Ministry of Health and Social Protection

Health System Improvement Project

(LOAN No: 8466 - AL)

Special purpose financial information for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021

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Independent Auditor's Report

To: Ministry of Finance and Economy of Republic of Albania and the Management of the Project "Health System Improvement Project"

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial information comprising the statement of sources and uses of funds, statement of withdrawal applications and the related notes of the Project "Health System Improvement Project" (further referred to as the "Project") implemented by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection and financed by the Loan Agreement No. 8466 - AL ("IBRD 8466 - AL") from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("IBRD" or the "World Bank) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021. The special purpose financial information has been prepared by the management of the Project in accordance with policies described in notes 2 and 3 of the special purpose financial information.

In our opinion, the special purpose financial information of the Project "Health System Improvement Project" is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the cash receipts and disbursement basis of accounting as set out in notes 2 and 3 to the special purpose financial information.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the special purpose financial information section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the special purpose financial information in Albania, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

We draw attention to notes 2 and 3 to the special purpose financial information, which describe the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial information is prepared to provide information to Project's donors and lenders, and to Ministry of Finance and Economy of Republic of Albania and the management of the Project. As a result, the statement may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Our report is intended solely for the information and use of the Project's management, the donors and lenders, and the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Republic of Albania and it should not be further distributed without our prior written consent.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Special Purpose Financial Information

Management is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial information in accordance with the basis of accounting described in notes 2 and 3; this includes determining that the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the special purpose financial information in the circumstances, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a special purpose financial information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Information

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose financial information as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this special purpose financial information.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose financial information, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
 procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
 opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the special purpose financial information or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, if any, and related disclosures made by management.,
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the special purpose financial
 information, including the disclosures, and whether the special purpose financial information
 represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds

	Note	For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021	For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020	Cumulative from 28 August 2015 to 31 December 2021
Sources of funds				
BRD funding	4	5,321,007	4,282,726	15,988,588
Funds received from Tender purchase		-	-	9,574
Interest received		и	~	727
Total		5,321,007	4,282,726	15,998,889
Uses of funds				
Goods	5	443,062	16,809	4,899,151
Consultancy services	6	815,277	1,467,996	3,267,543
Training	7	u	61,538	227,953
Civil Works	8	4,218,229	2,327,318	6,545,547
incremental operating costs	9	23,604	21,388	97,161
Funds returned to GoA				3,563
Total		5,500,172	3,895,049	15,040,918
(Deficit)/Surplus of receipts over disbursements		د العامد في يعوالا إن ا	007 270	APR 47
		(179,165)	387,678	957,971
Exchange rate differences		3,873	(2,877)	10,721
Cash at the beginning of the period	10	1,143,984	759,183	
Total	10	968,692	1,143,984	968,692

The Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds is to be read in conjunction with the notes set out on pages 3 to 9 and forming an integral part of the special purpose financial information.

The special purpose financial information of Health System Improvement Project was authorized for issue by the management of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection on 6 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Health System Improvement Project For the period from 28 August 2015 to 31 December 2021 (amounts expressed in EUR unicss atherwise stated)

Statement of Withdrawal Applications

IBRD 8466 AL.

As of 31/12/2021

Date of withdrawal application	Type of Disbursement	Category 2 Gonds	Category 3 Consultancy and training	Category 1 Civil Works	Total disbursed
	Direct payment	•	í	362,982	362,982
	Replenishment	290'5	196,199	442,409	643,670
	Direct payment	,	457,853	1	457,853
	Direct payment	ı	1	1,901,851	1,901,851
	Direct payment	438,000	1	ţ	438,000
	Replenishment	1	223,133	ı	223,133
	Direct payment	RE THE STREET WAS DESIGNATED THE STREET WAS DESIGNATED BY THE STREET WAS D	erma i mani esta esta proprieda esta esta esta esta esta esta esta est	1,293,518	1,293,518
	Total	443,062	877,185	4,000,760	5,321,007
	Type of Disbursement	Category 2 Goods	Category 3 Consultancy and training	Category 1 Civil Works	Total dishursed
	Replenishment	165,568	445,242		610,810
	Direct payment	•	286,158	ī	286,158
	Direct payment	•	314,712	•	314,712
	Direct payment	1	·	799,391	799,391
	Replenishment	16,808	569,564	2	586,372
	Direct payment	,	z	470,250	470,250
	Direct payment	1	,	950,688	950,688
	Direct payment	,		106,989	106,989
	Direct payment		157,356	3	157,356
-	Total	182,376	1,773,032k	2,327,318	4,282,726

Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Information

1. General Information

Through a Loan Agreement, dated March 24, 2015, signed between the Republic of Albania ("Borrower") and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("Bank"), an amount of Euro 32.1 ml has been allocated to the Health System Improvement Project (the Project) in Albania.

