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SCORECARDS

**Monitoring of Performance of the members
of Municipal Assembly, Committee for Policy
and Finance and Committee for Communities
of Kamenica Municipality**

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Intruduction

The NGO NOPM during the compilation of this Scorecard for the Kamenica Municipal Assembly is based on many sources of information such as monitoring of municipal assembly (MA) sessions, policy and finance committee (PFC), committee for communities (CC), analyzing various documents and agendas and minutes, analysis of the reports of print and electronic media, debates and discussions organized by civil society.

NGO NOPM will persist to monitor the activities of the legislative and the executive of the municipality of Kamenica during that further period but will not came out with other assessment monitoring reports.

NGO NOPM's attempt to address the interests and concerns of citizens in impartial and non-partisan provides citizens information on ongoing basis. The aim of monitoring of the work of elected officials is to increase their performances in building a stable democratic society.

Objectives of the monitoring works of municipal officials are as follows:

- To encourage elected officials in their work to find solutions that exacerbate civil society;
- To ensure the credibility of the political process;
- To ensure accountability of elected officials toward citizens and ensure that they are truly representative of the interests of society;
- To ensure transparency in the work of elected officials;
- To ensure citizen participation in local political processes;
- To ensure that elected officials get information on the real concerns that face civil society
- To inform citizens about how elected officials treat their concerns as a basis for any civil action toward resolving those concerns

SCORING

The assessments presented in this scorecard are based on direct monitoring of the plenary sessions of Kamenica Municipal Assembly that reflect their performance and engagement in general. Scoring results are expressed in percentage (%).

CATEGORIES

NGO NOPM through this scorecard highlighted and analyzed in general the performance and commitment of members of the Kamenica Municipal Assembly and political parties in the following categories:

1. Participation in the discussion during the session,
2. Raising issues
3. Initiation of urgent issues,
4. Proposed agenda item,
5. Parliamentary questions,
6. Amendments to the legislation,
7. Interpellation request

Kamenica Municipality

The exact time of the establishment of Kamenica as residence place is not known, but should be at least somewhere in the middle Ages. This is mentioned in the book of debtors Mikel Llukarit in the '30s-the XV century Chameniza name, then in Turkish civil registers covering year 1455. Depending on the governmental organization of the former Yugoslav power it was often the municipality, but is often treated as the municipality of Gjilan district. In 1952 the region of Gjilan, formed three districts: Gjilan, Kamenica and Viti. In 1959 when districts were transformed, Kamenica municipality becomes independent, as an equal with other municipalities in the country.

With decentralization of Kamenica was severed part of the territory of 18 villages. Out of 13 detached villages has been created a new Ranilug municipality in 2010, and another five detached villages joined the municipality of Novo Brdo. Territory and population separated from Kamenica settlements were inhabited mainly by citizens of the Serb community. Municipality of Kamenica, before and after decentralization is being characterized by a high tolerance of coexistence between communities.

After the census, households and housing, the preliminary results of the Statistics Agency of Kosovo came out with figures where Kamenica has 35,600 inhabitants, 8, 161 and 6,184 dwelling households. Only 13 municipalities have fewer numbers of residents than Kamenica. 27.3% of dwellings are unoccupied or/and uninhabited. 67.8% of households in municipality have five or more members.

Since the first local elections in 2000, the municipality of Kamenica is governed by two mayors. For two years, 2007-2009, Kamenica municipality was governed by the PDK and mayor Mr. Begzad Sinani. But for all other years (2000-2007 and 2009-2013) the municipality is governed by the LDK and its president Shaip Surdulli.

