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Appendix 1 - In-depth interview guide

Introduction: Good morning/afternoon. My name is Erka Çaro and I am a student from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. I am conducting a study about the adjustments of migrants in sub-urban areas with the case study of Kamza. I am especially interested to listen to people's stories about their own experience, opinions and feelings.

Consent: I would like to have a conversation with you regarding these issues. If it is okay with you, I will tape record our conversation. The purpose of this is so that I can get all the details but at the same time to be able to engage in an attentive conversation with you.

Confidentiality: I assure you that all your comments will remain confidential. It will be only me who will listen to the interview and my supervisor will read it then in English language. No reference to individuals (names) will be made in the report. (Take oral consent)

A. BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS

1. What is your age?
2. What is your marital status?
3. What is your current job?
4. Till what class (level) did you attend school?
5. Who else lives with you in your house
 - Did all of your family members moved with you in Kamza?
 - If not, where do other members live?

B. ORIGINS/ MIGRATION HISTORY

First I would like to know more how and why you (and your family) decided to leave your village/city.

Questions to ask:

1. What was your age when you first migrated here?
2. What is your village/city of origin?
3. Since how long have you been living here?
4. Before coming in Kamza where did you live?
5. Do you know many people here (other than relatives and previous friend)?
6. What are the main differences between the people in your village/city and the people here?
7. When you compare Kamza and your village/city what are the new things that you can notice?

C. MIGRATION STRATEGY – DECISION AND DESTINATION CHOICE

I am also interested to hear why and how did you and your family decided to move from your village and how did you choose to come in Kamza?

Questions to ask

1. In your opinion, why do people move from the villages?
2. Why did you, and your family, decided to leave your village?
 - Did you have any financial problems in your village?
 - Did somebody pushed you to move? Who?
3. Can you explain me the how did you decide (the decision process), inside your family, to move?
 - What reasons did you have?
 - Did you have any financial difficulties?
 - Who took the decision to migrate?
 - How was this decision taken?
 - Who proposed first to move?
 - Who was against and why?
 - How did you reached to the decision to move and when to move?
4. In your opinion, why do so many people come in Kamza?
5. How you and your family took the decision to come to Kamza? How did you choose this destination?
 - Was Kamza your first choice?
 - When and how did you first heard about Kamza?
 - Who took the decision to move to Kamza?
 - Was your decision influenced by others? Can you explain how?
 - What other reason did you have to come in Kamza?

D. MIGRATION EXPERIENCE – SETTLING PROCESS

I am also interested to listen to your family experience when you first settled in Kamza.

Questions to ask

1. Can you tell me who from your family come here first and who followed?
 - Why did you decided that way?
 - What were the benefits of this choice?
 - When the rest of the family did come?
2. Where did you live when you first come in kamza?
 - What type of hose/barak
 - How did you build it?
 - How did you purchase (or get) the land?

- Who build the house? What was your role during this period? What about the rest of family members?
3. What were your feelings when you first came in Kamza?
 - Was it difficult to settle?
 - For whom of your family members has been more difficult to settle and why?
 - For who has been more easy and why?
 - What about you
 4. When you first come in Kamza did your family get help from somebody else, relatives/family member?
 - From who and what type of help?
 - Was this help important for your family to settle? Please explain
 5. What were the strategies engaged your family to settle in Kamza?
 - Remittances
 - Emigration
 - Family/social networks
 - Paid and unpaid work

D 1. Cecen/ Malok

1. It has been heard that people in Tirana/Kamza call people coming from the north cecen/malok. What do you think about this? Why do they call people coming from the north Cecen?
2. Does this word have a meaning for you?
3. What is your reaction if somebody calls you cecen/malok? How do you deal with this situation?
 - What about members of your family?
 - Was it more difficult to deal with this at the beginning when you settled or it continues?
4. Does this given identity stop you from interacting with people from Tirana or Kamza? What about your family
If yes – why and in which ways
If no – how many Tiranas do you know? What about other members of the family?

D2. House

1. What type of housing did you live in your village /city?
 - How many rooms
 - Was the house yours or rented?
 - How long did you live in that house?
 - How many people lived in that house (including you)?

