Syri i Vizionit" in cooperation of the Association of Kosovo Municipalities and EWMI provided professional training for MCSC members, thus impacting on the Council's capacity building, drafting of the workplan and project proposals.

Empowerment of the Municipal Council on Safety in Communities (MCSC) through civil society empowerment started implementing in June 2009 and will conclude at the end of July 2010. The project is supported by EWMI and USAID.

Purpose

Municipal Council on Safety in Communities aims to:

- 1.1 Develop citizens' awareness of the nature of crime, disorder and violent behavior in local community, to identify local concerns regarding public safety and security, and to recommend action plans to address these concerns locally through the cooperative efforts of municipal authorities, local communities and the Police.
- 1.2 Building of trust between the police and citizens through building of partnership and joint initiatives for solution of safety problems in each community.



Administrative Direction

What is MCSC?

The Municipal Council on Safety in Communities is an advisory body chaired by the municipal president, with membership representing all communities within the municipality, as outlined by Article 7 of the Law on Police (Law Nr.03/L-035).

MCSC is a main consulting body for municipality on safety issues, in order for it jointly with the Police to review all safety issues for all communities at the interest of Pejë municipality residents.

MCSC workplan

1. Maintenance of town roads and open ditches.
2. Swine flu and its prevention measures.
3. Safety in secondary schools.
4. Placement and functioning of surveillance cameras.
5. Students movement in sidewalks.
6. Illegal carrying of weapons and use of narcotics.
7. Ecologic crimes.
8. Prevention of illegal cutting of forests.
9. Prevention of fires in fields and forests.
10. Removal of beggars from the streets.
11. Safety of handicapped people.
12. Prevention of private companies from digging out river beds for gravel.
13. Youth safety in night bars (clubs, discothèques).
14. Cooperation with ATSC and NGOs.
15. Removal of stray dogs
16. Increase of safety control around religious sites.

Achieved Results

- * Inclusion of civil society members in Municipal Council on Safety in Communities
- * Greater cooperation between local institutions, civil society and communities
- * Drafting of institutions' workplan in cooperation with civil society to improve safety
- * Adoption of workplan by the Mayor
- * Harmonizing of joint actions of institutions and civil society for safety of all citizens