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The overall objective of the project is to promote active participation of people with disabilities in political and public life by exercising their right to vote and bring the attention of political parties to this social group and electorate.

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. For a 9 months period, 10 organizations of persons with disabilities and activists will be empowered on their right to vote and proactively monitoring the process before, during and after election day by preparing a Manifesto for the political parties and 2 policy briefs for the relevant stakeholders
2. The project will build up an awareness campaign to bring into attention of 6 political parties during the election period, the rights of persons with disabilities and to include their recommendations/concerns to their programs and public speeches

The expected results that are intended to be achieved are:

1. 10 organizations involved in electoral processes in 2021 Parliamentary Elections in Albania;
2. 15 persons with disabilities trained and raised capacities on the importance of political participation and on monitoring skills during elections;
3. Prepare a Manifesto and 2 policy briefs reflecting persons with disabilities concerns and recommendations to be included in political programs and public speeches;
4. Meet 6 political parties and candidates presenting to them the issues of most concern for persons with disabilities to be reflected into their programs and public speeches;
5. Raise a public campaign, to reflect the right to vote for persons with disabilities and the importance of their responsibility of vote, translated in programs and legislative norms which will be affect their life;
6. 10 media appearances by disabled persons on the issues of disability and inclusion related to electoral public discourse;
7. Raise the issue of lack of accessibility in polling stations, in the discussions and reflect direct recommendations for relevant institutions to guarantee the right to vote for persons with disabilities.