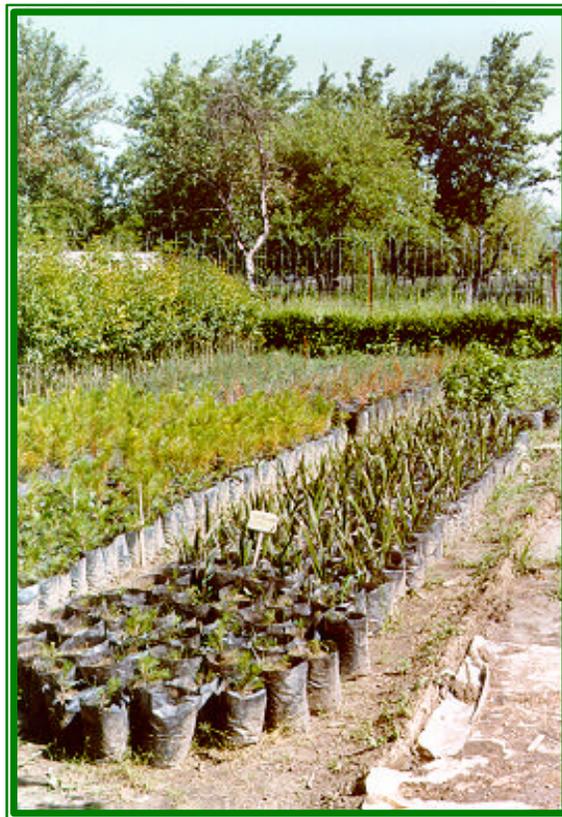




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ACRONYMS

APFDP	Albania Private Forestry Development Program.
AUT	Agriculture University of Tirana
AHRI	Animal Husbandry Research Institute
AFP/WB	Albania Forestry Project (World Bank)
BG	Botanical Garden
BMT	Business Management Training
COP	Chief of Party
DAF	Directorate of Agriculture and Food
DGFP	Directorate General of Forest and Pasture
DFS	District Forest Service
FA	Farmers' Association
FPRI	Forest and Pasture Research Institute
FRI	Forage Research Institute
FUA	Forest Users' Association
GOA	Government of Albania
GTZ-SME	German Technical Assistance - Small Medium Enterprise
GLRI	Greek Livestock Research Institute
H.P.I.	Heifer Project International
HO	Home Office
LOP	Life of Project
LSTTA	Local Short Term Technical Assistance
MOAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Food
MPPT	Management Plan Preparation Team
NA	Nursery Association
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NTFP	Non-timber Forest Products
OI	Opportunity International
PFOA	Private Forest Owners Association
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal

REC	Regional Environmental Center
SO	Strategic Objective
SRS	Small Ruminant Station
SRI	Soil Research Institute
STTA	Short Term Technical Assistance
TOR	Terms of Reference
TOT	Training of Trainers
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development
WMA	Willow Management Association

NINETEENTH QUARTERLY REPORT

April 1 through June 30, 2000

A. Introduction

The Albania Private Forest Development Program's (APFDP) Nineteenth Quarterly Report covers the period from April 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000 and reflects activities proposed under the USAID-approved Year Five Work Plan.

As stated in the last quarterly report, the political and socio-economic situation in Albania appears - at least on the surface - to be growing stronger every day. There are many visible signs of improvements, from road repairs and better telecommunications to the removal of kiosks from Tirana's city parks. Security and civil order have also improved to the extent that the U.S. Embassy now requires only 24-hour advance notification for travel up country. Additionally, adult dependents are also now allowed at post.

Although there are some security concerns about the local elections, which will be held in October, "business as usual" appears to be the order of the day in both the cities and the rural areas. In this atmosphere, APFDP continues to make significant progress in all Intermediate Results. Highlights for the quarter include:

- APFDP's Web site is now on line. APFDP published its web site with information on project activities, institutional partners and contact addresses. In hopes of facilitating business links and trade between Albanian and foreign companies, the site dedicates significant attention to the private sector by providing information on: (i) several Albanian companies dealing with herbs and spice growing, production, processing and trade; (ii) willow baskets and furniture produced by willow processors in Shkodra and Berat District; and (iii) the Nursery Association. Work is continuing on updating the site by providing several project documents and useful technical guidelines online. The site has had more than 100 "hits" since it went on line in early June, and has already resulted in at least one business contact between Bulgarian and Albanian herb dealers.
- Pasture technology replicated. The Soil Research Institute (SRI), the Forage Research Institute (FRI) and APFDP continued to monitor the performance of cultivated pastures using three main polyphyte species, in Kota village, Vlore District. Based on the success of FRI's and SRI's efforts (production of 14/tons forage per year without irrigation), five additional farmers in Kota village established four hectares of cultivated pastures and meadows on marginal lands on their own initiative and with their own funding. APFDP believes that this technology is now ready for wider replication throughout the country.
- Komuna foresters trained/District Forest Services begin forest transfer activities. As stated in the last quarterly report, the Directorate General of Forests and Pastures (DGFP) has finally appointed 27 specialists (one for each district) and 74 forest technicians to be in charge of komuna forest and pasture transfer and management. In late March and for most of the month of April, APFDP in collaboration with DGFP and WB/AFP, organized and conducted five regional training courses on forest transfer for these specialists. The training program included: (i) procedures, steps and criteria on transfer process; (ii) forest policy and

legislation; (iii) awareness and decision making (iv) PRA and facilitator's role, (v) preparation and implementation of management plans (vi) organization of the transfer process. As a result of these courses, seven District Forest Services have now begun their own forest transfer programs using their own resources.

- Regional Botanicals Workshops held. During April 10-May 5, 2000, an international non-timber forest products (NTFP) marketing specialist provided assistance to Albanian botanicals dealers on international herbs and spice marketing. He also assisted them in developing a strategy for facilitating business linkages. During his consultancy in Albania, three regional workshops were organized by APFDP and held in Korca, Shkodra and Tirana. The workshops were designed to bring together, for the first time, key players in Albania's botanical trade including private entrepreneurs, agriculture, forestry and economic development officials, aid organizations and NGOs. The goal was to discuss the issues in an open forum, provide information on the international marketplace, and develop practical, realistic strategies for sustainable development. The workshops were the first step to creating a long lasting industry that is environmentally sound, profitable, and responsive to today's dynamic marketplace.

Finally, APFDP was visited by the Cognizant Technical Officer (CTO), Alicia Grimes, and by USAID/ENI's contracts specialist, Gerry Gold, in late May. During this visit, APFDP's progress towards achieving Year Five results was reviewed and hand-over/phase over possibilities were discussed¹. A property disposal plan was also developed which will be negotiated with DGFP next quarter

B. Overall Result: Increased Private and Decentralized Management of Albania's Forest and Pasture Resources.

Progress under this quarter is as follows:

- Gender integration. Ongoing. APFDP continues to promote women's participation in project activities. Results for the quarter by type of training are as follows with details regarding women's involvement in APFDP "events" are provided in Appendix A.

