



OVERALL REPORT

REFORD Regional Activities, September 2015 – July 2016

(Supported by SSPDF Project)

Introduction

REFORD member associations supported by SSPDF Project financed by Sida/CNVP Kosovo, during the period September 2015 – July 2016 developed certain activities according to their respective contracts. Activities and outcomes related are summarized in the following pages:



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NFCFP ALBANIA			
12 LCB days			
Activity	Description of realized activity	LCB day	Output
SSPDF 2.2.4 a.1	A report and a pptx presentation on economic service provided by NFCFP Albania was prepared and shared with REFORD members	2	Economic services provided by NFCFP shared with REFORD members
SSPDF 2.2.4 a.2	NFCFP prepared a presentation on needs analysis and how we came up to select the economic services to be provided to the LGUs on GPS training and participatory mapping, the way how we provide these kind of services, what are the benefits and constraints. Also it included the plan for promotion and extending these services to other LGUs.	4	Analysis of the economic services provided by NFCFP shared with REFORD members
SSPDF 1.1.2 a.2	NFCFP reviewed the forest planning process in Albania and prepared a pptx presentation with a specific focus on annual operational plans, which are based on forest management plans, where a specific attention is paid to assessment of forest resources potential, analysis of forest user needs and market prices for forest wood and non-wood products, economic balance, etc. The presentation was shared with REFORD members in Zabljak, Montenegro	4	Forest planning process in Albania shared with REFORD members.
SSPDF 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 b.1	NFCFP Albania presented its work and REFORD during all meetings with state institutions (ministry of environment, ministry of agriculture, World Bank Mission in Albania) and presented the mission and work of NFCFP and REFORD, highlighting the importance of family forestry in Albania and in the Balkan region.	2	Family forestry and REFORD network more visible and better recognized in Albania.
NAPFO BULGARIA			
2LCB days			
Activity	Description of realized activity	LCB day	Output
SSPDF 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 b.1	NAPFO presented REFORD before the relevant national and international institutions in order to make private forestry and REFORD network more visible and recognized.	2	Private forestry and REFORD network better recognized in Bulgaria.
NAPFO BiH			
2 LCB days			
Activity	Description of realized activity	LCB day	Output
SSPDF 2.4.1 &	NAPFO presented REFORD before the relevant national and international	2	REFORD organization is

2.4.2 b.1	institutions to make it recognized to all relevant institutions.		more recognized in R. Srpska.
CROUPFOA (CROATIA)		2 LCB days	
Activity	Description of realized activity	LCB day	Output
SSPDF 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 b.1	CROUPFOA promote REFORD organization and Family forestry on next events: The 4th Regional Conference of Private Forest Owners in South East Europe (Bjelovar/Croatia, 1.4.2016.); General Assembly of CROUPFOA (Zagreb, 22.2.2016.); Meeting with minister of Ministry of Agriculture; CEPF Management Board and General Assembly Meeting (Paris 1-2.6.2016.)	2	REFORD network and its work is acknowledged in national and European levels.
NAPFO KOSOVO		22 LCB days	
Activity	Description of realized activity	LCB day	Output
SSPDF 2.2.4 a.1	NAPFO prepared a report for the economic services provided and prepared a presentation and shared them with members of REFORD. Economic services provided by NAPFO Kosovo shared with REFORD members	2	Technical training on use of chainsaw and other tools in forest exploitation provided for private forest owners
SSPDF 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 c.1	NAPFO Kosovo organized a field visits in Gjakova to demonstrate the cultivation technology of several forest fruits with the aim to spread this knowledge in order to create employment opportunity for people of rural area contributing in rural development.	7	Experiences shared with REFORD members in Montenegro event
SSPDF 2.2.4 a.2	NAPFO prepared a presentation on economic services provided for the private forest owners related to technical training on chainsaws and other tools used in forest exploitation, the way we deliver the service and analysis on benefits and constraints. Presentation was shared with REFORD members.	4	Analysis of the economic services provided by NAPFO Kosovo shared with REFORD members
SSPDF 1.1.2 a.5	NAPFO reviewed the forest planning process in Kosovo and prepared a document with the main focus on the role of private forests and inclusion of private forest owners in preparation of management plans. A pptx presentation was prepared also and was presented in Zabljak,	4	Forest planning process in Kosovo shared with REFORD members.

