

The banner shows a scenic view of a small village nestled in a valley, surrounded by green hills and mountains. The text '2ND REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT' is overlaid on the image in large, bold, white letters.

FAO work related to local rural development in the ECA region

Work in the region:

- Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Belarus, Georgia, North Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia,
- Support to national and regional rural development strategies
- Support to rural youth and women

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Main principles of FAO REU community development approach

- **Holistic and sustainable:** view needs of people holistically in all their contexts and with all their needs, constraints, and find solutions that address the particular conditions, ensuring economic, social and environmental sustainability
- **Place-based:** consider a set of physical, human, financial, institutional and cultural resources (tradition) of the territory, as well as spatial interlinkages with the surrounding settlements that contribute to its development potential
- **Participatory and inclusive:** identification, involvement and participation of groups of local stakeholders, including representatives of authorities, civil society and vulnerable groups, leaving no one behind
- **Mix of top-down and bottom-up:** mobilize communities by facilitating self-organized processes at local level by reaching out community members and building trust, especially in the countries with lack of initiation and cooperation
- **Policy link:** consider existing policy frameworks and ensure linkages to national strategies and sectoral priorities; contribute to informed policy design

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Community development planning process

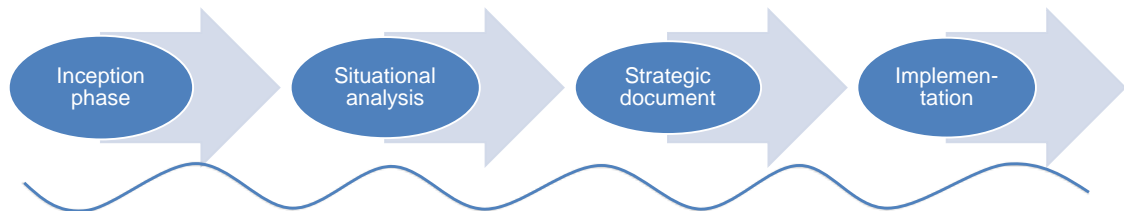
- Inception phase (setting the expectations; starting dialogue)
- Situational analysis and assessment
- Prioritization of development directions and vision
- Shaping the strategic document (e.g. Community development plan, Local rural development strategy, etc.)
- Implementation (building the technical and institutional capacities of local stakeholders, small-scale investment support, resource mobilization, etc.)
- **Full involvement and participation of local people through Community workshops held at strategic times in the process**

GOAL: Shared vision, self-sustained partnership and trust

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Local rural/Community development in practice



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The output and outcomes of the process

- **Local development plan and/or action plan:** multi-sectoral document, which looks at the social, cultural, economic, legal, administrative and political environment; and the financial and other resources, which might be mobilized
- **Policy recommendations** to national authorities to support policy design
- Increased local competency in setting and realizing community goals
- Increased number locally based opportunities
- Increased interest towards and participation in local developments
- Youth empowerment and generational renewal in the village
- Stronger relationships and cooperation among the local people
- Social inclusion

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Objectives of the study on Good practices for integrated community development and territorial development approaches

- Analyse and assess practices used for community development in the region
- Create common understanding on the differences, similarities, shortcomings and advantages of those approaches
- Facilitate cooperation and synergies among development stakeholders at the community, regional and country levels
- Identify good practices and provide policy recommendations for introduction of an integrated community development approach in different contexts of FAO REU programme countries

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Methodology of the study on Good practices for integrated community development and territorial development approaches (1)

- Selection criteria for the practices to be analysed
(geographical coverage, state of conceptualization, approach to development, scope of the community, potential to be adopted in other locations, timing, impact on development)
- Four practices (LEADER, Community-Led Local Development, Area-Based Development, Community Driven Development) + FAO REU approach + FAO approaches used globally
- Accessories:
 - Community supported agriculture
 - Cash+ initiatives
 - Short value chains

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Methodology of the study on Good practices for integrated community development and territorial development approaches (2)

- Adaptation of the Good practice template of FAO
- Documenting the practices in the template
- Development of the outline of the report
- Validation of the preliminary recommendations
- External review
- Finalized in December 2022



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