



Local Development Planning and Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation in Albania - Community Works Project II (CWP II)

Context

As part of its commitment to build the capacity of Albanian local government to engage in sustainable and participatory development, the Albanian Development Fund (ADF) has contracted the Urban Research Institute and URI as its local partner, in collaboration with ADF staff, to devise a comprehensive structure and methodology for Local Development Planning (LDP) and Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) to be implemented in five communes of Albania. The key precepts of the LDP and PME framework are that it is participatory in design and implementation, and meaningful, that is, feasible, to all beneficiaries concerned. The project included five pilot communes: Maminas, Vithkuq, Veliopja, Xarra and Kastriot.

Specific objectives

- Introduce LDP/PME concepts and process to selected communes and provide necessary training for key participants.
- Assist selected communes in development and preparation of Local Development
- Plans for submission to Commune Councils. Provide technical assistance that builds the capacity of communes in long-term strategic planning and project implementation, as well as participatory monitoring and evaluation.
- Prepare recommendations for modifying the structure and methodology of LDP/PME based on

concrete experience of the pilot program and for scaling up the

program to additional communes and



municipalities upon completion of the pilot program.

Project steps

Step One: Obtaining Local Commitment

Step Two: Providing Direction

Step Three: Getting Started - The LDP/PME Group held planning meetings to chart out their respective courses of action, timeframes, and roles and responsibilities.

Step Four: Gathering Information



FONDI SHQIPTAR I ZHVILLIMIT
ALBANIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

Step Five: Village Participation Following are the data about the participation in village fairs:

- Maminas: 402 pjesmarres/142 women
- Kastriot: 383 pjesmares/35 women
- Vithkuq: 155 pjesmarres/33 women
- Xarre: 236 pjesmarres/48 women

- Veliopja 395 participants / 42 women

Step Six: Compiling Data, Input into Preliminary.

Step Seven: Priority Area Subcommittee Work Step Eight: "You talked, we listened. Did we get it right?" Community Meeting and Commune Council Conceptual Approval of the LDP.

Step Nine: Integration with Budget Development/Funding Identification

Step Ten: LDP Implementation and Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation

MAIN FACTS

PARTNERS:

- ✓ Albanian Development Fund/World Bank

DURATION:

March 2005 – April 2006

BENEFICIARIES:

- ✓ Communes: Maminas, Vithkuq, Veliopja, Xarra and Kastriot.

CONTACT:

Zana Vokopola
Director

Urban Research Institute

Rr. Asim Vokshi, Nd.14
Hyrja 11, Ap. 56

About URI

Since 1999 the Urban Research Institute (URI) has been delivering big results for development projects and programmers carried out throughout Albania. Our core business focuses on community development, local government strengthening, environmental protection, decentralization, and public services. We conduct studies, lobby the government, train local government units, increase public access to information, and connect development partners. URI has worked with donors such as USAID, Swiss Cooperation, the Netherlands Embassy, UNDP, World Bank, EU, SIDA, Open Society/Soros Foundation, etc.

About URI

Since 1999 the Urban Research Institute (URI) has been delivering big results for development projects and programmers carried out throughout Albania. Our core business focuses on community development, local government strengthening, environmental protection, decentralization, and public services. We conduct studies, lobby the government, train local government units, increase public access to information, and connect development partners. URI has worked with donors such as USAID, Swiss Cooperation, the Netherlands Embassy, UNDP, World Bank, EU, SIDA, Open Society/Soros Foundation, etc.