

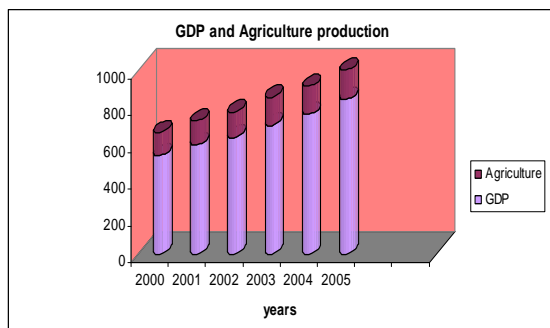


*More budget for Agriculture-Opportunity for
development*



Share of Agriculture sector and the overall impact in the economy

Agriculture is the primary sector that most of developing countries have to rely on for their economy. It is true that development of agriculture plays a very important role in the developing countries. Also, agriculture sector's growth is crucial for achievement of a number of development goals. Without development of agriculture sector, it will be hard to achieve the goals enhancing the overall economic growth, reducing poverty, improving food security and conserving natural resources.



Considering the latest development in economy and the impact of the different sectors, recent trends suggest that in Albania there is a potential for development of a modern and competitive agriculture sector provided the right policy environment and state support to encourage the private investments in this area.

Even though at subsistence level, agriculture sector is one of the main income provider sources for residents at rural areas. Investments in agriculture sector means development in this sector providing higher incomes, better living conditions for one of the substantial part of population, the one living in rural areas resulting in turn in welfare enhancement in overall country.

Many studies conducted in the world have revealed a positive correlation between the economic growth of a country with focus on agriculture and the development of agriculture sector

Currently in Albania, this sector contributes to 25 % of GDP which is high as compared to neighboring countries, while average gross income per farm is estimated at about 1800 USD and is lower than in other countries.

The main issue treated in this paper is to bring to the decision maker's attention and to the public at whole the urgent need for a budget increase at the rural sector. The rural sector covers only 2.1% of the total budget, and it constitutes less than 1% of the national GDP.....