Type of training	Total Participants	Number of Women	Percent of Women
Training of DFS and NGO specialists in komuna forest transfer	103	6	6%
HPI activities	115	23	20%
NTFP/Botanicals	103	16	15%
Business management	12	0	0%
Komuna forest transfer workshops	83	0	0%
TOTAL	416	45	11%

¹ A hand-over/phase over report was to be included as an Annex to this quarterly report. However, the phase over of some of APFDP's activities – particularly NTFPs – to existing or new USAID projects, appears problematic at the time of writing of this report. IN short, USAID/Albania shows no interest in continuing NTFP work either in new project activities or under existing ones (IFDC). This will be the subject of a separate report to the CTO in August.

Although women's overall participation increased by almost eight percent over last quarter, it should be noted that the above does not include women's participation in activities undertaken under the Regional Environmental Center (REC) and other NGO subcontracts. For example, REC reported that women's participation in workshops and roundtables held in Pogradec, Korca, Lezhe and Shkodra was 25, 29, 50 and 11 percent respectively. APFDP has been remiss in not tracking women's participation in these activities and has asked REC to prepare a short report on gender integration. This will be included in the next quarterly report.

- *Publications and extension materials.* Detailed information on all publications prepared and distributed by APFDP during the quarter is provided below.

Publications	Number	Target Audience
"Kurore Dafine" newsletter	100	Herb collectors and dealers.
Catalogue of willow baskets and furniture	500	USAID, international organizations and agencies, NGOs, foreign companies.
Ten extension leaflets	2300	Komuna foresters, extension agents.
Leaflets on policy and legal aspects of forest transfer process.	120	Komuna foresters, extension agents.
Leaflets on preparation of management plan of forest and pastures in Komunas' use.	120	Komuna foresters, extension agents.
APFDP publications package provided to the Forestry High School	120	Students and teachers.
APFDP Web Site	70 visitors	Albanian and foreign specialists, other interested public, local and international companies dealing with non-timber forest products, wicker or willow basketry and furniture, and private tree nurseries.

- *Year Five training plan. Ongoing.* APFDP continued to implement the Year Five Training Plan. During this quarter, 416 participants - including 45 women - attended ten different training courses and nine workshops related to komuna forest transfer, business management, botanicals and livestock sector development.

Summary of Training Courses, Workshops and Round Tables April - June 2000		
Event	Number	Number of participants
Training Courses	10	87
Workshops and Round Tables	9	229
TOTAL	19	416

- *Updating APFDP Events. Ongoing.* Training activities undertaken by APFDP during this quarter are reflected in the APFDP Events Information publication distributed to the World

Training Transit Office. A summary of these events and complete details on the ten training courses and nine workshops/round tables is provided in Appendix A.

- *Continued Media Plan Implementation. Ongoing.* APFDP has been successful in obtaining adequate coverage by national and local TV, of its events, workshops on the state forest transfer in use to komunas and villages as well as training events for forest specialists. The main training event of this quarter, "Training of Komuna Foresters in Forest Transfer" was broadcast by four local TV stations and also was covered in one of the national newspapers. We have also begun negotiations with several film makers to develop a one half hour documentary on APFDP, DGFP and WB/AFP activities for the December "month of trees". Plans for this documentary should be finalized by next quarter.
- *Environmental awareness campaigns. Ongoing.* Two public awareness campaigns - conducted by the Nursery Association (NA) - were completed during this quarter, one in Vlora District and the other in Berat District. Working with a total of 13 schools, the NA conducted a number of activities such as workshops, photo and poster exhibitions, and local television broadcasts. The campaigns culminated with the planting of over 1400 tree seedlings in the 13 schools. Under the REC subcontract, six local NGOs conducted awareness campaigns in five districts (Lezhe, Kruje, Shkoder, Korçe and Pogradec). Several activities aimed at ensuring students' involvement were organized including exhibitions, sport contests, etc., with posters and T-shirts distributed to winners. These campaigns were finalized with the planting of 6,000 forest seedlings in 6 schools and three villages. For a detailed description of these activities, please see Table 1: NGO Subcontract Status under IR 3.2.
- *Development and maintenance of the APFDP web site. Ongoing.* During this quarter, APFDP published its web site with information on project activities, institutional partners and contact addresses. In the hope of facilitating business links and trade between Albanian and foreign companies, the site dedicates significant attention to the private sector by providing information on: (i) several Albanian companies dealing with herbs and spice growing, production, processing and trade; (ii) willow baskets and furniture produced by willow processors in Shkodra and Berat District; and (iii) the Nursery Association. Work is continuing on updating the site by providing several project documents and useful technical guidelines online. The site has had more than 100 "hits" since it went on line in early June, and has already resulted in at least one business contact between Bulgarian and Albanian herb dealers.
- *Revision of the Forest Act (or rewrite of Regulation 308 and drafting of private forestry legislation.* Although some progress has been made on "bits and pieces" of modification/development of Regulation 308 and the private forest legislation as is noted below, DGFP has decided to defer any decision on a complete rewrite of the Forest Act until after October's local elections.

B1. Intermediate Result 1: Improved utilization of forest and pasture resources on private and refused/non-divided lands.

IR1.1: Reformed policies supportive of forestry/pasture initiatives on private and refused non-divided lands

- *Expanded development of private forest owners' network. Ongoing.* During this quarter APFDP focused on institutionalization of the dialogue between PFOA and DGFP on private forest policies and legal issues. Unfortunately, the round-table with DGFP representatives and private forest owners planned for June has been postponed by DGFP until next quarter.
- *Continue dialogue on private forest legislation. Ongoing.* During this quarter, APFDP continued to work with DGFP to achieve some consensus on private forest legislation, forest leasehold, etc. A draft outline of roles and responsibilities for DGFP and forest owners has been prepared and will be the subject of discussion for next quarter's round table discussed above.
- *Continue dialogue on changing the forest and land designation legislation. Ongoing.* During this quarter, APFDP and members of the Nursery Association continued to support farmers' initiatives in establishing demonstration plots and trials on agricultural refused and non-divided lands. As stated in previous quarterly reports, existing legislation - which requires Council of Minister's approval to change land designation - does not appear to hamper tree planting efforts on these sites. APFDP has prepared a proposal, which would enable farmers to change land designation from agriculture to forestry at the komuna level. However, the current Parliamentary debate on decentralization and the rights of komunas to own land has precluded submission of this legislation during this Parliamentary session.

IR1.2: Economically viable and ecologically sustainable land use practices adopted by individuals.