	Montenegro to REFORD members.		
SSPDF 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 a.1	NAPFO presented and shared its experience with REFORD members for inclusion of forestry measures in RD programs. A pptx presentation was prepared and shared with REFORD members in the event held in Zabljak, Montenegro.	3	Shared experience in inclusion of forestry measures in RD programs with REFORD members
SSPDF 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 b.1	NAPFO presented its work and REFORD's mission and goal before the relevant national and international institutions emphasizing the importance of family forestry in Kosovo and region.	2	Family forestry and REFORD network better recognized in Kosovo
NAPFO MACEDONIA		28 LCB days	
Activity	Description of realized activity	LCB day	Output
SSPDF 2.2.3 a.1	Leadership of NAPFO toured its regional organizations and offer services of private forests owners in the preparation, collection of documents and applying the same measures for forestry program for Rural Development	6	Provided assistance/services for private forest owners in applying for the forestry measure under RD program
SSPDF 2.2.4 a.1	NAPFO prepared a report for the previous activities (economic services provided) and prepared a presentation and shared them with members of REFORD.	2	Economic services provided by NAPFO Macedonia shared with REFORD members
SSPDF 2.2.4 a.2	NAPFO prepared a presentation on the economic services provided by the private forest owners, the way we deliver services specific economic, shared the benefits of such services for NAPFO and for private forest owners and prepared a presentation for them and share them with members of REFORD.	4	Economic services provided by NAPFO Macedonia shared with REFORD members
SSPDF 1.1.2 a.4	NAPFO documented the process of making plans for forest management in Macedonia, with special attention to the place and role of private forests in those plans, i.e. how those plans reflect the needs and requirements of private forest owners, is there consultation process in the preparation of these plans, are available for private forest owners,	4	Forest planning process in Macedonia shared with REFORD members.

	and the data they contain and whether the information is relevant. After this a document was compiled and the presentation was presented to members of REFORD.		
SPDF 2.4.1 2.4.2 c.1	NAPFO conducted field activities with its members related to rural development, but also with the relevant institutions to implement rural development measures. Also NAPFO shared its experiences and best practices with all members of REFORD to improve certain measures or their implementation in a specific country.	7	Concrete activities related RD realized in the field an experiences shared with REFORD members
SSPDF 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 a.1	NAPFO prepare presentations before members REFORD present their experiences with forestry measures to Rural Development in Macedonia. Pronounce their positive and negative experiences and worked on joint lobbying and promotion measures for forestry in rural development programs in the region, especially in Macedonia.	3	Forestry measures to RD in Macedonia shared with REFORD members and forestry measures promoted in the region.
SSPDF 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 b.1	NAPFO try and present REFORD before the relevant national and international institutions in the country and the region in order to achieve greater recognition of REFORD before the relevant national and international institutions.	2	Family forestry and REFORD network better known in Macedonia
UAPFO MONTENEGRO 48 LCB days			
Activity	Description	LCB day	Output
SSPDF 2.2.4 a.1 & SSPDF 2.2.4 a.2	Union of Associations of Private Forest Owners (UAPFO) have had one joint meeting in Bijelo Polje with 20 UAPFO representatives and CNVP representatives (from MK and MNE), where was discussed about possibilities for service provision of NAPFO MNE. After the mentioned meeting UAPFO representatives had three (3) meetings in the forestry unit (FU) in Bijelo Polje, Rozaje and Berane with in total 25 PFO representatives and FU representatives. The discussion topic was the possibilities of cooperation and implementation of the proposed activities and it was concluded that there are possibilities of performing this activity by NAPFO. A simple action plan for its implementation was prepared after	6	Economic services analyzed and provided to private forest owner associations

	<p>the meetings.</p> <p>It was concluded also that the association in addition to these activities, will try to realize some other activities such as the distribution of seedlings and for this service to take some economic profits. The UAPFO this year distributed 25,000 seedlings to its members. The association has also begun to charge for membership fee for its members with a minimum fee of 2 euros. There were held three informal meetings that were attended about 200 PFO where seedlings were distributed and was discussed about service provision.</p>		
SSPDF 2.2.3 a.2	<p>UAPFO hired a consultant (Franc Ferlin – forestry expert) to do a comprehensive analysis of the forestry sector of Montenegro with special emphasis on private forestry and recommendations for improvement. The results of this analysis were presented at the joint meeting in Rozaje which was attended by about 25 Representative UPFO from all over Montenegro and Forestry administration representatives. We also have the field exercises private forest owner (Demic Izet), where we discussed the current issues in the field of legislation concerning the private forestry and possibilities for intervention/improvement.</p>	6	<p>Legal and strategic planning framework in forestry and rural development in MNE in view of the private forestry analyzed and recommendations for improvement provided</p>
SSPDF 1.1.2 a.5	<p>UAPFO hired the consultant (Ilija Krejovic-Forestry engineer) to prepare the analysis “Planning process in Montenegro forestry sector with particular review of private forest”</p> <p>The analysis was presented by consultant at meeting in Bijelo Polje were presented 22 PFO from MNE and Forestry administration (FA) representatives. We also conducted field exercises where in private forest (owner-Marko Hajduković) 20 PFO with consultant and FA discussed elements of the plan.</p>	4	<p>Forest planning process in Montenegro analyzed and shared with REFORD members.</p>
SSPDF 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 c.1	<p>Meeting on the field with practical demonstration of possible RD measures, with 18 representative of PFO and one representative of regional office for rural development Mr. Jasmin Corovic, Forestry administration, consultant and representative of Municipal agriculture advisory services from Berane, Mladen Lekic</p>	7	<p>RD measures demonstrated practically to PFOs relevant actors</p>