The objective of the Project is to contribute to the modernization of selected public hospital services. The Project became effective on 28 August 2015 and its closing date initially set on February 28, 2021, has been extended until December 31, 2024 as a result of restructurings.

A first Level 2 Restructuring was processed in December 2018, to revise the PDO, Project components and related costs after the mid-term review of July 2018. The revised PDO is to contribute to the modernization of selected public hospital services. The revised project components are:

- i) Improving Public Hospital Sector Management and Infrastructure;
- ii) Improving Health Information management/e-Health for Hospital Services,
- iii) Monitoring, Evaluation, and Project Management.

Another second Level 2 Restructuring was processed in October 2020 with the aim to increase investment in civils works for urgent reconstruction needed after the November 2019 earthquake and extend the closing date by 22 months to allow additional time to implement already signed contracts that had been delayed as a result of COVID-19. As result of the above restructuring the disbursement percentage for category one was changed into 100% (including the taxes) and the closing date was extended until December 31, 2022. Following the approval of the Additional Financing (AF) of about Euro 25 ml, on December 1, 2021, the closing date has been extended by 24 months, until December 31, 2024; same as for the AF. The AF aims to build on activities successfully implemented under the parent Project and to respond to the reconstruction needed to secure development gains.

1. General Information (continued)

The reallocation between disbursement categories is summarized in the below table.

Table 1: Project costs by component (in Euro)

Original	Revision of funds per component after mid- term review	Revision of funds per component after restructuring
15,100,000	18,061,000	22,230,315
13,600,000	13,039,000	8,828,788
2,400,000	-	-
919,750	919,750	960,647
80,250	80,250	80,250
32,100,006	32,100,000	32,100,000
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The Government of Albania will repay the principal amount of the Loan in semi-annual instalments payable as of describe in following:

Date Payment Due (On May 15 and November 15)	Instalment share (Expressed as a percentage)
Beginning May 15, 2022, through November 15, 2036	2.94%
On May 15, 2037	2.98%

The Commitment Charge payable by the Borrower shall be equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25%) per annum on the Unwithdrawn Loan Balance. The interest payable by the Borrower for each Interest Period shall be at a rate equal to the Reference Rate for the Loan Currency plus the Fixed Spread; provided, that upon a Conversion of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, the interest payable by the Borrower during the Conversion Period on such amount shall be determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.

The Project is managed by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MHSP) former Ministry of Health (MoH) through a Project Coordination Unit established within the Ministry.

The table below sets forth the items to be financed out of the proceeds of the loan, the allocation of the amounts of the loan and the percentage of expenditures to be financed.

Table 2: Expenditure categories as per Loan Agreement (in Euro)

Category	Original contract Amount of the Loan Allocated	Financing %	Revised allocated after Restructuring 1	Financing %	Revised allocated after Restructuring 2	Financing %
(1) Works (2) Goods, Non- Consulting	6,760,000	63%	9,251,000	63%	13,837,382	100%
services (3) Consultant Services, Training and Operating	18,360,000	100%	16,294,000	100%	12,463,794	100%
Costs	6,500,000	100%	6,075,000	100%	5,718,574	100%
(4) Front-end Fee	80,250	•	80,250	-	80,250	N/A
(5) Unallocated	399,750		399,750	-		N/A
Total	32,100,000		32,100,000		32,100,000	

1. General Information (continued)

As indicated in the table, following the second restructuring dated October 5, 2020, all the categories of expenditures are financed at 100% from the loan proceeds.

As of December 31, 2021, Euro 5,321,007 has been disbursed from the Loan proceeds while as of December 31, 2020, Euro 4,282,726 were disbursed.

2. Basis of preparation

The special purpose financial information has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies in note 3, under the Cash Basis of Accounting.

The special purpose financial information is presented in EUR. Euro is also functional currency of the Project being the currency in which funds are received and most of expenses are settled.

The special purpose financial information comprises the Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds, the Statement of Withdrawal Applications (and related expenditure) used as the basis for the submission of withdrawal applications and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

A summary of significant accounting policies underlying the preparation of the Project's financial statements is presented below.