- *Continue Chestnut improvement work. Ongoing.* During the last quarter, APFDP signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the AUT's Forestry Sciences Faculty (FSF) for two chestnut improvement studies to be undertaken as graduate student theses. These include: (1) biological control of blight disease including phytosanitary inventory in private chestnut forests, identification and testing of hypo-virulent forms of *Cryphonectria parasitica*, and treatment of active cankers using the hypo-virulent mycelium; (2) improved management practices for nut production and timber in private forests. Implementation of fieldwork is scheduled to begin in late July during the students summer break.
- *Continued work on other nuts. Ongoing.* According to the findings of the consultant on nut trees, a MOU was signed between APFDP and Forests and Pastures Research Institute (FPRI). During this quarter, the FPRI has prepared the methodology on Walnut Growing and Management in Albania. After the approval of the project-proposal the FPRI started the fieldwork for the implementation of the study in two regions, Dibra and Gramsh. Based on the survey conducted in Dibra region, FPRI held the first regional workshop in Peskopje in June. A report of the workshop is expected next quarter.

- *Vetiver for erosion control. Ongoing.* According to the fixed price subcontract, the Soil Research Institute (SRI) has established during this quarter a vetiver nursery in the Botanical Garden and has continued the work on maintaining and monitoring the three demonstration plots in Lezha, Korça and Tirana. An interim report on SRI activities is expected next quarter. As stated in the last quarterly report, vetiver slips from the demonstration plots were distributed to eight private nurseries for wider propagation and distribution of slips. To date, farmer interest in vetiver appears limited. Thus, APFDP plans to hold a series of local study tours for selected farmers to vetiver sites when the rains begin in the fall.
- *Botanical Garden agroforestry/nursery demonstration plot and training center. Ongoing.* During this quarter, the Botanical Garden continued the work on maintaining the agroforestry nursery and demonstration plot as well as the vetiver nursery. An interim report is expected next quarter.
- *On-farm demonstration plots and trials. Ongoing.* During this quarter, the Private Nursery Owners finalized the "More Trees in the Ground Program" in seven different districts; a total of 140,000 seedlings were planted for 1999/2000 season. This activity involved 56 farmers in 27 different villages and eight secondary schools. As part of this program, during June, APFDP conducted (via STTA) the first evaluation of seedlings for this campaign. According to the LSTTA report, farmers have planted the quantity of seedlings contracted with NA and the quality of both seedlings and plantings is good.
- *Heifer Project International (HPI) activities.*
- *"Old" group activities. Ongoing.* Strengthening of the existing livestock groups in five districts (Tirana, Lezha, Pogradec, Fier and Vlora) continued through a number of activities including group inspections, meetings, visits of local specialists to farmers, etc. During the quarter, 15 livestock group inspections were carried out and five group meetings were held. The situation and functioning of the groups was the main focus of inspections. Technical aspects such as animal health, management and feeding, especially for Chios rams, were also analyzed and discussed. In addition to the above, the number of member families in the livestock groups during this quarter increased steadily as passing on the gift ceremonies continued according to plan.

Two farmer-to-farmer study-visits were conducted in the Pogradec area during this quarter with 18 members from sheep groups of Fishta and Kodhel, in Lezhe District. Participants also visited the Small Ruminant Station in Korça.

Following the annual work plan, during this quarter seven technical training sessions were held on the following topics: offspring management (Topoja livestock group); sheep nutrition requirements during summer (Troshan and Kallmet sheep groups); animal health (Shengjergji sheep group); and reproduction and breeding (including leaflet) (Topoja and Stropska livestock groups).

- *Identification and training of new groups. Ongoing.* Based on HPI and APFDP criteria and assessments, four new groups were established in the following villages: (i) Verri (Tirana District) with 14 members; (ii) Shenmeria (Tirana District) with 21 members; (iii) Çerava (Pogradec District) with 18 members; and (iv) Leshnica (Pogradec) with 7 members.

According to HPI procedures, group members elected their group leaders and training in HPI Cornerstones was organized and conducted for these new groups. The village identification process is currently under way for three new groups; one in Tepelena District (Dragoti village), one in Vlora District (Akerni village) and an addition one in Tirana (Berzhita village).

- ❑ *Sheep procurement and distribution to new groups. Ongoing.* Negotiations with the Greek Animal Research Institute to purchase and import 100 head of pure breed Chios male lambs were completed during the quarter and both parties signed a purchase contract. However, actual procurement and importation became impossible due to the quarantine imposed on Greek livestock by the European Union because of blue tongue disease. Given this situation, APFDP has decided to continue with new group establishment by providing the new groups with Chios cross breed rams purchased from existing groups. We intend to purchase up to 40 cross breed rams for this purpose. The Greek Animal Research Institute has also informed us that the quarantine may be lifted in September at which time procurement of pure breed lambs from Greece will be assessed based on number available and price.
- ❑ *Pasture improvement demonstration plots. Ongoing.* The Soil Research Institute (SRI), the Forage Research Institute (FRI) and APFDP continued to monitor the performance of cultivated pastures using three main polyphyte species, in both Fishta and Kota villages. Monitoring the management of natural winter and summer natural pastures in Kota's hilly and mountain areas also continued. Based on the success of FRI's and SRI's efforts (production of 14/tons forage per year without irrigation), five additional farmers in Kota village established four hectares of cultivated pastures and meadows on marginal lands on their own initiative and with their own funding.

Based on this very positive result, APFDP, in collaboration with FRI and SRI, conducted a village meeting and field training on establishment of cultivated pastures for 22 farmers, herdsmen and DDAF representatives. The major topic of the field training was the technology, experience and results of cultivated meadow and pasture establishment on marginal agriculture lands. APFDP intends to sponsor similar field training for other farmers from other regions during next quarter.

B2. Intermediate Result 2: Increased decentralization and sustainable management of state forests and pastures.

- *Continue to support forest transfer in at least 17 komunas.* During this quarter, APFDP supported and assisted the transfer process in 12 komunas of Peqin, Tirana and Kruja districts. The process is more advanced in 7 komunas where management plans are being prepared by the local teams with community participation. The other komunas are dealing with the forests and pastures boundary designation and division among users. APFDP has also supported the beginning of the transfer process in Komuna Kallmet of Lezha District. Preparatory work is also being done at present to assist the staff of Kruja DFS to conduct preliminary meetings with leaders of the four new komunas and municipalities as well as distribution of leaflets regarding village forest and transfer. The DFS, the Kruja Municipality and the four komunas are jointly working on the preparation of operational plans for the transfer. The actual transfer process will begin next quarter.

- *Develop a plan for expansion into additional komunas. Ongoing.* A plan for expanding the transfer process to seven new komunas was prepared and submitted to USAID for approval. It includes 40 villages with a total forest and pasture area about 7,500 hectares as detailed below.

