

Project Title

Revitalization of Villages

Project Type

Public Services

Project Location

Dibra Functional Area (15 LGUs)

Total Pre-Estimated Budget

2,300,000 Euro

Project Background and Analysis

Dibra Functional Area has under its administration 141 villages, which have previously been part of 14 communes. During the last 20 years a population movement has occurred from villages to Peshkopi town and more developed areas of Tirana and Durres. In 1990 the village had a population of 86,000 inhabitants and currently only some 60,000 inhabitants live in the area. Therefore, about 43% of the population has moved from that area.

One of the main reasons for this movement of population, in addition to the economic problems, is also linked with the lack of basic services in villages for a normal life, such as paved roads and squares. These shortcomings are also associated with other concerns of poor basic services, such as education, health, access to markets, employment etc. In recent years, families living in the area and many other families which have their own houses in the area but do not live there during all the time, have invested for their households and established regular businesses in these villages, and have balanced the further movement of population from the villages. Also, there is a trend for the return of previously moved families.

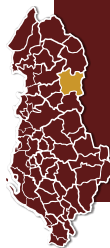
Upon the establishment of the local government unit of Dibra and the elimination of communes, a perception is created that villages will be excluded from basic services by the local government. That means the need to build a program for the revitalization of villages in close cooperation with the village community. In this framework, main squares of the previous communes will be rehabilitated, together with the main squares of big villages with 1500-2500 inhabitants. Also, the roads of villages which are 1-1,5 km far from the main roads will be paved. This action will revitalise the activity of villages in Dibra area. The project is part of the analysis of LGU sections related to transport and roads.

Specific Objectives of the Project

General Objective: A better life quality of the inhabitants of Dibra area villages through improvement of living conditions and infrastructure services in villages.

Specific Objective: Revitalization of Dibra villages by 2019 through improvement of infrastructure and architecture of villages with well-designed and arranged squares associated with art works, at least in former commune centres and other big villages, together with paved roads, at least in the villages which are 1-1.5 km far from the main national road.

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Expected Results and Project Indicators

Expected Result 1: Dibra villages (12 commune centres and 8 big villages) will be with well designed and arranged squares, with art works in cooperation with and active participation of the community.

Expected Result 2: 10 Dibra villages which are 1-1.5km far from the main national road will have paved and well organized roads.

Project Activities

Design technical projects;
Awareness campaign and dialog with the village communities;
Square rehabilitation;
Road paving.

Project Maturity

The program is composed of several mini projects and is in its conceptual phase. As the road projects, several communes have their own full technical projects, which will be handed over to the inventory of the coming local government units, with the purpose of continuation in the next phase of application.

Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

Future local government unit is responsible for the design, management and maintenance of the infrastructure. Funds of square rehabilitation can also be generated mostly from the contribution of the community and the businesses, while the roads will be built by government funds, the Regional Development Fund, or Albanian Development Fund. The Municipality will provide close cooperation with the community and businesses which are ready and interested to contribute to support, especially regarding the rehabilitation of squares.

Project Cost

Total cost of the project is 2,300,000 Euro. Out of them, 1,500,000 Euro are for paving the roads and 800,000 Euro for square rehabilitation.