SSPDF 3.2.2 a1 & SSPDF 3.2.2 a.2 & SSPDF 3.2.2 a.3	UAPFO MNE organized the whole event. Prepared invitation letter to the participants and guests. Defined the venue and all necessary equipment as well as defined who will present from institutional/MNE side, media etc. and prepared the report from the whole regional event	20	Event properly organized and shared experiences with REFORD members
SSPDF 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 a.1	In the frame of REFORD assembly meeting, UAPFO organized one day event with PFO members to lobby for inclusion of forestry in RD measures	3	Stronger attention by policymakers for inclusion of forestry in RD measures
SSPDF 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 b.1	UAPFO Montenegro presents its work and REFORD efforts in front of relevant international institutions in the country, participate in events representing REFORD. Overall idea is to promote Family forestry and REFORD network to be better recognized.	2	REFORD and family forestry better acknowledged in Montenegro
SSPDF 2.1.1 a	MICRO-GRANTS	38	
OVERALL COORDINATION		9	
TOTAL LCB DAYS		163	

REPORT ON MICRO-GRANTS

ALBANIA

'Family forestry as a key factor for rural development' Project

Supported by SSPDF Project under the micro grants, NFCFP Albania implemented a project, whose main goal was to influence the decision makers in taking the right decision in benefit of rural families related to law on forest and pastures. The other goal was to promote family forestry in Albania through acknowledgment of family forestry models and the best practices from the region (Kosovo and Macedonia). Since the new draft law on forests and pastures was at the final phase, NFCFP held a meeting on March 10, 2016 with the Head of the Parliament Commission of Productive Activities, Trade and Environment, Mr. Eduart Shalsi and two parliament members (Mr. Besnik Baraj and Mr. Namik Koplaku). The main discussion topic was the rights of forest and pastures user families and the roles of CFPUAs which were not reflected as it should in the new draft law on forest and pastures. Among others during discussions NFCFP brought up the best models of family forestry from the country and the region and the parliament members were invited to see in the field concretely and for this it was agreed with them to do a field visit. On March 18, NFCFP organized the field visit in Zall-Dajt village (Tirana district) where the three parliament members were present. They saw by close the reality and the model of family forestry, where to their frequent questions were answered directly by forest user families.

Another activity in the framework of this project was the field visit in Has and Radomire during 5 – 6 May 2016. The aim was to promote the experiences of protection and traditional management of forests by local community. Representatives from NAPFO Macedonia and Kosovo participated in this activity and brought the experiences from their respective countries. The number of participants in this two-day field visit was 86 people, where 16 of them were women.

During June 2016 is made dissemination of results via social media, email and it is prepared the report.

For implementation of all project activities are spent 12 LCB days.

Achievements:

- The parliament members took into consideration the rights of forest user families and CFPUAs and the existing new draft law on forest and pastures was postponed to be reviewed.
- Shared experiences on management of family forest among three REFORD member associations;
- Shared experiences on certification of forest users in Malzi, Kukes;
- Cultivation of forest fruits in Golaj (Has) and transferring of cultivation technology from Kosovo to Albania;
- Acknowledgment with the tradition of collective use of forests in Radomire (Diber);
- Promotion at national and regional level the experiences of protection and traditional management of forests by local community through a TV documentary from a National TV channel (Top-Channel).
- Sharing of experiences with REFORD members via other communication means.

MACEDONIA

“Increasing capacities and cooperation among members of REFORD network” Project

The Project under micro grants “Increasing capacities and cooperation among members of REFORD network” aimed at supporting solution of the confusing situation with representation of PFOs from Bulgaria and reinforcing its network and representation. The main goal was to improve the organizational structure of all private forest owners in Bulgaria.

For this project took more days to organize meetings and project management activities (for the entire duration of the project (2 + 2 days) that were to be implemented in Bulgaria for several reasons pertaining to the importance of action on the whole territory of the Republic of Bulgaria; the importance of opening of branches throughout the Republic Bulgaria, making REFORD more acknowledged and informing about the opportunities and benefits of being part of REFORD network and also introduction of REFORD to state administration of the forestry sector in Bulgaria.