**Proposed expansion of
komuna forest transfer activities**

District	Komuna	No. of villages	Forest area (ha)	Pasture area (ha)	Total area (ha)
Tirana	1. Petrele	7	2,000	250	2,250
	2. Vaqarr	5	1,100	50	1,150
Kavaje	3. Bardhore	6	320	-	320
	4. Helmes				
Lushnje	5. Ballagat	3	300	-	300
	6. Gradishte	4	200	-	200
Berat	7. Terpan	10	3,000	300	3,300
Total		40	7,070	600	7,670

IR2.1: Enhanced policy environment for transferring state forests

- *Harmonization of the WB/AFP and APFDP approaches to the transfer. Being formalized.* Discussions with DGFP and WB/AFP specialists continue to take place and a draft program on activities for a revised/standardized process has been forwarded to DGFP leaders for approval. Once the program is approved, a joint group will study both approaches regarding the transfer process and preparation of the komuna forest and pasture management plan and recommend a standardized approach for transfer. (Note: as stated in the last quarterly report, DFS representatives believe that APFDP's socially-oriented village level management plans are more advantageous and continue to use APFDP's approach transferring forests to 14 komunas using WB/AFP funds.
- *Assist in the Revision of Regulation 308. Ongoing.* Discussions on reviewing/revising Regulation 308 have been held with representatives of komunas, villages and DFS's during the transfer process. APFDP, in collaboration with DGFP and WB/AFP, will assist in preparing the draft proposal for the amendment of the Regulation 308 in the Fall of 2000 after local elections.
- *Training on the transfer process. Ongoing.* One training/workshop on the steps of transfer process was organized and conducted at Komuna Kallmet of Lezha District with representatives of the komuna, villages and DFS. This is a new komuna that began the transfer process during this Quarter. Also, two other training/workshops were conducted on

“management plan preparation with community participation” in Komuna Baldushk of Tirana District and Komuna Cudhi of Kruja District.

- *Revision of transfer manual. Postponed.* Given the work required to support the extension training effort, this activity is now scheduled for August.

IR2.2: Groundwork laid for sustainable management of transferred komuna forests and pastures

- Continue support to the development of forest user associations (FUA) and technical assistance in forest management plan implementation. Ongoing. APFDP is continuing to provide technical assistance in carrying out forest operations and monitoring the management plan implementation in komuna Blinisht of Lezhe District and Komuna Bubq of Kruja District. Also, through APFDP technical and financial support, the FUA of Komuna Kashnjet in Lezha District, was established and the forest operations, as foreseen in the management plan, are being carried out according to plan.
- Advocate for posting of komuna foresters. Completed. As stated last quarter, DGFP has formally appointed 27 specialists (one for each district) and 74 forest technicians to be in charge of komuna forest and pasture transfer and management. Unfortunately, there is not as yet any formal institutional structure within DGFP or the DFS's to support these individuals. See Section C, Impediments to Program Performance.
- Assist in revising local revenue generation guidelines. Ongoing. A short-term local revenue generation specialist, Robert Forester, has been identified and is expected to arrive in Tirana in early July. A program has been developed for this consultant including meetings, field trips and a workshop schedule where the consultant is expected to present a strategy on komuna forest income generation and management, including alternative models, pilot program and training plan.

B3. Intermediate Result 3: Increased public and private forestry extension capacity

- *Continued dialogue on/and development of a DGFP-based public forestry extension plan. Ongoing.* APFDP continues to dialogue with DGFP and other donors on the development of a broad-based public forestry extension service. This includes collaboration with FAO, GTZ and AUT on training and development of this department. Recently, the subject was accorded considerable attention at the monthly forestry project coordination meeting held in Peshkopje in June. Participants agreed that there is a critical need to establish such a service and that the matter should be raised officially by inviting the Director General DGFP to the next meeting, to be held on July 28, 2000.

R3.1: Groundwork laid for establishing a coherent and dynamic public extension organization.

- *Advocate for posting of komuna foresters/development of komuna-based extension service. Ongoing.* The assignment and training of a cadre of personnel devoted to komuna forest transfer where extension is necessitated, as well as an evolving central DGFP department, has produced the stepping stone to a full-fledged public extension effort. However, as stated

above, there is still no formal institutional structure within DGFP or the DFS's to support these individuals.

- *Other possible activities. Ongoing.* FAO continues to have responsibility for taking the lead in assisting DGFP in reorganization including development of a komuna forest transfer department within DGFP and the DFS's. Recently, an FAO consultant working on developing an operation plan for the Forest Strategy, recommended that FAO sponsor a two day workshop in early August for GOA and donor personnel involved in forestry in Albania. The objective of this workshop is to help participants agree on short-term operational priorities and assign tasks for achieving these priorities. Developing a komuna-based extension service is high on the workshop's agenda, and possible APFDP support to supporting such a service should become clearer at that time.

IR3.2: Increased capacity of public organizations, NGOs and private suppliers to provide extension services.

- *Training of komuna foresters in forest transfer. Completed.* During the first month of this quarter, APFDP in collaboration with DGFP and WB/AFP, continued the regional training of forest specialists in forest transfer. After the first regional training course, which was successfully held in Elbasan during March, four other training courses were conducted during April in the districts of Fier, Lezhe, Shkoder and Korçe. The training program included: (i) procedures, steps and criteria on transfer process; (ii) forest policy and legislation; (iii) awareness and decision making (iv) PRA and facilitator's role, (v) preparation and implementation of management plans (vi) organization of the transfer process. The courses were attended by DFS directors, specialists and foresters in charge of komuna forest and pasture transfer, for a total of 114 persons from 28 districts; 5 percent of participants were women. Participants evaluated the courses as very useful. Additionally, as stated above, participants also favor APFDP's approach to extension as compared to WB/AFP's approach.
- *Training of komuna foresters in forestry extension techniques. Ongoing.* The Faculty of extension at the AUT has been contracted to deliver two-week extension training to the komuna foresters assigned by DGFP (2 concurrent training courses in Elbasan and Vlora in early July, followed by Lezhe and Pogradec, mid to late July). The trainers have developed a curriculum and APFDP has prepared a companion extension handbook that will describe practical extension ideas based on our experience. In addition, packets of APFDP-developed extension materials over the last 4 years will be provided to the trainees as their initial stock of materials for promotion and distribution to their clients. All necessary logistic arrangements were made to ensure successful implementation of the training courses. Arrangements have also been finalized with WB/AFP to conduct these workshops on a cost-sharing basis – APFDP will support the costs of the trainers while AB/AFP will support the cost of the participants.
- *Implementation of Regional Environmental Center (REC) subcontract. Ongoing.* During this quarter REC/A has continued to monitor the performance of eleven local NGOs according to the agreed upon plan. Also, REC conducted a seven-day Junior Fellowship training course for local forestry NGOs. 6 people (including four women) attended this training.

Additionally, APFDP participated in a REC - supported three-day training course on forest and pastures transfer process and management plan development. Seventeen people (members of 17 NGOs) attended the training.