3.1 Foreign currency transactions

The Project has adopted the Euro as its reporting currency for consistency with the reporting needs of its main donor, the World Bank.

Cash and bank balances in other currencies are converted into Euro at the year-end rate of exchange. Transactions in currencies other than Euro are converted to the reporting currency at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange differences are recognized in the Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds.

As at 31 December 2021, 1 Euro was equivalent to 120.76 All.

As at 31 December 2020, 1 Euro was equivalent to 123.70 All.

3.2 Cash

Cash comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and cash equivalents. Demand deposits and cash equivalents comprise balances with banks and investments in short term money market instruments. Amounts appropriated to the Entity are deposited in the Entity's bank account and are controlled by the Entity. Receipts from exchange transactions are deposited in trading fund accounts controlled by the Entity. They are transferred to revenue at each year end.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

3.3 Recognition of income and expenses

Income is recognized when received rather than when earned, and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when incurred. Accordingly, direct payments of the Project's expenses, which are made from the proceeds of the trust fund, are recognized as sources and uses of funds at the time the payment is made. The Statement of Withdrawal Applications presents only applications submitted during the year and only expenses settled through such applications. Expenses presented in the notes to the special purpose financial information include all expenses settled during the year in spite of the supporting withdrawal application period.

3.4 Taxation

The Project is exempt from income tax. The Project is liable for withholding tax and personnel income tax for its staff. The Project of liable for all VAT expenses incurred.

4. IBRD funding

Funds received from IBRD funding for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021 were composed as follows:

	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2021	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2020
Direct payments	4,454,204	3,085,544
Replenishment	866,803	1,197,182
Tota!	5,321,007	4,282,726

5. Goods

Goods for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021 were composed as follows:

	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2021	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2020
Supply & installation of Regional Hospital Information System (RHIS)including training	438,000	<u>-</u>
Office furniture for PCU Supply & installation of Financial Management System Software in about 420 PHCs	5,062	-
Gystein Goldware in about 420 FIIGS		16,809
Total	443,062	16,809

6. Consultancy services

The consultancy services for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021 were composed as follows:

0.01000	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2021	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2020
QSUT international management team support - Implementation of the New Management Strategy for QSUT	457,853	286,158
Developing National Health Accounts	168,169	28,200
Employee and insurance expenses For Technical assessment, design of civil work, specifications, estimated cost and supervision of civil works, Installation of medical devices and Furniture's plot of existing paediatric hospital	105,521	85,125
building. Consulting Services for the supervision of the	42,400	116,600
Regional Hospital of Laçi Consulting Services for the supervision of the	28,740	ž.
Regional Hospital of Kuksi	12,594	-
Review of the Existing Hospital Master Plan Technical assessment, architectonic & engineering design, specifications, estimated cost for General Paediatric Hospital and Angiology/Cardic-Surgery within the territory of	-	629,654
TUHC - Tirana, Kruja Hospital and Laci Hospital Review the Health Financing Section of Albanian	-	270,700
National Health Strategy 2016-2020 TA on revision of health law and hospital law and	-	39,790
Risk Impact Assessment for hospital law		11,770_
Total	815,277	1,467,996

7. Training

Training for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021 were composed as follows:

	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2021	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2020
Study Tour/s - HIF-Crolia		61,538
Total	e e	61,538

8. Civil Works

The civil works services for the period from 01 January to 31 December 2021 were composed as follows:

	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2021	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2020
Rehabilitation of Pediatric Hospital Mother Teresa Rehabilitation of Regional Hospital Lac	3,266,967	2,220,329
(Consorzio Ciro Menotti Ravenna)	621,169	-
Rehabilitation of Regional Hospital Kukes	330,093	106,989
Total	4,218,229	2,327,318