(Repeat questions for the house where they live after the move)

2. How long do you live in the present house?
 - Where did you live before this house?
 - Why did you decided to change?
3. Did you build the house by your self (or family help)?
If yes how do you purchase (or get) the land?
 - Bye it/ by who
 - Networks (find it through family members/ friends/relatives)
 - Has been difficult to build it? Please Explain
 - How long did it take you to build this house?
4. Do you think the current house is better than the previous one? In terms of:
 - The size of the house
 - Age of the house
 - Neighborhood
 - The community
 - Distance from work
 - Distance from schools
 - Distance from shopping and other activities
 - Which of the above you consider as the most important, explain?
5. Are you planning to change house in the future?
 - Invest in this one?
 - Build a better one?

E. LATE AND EARLY MOVERS

We would like to know something more regarding your duration of stay in Kamza and how does this period affect, or if affect, the adjustment process of the migrants.

Questions to ask

1. You came in Kamza in year x, meaning that you have been living here from ...years now. How do you consider yourself, a late or early mover?
 - Why? Can you explain what do you mean?
 - How are you considered by others?
2. Being an early/late mover what do you think are the benefits of this status
 - More integrated
 - Better adjusted
 - Stronger networks/relationships
 - Wealthier
 - Easier to settle

- Finding things ready
3. Being an early/late mover what do you think are the negative consequences of this status?
 - Difficulties to settle
 - Weak networks
 - Long/slow adjustment process
 - Weak organized migration process
 - Difficulties to be accepted by the host society and early migrants
 - Traditional and language gaps
 - More nostalgic
 - Difficulties to adapt/change
 - Perceive feelings of other late/early movers
 4. In your opinion, do you think that for a migrant is better to be a late or an early mover?
 - Can you please explain your answer?
 - What exactly affects the adjustment process of a migrant according to his duration of stay?
 - What exactly has affected your adjustment process
 - What has been the main barriers
 - What has been easy

F. MIGRATION EXPERIENCE - SOCIAL AND FAMILY TIES

I am also interested to hear how did you adapt in Kamza and what is the role of your social and financial networks in this process?

Questions to ask

1. Do any of your relatives live in Kamza?
 - Friends
 - Family
 - People from the same village/city

If no, where do they live and how often they visit you (or you visit them)

If yes - Did you have any relatives, family members or friend living in Kamza before you come here?
2. How many of them (family members, relatives, friends) live in your neighborhood?
3. Do you think it is important for you and your family to have relatives/friends living nearby?

Why - explain
4. How often do you interact with relatives/friends living here?
 - What do you do together?

5. Last time that you had a financial problem in your family (or any other problem at work or in the house) who did you ask for help.

- Family members abroad
- Family members living here
- Family members in the origin
- Friends

6. Imagine that there weren't any relative/family or friends living in Kamza or planning to come, would you still decide to come here?

If not - can you explain why?

F.1. Neighborhood

1. How do you feel about your neighborhood?

- Do you feel at home in this neighborhood?
- Do you think is a safe neighborhood?
- Does this neighborhood have the necessary service?

If not what is lacking

- Do you think there is a friendly atmosphere in the neighborhood (communication among each other?)

2. If you compare the neighborhood you are living now with the neighborhood in your village/city?

- What are your preferences, do you prefer the previous neighborhood or the actual one? Can you elaborate more?

3. Can you think of one thing (element) that you like the most in this neighborhood and one that you dislike the most?

- Safety
- Infrastructure
- People
- Location

4. Who are your neighbors? Do you know them?

5. How are the relationships with your neighbors?

- Do you interact with them?

If not why not

If yes in which ways / what kind of things do you talk about/what do you do together

6. Do the relationships with your neighbors differ from the place of origin?

(In which ways)/ Where better?

