



Access to Water & Sewerage in the Informal urban Settlements & Rural Areas of five Albanian districts to include Saranda, Gjirokastra, Lezha, Pogradec and Vlora.

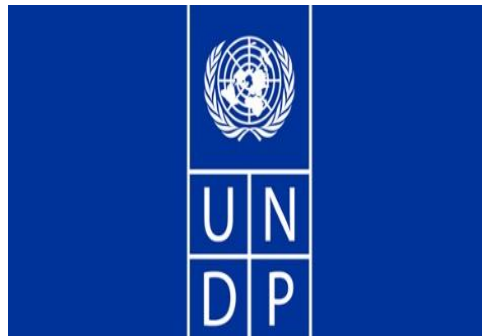
Objective

The objective of the project was the preparation of two studies in relation to access to water and sanitation: one the informal urban settlements of 5 Albanian cities, namely Saranda, Gjirokastra, Lezha, Pogradec, and Vlora and the other on the rural areas surrounding these cities.

In each of the 5 cities, the study:

- Identified the geographic location of informal urban settlements, including those that have emerged recently as a result of the process of rural-urban migration,
- Estimated the size of the population of the informal settlements,
- Clarified the legal position of each informal urban settlement with respect to the Law on “Legalization and Regularization of Informal Settlements in Albania” of 2006,
- Obtained information from municipalities and as well licensed water utilities regarding issues of access to water and sanitation,
- Designed and conducted a survey in a small scale and focus group interviews with inhabitants of the

informal settlements collecting quantitative and qualitative information.



200 interviews were conducted in the informal urban settlements and 700 interviews in rural areas. The sample size was determined based on the assumption that, for 95% confidence, 50% of the population living in these areas do not have access to water supply and sanitation service. This sample is allocated in proportion with the population number of informal settlements and selected municipalities, ensuring a higher representations of the larger population living in rural areas.

In addition, URI conducted 12 focus group discussions - one in each district addressing rural areas and one in each city addressing the informal settlements.

The survey report documented social and environmental issues, and as well gave recommendations on the efficient ways and necessary means for providing access to water and sewer service.

MAIN FACTS

DONORS:

UNDP & Regulatory Entity of Water in Albania

DURATION:

March 2012 – August 2012

BENEFICIARIES:

- Pogradec
- Lezha
- Vlora
- Saranda
- Gjirokastra

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