

Climate Stories

Increasing Public Participation in Climate Change Adaptation in Albania

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Project Goal

To **collect and share the climate stories** of Albanian individuals among the identified key stakeholders regarding floods in Shkodër and heat waves in Tirana...



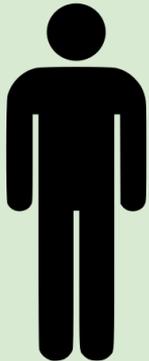


...to help residents connect extreme weather events to climate change and increase public participation in flooding and heat wave adaptation in Albania.

Project Objectives

Objective 1

Identify
representatives



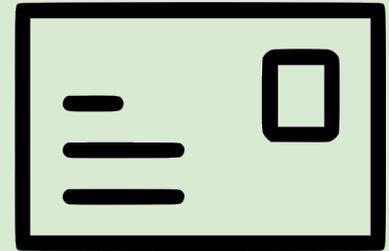
Objective 2

Document
strategies



Objective 3

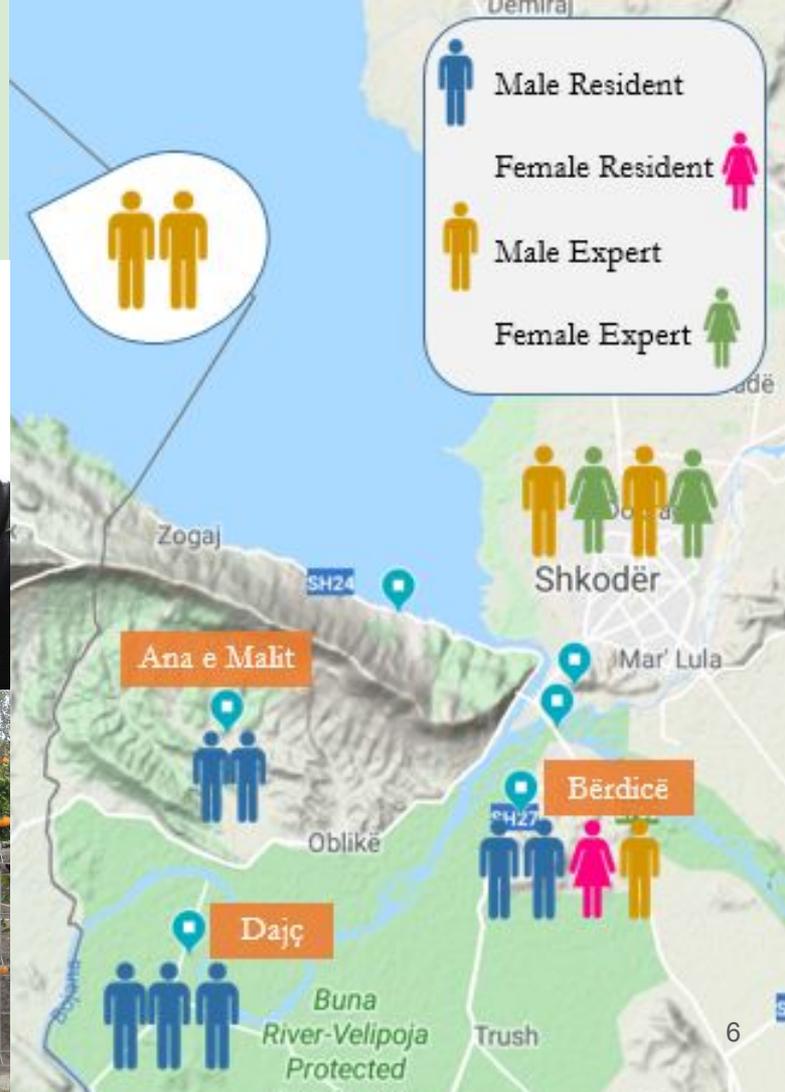
Develop Climate
Cards



A photograph of a flooded street in Shkodër, Albania. The street is filled with murky water, reflecting the sky and the surrounding buildings. On the right, a person is standing on a stone wall, looking towards the water. In the background, a large, rocky hill with a castle on top is visible under a cloudy sky. The text "Floods in Shkodër" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Floods in Shkodër

Shkodër Interviews





Challenges with Flooding Adaptations



A woman with a red flower in her hair, wearing a dark blue dress and yellow gloves, is splashing in a public fountain. She is barefoot and has her right leg raised. The fountain has several vertical jets of water. In the background, there is a large orange container with red and white diagonal stripes. The scene is outdoors with greenery in the distance.