- visit each other at home
- doing things together
- participating in each other occasions (birthdays, anniversaries etc)

7. Do any of your family members, relatives, and friends live in your neighborhood?

- Do you interact more with them or other neighbors? Why?
- 8. Do you think it is important for you to have relatives/friends living nearby?
Why - explain
- 9. How often do you interact with relatives/friends living here?
- What do you do together?
- 10. (If the respondent has children) do your children and those of your neighbors play together, go to school together? (Yes/no, any comment)
- Is this important for you? Why

F 2. Developing new social networks

1. Apart from your existing networks in the neighborhood (relatives/old friend/previous neighbors) did you make new friends and networks during this period that you are living in Kamza?
- How many?
- Are these new networks important for you? In what way
- Are these new networks your personal friends or the entire household is involved?
2. Do you think it has been difficult to make new friends or acquaintances? Why is it so?
3. Do you have any friend from Tirana or Kamza?
- Who are them?
- How did you got to know them?
- Do you consider them old or new social networks?
- Did you have Tiranans friend when you first came to Kamza?
- Do you think is difficult for a migrant to expand their social networks? Can you explain?
- Do you find it important to have “Tiranans” in your circle of friends and why?
5. Have your circle of friends and acquaintances changed in time here in Kamza?
- Do you have more friends now compared to the beginning? Can you explain?
- Do you have the same friends now compared to the beginning?
- Do your relations with friends got stronger in time? How, can you explain?
- Is this important for you? Why?

F 3 Perceived feeling towards the municipality

1. What impressions did you and your family had about Kamza before coming here?
- What about when you as a family come here?
- And after such a time you have been here?
- Have your feelings and opinions changed over time? Can you explain how?

- Is this true for all your family members? Can you explain the Differences?
2. What do you and your family think of the facilities at Kamza regarding:
 - Shopping
 - Infrastructure (streets, electricity, water supply, sewerages)
 - Public Transport
 - Child care (kindergarten, schools, nursery)
 - Social life
 - Entertainment
 - Health care
 - Did this feeling change in time? Are the things getting better? Please explain
 3. Show picture of Kamza in 1994 and in 2008.
 - What are your comments related to these 2 pictures?
 - What do you think of these changes?
 - What has been your experience? How did you experience these changes?
 4. Do you and your family like living in Kamza?
 - Who of your family likes the most living in Kamza and why?
 - Who of them likes it the least and why?
 - What do you like about Kamza? Can you give me some examples?
 - What do you dislike about Kamza? Can you give me some examples?
 5. If you compare your life in your village/city with the life in Kamza:

Are there many differences?

If yes – can you elaborate further/ would you give me any example

 - Who of your family feels the most these differences and why?
 6. If you look back in time (you are living in Kamza from ... years) how has the life of your family changed in these years.
 - Do you feel your life is getting better - can you please explain more?
 - Do you feel you belong here (Kamza), comments
 - Do you feel part of the community, give examples
 7. Compared with the origin, do you feel lonely living in Kamza

If yes – can you elaborate more in this, why you think this has happened?

If no – do you feel the same way? Meaning? How do you feel? Explain

G. MIGRATION EXPERIENCE - FINANCIAL SITUATION (*remittances*)

I would like to ask you some questions regarding your work and financial situation and their importance in the adjustment process of your family.

Questions to ask

1. Are you working at this moment?

- If yes is this a paid job?
 - If yes, it is this job related to your profession?
2. Who else of your family members is working?
- is this a paid job?
 - Here or abroad?
3. Who of the members of your household contributes the most in the household income?
- Husband (here/abroad)
 - Wife (here/abroad)
 - Children (here/abroad)
 - Others (here/abroad)
4. Do you have family members/relatives abroad?
- If yes - Do they help you financially/ morally and how? Please explain
- Is this help important for the economic/ social situation of the household?
 - How is it important (explain)
5. How does your family use the money from remittances?
- To reconstruct/build house
 - For the daily expenses
 - For education of the children
 - Just to save
 - To open a new business
 - Clothes
 - Others
 - What is the most important for you?
 - Who manage the money that comes from remittances?
 - can other family members decide? Please explain
6. Did the amount of remittances changed through years?
- were remittances more important at the beginning of your settling here or now?
- Please explain
- Did their importance change with the time and how? Please explain
7. Can you give me an estimate of your family monthly income and what is the percentage of remittances in this income?
8. From this amount how much (or in %) do you family spend for :
- Groceries
 - Education
 - Electricity/tasks etc
 - Leisure time
 - Save
 - From the above which is the most important for you?