Conducting meetings or conduct meetings consisted of 4 days (2 times in 2 days - 01-02.04.2016 in Chepelare and Bulgaria 14-15.04.2016 in Hisarija Bulgaria).

The meetings (the first part 01-02.04.2016) was attended by all members of NAPFO Bulgaria. Representatives of Macedonia NPAFO ie REFORD were introduced by NAPFO Bulgaria for their organization, their goals and ways of their activities. Members of cooperatives in which the joint owners of private forests and all these cooperatives are united in NAPFO Bulgaria, but currently operate only in the Rhodope mountain around the town of Smolyan.

From representatives of NAPFO Macedonia focused on the positive experiences from Macedonia NAPFO of their actions in the Republic of Macedonia and the positive experiences and objectives of the actions of REFORD.

The second part of the meeting (14-15.04.2016 in Hisarija Bulgaria) From representatives of NAPFO Macedonia before representatives of the state administration (Ministry for Food, and Forestry -IAG) was presented REFORD, its history, members, positive experiences and vision and objectives that it has.

For implementation of all project activities and reporting were spent 12 LCB days.

Conclusions derived are as following:

1. Out of NAPFO Bulgaria overcame the current territory of action, namely the establishment of branches throughout the Republic of Bulgaria;
2. Sought help from Macedonia and NAPFO REFORD in assisting with their own positive examples of organizing branches
3. Taking advantage of common opportunities (IPA programs, Donors, sharing experiences, etc.).
4. Increased visibility of REFORD organization.

CROATIA

Promotion of rural development program measures for private forest owners

Project report

Most of the private forest owners in Croatia belong to old age groups population and it is necessary to encourage them to apply projects and use the possibilities from RDP.

Private forest owners need to be more educated and informed about the possibilities to use subsidies from RDP. RDP measures are defined to improve forest and private forestry regardless of project applicant.

According to the proposed plan next activities were conducted in order to implement project:

1. On 1/2/2016 half day preparation meeting in Zagreb. Participant: Zdenko Bogović, Domagoj Troha and Miljenko Županić from CROUPFOA and Robert Ojurović, assistant director of Advisory service. Conclusions were that stakeholders are very interested to participate on the workshops and it will be necessary to have more than three planned workshops. The costs of additional workshops will be covered by CROUPFOA. On this meeting also was agreed the content of the presentations:

- Introduction in actual situation of private forestry in Croatia with the overview of situation in SEE region (REFORD);
- RDP forestry measures –developing, objectives, applicants, project preparations
- Cooperation in SEE region and possibilities for implementation projects under the REFORD network.

2. After this meeting a pptx presentation was prepared. In preparation of the workshops local PFOA-s was involved and encouraged to participate.

3. First two workshops were held in Zadar (50 participants) and Šibenik (25 participants) on 5/2/2016. During the conference 'Future of forestry and wood industry in BIH', which was held in Kupres, meeting with representative of NAPFO BIH (Duško Topić) was held on which joint activities was discussed. Third workshop was held in Vela luka on 17/3/2016 (22 participants). Fourth workshop was held in Lepoglava on 31/3/2016 (33 participants) on which the representatives from NAPFO BIH (Duško Topić, Goran Ljubojević and Miro Božić). The fifth workshop was held in Gospić on 22/4/2016 (30 participants).

4. During the preparation and after the workshops information about the workshops and results were spread on CROUPFOA website and trough reports and articles on Advisory service website and newsletter. Colleagues from NAPFO BIH also prepare report about the workshop and publish it on their website.

5. During the May and June final report was prepared.

During the project implementation participants of the workshops was informed about the REFORD network and encouraged to participate in preparation of joint projects. Project results with significant number of private forest owners or other eligible applicants (licensed companies) who received most important information for preparing and implementing projects under the RDP scope. Implementation of RDP projects could significantly improve situation in private forestry.

For implementation of all project activities and reporting, 12 LCB days were spent.

OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

After implementation of all planned activities according to the respective contracts for each REFORD member associations can be concluded as following:

1. Selected economic services by REFORD member associations and implementation at their respective countries has begun;
2. Jointly lobbied and advocated at relevant institutions for inclusion of forestry in Rural Development measures and legal reform in the forestry sector;
3. Increased networking and cooperation between REFORD member associations;
4. Forestry planning process in REFORD member countries reviewed and experiences shared among members;
5. Increased acknowledgement of REFORD Organization and family forestry in the Balkan region and beyond.