Heat Waves in Tirana

Tirana Interviews





Challenges to Heat Wave Adaptation

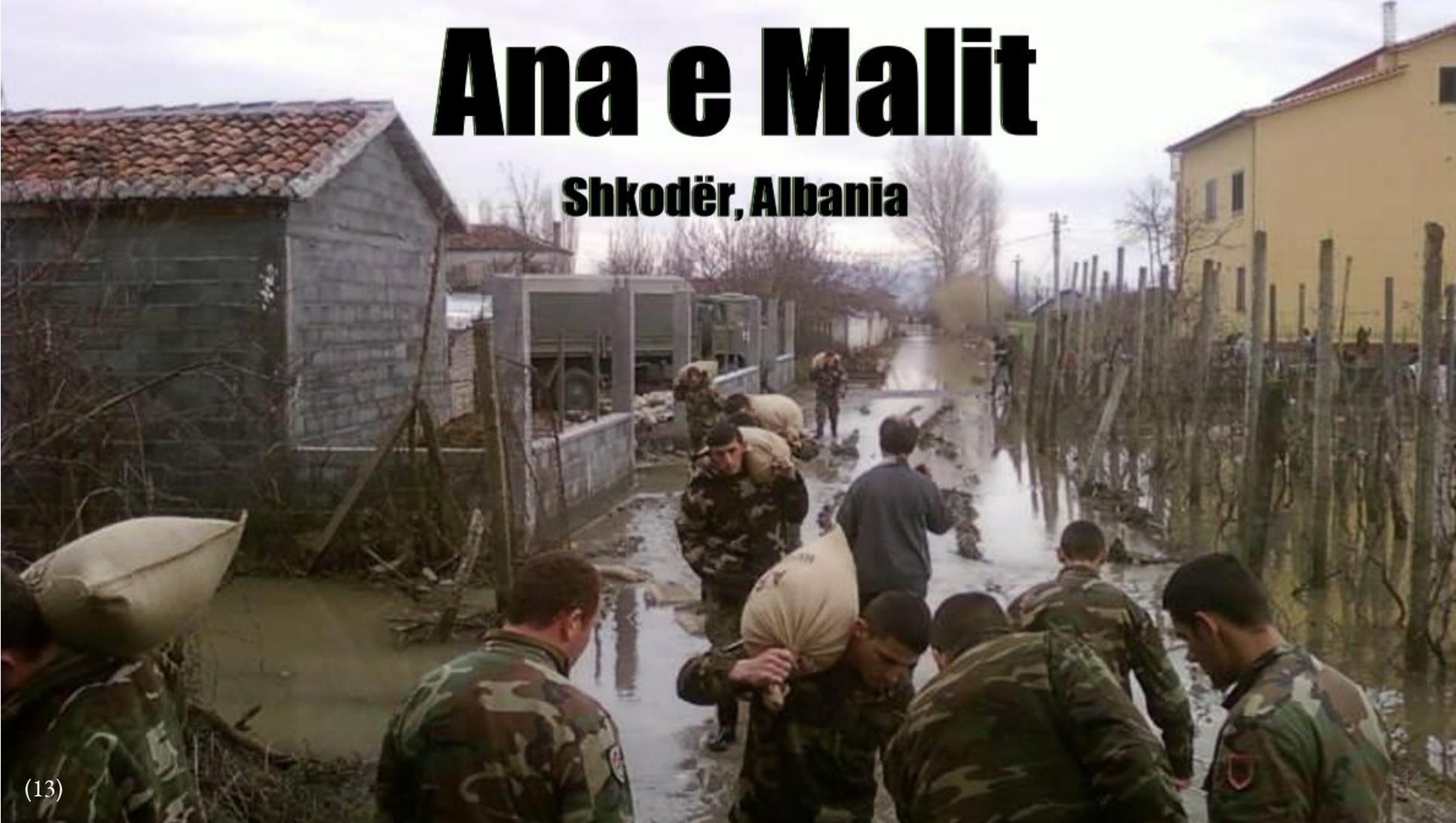


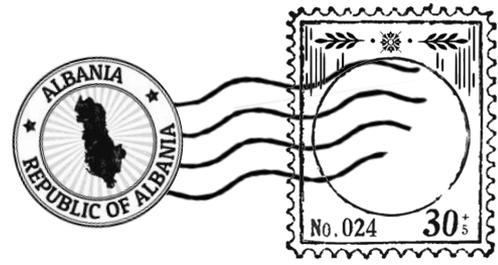


Climate Card Examples

Ana e Malit

Shkodër, Albania





Climate change projections display a decrease in annual rainfall but an increase of intensive rain episodes.

I am the lead of the village for 16 years...I was distributing the bread for the families on the boat, the [flood] flow was very rapid and quick, and [it] overthrew my boat, and I was saved [by] a miracle... If the army would not be here supporting and helping us, the whole village would have drowned.

- Village Leader of Ana e Malit

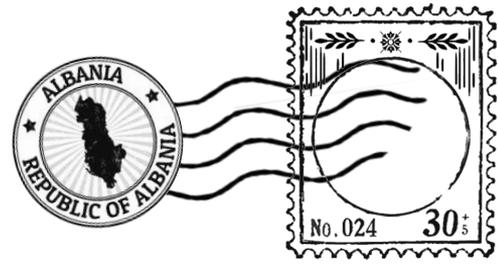


Tirana

Albania

I was born in Tirana, and I grown up here, so I am familiar with the city. Tirana is a big city that was developed so fast and it was a lack of planning in this period of time because the need of building was so big and the people just build it as they needed, or as they thought this will be important for those people. But as you can see in Tirana are not a lot of public spaces and the green spaces are not a lot. This fact is very important for the community because many many people must go outside of the city in the surrounding.

- Urban Planner in Tirana



The phenomenon called urban heat island effect is caused by lots of concrete and big buildings that can significantly change the heat hazard of that area, generally inducing higher temperatures.

A photograph of a flooded alleyway. The water is murky and reflects the surrounding environment. On the left is a weathered concrete wall. On the right is a taller, light-colored concrete wall. In the background, a yellow house with a red tiled roof is visible. Power lines and bare trees are also present in the scene.

Climate Card Activity

Thank you!