- Which is the most important for your family members?
- Who decide what is the most important to spend the money in?

H. MIGRATION EXPERIENCE - SOCIAL LIFE and CHANGE

Questions to ask

1. Can you describe to me one day in your family? What do you do? What members of your family do?
 - Visit anybody at his or her home?
 - Does anybody visit you?
 - Who do you visit?
 - How often
 - How do you know them?
2. If you, or any member of your family, want to go out of home, what are the places you go and who are the people you go with?
 - How often
3. What do you and your family members do in their leisure time? (Specify)
 - Did your interest/hobbies change over time?
4. Do you have any friend from Tirana or Kamza?
 - What do you do together?
 - Do you find it important to have “Tiranas” in your circle of friends and why?
 - What about other family members?
 - For whom of your family members is more important to have friend from Tirana/Kamza and why is so?
5. Do you feel is important the existence of social network in your family?
 - Can you please explain more about this?
6. Are you involved in any social organizations (environmental, sports, social clubs, etc)
 - What about your family members?
 - It is important for you and why?
7. If you compare your social life when you first came here has it changed and how? Can you explain?
 - Do you undertake more activities?
 - Do you go out more?
 - Do you have more friends?
 - What do you think of these changes?

K. PERCEPTION OF ADJUSTMENT

Every family has its own way (strategies) to adjust in a new environment. I am very interested to know your opinion and perception of your own adjustment process in Kamza.

Questions to ask

1. What household strategy can be an output of adjustment?
 - Having a job
 - Having friends
 - Feeling happy
 - Having a business
 - Having a good house and economic conditions
 - Having a busy social life
 - Not feeling lonely
 - Having the desire to stay here and to make your live better
2. What strategies (from the above mentioned or others) followed your family in way to adjust in Kamza?
 - Were these strategies successful?
 - In what way and what were the results of such strategies?
 - Did any of these strategies result unsuccessful?
 - Which one and what went wrong?
 - Was there something that you wanted to try but you couldn't?
Can you please explain what and why you didn't try?
3. Do you and your family feel adjusted here? Can you please explain?
 - In what way
 - If you look back in time has these feelings changed?
 - Who from your family members feel more adjusted and why?
 - Who doesn't and why?
4. If somebody asks you where are you from? What it will be your answer and why?
 - From Tirana
 - From Kamza
 - From your village/city
 - I have born inBut I live in....?
 - What about the rest of your family? Can you explain their perceptions?
5. You and your family members have born in a village but now you live in a city. How do you call yourself, a villager or an urbanite and why do you call yourself so?
 - Did this opinion changed over time
 - Will this change in the future? Please explain

GENERAL EVALUATION

1. Do you like staying in Kamza?
2. What are your futures plans regarding occupation, housing etc?
3. Where would you like to settle in the future?

- Do you plan to return in your city/village in the future?
- migrate in another destination (within the country/abroad) and why?

Appendix 2 - Expert interview guide

The selection of the experts according to the level of representation

| Experts | Level | Reason |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Mayor of Kamza | Local level | Local Authority |
| 2. Head of Geographic Study Center | Researcher | Migration expert |
| 3. Project Leader /Co plan | NGO | The main NGO working in the area |

Topics Covered

1. The problems the perspectives and potentials of the development for the region
2. The socio economic transformation after the 1990s, the positive and negative consequences for the region keeping in mind the migration processes and the changes facilitated by this process.
3. The regional differences (in national level) and the possible socio economic integration of the migrant population in the area keeping in mind issues such as gender, employment, social acceptance.
4. The importance of a national and regional strategy and policy concerning the development of the region, the integration of migrants, the infrastructure, legalization of the building, registration of the population etc.

Introduction:

Good morning. My name is Erka Caro and I am a PhD researcher at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. I am conducting a study about the adjustments of rural migrants in sub-urban areas with the case study of Kamza Municipality.

