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| **Project title:** | Improvement of health services in educational institutions of Pakruojis and Šilalė district municipalities | | | |
| **Project code:** | LT03-2-SAM-K01-013 | | | |
| **Programme** | 2014-2021 Program of the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism “Health” | | | |
| **Project implementer:** | Pakruojis District Municipality Public Health Bureau (Pakruojis PHB) | | | |
| **Project partner:** | Šilalė District Municipality Public Health Bureau  (Šilalė PHB) | | | |
| **Project status:** | Implementation | | | |
| **Number of grant agreement** | LT03-2-SAM-K01-013 | | | |
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| End of activities: | | 2022-09-29 | |
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| **Funding source** | **Sum EUR** | Project budget of Pakruojis PHB | | Project budget of Šilalė  PHB |
| **Support funds:** | **202 734,10** | **139 094,84** | | **63 639,26** |
| *European Economic Area Financial Mechanism funds* | *172 323,09* | *118 230,62* | | *54 093,37* |
| Budget of the Republic of Lithuania | *30 410,11* | *20 864,22* | | *9 545,89* |
| Municipal budget funds: | **71 230,90** | **48 871,16** | | **22 359,74** |
| Eligible funds: | *71 230,90* | *48 871,16* | | *22 359,74* |
| Non eligible funds: | - | **-** | | **-** |
| **Total Project value:** | **273 965,00** | **187 966,00** | | **85 999,00** |

**Project description**

**Project aim** is to improve the services provided to children in the health offices of pre-school and school education institutions of Pakruojis, Šilalė district municipalities, thus ensuring the well-being of children and youth.

The project aims to create conditions for improving children‘s health and quality of life, to ensure high-quality and efficient health care services provided to children in health offices - to renew the infrastructure of the health offices of pre-school and school education institutions, necessary for the provision of services.

**The benefits of the project will be felt most** by children of pre-school, primary, basic and secondary school age in Pakruojis and Šilalė districts, specialists of health offices. **The results of the project will also affect** the parents of children, employees of educational institutions, the public of Pakruojis and Šilalė districts.

**The results of the project are for thousands of children and young people**

Up to 2022, we plan to repair 9 health offices, install 6 new ones. and provide the furniture, During project implementation even 26 health offices will be provided with the furniture, equipment and methodological tools necessary for the provision of health services (17 in Pakruojis district, 9 in Šilalė district). In modern health offices adapted for children and youth we plan to provide services to 5 658 children and young people (2 394 in Pakruojis district, 3 264 in Šilalė district).

**Why does Pakruojis and Šilalė need such a project?**

**Project problem**

Health about 50% depends on a person’s lifestyle, so early health education and healthy lifestyle education are important for a child’s future. Kindergarten, school is a favorable place to nurture children's health, form healthy lifestyle skills and develop health activities, taking into account the peculiarities of the child's development.

The condition of the infrastructure of health cabinets of Pakruojis and Šilalė district educational institutions before the start of the project was poor: worn walls, ceilings, floors, old inefficient lighting devices, electrical installation, worn sanitary devices, some of them did not have them at all. In some institutions, there were no such offices at all, so it is not even worth expecting high-quality services that are attractive to children and young people. The available infrastructure hardly allows ensure working conditions for specialists: furniture is worn out, equipment is outdated, methodological tools do not meet modern needs or they do not exist at all, there is a lack of them.

It is planned that the repair works in the health offices will start in June-July 2021.

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