8. Civil Works (continued)

- Civil Works for Rehabilitation of Pediatric Hospital (QSUT) corresponds to the Component 1 "Improving Hospital Services" of the project "Health System Improvement Project" and it is related to the contract no. HSIP/CW/ICB/01-2018 dated October 04, 2019, signed between Ministry of Health and Social Protection and JV Ulu Insaat Turizm Sanayve Ticatet Limited Sirketi (JV leader) and 4 A M Sh.p.k (JV Member) in the total amount of 1,098,019,044 ALL including VAT equivalent euro 8,929,161.94
- Civil Works for Rehabilitation of Regional Laci Hospital corresponds to the Component 1 "Improving Hospital Services" of the project "Health System Improvement Project" and it is related to the contract no. HSIP/CW/ICB/01-2020 dated January 29, 2021 signed between Ministry of Health and Social Protection and Consorzio Nazionale Cooperative di producione e Lavoro "Ciro Menotti" Societa Cooperative per Azioni the total amount of 349,210,674 ALL including VAT equivalent euro 2,829,908.
- Civii Works for Rehabilitation of Regional Kuksi Hospital corresponds to the Component 1
 "Improving Hospital Services" of the project "Health System Improvement Project" and it is
 related to the contract no.HSIP/CW/ICB/05-2019 dated August 20, 2020, signed between
 Ministry of Health and Social Protection and Arifaj SHPK in the total amount of 130,954,604
 ALL including VAT equivalent euro 1,058,133.51

9. Incremental operating costs

Operating costs for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021 were composed as follows:

	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2021	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2020
Health and Social Insurance for staff (portion paid put of IOC funds) Operating Costs for Support for traveling	11,345	9,721
expenses of NAIS eHalth unit	2,562	1,129
Bank Charges/ Commissions	1,093	1,791
Office Supplies	859	907
Office Communication Expenses (Internet)	291	-
The annual tax of the Municipality	-	259
Mall and courier	-	193
Other Incremental Cost (office administration)	9,254	7,388
Warranty (3 months) return	(1,800)	-
Total Incremental Operating Costs	23,604	21,388

10. Cash at the end of the period

Cash at the end of the period as at31 December 2021 was composed as follows:

	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2021	Period from 1 January to 31 December 2020
Cash at Banks		
IBRD Special Account BoA EUR	643,670	797,182
IBRD Credins Bank Account in ALL	58,342	175,864
IBRD Credins Bank Account in EUR	266,680	170,938
Yotal	968,692	1,143,984

11. Subsequent events

There are no other significant events that would require either adjustments or additional disclosures in the special purpose financial information

APPENDICES

(Loan No: 8466-AL)

Health System Improvement Project Statements of Special and Project's Accounts

(Supplementary schedules to the Special purpose financial information)

Appendix 1

Supplementary Schedule of Special Account Statement

Doner		IBRD Loan 8466-AL
Account No:		24470505
Depository Bank		2117653E
Address		Bank of Albania
Currency	5	iheshi Skenderbej, No 1, Tirana EUR
	2021	2020
Balance at beginning of period	797,182	644,300
Funds received:	,	044,500
Advance from IBRD	866,803	1,197.182
Total funds received	866,803	1,197,182
Disbursements: Funds transferred to Project Operational Account-POA in ALL Funds transferred to Project Operational Account-POA in EUR	(500,000) (520,315)	(400,000)
Total disbursements	(1,020,315)	(644,300) (1,044,300)
Salance at end of the period	643,670	797,182

Appendix 2

Supplementary Schedule of Project Operational Account Statement-Euro

Donor		IBRD Loan 8466-AL
Account No:		739084
Depository Bank		Credins Bank
Address		Rr. Ismail Qemali Nr.4, Tiranë
Currency		EUR
	2021	2020
Balance at beginning of period	170,938	75,187
Funds received:		
Funds received from Special Account	520,315	644,300
Funds received from bank Interest		-
Total funds received	520,315	644,300
Disbursements:		
Project expenditures	(243,629)	(546,808)
Bank charges/Bank commission	(944)	(1,638)
Funds transferred to Project Account in ALL	180,000	
Total funds disbursed	(424,573)	(548,446)
Balance at end of the period	266,680	170,938

Appendix 3

Supplementary Schedule of Project Operational Account Statement-ALL

Denor		IBRD Loan 8466-AL
Account No:		739084
Depository Bank		Credins Bank
Address		Rr. Ismail Qemali Nr.4, Tiranë
Currency		ALL
	2021	2020
Balance at beginning of period	21,754,383	4,846,261
Funds received:		
Funds received from Special Account Internal transfer to All Account to Euro	60,979,000	49,170,000
account	21,834,000	_
Funds received from bank Interest		
	82,813,000	49,170,000
Disbursements:		,,
Project expenditures Internal transfer from Ail Account to Euro account	(97,503,886)	(32,243,016)
Bank charges/Bank commission	(18,126)	(18,862)
Total	(97,522,012)	(32,261,877)
Balance at end of the period in ALL	7,045,373	21,754,383
Baiance at end of the period equivalent in EUR	58,342	175,864