

Project Title

Kastriot-Lurë Road Rehabilitation and Paving

Project Type

Public Services

Project Location

Local Government Units (Kastriot, Fushë-Cidhna, Arras, Lurë)

Total Pre-Estimated Budget

4,000,000 Euro

Project Background and Analysis

The road connecting the National Lura Park with Peshkopi (44km) is in very critical conditions. Only 10 kilometres are paved, while 34 other km are unpaved and classified as rural road. It is very difficult to cross that road under bad weather conditions (in winter it is for a long time blocked). This situation has a negative impact on the access of the inhabitants of Lura, Arras, Fushë-Cidhna and Kastriot to the markets and services of Peshkopi town. This isolation is also unfavourable for the promotion of development of the mountainous and historic tourism of the area.

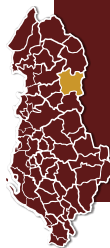
The existing construction of Peshkopi-Kukës road passing through Kastriot village has enabled the connection between Kastriot-Lurë road and the main road of Peshkopi-Kukës, by creating a 13 km shortcut road line compared to the existing road passing through Muhurr. Some 10 km of this road are already paved and in good conditions. Rehabilitation of this road requires the construction of Lusha bridge over Drin river which is 78m long, together with paving of 21 km rural road. The impact of this road is significant for the entire area, because it goes through many inhabited centres and is important for the tourism development in one of the richest areas with natural resources, such as Lura Park, Seta canyons and areas of historical values connected with the Skanderbeg birthplace, castle of Kastriots, etc...

Specific Objectives of the Project

General Objective: Improving life quality of inhabitants of Lura, Arras, Fushë-Cidhna, Kastriot, through better conditions of road infrastructure linking this area with developed urban markets and centres of Peshkopi all over Albania and beyond in the region.

Specific Objective: Kastriot-Lura road rehabilitation and paving of 21 km, by the end of 2018.

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Expected Results and Project Indicators

Expected Result 1: 21 km of rehabilitated and paved rural road of Kastriot-Lura.
Expected Result 2: Some 20,000 inhabitants of Lura, Arras, Fushë-Cidhna and Kastriot will have immediate and qualitative access to urban markets and services of Peshkopi, which will be only 31km paved road from Lura.
Expected Result 3: 40% of income of the area inhabitants will have access of their products to markets and services, and
Expected Result 4: Lura Park and Birthplace of Scanderbeg are expected to be visited by some 4000 visitors per year.

Project Activities

Project approval
Contracting with the implementation company
Initiation of works
Earth works and excavation
Art works
Gravel layer paving.
Stabilising layer paving
First asphalt layer paving.
Second asphalt layer paving
Road signals installation

Project Maturity

The project of Kastriot-Lurë road is one of the priority projects of the regional strategy for development of Dibra district. There is a technical project for the road and Lusha bridge over Drin river. The project of Lusha bridge over Drin river is in the contracting phase with the Albanian Development Fund. The road technical project has also been in the waiting list of priority regional roads for the development of tourism to be financed by Albanian Development Fund.

Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

The local government unit of Dibra is the responsible unit for the administration and maintenance of this road. Currently, funds for the rehabilitation and paving of this road are beyond the financial possibilities of this local government unit, so they will be required by other donors. The most potential one is the Albanian Development Fund or any foreign donor.

Project Cost

Total cost of the project is 4,000,000 Euro. This cost includes Lusha bridge over Drin river with a cost of about 500,000 Euro.