

LAG (Local Action Group) - Local Action Group is a major component of the EU LEADER initiative.

▪LAG was made by institutions or individuals, whether private or public partners to a rural area and include representatives of various sectors of socio-economic factors. To precede the establishment of the lag-s, in London, was sponsored a regional meeting of all Oxfam collaborators under the program funded by DIFID, "Her voice to be heard"



▪ LAG receive financial support to implement their strategies or local development strategies of integrated rural development and through them provide grants for projects related to the area to which they belong.

Project activities:

1. PHASE I - Exchange of experiences with existing LAG - "Holstebro" Denmark, Oxfam GB Tirana and its local collaborators to see examples of how the Lags function, how they worker and how the Lags are financed , was made an several days appointment in Denmark to be introduced more closely with these experiences.



2. Training on the operation and establishment of Lag-s.

IDM realized off a cycle of training meetings in the three counties where the lag-s rise to information on the criteria you must meet the Lag, mode of operation, composition, geographic distribution, structure, funding. Facing the first experience in Denmark with the theoretical aspects followed by IDM has served for the establishment of Albanian Lag-s.



3. Establishment of Lag "ADRIJON" Vlore

LAG "ADRIJON" Vlore area consists of three administrative units, two communes and a second level municipality, the Center Commune, Novosela Commune and Orikum

Municipality. Territories of these units have common geographic and administrative characteristics, but also some feature. Parts of LAG “AdriJon” are public and private institutions, associations, and women from the LAG area.



4. Prioritizing the development of the area of LAG "ADRIJON" Vlore. To determine clearly the developing priorities a questionnaire was compiled and was completed in the field.



5. Drafting of Rural Development Strategy of LAG "ADRIJON" Vlore area.

Starting from all the documents of the three municipalities, and based on the needs analysis conducted in the field is defined in the strategy the best way on which the LAG need to move in next 5 years. The strategy was published in two languages Albanian and English.

6. The promotion of Lag- "ADRIJON" Vlore was through the creation of the angles of information within each municipality involved in this approach and through various activities.



Phase II-Implementation of 3 pilot investments in the area LAG "ADRIJON" Vlore

Investment in Center Commune- "Improving the environment and tourism development in kind" application point Narta. 130 decorative trees were planted along the entrance street to the village of Narta, the publication of a Tourist Guide for Center Commune, an information center in Zvernec for foreign and domestic tourists, a barbeque corner with the contribution of Centre Commune in Zverneci that will serve to perform the religious rites and for tourists.



Investments in Orikum Municipality - Friendly Tourism with children. Rehabilitation of the garden in the neighbourhood "10 Korriku" by turning in a relaxed playground for children and seniors, with toys for children, with decorative tree, with benches relaxed for the elderly, also in this project including the establishment of 72 vases with flowers along the main beach road in Orikum.



Investment in Novosela Commune-"Revitalization of cultural and social life of youth, women, older people in 12 villages of the Novosela Commune" through the reconstruction of Novosela Commune cinema, movies purchase , the implementation of its function.



The final phase of the project was aimed at increasing gender empowerment and participation of all groups through the Local Government AdriJon LAG.

To increase the capacity of LAG were conducted several seminars:

- 1. Workshop for participation in local decision-making process, participatory budgeting.*
- 2. Workshop to assess the needs of rural women through LAG, their involvement in local politics*
- 3. Workshop on gender budgeting and women's empowerment in rural areas.*
- 4. Roundtable on evaluation methods for participatory budgeting, local government accountability and gender approach.*
- 5. LAG as a model for fundraising to bolster bottom-up approach*



► **LAG AdriJon Forums** - Within: International Day of Rural Women declared by the UN was organized the sensitizing and promoters forum.



► **Lag & LOG** - Discussion for the positive sides of Participatory Budgeting in Novosela Commune and Orikum Municipality with broad community participation.



► **Lag-s Conference 9-10 December 2011 Albanian, Razma-Shkoder.**

Oxfam GB-Albania in partnership with three generated LAG-s , Shkodra, Dibra and Vlora, organized a two-day event in Razëm.



Once they shared experiences and challenges encountered when implementing this model in their rural areas, in the end about thirty two representatives of the three above LAG-s approved the Declaration of Razma.



Razma Statement constitutes the first step and attempt to raise awareness among central and local institutions about the importance of supporting and strengthening the model of LAG-s as one of the important actors in rural development.

REACHED RESULTS.

- ✦ Establishment of one of the first Albanian Lag, Lag "ADRIJON" Vlora that includes Center Commune, Novosele Commune & Orikum Municipality.
- ✦ A renovated cinema at Novosela and put in function of the youth of the area and beyond.
- ✦ A relaxed playground for children and third age in the neighbourhood "10Korriku" in Orikum
- ✦ Flourishing of the Orikum beach road with 72 vases of flowers and 36 bins for waste disposal.
- ✦ Greening of the entrance road in the village of Narta with 130 decorative trees.
- ✦ A tourist information centre in Zvernec.
- ✦ A tourist guide for the Centre Commune (Albanian, English)
- ✦ 182 persons trained on gender equality, participation in decision making and participatory budgeting
- ✦ Two meetings with community and local decision-making institutions for participatory budgeting
- ✦ A national conference of the Albanian Lag-s in Razma and Shkoder.

