## Launching the Vlora Regional Development Strategy for achieving the MDGs

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2005 Vlora County Council organized the ceremony of launching Vlora MDGRR –Regional Development Strategy for achieving the MDGs" at 11:00 hrs in Llogara "Fshati Turistik" (Tourist Village).



MWC, as a key actor in the area, has been supporting and assisting the local authorities in the process of development of this strategy as well as exchanged experiences and ideas with OXFAM (the contracted consultancy) in the topics related to environmental sector.

Also the event was preceded by

the close cooperation and assistance delivered from MWC to local authorities.

MWC, apart of the participation in the ceremony took part also in the

exhibition which was established as side event of this activity. As such, posters, photo documentation the MWC activities, MWC publications etc., became part of the showcases.

The ceremony was attended by high authorities, local and central. A special attention was paid by the participation of UNDP CO Resident Representative Ms.



Gulden Turkoz-Cosslet and NDP officers, as well as by the Vice Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania Mr. Ilir Rusmaili.

The local authorities - Chair of the Vlora County Council, Mayors of Vlora Municipality and other municipalities, Heads of communes which are under the County Council and representative of the local and central institutions, welcomed all the participants, thanking also all the team and experts who contributed to develop this strategy. In their speeches, by presenting certain aspect of the work, they highlight the particular importance of urgent implementation for the action programs and intervention measures which address improvement of the socio-economic life in the region as well as sustaining and preserving environmental equilibrium contributing to nature protection, and sustainable ecoturistic development.

The key topics address by the strategy are alleviation of poverty and improvement of the life conditions, accomplishment of education, health and sanitation standard allowing for better socio-economic performance of the Vlora Region.