Establishing and developing Child Protection Units within the Municipality of Tirana

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**
Children Protection Units, in 11 out of 24 administrative units, are support structures for the management of cases of children and families who need help to get information, assistance or referral to other services. This project requires not only strengthening of the existing CPU by increasing the professionalism of case management but also an expansion of CPUs into administrative territories where this structure has to date been absent. CPU will be part of a broader social protection network and will focus especially in prevention and early stage intervention in cases of vulnerable children. CPUs will work to reduce the effects of social exclusion and poverty that affects the target families, by referring them to the economic welfare services or through direct support with food, clothing or shelter. CPU support will not be confined to children but will also extend to their families, helping them gain access to basic services such as health care, education, training and employment.

**OVERALL OBJECTIVE**
To establish the institutional capacities for providing better care, monitoring and intervention in guaranteeing the rights of vulnerable children.

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION MODALITY**
- Support during labor
- Telephone Counseling for CPUs
- Direct assistance
- Mapping of national mechanisms for the protection of children in the Municipality of Tirana
- Workshops / trainings

**PRELIMINARY IMPACTS**
- Raising awareness on the rights of children who enjoy the undeniable right to be protected from any kind of violence.
- Creating mechanisms to counter instances of child abuse and other related phenomena.
- Providing assistance to affected children and their families