Local elections in Kamenica - 2007

Kamenica	Gjithsej Ukupno Total	%	Vende Mesta Seats
PDK - PARTIA DEMOKRATIKE E KOSOVËS	4050	30.62%	9
AKR - Aleanca Kosova e Re	2910	22.00%	7
LIDHJA DEMOKRATIKE E DARDANISË - LDD	2390	18.07%	6
LDK - LIDHJA DEMOKRATIKE E KOSOVËS	1853	14.01%	4
ALEANCA PËR ARDHMËRINË E KOSOVËS - AAK	1559	11.79%	4
ORA	276	2.09%	1
PD - Partia e Drejtësisë	183	1.38%	
OKP - OPSTANAK KOSOVSKEG POMORAVLJA	2	0.02%	
PSS ZA KOSOVO I METOHIJU - BOGOLJUB KARIĆ	2	0.02%	
SRPSKA KOSOVSKE METOHIJSKA STRANKA - SKMS	1	0.01%	
Gradanska Inicijativa Kos. Kamenica	0	0.00%	
Total	13226		31

Local elections in Kamenica -2009

Kamenica	Gjithsej Ukupno Total	%	Vende Mesta Seats
PDK - PARTIA DEMOKRATIKE E KOSOVËS	4406	31.02%	8
LDK - LIDHJA DEMOKRATIKE E KOSOVËS	2860	20.13%	6
AAK -ALEANCA PËR ARDHMËRINË E KOSOVËS	2621	18.45%	5
AKR-ALEANCA KOSOVA E RE	2455	17.28%	5
LDD- LIDHJA DEMOKRATIKE E DARDANISË	1439	10.13%	3
GIZAP- GRADJANSKA INICIJATIVA ZA PROMENE	244	1.72%	
PD – PARTIJA E DREJTËSISË	181	1.27%	
Total	14206		27

The work of the municipal assembly - Legislative

NOPM non-governmental organization, have followed the work of the legislative respectively monitored three meetings of Municipal Assembly of Kamenica, four meetings of the policy and finance committee and three meetings of communities committee during the period 1 December 2012 - 31 March 2013. On the basis of our direct monitoring and based on evaluation through scorecards, we have ascertained these facts:

FACTS:

The municipal assembly of Kamenica has violated only ones, the municipal statute during three monitored sessions during December 2012-March 2013. But during this period of time, Assembly has approved 25 decisions.

- At the second meeting of the municipal assembly of Kamenica dated 31 January 2013 is violated a municipal statute and regulation on transparency adopted by the Municipal Assembly. The municipality of Kamenica without public consultation adopted regulation on the procedures of provisioning municipal buildings and land through auctions for short and long-term use
- Despite the fact that the municipal statute foresees the establishment of consultative committees, so far there has been no concrete undertaking in this direction except promises that will be formed, but the main reason was lack of budget.
- At the second session dated: 31.01.2013. Municipal Assembly has taken a decision for establishing a seven-member evaluation committee for giving on short and long term use of immovable municipal property, disregarding gender equality and appointing all male members of commission.
- Annual work reports of the departments are not properly discussed but they were just voted as package that means there were no substantial discussions relating to the work of departments during the year.
- The organization also noted that all meetings of the Assembly and other meetings of the committee are held in very difficult conditions, the hall is not heated and meetings were held at very low temperatures and sometimes unaffordable for participants.
- The organization has seen a positive development that is an example for other municipalities, where the legislative and executive have appointed two members without voting rights but with the right to take the word from the Serb community and one of the Roma community in the capacity of observers in the Municipal Assembly.
- Also during monitoring, we have found dysfunctional non-mandatory committees that were formed earlier but which still in the municipal status but they are entirely non- functional

- Our organization, during the monitoring of activities of the members of the Municipal Assembly sessions concluded that there is a lack of effectiveness of opposition for articulation of interests of citizens part of the opposition to the
- The organization also noted that most of the agenda points discussed and reviewed in the committee for communities are not processed for further discussion in the municipal assembly, but those items of agenda remain unaddressed appropriately.

