



Project: Building capacities and raising awareness on integrated non-chemical control of mosquitoes in Albania

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REPORT

on an expert mission in the district of Shkodra including a round table on capacity assessment for DDD (disinfection, disinsectoon, derating) services

On 26-27 May 2017 an expert group composed by Enkelejda Dikolli (entomologist) and Përparim Kadriaj (veterinarian / entomologist) representing Institute of Public Health and the SECID project, carried out a duty visit in Shkodra in frame of the capacity assessment for the Pest Control services, focusing on vectors and reservoirs.

Initially, a meeting was held with the Director of the Regional Directorate of Public Health Shkoder, Dr. Ylber Zama and the Chief of Epidemiology Service, Dr. Artan Mesi with whom were discussed community-based concerns about vectors and especially about mosquitoes.

Dr. Ylber Zama appreciated the help and support of Institute of Public Health for conducting entomological field investigations to evaluate vectors in problematic areas.

Then the representatives of Regional Health Directorate (RHD) and the expert group conducted a meeting in the Municipality of Shkodra, with the Vice-Chairman Mr. Dritan Meta, on the possibility of cooperation and assessment of the structures and capacities of this municipality in the DDD sector.

It was also discussed the cooperation between the Municipality and Regional Health Directorate during the summer season for the identification of basements, canals, manholes, pits and basins serving as the mosquito larvae development environment in the city of Shkodra. Vice-Chairman Dritan Meta expressed the good will for cooperation and presented the establishment of the DDD sector with human capacities, equipment and funds (currently emergency funds), in the process of drafting new structures in this municipality, as until now this sector does not exist. He stressed the importance of joining efforts and lobbying to secure funding to make possible the DDD service to the community.

In the Epidemiology Service of RHD-Shkoder, directed by Dr. Artan Mesi, there are two epidemiologists with experience in the detection of zoonoses and other epidemiologic outbreaks (ALERT) and 4 apliers of DDD products. Dr. Mesi presented the opinion that regarding the DDD service, **the access has changed and this service can be regulated and improved only with a national approach, which is especially necessary for large districts and Regional Public Health Directorates, so with a national plan to unify the structures and funds.** RHD Shkoder submitted a request for pre-trial training, the equipment with protective devices and pumps, or other materials necessary for this service.

At the conclusion, the respective questionnaires compiled for this purpose were completed and the data received were entered into a database for further national analysis.

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