



ADVOCACY ON SMALL RUMINANTS ANIMAL HEALTH, PRODUCTION AND WELFARE IN RURAL AREAS OF GJIROKASTER REGION-SOUTHERN ALBANIA

PROJECT COORDINATOR:
Royal Albania Foundation (Albania)



AIMS

Overall objective was to **increase food production and diversification of the farming system so as to attain food security in Gjirokastrer region**, through empowered and sustainable small ruminants' value chain and improved policy framework.

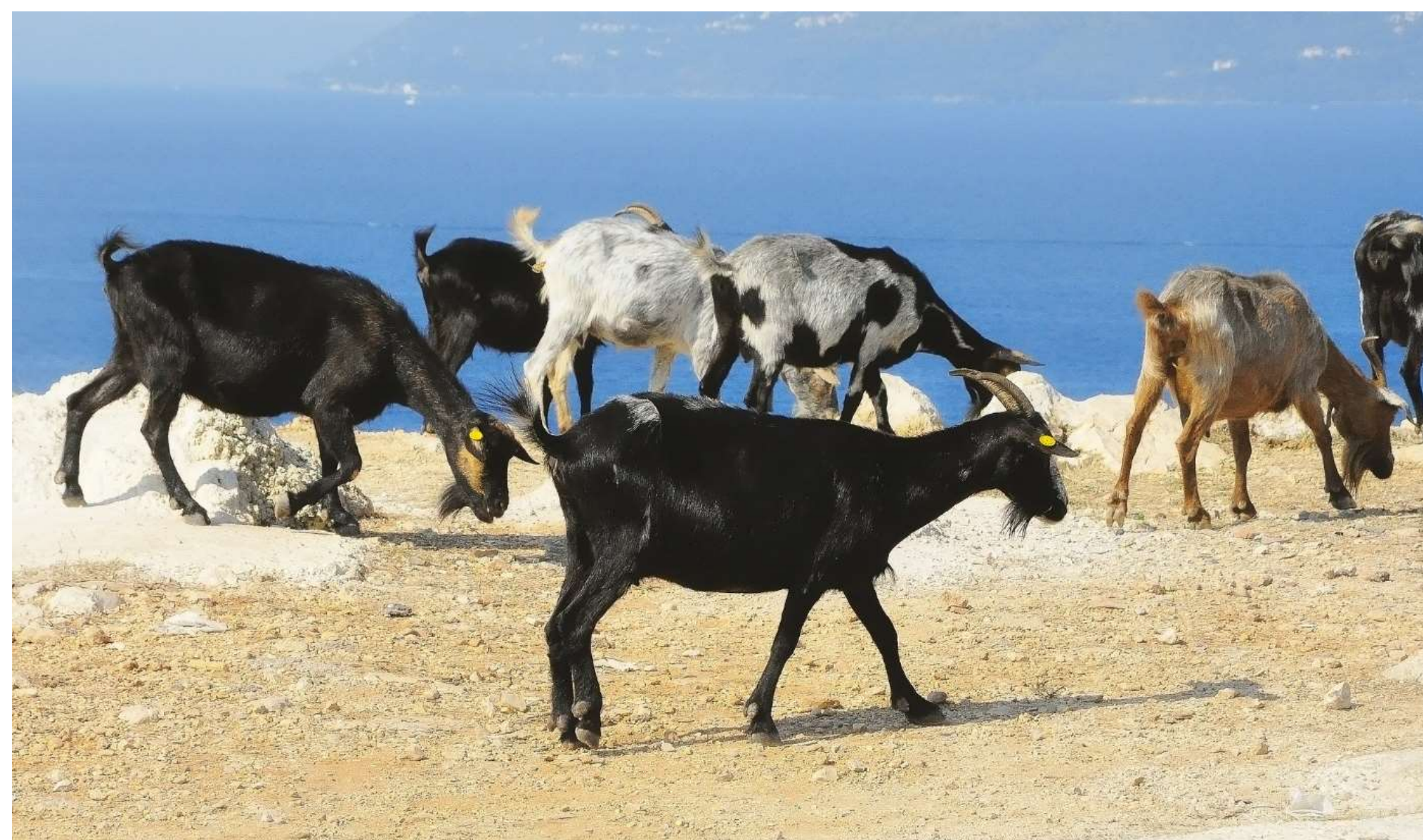
Specific objectives were to:

1. **Build advocacy Coalition** infrastructure for sustainable animal health & production issues.
2. **Influence local governments to allocate funds** for small ruminants vaccination and compensation for all animals resulted positive.
3. **To influence and support the decision makers** of municipalities for the animal health and welfare strategy preparation and implementation.
4. **Raising awareness** of the women and young farmers on the animal welfare, sustainable animal production, and environment.

ACTIVITIES

- 1.1 **Coalition establishment**
- 1.2 **Training of Coalition members and six journalists** on advocacy and lobbying principles.
- 1.3 **Round tables with decision makers for the policy improvement of zoonosis** and animal welfare
- 2.1 **Needs assessment** of the animal health and welfare situation in four municipalities to serve as bases for the animal health strategy.
- 2.2 **Training the veterinarians** for the animal health and welfare strategy
- 2.3 **On-job training** and animal health and welfare strategy preparation for four municipalities
- 2.4 **Round table** with decision makers
- 3.1 **Women and youth trainings** on Animal Welfare, National Minimum Standards and environmental issues.
- 4.1 **Project visibility activities**

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS



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RESULTS

1. A **Coalition of stakeholders (veterinarians, NGOs journalists and others)** is **established and trained** in order to advocate animal health and welfare measures to local and national decision makers.
2. **Four research-based animal health and welfare strategies for four municipalities** were created in a participatory manner and approved by the local governments.
3. **During 2018 all sheep were vaccinated against Brucellosis** as a result of the work of the Coalition.
4. **Veterinarians, representatives of local and regional institutions** were included in the development of local animal health and welfare strategies.
5. **Women and young farmers** were trained on animal welfare, national minimum standards, sustainable agriculture and environmental protection

PROJECT "IN NUMBERS"

- 180 people participated in the kick-off meetings where project was introduced.
- 30 people participated in the establishment of the Coalition.
- 30 Coalition members and 6 journalist were trained on lobbying & advocacy.
- 150 participants took part in three round tables with decision makers
- 25 veterinarians of Gjirokastrer region were trained on how to prepare the strategy of the animal health and welfare.
- 60 people participated in the round table to approve the strategies.
- 80 women and young farmers were trained on animal welfare and sustainable agriculture.
- 13150 project and policy improvement leaflet printed and distributed
- 3 TV stations broadcasted project results.

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