

Social policies supporting the Albanian summary, reviews and reflection during the year 2010

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This study aims at introducing a wide view of the social situation in the district Durres, of social policies, their running in supporting individuals and families with social and economical problems or wreathed with each-other.

Individuals with problems constitute and generate families with problems and vice versa families with problems generate problematic individuals.

Discussing and talking about family, the changes and pressures its structure has suffered, talking about social needs and policies and the means that may help it, brings to bodies and institutions that should forward these needs.

The workers of Health Services Social face every day with the problems and needs of the individuals, but during the interviews they appear enthusiastic, systematic and self-rigorous. Those needs are still increasing under a vehement, dispiteous, rash economy.

The projects and the works are focused on this point and they serve as absorber of our society.

Giving these increasing needs and in collaboration of the Labour Inspectorate, Office of Social assistance at municipality and Labour Office there are produced seasonal projects and long-term projects in help of the unemployed persons, mainly head of families, even their employment may be seasonal and aim at their re-integration in the labour market.

The scheme of the Social Assistance changes year by year on behalf of the employments or self-employments by running a family business under the observance of the inspectors of the Office of State Social Service.

In the frame of an authentic study on Social Assistance, Social Policies for the Albanian families, the changes and needs on the increase helps the report of the analysis of the work of the local office of the Social Services of the District Durres.

These records belong to the year 2010 and reflect a regular and accurate review and come as a result of the correct and permanent work of this institution and its collaborators.

During the year 2010 the workers of the Local office of the State Social Service Durres have make maximal attempts to realize their duties and objectives.

The commitments, the liabilities and the successes are conceived in cooperation with the workers of the sectors of economical aid of the local government and the personal of the institutions of the social benefits of NGO-s operating in the field of social assistance.

They are focused on the growth of the work efficiency of all those structures and the improvement of the life quality of the individuals in need.

The achievements and problems in giving economical support.

The sector of the Cash Payment Inspection has developed its activity during 2010 according to the annual program of their work in order to realize the duties at the beginning of the year.

The effective administration of the funds of communes and municipalities, the control of their utilization by aiming at the Economical Aid (EA) to reach the poor and the correct application of the laws criteria of their delivery and benefit has been the object of the work of this institution.

As a result of the attempts the economical aid for the district Durres was transformed into social aid, because ca. 68% of the beneficiaries takes it for social and economical reasons and 32% of them take it for economical reasons only.

During October 2010 in the District Durres have been treated with economical assistance 1435 families, 1115 of which took full assistance and 322 of them took partial assistance, so the proportion city-village is 77%to 23%. The fund distributed during October 2010 is 11029 thousands lek or 1072 thousand lek less than October 2009.

The reduction of the distributed fund came as a result of the removal from the scheme of EA of the undeserved profits or as a result of the employment (see the records of the annual analysis of the Local Office of SSS).

The district of Durres has 421 551 inhabitants including in 104 143 families, so the level of poverty is ca. 1.3% that shows a serious mobilization of the institutions in distributing and surveying the economical aid.

The utilization of the fund of EA during November 2009 – November 2010 has been fully accomplished, while the monthly average rate of EA for municipalities is 4271 le (in the year 2009 was 4212 lek) and the communes is 2485 (from 3457 lek in the year 2009).

The improvement of the information system and of the system the planning of needs has been increased by applying rigorously the Decree of the Council of Minister DCM n. 617 dated 07.09.2006 and the Order n. 2474 dated 06.12.2006 of MPCSSHB. This planning was accomplished in collaboration with the workers of EA and the Social Services of local governments by matching as well the documents, analyzing very request for fund augmentation or different changes.

The aid for the incapables, work, invalids, the objectives, achievements and problems.

Giving assistance to the disabled persons is one of the most important objective of the supportive structure of social benefit.

The effects and the economical values of this kind of assistance are already known. Almost all types of disability are covered by this service, but a differentiated attention has gained the paraplegics, quadriplegics, the blinds and the work disabled persons.

At the end of 2010 there were 5279 individuals (from 5090 in the year 2009) that benefit the disability assistance. From those 3547 (beside 3497 of the year 2009) are mentally or physically disabled, 1171 (beside 1122 individuals for the year 2009) are blind, and 561 are para- and quadriplegics (beside 471 individuals for the year 2009), while 1142 individuals are guardians (at the end of 2009 were 966 individuals).