- *APFDP support to local NGOs and project implementation follow-up. Ongoing.* Under the terms of the third fixed price sub-contract, REC/A currently oversees eleven Albanian NGOs supported by APFDP via subcontracts. The status of local NGO projects supported by REC and APFDP is provided below.

NGO Subcontract Status

	NGO	Objectives and Implementation Status
Publication of "Kurora e Lezhes" environmental Newspaper	Ecological Club Lezhe No. 2	Ongoing. The ninth issue of "Kurora e Lezhes" newspaper was published and distributed to several institutions, agencies, DFS, NGOs, AUT Forestry Faculty, the Forestry High School and individuals who have expressed their interest in the newspaper. Some of these individuals have expressed their will to write articles for the next issue. Additionally, APFDP, MOA, REC, PMU/WBA and USAID organized a meeting to discuss the future of this newspaper (sustainability) and ways to improve quality.
Windbreak establishment in Korca fields	Morava Association Korce	Completed. This project 's goal was to increase community awareness on the importance of windbreaks and shelterbelts for crop protection by establishing windbreaks in two villages. During June, a roundtable was organized to discuss project achievements and possibilities for establishing windbreaks in other areas of Korça plain. During this activity, 3,400 seedlings were planted.
Afforestation of Çerave riverbank between two villages Peshkëpi-Lumas in Pogradec district	Tourism & Environment Pogradec	Completed. The project's main activity was to raise community awareness on riverbank stabilization by planting trees along Çerrava riverbank in Peshkëpi-Lumas villages. About 1,200 seedlings were planted on a total area of 1.5 ha. Local TV provided information on activities and tree planting as well as discussions and interviews with farmers. During May, a roundtable was organized to discuss protection issues as well as to increase the number of seedlings planted along the riverbank. Representatives from the komuna, local environmental associations as well as farmers and specialists of the Pogradec DFS attended this meeting.
Tree-planting around three institutions in Shkodra District	Forest Ecological Club Shkoder	Completed. The project's objective was to increase the environmental awareness and education of students and teachers in the Forestry High School. About 600 seedlings

		were planted around the Forestry High School, Orphanage and Elder's House, and a number of extension messages prepared.
Raising students' awareness and seedlings planting in 3 schools of Lezha District	Ecological Club Lezhe No. 1	Completed. The project 's objective was to increase the environmental awareness and education of students and teachers from three Lezhe schools. Meetings were organized with students, teachers and farmers to teach them how to protect and improve the forest. Posters and banners were placed in the school surroundings. Also, several sport competitions involving students were organized and winners received stamped T-shirts. The campaign was closed with plantation of about 730 seedlings around the three schools.
Qaf-shtama Forest Park: "Together for a Better Sustainable Management"	Ecological Club Kruja	Ongoing. The project intends to increase the environmental awareness and education of farmers and villagers living near Qaf-shtama National Park (which is bordered by two komunas undergoing the forest transfer process with APFDP support)..
Transfer of 750 ha state forest in use to Vinjoll village	Association for Environmental Protection and Development Mat District	Ongoing. Boundaries designation was completed in April, while during May-June, the NGO worked on the document' preparation for the forest and pasture transfer process.
Our Forest 1 Forest transfer process in Moçan Village	Transborder Wildlife Korça District	Ongoing. The project aims to increase community awareness of forest protection and improvement in Moçan village, through the transfer of 200 ha of forest. During April, meetings were organized with Komuna and village representatives. The village forest and pasture commission was established. During May, members of commission and DFS specialists worked on boundary designation. In the framework of this project, leaflets were published and distributed to village/komuna.
Transfer of state forest in use to Komuna Guri i Zi, Shkoder	Willow Management Association	Ongoing. Implementation of the project on forest transfers to komuna Guri i Zi, Shkoder began in May.
Transfer of state forest in use to Komuna Malzi, Kukes	Forest Progress Association	Ongoing. In May, forest and pasture commissions in two villages were established and meetings with farmers were organized. A

		total forest area of 600 ha will be transferred in use to the komuna
Transfer of state forest in use to Komuna Tomin, Diber	Ecological Club & Hunting Association	Ongoing. Implementation of this project started in May in four villages. Village boundaries have been defined and the forest commissions are working on division of forests among users.

- *Continue to work with Nursery Network of private forestry extension opportunities.*
Ongoing. APFDP has provided technical assistance to two NA members in the development of training centers at their nurseries. The training center established within "Gjelberimi Nursery", Lezhe is now ready to be used for farmer training. The other center, located in Fier, is expected to become operational next quarter. Additionally, according to NA members' request, APFDP produced one technical note on Paulownia growing and management.
- *Establishment of new groups and associations.* **Ongoing.** APFDP continues to adopt and implement the recommendations provided in the guideline document on groups, associations and networks. APFDP is playing an important role in the establishment of Forest Users' Associations, which are being set up as part of the process of forest transfer in use to the komunas and villages. Financial and legal support is provided by APFDP. During this quarter four new livestock groups were established: two groups in Pogradec (Cerrava and Leshnica) and two groups in Tirana (Shenmeri and Verri). Three new livestock groups in Tirana (Berzhite, Tepelena (Dragot) and Vlora (Akerni) are in the process of electing officers.

B4. Intermediate Result 4: Expanded number/capacity of small-scale non-timber forest product (NTFP) and livestock enterprises

- *Facilitate the establishment of a small dairy processing plant for two livestock groups.*
Ongoing. Preliminary discussions have been held between APFDP, HPI, Land O Lakes, WB/AFP and the World Bank on the establishment of these plants and an action plan has been developed. This plan calls for Land O lakes to conduct a technical and economic feasibility study of two sites in early September.

IR4.1: Reformed policies supportive of small-scale non-timber forest product and livestock-related business initiatives

- *Development of NTFP/livestock policy issue paper:* **Ongoing.** During the quarter, a policy issues paper was prepared, as well as a program and invitations to the first NTFP policy workshop, tentatively scheduled for July 13, 2000. policy
- **Support to NTFP sustainable production.** *Ongoing.* During May 2000 - based on the findings and recommendations of the study on NTFP in four komunas - APFDP established a subcontract with "Albaflor" Association to conduct an awareness campaign in four villages of Komuna Shengjergj in Tirana district, during the period June 1 to July 31. The aim of this activity is to solve some of the problems faced by harvesters in these villages, such as

improper harvesting techniques and timing, lack of technical information, etc. To date, Albaflor has published 5 leaflets and two posters. Also, one training session in the field was held on June 15 and another scheduled for July 7-8, with a participation of around 50 harvesters in each event. The main field activities will be held on July 20-21 including broad-participation open-air meetings in the center of komuna and another village. At the end of this activity, Albaflor will submit a report on activities conducted and results achieved. Based on the quality of this awareness campaign in Shengjergj, APFDP will sponsor Albaflor to conduct two other awareness campaigns in komunas Bubq and Blinisht.