Table of number of decisions and regulations of the Municipal Assembly in Kamenica				
Meetings of Municipal Assembly	Decision for giving on use land	Decision for establishing municipal community safety councils	Other decisions	Different municipal regulations
Session XII- 2012	-	-	5	-
Session I -2013	-	1	6	1
Session II- 2013	-	-	9	1
Total	0	1	20	2

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The municipal assembly of Kamenica should soon make changes to amend municipal statute and to adapt to the new situation, inserting the Municipal Office of Returns and Communities into Statute and update/remove the Statute with certain non-mandatory committee who have not been active since 2008 but are still within the municipal Statute
- A vocal opposition for the articulation of the interests of citizens toward executive of Kamenica municipality.
- The municipal assembly of Kamenica must be respected municipal statute and regulation for transparency and in the future should organize public debates with citizens before adoption of any regulations.
- The municipal assembly members should be more active and more efficient, especially in committees as well as proposals arising from committees to be forwarded to assembly for further discussion and approval.
- All the agenda items that have been discussed at the communities committee should be forwarded to the municipal assembly for further consideration and approval

- Legislative and executive should provide the best conditions for the holding of meetings by providing heating assembly in place of the meetings of the Assembly and other committees mandatory
- Municipal Assembly must prior inform and consult with citizens in the event of decisions that directly affect the interests of citizens in certain parts.

Members of municipal assembly in Kamenica 2009/2013

No	Political entity	Name and Surname	Phone	E-mail
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4.	LDK	Ramiz Keka	044 318 818	
5.	LDK	Zyhrije Bunjaku	044 994 472	
6.	LDK	Satmifer Kryeziu	044 311 816	
7.	LDK	Valbonë Keka	044 994 147	bonka37@hotmail.com
8.	LDK	Burim Dermaku	044 276 575	
9.	LDK	Besa Hoxha-Krasniqi	044 297 751	besahoxha@live.com
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11.	LDK	Besnik Rrudhani	044 342 835	besnikrrudhani@albimi.com
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13.	PDK	Bajram Dermaku	044 231 503	
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22.	AAK	Enver Mavriqi	044 231 299	envermavriqi@hotmail.com
23.	AAK	Fatmir Krasniqi	044 167 748	
24.	AKR	Nebi Sylejmani	044 135 697	nebisylejmani@live.com
25.	AKR	Edona Ajeti	044 946 586	edonaajeti@hotmail.com
26.	AKR	Blerta Demi	044 874 863	blertademi@hotmail.com
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28.	LDK	Iliç Milica	Observer	
29.	LDK	Ramiz Kryeziu	Observer	

List of mandatory committees in the municipal assembly of Kamenica

Policy and Finance Committee			Communities Committee		
Nr	Members	Political entity	Nr	Members	Political entity/communities
1	Enver Mavriqi -	AAK	1	Zivojin Miljkovic	Chairperson- Serb
2	Fatmir Krasniqi	AAK	2	Besa Krasniqi	LDK
3	Bekim Arifi	PDK	3	Satmifer Kryeziu	LDK
4	Sadushe Agaj	PDK	4	Merita Agaj	AAK
5	Bajram Dermaku	PDK	5	Nebi Sylejmani	AKR
6	Rexhep Morina	LDK	6	Negovan Ristic	Member - Serb
7	Jeton Biqku	LDK	7	Zivana Tasic	Member - Serb
8	Ruzhdi Basha	AKR	8	Vesna Filipovic	Member - Serb
9	Bekim Fazliu	AKR	9	Safet Ahmeti	Member - Serb
10	Besnik Rrudhani	LDK	10	Zoran Disic	Member - Serb

Participation of women in the municipal assembly of Kamenica

FACTS:

Based on statistics and comparisons made by the legislation of 2007 where we had nine deputies or 29.03% in the Municipal Assembly of 31 deputies. In the 2009 election we have an increase of female representatives from 9 to 10 deputies or deputies 37.03% of the total number of members 27. But, again as in the 2007 election in the 2009 elections, did not reach any representative of the female deputies elected for free quota prescribed by law. However, out the 10 female MPs present in the Municipal Assembly of Kamenica only five deputies or 50% of women members were active: **Besa Krasniqi, Miniver Maka (LDK), Sadushe Agaj (PDK) and Merit Agaj and Shqipe Berisha (AAK)**. The passive members were: **Blerta Kallaba (PDK), Blerta Demi (AKR), Valbona Keka(LDK), Zyhrije Bunjaku(LDK) and Edona Ajeti (AKR)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It should be a full commitment of women members in the plenary sessions of municipal assembly in order to prove that they are elected to represent the interests of citizens, not only to fill seats which are guaranteed by law.

