





Survey on EITI impact in Community

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Following the publication of 2011 EITI Report and 2012 EITI Report and broadcast EITI ad on national and local TV's, on September 29, 2015, the Albanian EITI Secretariat launched its second survey about the EITI impact in community. Number of questionnaires rose from 500 to 1000 questionnaire compared with the first survey, conducted on September 23, 2014. This initiative run up until December 2015 and also was used as a promotion tool about EITI implementation in Albania by enabling face to face meetings with Bulqiza, Librazhd, Kukës, Patos, Fier, Përrenjas and Tirana citizens. The questionnaire consisted of 18 questions and provided data on how much knowledge the Albanian citizens have about the extractive industry and if it's been invested enough in community from incomes generated by extractive industry to the state budget. To the question **"Are you aware of any extractive activity in the community / your city?"** resulted that 90% of respondents were aware about activities and mining companies in their community. As in many countries, in Albania the sensitivity about environmental pollution it has grown by necessary in asking: **"Do you think these companies have caused environmental pollution in your area."** Number of replies "No" and "Yes" resulted 50% to 50%. Mostly people living in oil-extracting areas considered environmental pollution high. To the question **"Are you aware of any payment made by this / these companies?"** And **"Do you know who benefits from these payments?"** clearly it shows that citizens have very little information about payments made to the government and their management by the state institutions. Dissatisfaction of respondents is very high when they were asked **"How much do you think is invested in your community / city from these payments received?"** Lack of sports fields, the high number of unemployment, problems in infrastructure were some of the main concerns raised by citizens about the lack of investment from the extractive industry revenues. Seeing a small number of answers "yes" on the question **"Have you heard about the Extractive Industries Transparency**



Initiative or otherwise called EITI Albania?" remains a challenge for the Albanian EITI Secretariat. This low percentage of positive responses about 30% encourage us to continue our campaign more intensively in areas where extractive industry operates. Noted citizens have low sensitivity from revenues generated by the extractive industry in these years, data that belongs to the past, although Albanian EITI Secretariat published 2011 EITI Report and the 2012 EITI Report within 2014 by holding press conferences, participation in TV programs, and publications in economic magazines, online publications at the official website and on social networks. Given this, the Albanian EITI Secretariat believes that by publishing the two next reports 2013 EITI Report and 2014 EITI Reports respectively within 2015, where the data from extractive industry are coherent will raise more the public interest. It was in our interest to obtain citizens opinion by asking **"What communication tools would you suggested to advertise EITI process in Albania?"** A high number of young people suggested the use of online spaces, while the average age suggested television as a communication tool to get information about Albania EITI. Increasing the numbers of seminars and informative activities were also some suggestions by citizens.

Thanking all the citizens who participated in the EITI survey and by taking into account all the answers, transparency in the extractive industry remains primary objective for the good governance of natural resources.