

PILOT PROJECT “URBAN INTEGRATION OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS” IN SUKTH MUNICIPALITY, ALBANIA

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Actions of operational plan

Actions done

1. Establishment of Project Structure
2. Kick-off meeting/Workshop
3. Identification of ongoing or finished projects
4. Collect laws and by-laws
5. Translation of documents
6. Action Plan for Sukth municipality (no part of operational plan)
7. Socio-demographic survey + partial analysis
8. Urban analysis

Actions to be done

1. Survey analysis
2. SWOT Analysis
3. Forecast & Demand assessment
4. Participation
5. Urban Development Strategy
6. Elaboration of rehabilitation plan
7. ACTION Plan for integration of informal settlements
8. Training of Municipality staff

❖ Kick-off meeting/Workshop

- Following the kick-off meeting that took place in Sukth Municipality on 10 April 2008 on the 9-th of September was signed the Memorandum of Cooperation between NALAS AAM and Municipality of Sukth.

Actions done



Socio-demographic survey

➤ Preparatory actions

Preparation of ToR

Preparation of the documentation for tender public announcement (three announcements)

We received two applications and started the process of selection and evaluation;

announcement of the winning company: Co-Plan - Institute for Habitat Development;

Preparation of the contracts AAM-CoPlan

contract signing with the winning company

➤ Initial of the survey process

Meeting with Sukth municipality staff, for introduction of the winning company and the actions to be develop

Elaboration of questionnaire

Field work

Progress report on 27 October 2008

First draft of report submitted on 24 November 2008

Presentation of comments by AAM

➤ Final phase

Elaboration of an additional questionnaire for informal and formal settlement

Field work

Submission of the Final Draft Report on 19 December 2008

Presentation of comments by AAM

Submission of the Final Draft Report on 24 December 2008

Actions done



Urban Analysis

➤ Preparatory actions

Preparation of ToR

Preparation of the documentation for tender public announcement (three announcements)

We received two applications and started the process of selection and evaluation;

Announcement of the winning company: ACER – Albanian Center for Economic Research

Preparation of the contracts AAM - ACER

Contract signing with the winning company

➤ Initial of the urban analysis process

Meeting with Sukth municipality staff, for introduction of the winning company and the actions to be developed

Field work

Progress report submitted on 6 November 2008

First draft report in albanian language on 10 November 2008

Presentation of comments by AAM

➤ Final phase

Submission of the Draft Report on 25 November 2008

Presentation of comments by AAM

Submission of the Final Draft Report on 9 January 2009

Actions done



Socio-demographic survey analysis

➤ Preparatory actions

Preparation of ToR

Preparation of the documentation for tender public announcement (two announcements)

We received two applications and started the process of selection and evaluation;

Announcement of the winning local expert

Preparation of the contracts .

SWOT analysis

➤ Preparatory actions

Preparation of ToR

Preparation of the documentation for tender public announcement (two announcements)

One application received;

Preparation of the contracts .

Actions done



Socio-demographic Survey Findings

General

- the total number of questionnaires conducted is 380.
- structured questionnaire containing 27 questions + 8.
- The questionnaires were completed with households living in all seven villages of Sukth.
- Of a total of 380 respondents, 41.4 per cent were male and 58.6 per cent female; the average age of the respondents being about 42 years old.

Actions done



SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

- The average age of all surveyed household members is over 32 years, the national average is 31.7 (INSTAT 2006);
- The family size is 5.07 (15% extended family structure), higher than the national average of 4.22 ;
- 50,3% are migrant households from Diber established mainly on '90, '99, 2000, 2006;

EDUCATION

- 60% of the sample population aged 18+, has up to 8-year schooling
 - 26% secondary school
 - 3,8% University diploma (Kulle)
 - 3% illiterate (Rrushkull)
- the illiterate population of Albania is about 1.6 per cent, lower than data from the survey.
- the population of Sukth has an overall educational level lower than the national average
- it seems that "informal" household members are better educated than "formal" ones

HOUSING

- 95% of all interviewed households live in buildings that are for housing purposes
- 5% share a commercial and a living space.
- 57% do not have a building permit (+8.16% that refused to answer)
- 91.4% declare that they have submitted the self-declaration forms
- less than 40%, or 72 households who have arrived in Sukth after the year 1990 own a second house located in the place of origin.