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN KAMENICA MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY											
						No of women members elected without quota as foreseen by law					
2009	2007	2009	%	2007	%	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007
31	31	11	35.4	10	32.25	0	0	10	9	5	6

Participation of assembly members in discussions based on scoring for each member:

No.	Members	Political entity	Participation in discussions during the sessions	Raising of other issues	Initiation of urgent issues	Proposal for items of agenda	Parliamentary questions	Amendment of legislation	Motion of interpellation
1.	Jeton Biqkaj	LDK	12	1	0	1	0	0	0
2.	Burim Dërmaku	LDK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Rexhep Morina	LDK	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
4.	Minivere Maka	LDK	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Ramiz Keka	LDK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Zyhrije Bunjaku	LDK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Satmifer Kryeziu	LDK	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Besnik Rrudhani	LDK	4	1	0	1	1	0	0
9.	Valbonë Keka	LDK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Besa Krasniqi	LDK	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
11.	Ismail Sopi	LDK	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
12.	Sadushe Agaj	PDK	5	1	0	1	0	0	0
13.	Bajram Dërmaku	PDK	10	2	0	1	0	0	0
14.	Fatmir Maliqi	PDK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Enver Morina	PDK	5	1	0	1	0	0	0
16.	Qemajl Beqiraj	PDK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Blerta Kallaba	PDK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Bekim Arifi	PDK	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
19.	Shqipe Berisha	AAK	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
20.	Merita Agaj	AAK	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
21.	Bekim Fazliu	AAK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Enver Mavriqi	AAK	15	2	0	2	0	0	0
23.	Fatmir Krasniqi	AAK	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
24.	Nebi Sylejmani	AKR	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
25.	Edona Ajeti	AKR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26.	Blerta Demi	AKR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27.	Ruzhdi Basha	AKR	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
28.	Zivojin Miljkovic		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29.	Milica Ilic	Observer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	Ramiz Kryeziu	Observer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Participation of members in debates during the sessions

FACTS:

We have ascertained a pronounced passivity of assembly members. Out of 27 municipal assembly members in Kamenica municipality, only 16 assembly members were active or in per cent 59.25 % during the session held from December 2012 to March 2013. While 11 assembly members or in 40.74 per cent were totally passive or they were in capacity of “spectators”. This means that public disclosure of the activities of our organization had the effect of increasing the participation of assembly members in discussions during the assembly sessions. The most active assembly members have been leaders of political groups in the assembly and the active assembly members were as follows: **Jeton Biqku, Bajram Dermaku, Sadushe Agaj, Fatmir Krasniqi, Besnik Rrudhani, Satmifer Kryeziu, Rexhep Morina, Nebi Sylejmani, Merita Agaj, Shqipe Berisha, Enver Morina, Minivere Maka, Besa Krasniqi, Ruzhdi Basha, Enver Mavriqi dhe Bekim Arifi.**

The so-called passive “spectators” assembly members are: **Blerta Demi, Edona Ajeti, Bekim Fazliu, Blerta Kallaba, Qemajl Beqiraj, Fatmir Maliqi, Ismail Sopi, Valbone Keka, Zyhrije Bunjaku, Burim Dermaku dhe Ramiz Keka**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

An efficient engagement of assembly members in defending and articulating interests of citizens of Kamenica municipality

Active members with number of discussions				Passive members with nod discussions			
1	Enver Mavriqi	AAK	15	1	Blerta Demi	AKR	0
2	Jeton Biqku	LDK	12	2	Edona Ajeti	AKR	0
3	Bajram Dermaku	PDK	10	3	Bekim Fazliu	AAK	0
4	Enver Morina	PDK	5	4	Blerta Kallaba	PDK	0
5	Sadushe Agaj	PDK	5	5	Qemajl Beqiraj	PDK	0
6	Besnik Rrudhani	LDK	4	6	Fatmir Maliqi	PDK	0
7	Satmifer Kryeziu	LDK	4	7	Ismail Sopi	AKR	0
8	Fatmir Krasniqi	AAK	3	8	Valbone Keka	LDK	0
9	Rexhep Morina	LDK	3	9	Zyhrije Bunjaku	LDK	0
10	Besa Krasniqi	LDK	3	10	Burim Dermaku	LDK	0
11	Nebi Sylejmani	AKR	2	11	Ramiz Keka	LDK	0
12	Merita Agaj	AAK	1	12	Zivojin Miljkovic	CC	0
13	Shqipe Berisha	AAK	1	13	Milica Ilic	Observer	0
14	Minivere Maka	LDK	1	14	Ramiz Kryeziu	Observer	0
15	Ruzhdi Basha	AKR	1				
16	Bekim Arifi	PDK	1				

