

## **PAYMENT AND SERVICES SYSTEM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN ALBANIA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The Social Services have been developed to protect, assist, empower and prevent situations of abuse, neglecting and exclusion from the system of social services as well as prevent the poverty and crisis situations. In addition to that, it aims to protect the vulnerability of individuals, families and children. This paper intends to thoroughly analyze the current system of assessment, payment and services for persons with disabilities in Albania, seen in the light of the need for its reformation. The structure is composed in two parts, where the second part is dedicated to the essential points related with the reform. The dominant model of Social Services in Albania is focused in allocation of cash payment for economic assistance, payment for various categories of persons with disabilities as a way to tackle poverty and social problems. This model intends to alleviate poverty and minimize social exclusion for communities, families and individuals in need. While cash benefits such as economic assistance and pensions might contribute in reducing vulnerability, the tackle of poverty problem requires comprehensive systems whose aim is to support individuals to avoid social exclusion as well as to encourage participation in the community as citizens with full rights and responsibilities. The method used in this paper is the empirical one, through which we aim to investigate about this current issue by objectively interpreting and analyzing data.

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