Beside December 2010 the number of disabled persons is increased with 189 persons or 2.5% from 7.4% in the year 2009 (these are records from the annual report of the local office of SSS).

An evident phenomenon is the increasing number of the paraplegics beside the year 2009 that reaches 15.4% and their guardians with 15.5%.

The assistance of the disability catches a considerable fund that shows the increasing tendency of the beneficiaries.

Another factor is the displacement or people movement. In the district Durres have been displaced from other districts 22 beneficiaries by physical disability, 3 paraplegics and 27 work invalids.

The fund at disposal is 67.5 million lek monthly or 10.6% more than the monthly average of the year 2009. It is consequence of the attention and commitment of government for social aid and assistance, as a support of social policies for individuals and families in need. The achievements bring to reflection, suggestions and new necessities.

The application of the DCM n. 869 dated 18.06.2008 "On application of the law n. 7889 dated 14.12.1994, "The Status of the Work Invalid", seek the engagement of all applicative and supportive structures, as it point out the employees of the structures, in collaboration and cooperation with the Local Direction of Social Insurance, Durres.

Till today there are paid 5513 work invalids from 5083 at the end of 2009, or a growth from 7.2% into 7.7% in the year 2009.

The increasing number of work invalids reflects the problems of the life and the social and economical activity of our country. This study aims also at analyzing this phenomenon, which may source of the further problems.

The achievements and problem in the field of social services

The main orientation and objectives of work of the Sector of Social Services Inspection are:

- The control of the execution of service standards in the structures of social services, daily or residential ones, State or private one, in the sight of the law n. 9355 dated 10.03.2005, DCM and their instructions.
- The organization and realization of the inspections twice a year in all institutions of public or non public social care, residential or daily ones.
- The collaboration with the service bidder to realize the standards of social services.
- Surveying permanently the process of the authorization, and the permission of the activity of all institutions and NGO-s operating in the field of social services.
- Giving priority to the problems of Roma community to integrate them in the social and economical life of our society.
- The deepening of the collaboration and cooperation of the work with the bodies of local government and parallel institutions.
- The qualification and professional growth of the work staff of care institutions the structures of local government.

The social services in the district Durres are represented and realized from different actors, partner, public or private ones, which offer a residential or daily social service. This is a wide network of bodies and structures which make more efficient the social service with reciprocal and fruitful collaboration.

Some of those structure are: Public and State Institutions and those under administration of the local government: Residential Centre of the Development of Disabled Persons with 34 beneficiaries, The House of Foundlings in Durres with

20 children and three other daily centres for old people in Durres, Fush-Kruje and Thumane with 280 old people.

The private institutions in the district Durres constitute the greatest number and have an important role in the social view of this district. They offer many services for: children, youth, women and girls, old people and disabled persons. These institutions offer different and satisfactory level of services.

The non public residential service for children in the district Durres is represented from the Home of Child "Betania" in Bubq with 83 children (as well as aid in money, clothes and food for 270 families in need and 70 old people in all coun try), the House for Children "The orthodox house of the Hope" in Shen-Vlash with 35 children and the House of Children "Selected generation" in Thumane.

The daily social service for children is too spread in Durres. This service is represented from some institutions as: Social Centre "Christian Centre of Durres" with 70 children, from which 30 children belong to Roma community, the community social centre "Today for the Future" in Durres with 151 beneficiaries (children, youth, women and girls), Social centre for Roma children, "Nehemia" with 38 children and helps for community, the Centre in Mamina, "The Flowers of the field" with 52 children, Social Centre for Children in Arameras, Fush-Kruje "Lorenco Barbatini" with 40 children, Social centre "Sun of the Morning" in Durres with 25 children.

- The non public residential social service for old men.
- Social service for women and girls.

Duties and recommendations

The social service of district Durres has no sufficient capacities to face with basic solution and to respond to the needs of its community.

This phenomenon of lack of possibilities for residential and daily services for old men, retired and disabled persons etc. It is necessary to increase the ability and the role of the Sector of the Social Service in the District. It is also necessary for the local government to take responsibility by increasing the qualified staff in the administration of Social Services, by creating and increasing funds for social services, planning and supporting new projects for concrete social services according specific needs, always growing. This serves to absorb the problems of the layers in need, in order to offer a normal social and economical life, which will have a good reflection in our community.

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