This interview is being conducted to get your opinion and information regarding the socio-economic transformation of the area under study and the potential for further developments. I am especially interested in getting more insights into the migration phenomenon in the area and level of migrant's adjustment. Moreover, I would like to get your opinion on effective ways to implement better policies and ways of collaboration between local authorities, newcomers, and host society, actual and future plans, projects, ways of implementations and expected results.

If it is okay with you, I will tape record our conversation. The purpose of this is so that I can get all the details but at the same time be able to carry an attentive conversation with you. I

assure you that all your comments will remain confidential. I will be analyzing the interview without any reference to individuals. (Take oral consent)

I would like to start by having you briefly describe your involvement thus far with the Kamza municipality, your interests in the area and the work you have conducted

- Projects
- Articles, reports
- Filed of interests.

A. Socio-economic transformation of Kamza Municipality – Major of Kamza/ Arqile Berxholi/Darina Kokona

1. As we know, the last decades, Kamza has been transformed from an agricultural area into one of the most expanding sub-urban zones in Albania. In your opinion how did this transformation of Kamza occur?

- How has the region changed?
- What are the main transformations?

2. In your opinion what have been the main facilitators of the spectacular growth and development of this region?

- What were the promoters?
- What elements can you identify as crucial to have attracted so many people in this area?

3. What are the main advantages and disadvantages of the demographic and social transformation of the region during the transition period following the 1990?

- The main challenges for the region

B. The Role of Migration – Arqile Berxholi/ Major of Kamza/ Darina Kokona

1. In your opinion has the massive internal migration served as a facilitator of these socio-economic transformations of the region of Kamza?

- If yes can you elaborate more , in which ways
- The effect of the regions of origin?
- Remittances
- Social networks
- Informal settlements

2. How has this phenomenon affected the urban morphology of the area?

- Are expected further transformations in the future?

(Show pictures of kamza in 1994 and in 2007)

3. What are your comments regarding this pictures?
 - Can you identify the role of migration?
4. What are the main problems related to the infrastructure in the area?
 - Legalization
 - Lack of urban infrastructure
 - Lack of planning and collaboration between individuals and local authorities
 - How can these problems be solved?

C. Migration process and Integration of migrants – Major of Kamza/ Arqile Berxholi/ Darina Kokona

1. In your opinion the migration decision process of the new comers in Kamza, was a result of push factors or pull factors
 - Difficulties in the area of origin - explain
 - Attractiveness in the area of destination/ What make Kamza so attractive
 - Can you describe a typical migration process
2. Why do so many migrants choose Kamza? Please explain
 - What do this migrants have in common?
 - Who is a typical migrant in Kamza – can you elaborate
3. What are the main challenges faced by the new comers in Kamza
 - Integration
 - Adjustment
 - Employment
 - Housing
 - Social acceptance (discrimination)
4. The majority of the migrants in Kamza are coming from the north of Albania. What can you say about the regional differences (between the origin and destination) and how the origin of migrants affects their integration and adjustment process?
5. In your opinion and experience can you elaborate more regarding the coping strategies of Migrants
 - Identity
 - Remittances
 - Social networks
6. In your opinion has migration changed the livelihood of these people?
 - In what way?
 - Traditions
 - Household composition
 - Gender relationships

D. The Future - Potentials and perspectives of the development of the region -
Major of Kamza/ Arqile Berxholi/ Darina Kokona

1. In your opinion what are the alternatives and perspectives for the regional development in the future in Kamza?
 - Potentials
 - Challenges
 - policies
2. Is there a need for national and regional strategy concerning
 - Development of the region
 - integration of migrants
 - infrastructure
 - Legalization of the buildings
 - Registration of the population etc.

Can you please elaborate more?

3. What is expected to change in Kamza municipality the future and how?
 - Population registration
 - Legalization
 - Infrastructure
 - Planed migration
 - Health
 - Employment
 - Collaboration between community and local authorities
- 4 Do you think that in the future Kamza would attract more migrants?
 - Who will come
 - Further migration from Kamza to Tirana
 - Return migrants