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### **Municipalities of Kosovo collected less income from property tax in the first quarter**

Quarterly financial report for the budget of the Republic of Kosovo, developed by the Ministry of Finances, shows that municipalities of Kosovo marked a decrease of property tax collection compared to the same period of the previous year.

According to MF, incomes from property tax, as the only tax incomes in municipality, during this quarter marked a decrease of 8 percent compared to the same period in 2015.

Almost all municipalities marked a decrease of property tax collection, with the exception of the following municipalities: Lipjan, Podujeva, Prishtina, Dragash, Rahovec, Suhareka, Peja, Skenderaj, Gjilan, Kaçanik, Viti, Partesh, Hani i Elezit and Klllokot.

The report indicates that among major municipalities, the Municipality of Prizren marked the highest decrease of property tax collection during the first three months of this year. The difference in the same period of the previous year is minus 43 percent, or only 350 thousands Euro, compared to 620 thousands Euro in first three months of 2015.

The municipality of Mitrovica, in first three months of this year, collected 110 thousands Euro from the property tax, while in the same period of the previous year collected 130 thousands Euro, or 15 percent less.

During the first three months of this year, Municipality of Ferizaj collected 250 thousands Euro from property tax, while in the same period of the previous year collected 270 thousands Euro, or 7 percent less.

During the first three months of this year, Municipality of Gjakova collected 280 thousands Euro from property tax, while in the same period of the previous year collected 300 thousands Euro, or 7 percent less.

During the previous year, EC Ma Ndryshe considered the fact that low trend of collection of incomes from property tax was impacted by the decision of the central government for forgiving public debts. However, the decrease of property tax collection during this year cannot be justified.

Therefore, municipalities with poor performance during the first quarter should increase efforts to improve the property tax collection, so these funds can be used to invest in infrastructure projects, namely in improving public services for citizens of relevant municipalities.

Municipalities of Kosovo and Ministry of Finance are recommended to carry out information campaigns for citizens and other entities about the need to pay the bills of property tax.

EC Ma Ndryshe commenced the implementation of project “Municipal Transparency Index Reform” since May 2015, thanks to the support of UK Embassy in Prishtina, which covers the largest municipalities of Kosovo, as Prishtina, Prizren, Peja, Mitrovica, Gjilan, Ferizaj and Gjakova, as in Suhareka, Rahovec, Malisheva, Dragash, Mamusha and Shterpce. Transparency Index presents a structured effort to support Kosovo municipalities in meeting standards of good governance, defined with the reform of local government and Kosovo’s European agenda.

Respectfully,

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