FACTS:

During the three monitored sessions of Municipal Assembly, there were noted no suggestions to initiate any urgent issues and requests for interpellation of executive by the side of Kamenica assembly members.

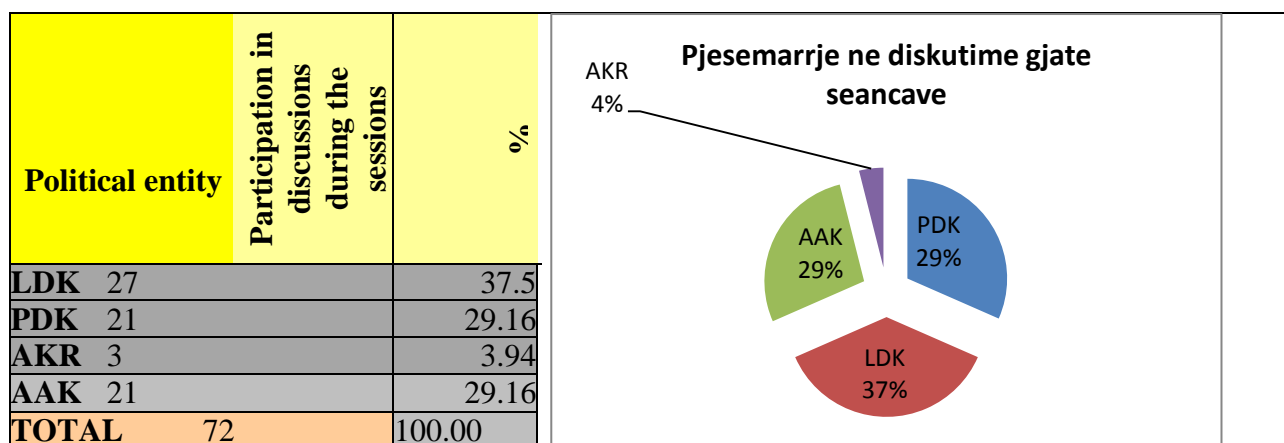
RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Active members of Policy and Finance Committee with number of discussions					
No.	Members	Political entity	Participation in discussions	Rising of issues	Proposals for items of agenda
1	Enver Mavriqi -	AAK	9	1	1
2	Fatmir Krasniqi	AAK	3	1	1
3	Bekim Arifi	PDK	3	1	0
4	Sadushe Agaj	PDK	4	1	1
5	Bajram Dermaku	PDK	5	0	1
6	Rexhep Morina	LDK	2	1	1
7	Jeton Biqku	LDK	4	1	1
8	Ruzhdi Basha	AKR	0	0	0
9	Bekim Fazliu	AKR	0	0	0
10	Besnik Rrudhani	LDK	1	0	0

Active members of Communities Committee with number of discussions					
No.	Members	Political entity	Participation in discussions	Rising of issues	Proposals for items of agenda
1	Zivojin Miljkovic	Chairperson	9	2	2
2	Besa Krasniqi	LDK	1	0	0
3	Satmifer Kryeziu	LDK	2	0	0
4	Merita Agaj	AAK	1	0	0
5	Nebi Sylejmani	AKR	2	0	0
6	Negovan Ristic	Member -	0	1	1
7	Zivana Tasic	Member -	0	1	1
8	Vesna Filipovic	Member -	0	0	0
9	Safet Ahmeti	Member-	1	0	0
10	Zoran Disic	Member-	3	0	0

Participation in discussions during the sessions



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