- *Potential for long term leases on state forestlands. Ongoing.* APFDP continues to assist two NA members in “implementing” (i.e., negotiations, permission to conduct NTFP pilots, and establishing procedures for issuance of leases) current leasehold legislation for the leasing of state forestland for NTFP production. Both leases were granted during the quarter and we have developed a plan to work with NA members to determine sustainable yield for selected species.

IR4.2: Improved access to market information, affordable inputs and credit

- *Willow-wicker sector development.*
- ❑ *Development and production of wicker products catalogue. Completed.* A draft catalog on wicker products was prepared by the publisher for review by WMA members. The catalog includes pictures of baskets, chairs, tables and other wicker products produced by processors in Shkodra and Berat. The catalog has 24 pages and shows 60 different wicker products. WMA has approved the catalog and actual publication is expected to take place in July. A copy of the catalog is already posted on APFDP’s web site.
- ❑ *Integration of willow into Shkodra Forestry School Curriculum. Ongoing.* During April 2000, the FTS made a proposal to APFDP to develop a willow/wicker curriculum to introduce a course on "The Technology of Wicker Products" in the third year program of the Furniture Branch of the school. Based on the proposal, APFDP and FTS signed a subcontract on May 15, 2000. According to the contract, FTS will: (i) develop the curriculum of "The Technology of Wicker products" in line with all technical and scientific criteria; (ii) work with GTZ to ensure the approval of the curriculum of "Technology of Wicker products" by the Ministry of Education and Science; (iii) produce three ready-for-publication copies of the textbook (170-200 pages) on the "Technology of Wicker products". GTZ will support the publication of 500 copies of the textbook that is expected to be camera ready early next quarter.
- *NTFP development.*
- ❑ *STTA on International Botanicals Marketing. Completed.* During April 10-May 5, 2000, an international NTFP marketing specialist, Rob McCaleb, provided assistance to Albanian botanicals dealers on international herbs and spice marketing. He also assisted them in developing a strategy for facilitating business linkages. During his consultancy in Albania, three regional workshops were organized by APFDP and held in Korca, Shkodra and Tirana, along with numerous meetings and site visits. The workshops were designed to bring

together, for the first time, key players in Albania's botanical trade including private entrepreneurs, agriculture, forestry and economic development officials, aid organizations and NGOs. The goal was to discuss the issues in an open forum, provide information on the international marketplace, and develop practical, realistic strategies for sustainable development. The workshops were the first step to creating a long lasting industry that is environmentally sound, profitable, and responsive to today's dynamic marketplace.

These workshops concluded that the natural products industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the world. In the US alone it is worth over 4 billion dollars annually and the European market, led by the Germans, is even greater. Albania's large and diverse resource base, technical know-how and low labor costs are key advantages, but several obstacles keep this sector from realizing its full potential. Albanian dealers are not currently ready to compete on international markets. The areas for improvement include: business skills, language skills, communications infrastructure, quality management, marketing skills, import/export expertise, access to capital, ability to make needed investments. Mr. McCaleb's final report is expected early next quarter.

In the interim, APFDP developed a plan for implementing some of the recommendations stemming from Mr. McCaleb's draft report, including marketing training, development of a trade association, and publication of a directory of NTFP dealers. Some progress has already been made in these areas as will be discussed below.

- ❑ *Development of a directory of NTFP dealers. **Completed.*** Following-up the above workshop recommendations, APFDP produced a database/directory of Albanian herb and spices companies. This database includes basic information on 49 small companies dealing mainly with medicinal herbs/spices and essential oils. The directory is also published online at APFDP's web site www.apfdp.org.
- ❑ *Integration of NTFPs into komuna forest management plans. **Ongoing.*** Four komunas were selected for NTFP integration into komuna forest management plans; Bubq, Blinisht, Shengjergj and Kallmet. In Blinisht and Bubq the first contacts were established and the scope of work was presented to harvesters, FUA, and komuna and DFS officials, in close collaboration with the MPPT. Additionally, a reconciliation of the data from the "Study on NTFPs in four APFDP-assisted komuna forest transfers" with the data from the management plans was undertaken for these two komunas. Similar activities for the other two komunas are scheduled for next quarter. Proposals/projects on incorporating NTFPs in management plans of KFTs in four selected komunas will be established, developed and presented to the World Bank for funding by September 2000. Additional komunas will be added once APFDP's contract extension has been approved.
- ❑ *Botanicals trade association development. **Ongoing.*** Terms of reference have been prepared and a consultant identified to facilitate the establishment of a botanicals trade association in Albania among herb dealers. Preliminary discussions have also been held with IFDC to collaborate on this activity and to support any eventual association once APFDP ends in January 2001.
- ❑ *NTFP market information, data and publication of newsletter. **Ongoing.*** APFDP continues to produce the "Kurora e Dafines" monthly newsletter on herb and spices. This newsletter

contains information on international markets for herbs and spices, APFDP activities related to herb and spices sector, information on herb uses and recipes and several success stories on herb and spice business. The newsletter also provides contract addresses for business linkages. It is distributed to interested individuals/dealers throughout Albania.

IR4.3 Improved business management and technical skills

- *Marketing training. Ongoing.* During June 2000, APFDP selected and hired a local short-term marketing specialist to conduct a marketing training course for small NTFP entrepreneurs, herb dealers and private nursery owners in three districts of Albania: Korça, Shkodra and Tirana. This consultancy is expected to accomplish the following objectives: (i) provide training to NTFP entrepreneurs specifically on marketing in order to help expand their businesses; (ii) assist Albanian Dealers to be able to query and respond to international buyers in a professional manner; and (iii) assist Albanian dealers to better develop domestic markets.

Preparatory work and training arrangements have been made in collaboration with the GTZ-SME Promotion and the Regional Development Agencies in Korca, Tirana and Shkodra. The training courses will be conducted in July 2000.

- *Business Management Training. Ongoing.* During May 22-26, APFDP - in collaboration with GTZ-SME Promotion – organized another business management training targeted to HPI livestock entrepreneurs. The Regional Development Business Agency in Tirana conducted this training. Participants (eight) included members of the Pogradec, Lezha and Fier livestock groups. Course content included marketing, business management, costs and financial analyses. Additionally, the relationship between private enterprises and the state and financial institutions with regard to taxes and loans was also addressed and participants were given copies of updated small business legislation. Participants rated the course very successful. As a follow-up to this training, APFDP will conduct a Record Keeping and Accounting Training for livestock entrepreneurs and NTFP dealers during the next quarter.

