



Project Title

Support to sustainable environmental development

Project Type

Projects that are mobilized quickly

Project Location

LGU Shijak, (Erzen River, Erzen Lake, Gjysh dhe Dushk Sources)

Total Pre-Estimated Budget

175,000 Euro

Project Background and Analysis

As it clearly comes out from the study, Shijak is considered to be a town with rich water sources. Erzen river, Erzen Lake, Gjysh Source and Dushku Source are all located in its territory. These sources are the most important touristic natural potentials of the area, providing appropriate recreation areas for its population and potential tourists.

But the lack of waste collection service, dirty waters discharge, irresponsibility, in years, of management structures and of the community itself, has made these areas suffer from environment pollution.

Addressing these issues, raising the awareness of the local authorities and of the community, cleaning of these areas, development of a permanent plan for waste management and collection, can transform these natural resources into touristic attractions for the visitors, a source for tourism development and relevant business, etc.

Specific Objectives of the Project

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the improvement of protection and management of sustainable environmental development in Shijak Functional Area.

This can be achieved by raising awareness among local stakeholders of local government, community and civil society in relation to issues and importance of environment protection, through educational activities, interventions in polluted areas for their rehabilitation, setting up tour guides for the promotion of natural resources, etc.

Expected Results and Project Indicators

The community of Shijak LGU, with a population of 7,568 inhabitants, would mainly benefit from this project. More specifically, service business community (three categories, small/medium/big) would benefit from this project, but also businesses related to service provision, as rehabilitation of the polluted areas and their promotion would create the opportunity for tourism development and increase of requests for services in this area, which has been inexistent up to now, with at least 1,000 visitors from the first year.

On the other side, public services would be improved under the pressure of the investment made, of the business community, and in cooperation with this community, new forms and mechanisms would be processed for the maintenance and increase of cleaning level in the area.

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Project Activities

- Cleaning four hot spots, already identified as polluted, but with considerable potential in tourism development of the area;
 - Development of a long term plan in cooperation with the local business for their safeguarding and maintenance;
 - Development of appropriate areas for rest/camping;
 - Planting and forestation of damaged areas;
 - Promotion of natural values of the area and their inclusion into the agendas of the touristic agencies;
 - Raising awareness of the community, business and local authorities for the importance of safeguarding and maintenance of a clean environment, as an important condition for tourism development.
- The duration of the project is foreseen to be 20 months.

Project Maturity

There is only a clear concept on the need and the opportunities that the implementation of this project would offer. For the implementation of this project, the first step to be undertaken, is the agreement with the local government, as the responsible institution for waste collection and environment protection.

Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

Taking into consideration the lack of financial sources for the local government to fund this kind of projects, it would be appropriate to require funding from foreign donors and funds on regional development of the Albanian Government.

Civil Society, in partnership with the local government, would be the most appropriate actor for the implementation of this project, taking into consideration the experience gathered in years and its natural role in environment protection.

Project Cost

According to ranking of the 6 main activities mentioned above, the approximate costs would be as below:

- Cleaning 30,000€;
- Development of a long term plan 20,000€;
- Establishment of appropriate areas for rest/camping and supportive infrastructure 80,000€;
- Planting and forestation of damaged areas 20,000€;
- Promotion of natural values 20,000€;
- Awareness 5,000€;
- Total 175,000€.