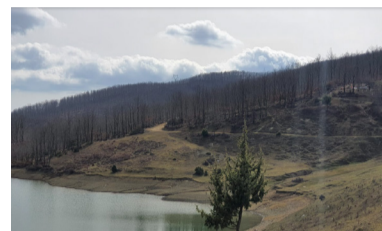


BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE OF FORESTS THROUGH ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION (EBA)

Context

Building climate resilience of forests through ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) is a short-term project that aims to strengthen the climate resilience of forests in the Municipality of Elbasan, consequently improving locals' livelihoods and enabling climate change adaptation. The project consists of four components: 1) Institutional and technical capacity development for EbA in Elbasan; 2) Research on EbA and climate resilient livelihoods; 3) Awareness raising among citizens of Elbasan Municipality; 4) Implementation of a small-scale EbA intervention in the Municipality of Elbasan along the Shkumbin river, with the purpose of mitigating flood effects.



Project Objectives

The Objectives of this project are to:

- i) Increase the technical and institutional capacity to integrate EbA into existing management plans;
- ii) Identify and implement EbA measures in the degraded forest in the municipality of Elbasan to restore degraded forest areas and reduce local communities' climate change vulnerability;
- iii) Increase citizens' awareness and knowledge on the the benefits of EbA for increasing the resilience of ecosystems and enhancing their livelihoods.

Expected Deliverables

- i) 200 trees planted in the Municipality of Elbasan as part of the small-scale EbA intervention;
- ii) 20 local government officials, including officials from the forest directorate, receive training on EbAs mainstreaming and integrating EbA interventions into local planning;
- iii) 100 citizens and habitants of the targeted area acquire knowledge and awareness on the benefits of implementing EbA in their municipality.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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• Urban Research Institute (URI)

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