C. Impediments to program performance

There were two minor impediments to program performance during the quarter, which may have an impact on APFDP activities in the future:

- *Local elections.* Albania and its politicians are now gearing up for local elections, which will be held in early October. From a work plan point of view, this means that much of APFDP's policy and legislation work has been put on hold as many of our counterparts in the GOA are busy with political campaigns. From a security point of view, no one is sure what will happen. It could well be that nothing will happen, but there is also a chance that there will be problems and travel restrictions imposed, etc.
- *No formal structure in DGFP or the DFS's to support komuna foresters.* Although DGFP, DGFP, FAO have assigned the komuna foresters, WB/AFP (and APFDP) have made no progress on creating a Department of Komuna Forestry at DGFP headquarters and in the field offices. APFDP has learned that a letter proposing the establishment of such a

department has been prepared for the Minister's signature but to date, the actual status is very unclear. The problem is that participants in the komuna forest transfer and extension training courses have been told that they are working in komuna forest transfer and extension. However, they have not been officially released from their current responsibilities as "forest police". In other words they are being told to do two jobs which are usually mutually exclusive. Moreover, participants wish to know what the structure of extension and komuna forest transfer is within the DGFP. They also wish to know what resources and support will be brought to bear to help them do this new work (transport, financial, material, policy, continuing training and technical assistance). All of these questions are beyond APFDP's ability to answer. In this context, the most we can hope to do is to continue to raise this as an issue in the monthly project coordination meetings, and during the FAO-sponsored workshop on forest strategy operation priorities to be held in early August.

D. Expected Progress for the Next Quarter

Result: Increased Private and Decentralized management of Albania's Forest and Pasture Resources

- *Revision of the Forest Act* (or reformulation of Regulation 308 and drafting of private forestry legislation). Together with DGFP and WB/AFP, comments and opinions of the local government, villagers and foresters on Regulation 308 will be collected and discussed and later a new draft or amendments will be prepared.

Intermediate Result 1: Improved utilization of forest and pasture resources on private and refused/non-divided lands.

- *Expand development of private forest owners' network.* Conduct the regional round table with the participation of PFOA and DGFP representative.
- *Dialogue on private forest legislation.* Follow up the dialogue with DGFP to achieve agreement on the legislation on private forests.
- *Continue discussions on changing forest and land designation legislation.* Follow up the dialogue with MOAF to achieve agreement on the legislation on changing forest and land designation legislation.
- *Management plan preparation.* Assist the members of PFOA for the forest management plan development.
- *Chestnut improvement.* In the framework of FSF/MOU, provide support and facilitation for students to finalize the fieldwork on chestnut improvement.
- *Other nuts.* Assist and monitor FPRI in finalizing the study research on "Walnut Growing and Management in Albania" in the framework of FPRI/Memorandum Of Understanding.
- *Vetiver for erosion control.* Monitor the implementation of SRI contract on the maintenance and monitoring of three demonstration plots.

- *Botanical Garden demonstration plot.* Monitor the implementation of third year work plan of the demonstration nursery and test plot in the Botanical Garden.
- *On-farm demonstration plots and trials.* Assist and monitor the implementation of farmer-to-farmer visits conducted by NA members.
- *Pasture improvement demonstration plots.* Assist and monitor the SRI/FRI activities to finalize the contract on the performance of cultivated pastures in Kota and Fishta and for the management monitoring in winter and summer pastures.
- *Livestock group meetings and visits.* Group meeting and visits will be attended every three months in the 14 existing livestock groups and in new groups that will be established. Passing on the gift, according to HPI principles, will be realized in four livestock groups for the next quarter. At the same time, farmer-to-farmer exchange visits and District Agriculture and Food Directorate (DAF) and HPI livestock visits will be organized.
- *Technical livestock group training.* Six technical training groups will be conducted during the next quarter (four training courses for existing groups and two training courses for new livestock groups).
- *Local Study Tours.* Two local study tours (LST) for livestock group members will be organized to share experiences on sheep management.
- *Animal purchase.* Efforts to import 20 heads of Chios pure breed rams from Greece, in order to support the new sheep projects for breed improvement, will continue. Also, APFDP will proceed with selection, tagging and purchase of approximately 30-40 Chios crossbred male lambs in the local market and the Small Ruminant Station in Korça.

Intermediate Result 2: Increased decentralization and sustainable management of state forests and pastures.

- *Continue to support forest transfer in at least 17 komunas.* (i) APFDP will continue to support komunas where the transfer is going on. During the next quarter, it is expected that the forest transfer be finalized in five komunas of Peqini, four komunas of Tirana and one komuna of Kruja district. (ii) APFDP will continue to provide assistance for the transfer in 2 komunas of Tirana, and one komuna in Lezhe district. (iii) The transfer process will start in 4 other komunas and municipalities of Kruja District, in the view of finalizing them by the end of the last quarter.
- *Develop plan for expansion into additional komunas (up to five).* A plan for extending the transfer of state forests and pastures to new komunas (five to seven) will be prepared, based on the experience gained to date. The idea is to get involved 5 komunas in three new districts, besides the two komunas of Tirana district. This way, the transfer process will also serve for the training of staff who will then be able to continue the transfer to other komunas in their districts, when APFDP will be closed.

- *Seek approval for plan and begin implementation.* The draft proposal will be sent to DGFP for approval, after which, joint operational plans have to be prepared by the DFS's and komunas
- *Harmonization of WB/AFP and APFDP approaches to the transfer.* Based on the program, which will be approved by DGFP, a joint draft on approaches to the transfer will be developed and discussed in a round table with interested parties. The plan will then be finalized and forwarded for implementation.
- *Training on transfer process.* During the next quarter, the following training courses and workshops will be conducted: (i) three training/workshops on the transfer process in new komunas of Kruja district; (ii) seven training/workshops on the management plan preparation in 4 komunas of Tirana district, and 4 komunas of Kruja district; (iii) pending the approval for extending the transfer to other seven komunas, seven training/workshops will be conducted for the new komunas that will be involved in the transfer process.
- *Revision of the Manual on the Transfer of Forests and Pastures.* It is agreed that the revised manual will reflect the harmonization of WB/AFP and APFDP approaches to the transfer and the experience gained during the last years. Therefore, the manual will be revised over the next quarter after approaches to the transfer have been harmonized.
- *Continued support to development of forest user associations and technical assistance in forest management plan implementation.* APFDP will provide assistance for the establishment of FUAs in komunas where the transfer process is completed. Also, assistance will be provided for DFS's, komunas and FUAs in the implementation and monitoring of management plans.
- *Assist in revising local revenue generation guidelines.* The expatriate STTA will prepare a strategy on komuna income generation and management, and appropriate models for different situations. The strategy and models will be discussed in a round table and proposed to DGFP.

Intermediate Result 3: Increased public and private forestry extension capacity

- *Implementation of Regional Environmental Center subcontract.* Support and monitor the implementation of the REC subcontract.
- *APFDP support to local NGOs and project implementation follow-up.* APFDP will continue to support local NGOs in the development of new proposals and project implementation follow-up and monitor NGOs ongoing activities.
- *Continue to work with Nursery Network of private forestry extension opportunities.* Assist Nurseries Association members for the organization and implementation of extension visits, development of training centers, and preparation of leaflets.
- *Development of a komuna extension organization at DGFP.* DGFP is working to establish the Komuna Forest Directory within its structure. The assignment of this directory and its

staff is likely to happen during this quarter. During this quarter, four regional training courses on extension will be organized in Elbasan, Vlora, Lezhe and Pogradec.