Socio-demographic Survey Findings



Infrastructure and services

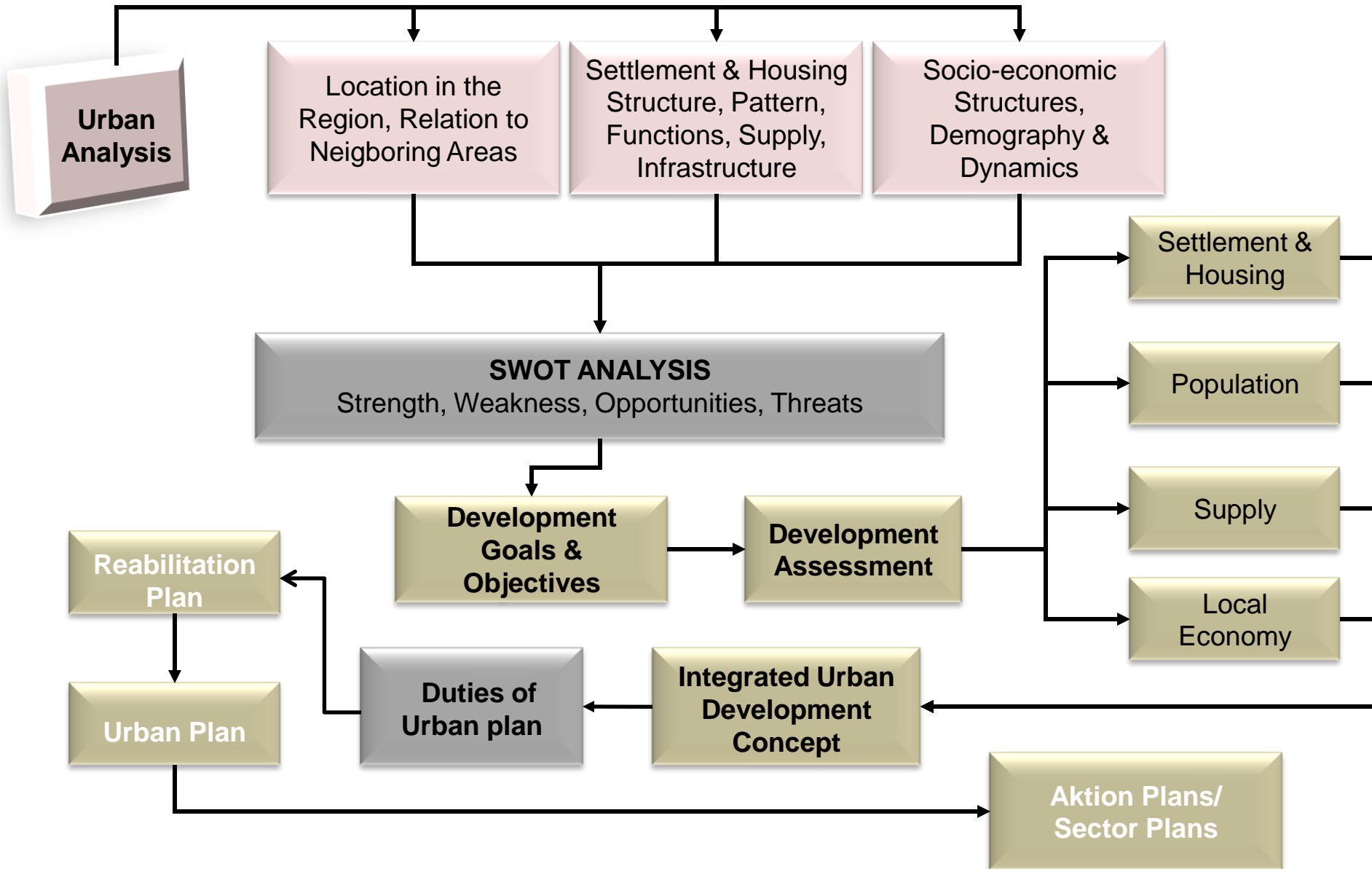
- The inhabitants of Sukth report being relatively satisfied with the quality of the social services (schools, kindergartens, and health care), and with public order.
- most dissatisfaction arises with respect to water supply and sewage systems, as well as with cleaning and public lighting.
- **the quality of public infrastructure and services is much better in the centre of the municipality and generally much poorer in the other villages part of this administrative unit.**

Socio-economic situation

- 20% of surveyed households state that their monthly income does not exceed 15,000 Lekë (app.. 110 €)
- 80% report a monthly income of up to 35,000 Lekë (appx. 300 €) More informal households. Over 35.000 leke, more formal ones.
- no significant difference can be noted between pre and post-90 residents
- migrant households rely more on remittances from work abroad
- 60% of all surveyed households, migrant and non-migrant, report owning a plot of land used for agricultural purposes
- 17% are unemployed, more from informal buildings.



Planning Approach for Urban Development & Integration of Informal Settlements



COORDINATION OF TWO PROCESSES: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROJECT & LEGALIZATION OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENT

To Be more flexible and define activities that can contribute to the acceleration of the legalization process

PILOT PROJECT ACTIVITIES :
URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, REABILITATION PLAN, URBAN STADY OF SUKTH MUNICIPALITY

LEGALIZATION PROCESS GOES SLOWER THAN THE ACTIONS DONE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROJECT

- THE LEGALIZATION LAW AMENDMENT, IN 2008
- INSUFFICIENT STAFF TO FULFIL THE HUGE FIELD WORK

