



# Participatory Urban Planning of Orikum City

## Objectives

Participatory Urban Planning (PUP) in Orikum, is designed with the objective to improve local governance and accountability in Orikum municipality by (i) building the capacity of local government officials and civic groups to engage in consultations that are focused and goal-oriented towards solving community problems; and, (ii) on a pilot basis, introducing short and long term mechanisms to institutionalize citizen voice in government decision making. The long-term objective is to create opportunities for social inclusion in public decision-making. The PUP has been tailored according to the budgeting cycle of Orikum municipality

## The project phases

The participatory urban decision-making process may be seen as comprising four basic phases.

### PHASE I: PREPARATORY AND STAKEHOLDER MOBILIZATION

- The Preparatory and Stakeholder Mobilization Phase initiates the participatory decisionmaking process and comprises the following major stages: Mobilizing stakeholders as recognized experts in the field of urban planning, history, culture, architecture, associations, media and citizen groups;
- Issues and city profiling This phase was characterized by an intensive informing campaign of public informing by using electronic media and local press, visits in the houses of citizens and collecting opinion through the survey of 200 citizens and open meeting were about 200 citizens participated.



### PHASE II: ISSUE PRIORITIZATION AND STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENT

During this phase were conducted meetings with the identified groups of the first phase, to divide the city in priority areas. There were 7 open meetings and many interviews with citizens which served as basis for the first draft of the participatory zoning of the city of Orikum.

### PHASE III: STRATEGY FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Analysis of the information and preparation of the first project on functional urban zoning and the policy on functional zoning.

### PHASE IV-FOLLOW-UP AND CONSOLIDATIONP

Preparation of the final zoning document and the policies as well as the mechanisms for monitoring and implementing. The

municipality has now a modern mid-term planning instrument, "The policy of the functional zoning" as well as the "Map of functional zoning", which will lead the municipality and the community of Orikum towards a more efficient urban development in the next 5 years. The new planning instrument makes it easier for the municipality and citizens to evaluate and execute the permissions for development which harmonize the interests of the citizens and ensure the planned development of the city.

**MAIN FACTS**

**PARTNERS:**

- ✓ United States Embassy/Small Grant Commission on Democracy

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**BENEFICIARIES:**

- ✓ Municipality of Orikum

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