- *Media plan implementation.* APFDP will work with local TVs in covering all regional training courses on extension, and following the publication of articles at "Bujqesia Shqiptare" magazine and "Kurora e Lezhes" newspaper.
- *Extension materials.* APFDP will continue to produce and distribute extension messages required. APFDP is working on the publication of a booklet with figures and data from forest sector.
- *Year Five Training Plan.* The organization of training courses, workshops and round tables will continue to be in line with the Year Five Training Plan.
- Update and distribute APFDP events as required. APFDP will submit information on its events conducted during the quarter to USAID and TRANSIT Office.

Intermediate Result 4: Expanded number/expanded capacity of small-scale non-timber forest product (NTFP) and livestock enterprises

- *Marketing Training.* Three marketing training courses are planned for nursery owners and herb dealers in Korca (July 5-6), Tirana (July 10-11) and Shkodra (July 13-14). APFDP has hired a local STTA, to conduct the training.
- *Market information on NTFP.* Continue the work in producing "Kurora e Dafines" newsletter. Distribute the newsletter to the interested individuals/dealers.
- *STTA on Trade Association Development.* An international STTA will be selected and hired. The consultant will assist Albanian dealers of botanicals to establish a strong Trade Association on sustainable basis. This consultancy is planned for September 2000.
- *Business Management Training.* Another training focused on Record Keeping and Accounting is planned for livestock entrepreneurs during the next quarter.

APPENDIX A: Details on APFDP Events held during this Quarter

Training

Event	Date	Trainer / Facilitator	No. of participants		Venue
			Total	Women	
Regional training of forest specialists charged with state forests and pasture's transfer in use to komuna/villages	April 05-07, 2000	V. Muharremi Gj. Fierza J. Kreka Th. Lako	28	1	Fier
Regional training of forest specialists charged with state forest and pasture's transfer in use to komuna/villages	April 12-14, 2000	V. Muharremi Gj. Fierza J. Kreka Th. Lako	21	2	Lezhe
Livestock group training on improving the technical knowledge in lamb raising and control infection disease.	April 13, 2000	G. Stefi	23	4	Shengjergj, Tirana District
Regional training of forest specialists charged with state forests and pastures' transfer in use to komuna/villages	April 19-21, 2000	V. Muharremi Gj. Fierza Th. Lako J. Kreka	17	1	Shkodra
Training on offspring management, HPI concepts and "passing on the gift" philosophy	April 20-21, 2000	G. Stefi Animal Research Institute	14	2	Fier, Vlora
Regional training of forest specialists charged with state forests and pastures' transfer in use to komuna/villages	April 26-28, 2000	V. Muharremi Gj. Fierza Th. Lako J. Kreka	20	–	Korça
Training on the technical knowledge in practical sheep keeping and feeding during summer	May 4-5, 2000	G. Stefi Animal Research Institute	15	6	Troshan, Kallmet Lezhe District
Training on cultivated pastures	May 17, 2000	Th. Lako J. Kreka	20	–	Kota Village, Vlora District
Business management course for small entrepreneurs dealing with livestock products	May 22-26, 2000	A. Gani GTZ	12	–	Tirana
NGO training on forest and pastures transfer process in komunas' use	June 14-16, 2000	V. Muharremi Gj. Fierza Th. Lako J. Kreka	17	2	Tirana
TOTAL	Total number of participants: 187 Women: 9.6% of participants.				

Workshops/Round Tables

Event	Date	Trainer / Facilitator	No. of participants		Venue
			Total	Women	
Workshop on knowing and using the HPI concepts and	April 13, 2000	G. Stefi	14	4	Verri village, Tirana District

			No. of participants		
"passing on the gift" philosophy.					
Workshop on knowing and using the HPI concepts and "passing on the gift" philosophy.	April 14, 2000	G. Stefi	21	6	Shenmri village, Tirana District
Regional workshop on botanicals	April 18-19, 2000	R. McCaleb A. Ganiu	28	4	Korça
Regional workshop on botanicals	April 26-27, 2000	R. McCaleb M. De Coursey A. Ganiu	34	3	
Regional workshop on botanicals	May 03-04, 2000	R. McCaleb M. De Coursey A. Ganiu	41	9	Shkodra District
Workshop on knowing the advanced system of sheep production, the new breeds and improving feeding techniques in the spring.	May 4-5, 2000	G. Stefi	8	1	Korça
Workshop on procedures of forest transfer process in Komuna's use.	May 18, 2000	V.Muharremi Gj.Fierza J. Kreka Th.Lako	22	–	Kallmet, Lezha District
Workshop on Preparation of forest management plan	May 23, 2000	V.Muharremi Gj.Fierza	30	–	Baldushk, Tirana District
Workshop on Preparation of forest and pasture management plan	June 2, 2000	V.Muharremi Gj.Fierza	31	–	Cudhi, Kruja District
TOTAL	Total number of participants: 229 Women: 11.7% of participants.				

APPENDIX B: Anticipated training events for the next Quarter

Training

Event	Date/Month	Facilitator	Venue
Four Regional Training Courses on Forestry Extension Service	July-August 2000	P. Veizi, M. Osmani, H. Gushta, O. Hoxha, J. Kreka, APFDP	Elbasan, Vlore, Pogradec, Lezhe
Three Regional Training Courses on business management for NTFP dealers.	July 2000	A. Gani, Regional Business Agencies in Tirana Korça Shkodra	Tirana Korça Shkodra
Livestock group leaders' training course on HPI Cornerstones.	August, 2000	G. Stefi	Korça

Workshops/Round Table

Event	Date/Month	Facilitator	Venue
Workshop on Komuna Revenue Generation	July 2000	V. Muharremi Th. Lako STTA	Tirana
Three workshops on procedures and steps of state forest and pasture transfer in use to komunas and villages.	July 2000	V. Muharremi, Gj. Fierza, Th. Lako	Kruje Nikel Thunane

		J. Kreka	
Eight workshops on forest management plans.	August -September 2000	V. Muharremi, Gj. Fierza	Fush-Kruje, Nikel, Thumane, Kruje, Kashar, Peze, Vore, Kallmet
Two livestock workshops on shelter and housing for animals.	August 2000	G. Stefi	Vlora, Pogradec
Workshop on livestock health	September 2000	G. Stefi	Fier
Workshop on gender and family focus.	September 2000	G. Stefi	Korçe
Round Table meeting on NTFP policy.	July-August 2000	J. Seyler, J. Saussier, A. Gani, S. Kostreci	Tirana