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HINTERLAND Vitality Check

Examples from typology : type No. 6 **Vandžiogala**

Vandžiogala



Number of inhabitants: **1800**

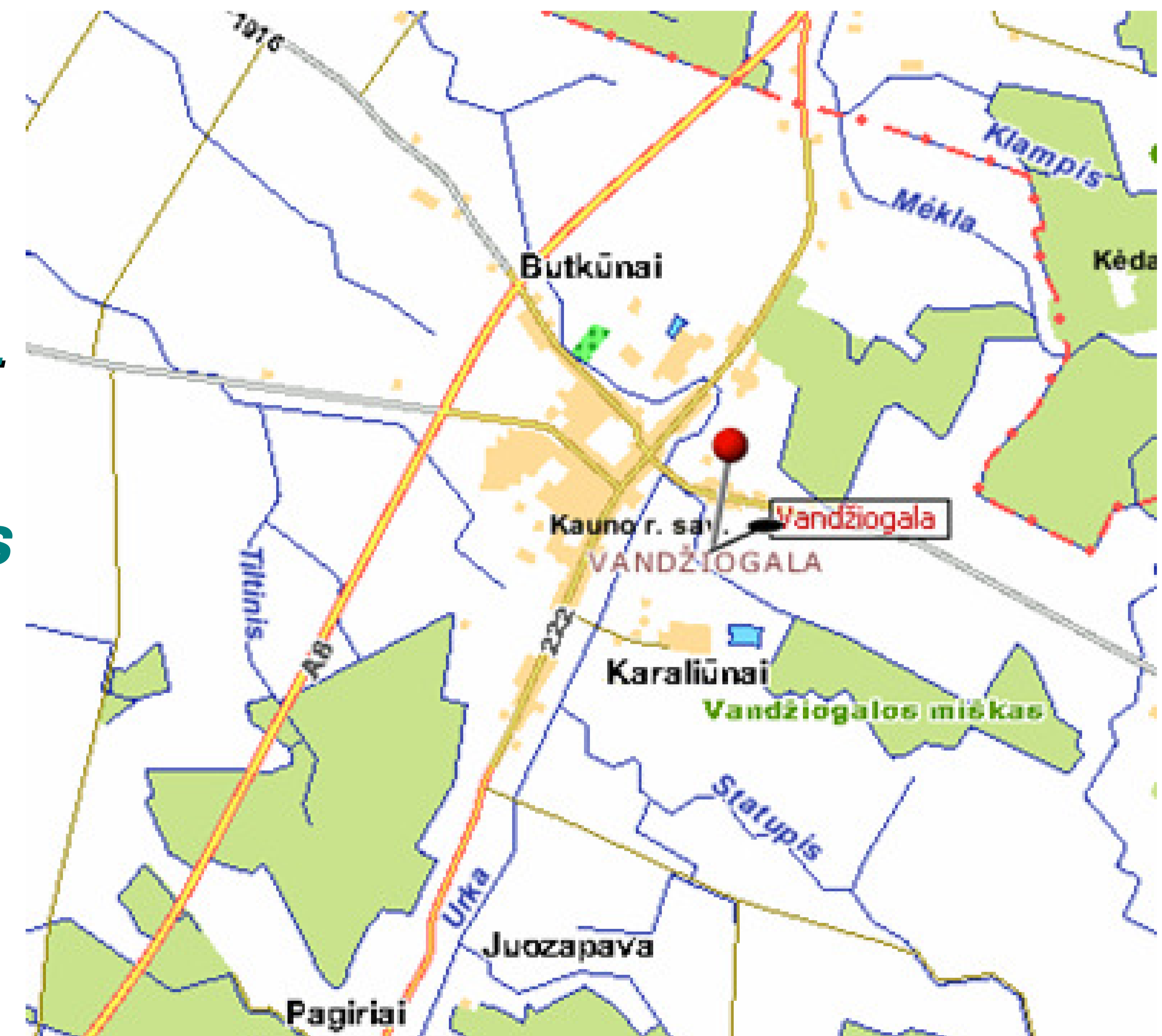
Name of Municipality:

Kauno municipality.

Name of County: **Lithuania**

Vorderland dist. (dist. center):

31 km from Kaunas



A voice from *name of village* :



Vandžiogala – wonderful place for quiet and active rest. People here are open and fair, it shows blue color in Vandžiogala blazon

Local Mayor, Petras Balčiūnas



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We are type Nr. 6 !

What does it mean for our village and what do we have to do?

Strengthen the strengths!

- **Demography**

Low migration level, demographic balance is sustained by coming inhabitants, 260 pupils

- **Economy**

6 shops, 2 bars, "Jona's agroservice", 3 wood processing companies, manufactory of memorials , plastic processing factory, homesteads are marketable of townie

- **Social Life**

2 communities of the village, Cultural center, youth group of Vandžiogala, library, kindergarten, 100 active people

Reduce the risks!

- *Declining birthrate (7 first-former)*
- *Hard to find good workers, no country tourism homesteads*
- *Low interest in cultural heritage of inhabitants, poor communication effects possibilities for pupils to participate in after-school activities, "unsocialized" people*



Street of Vandžiogala



Children nation dancing collective „Verpetukas“.



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Look what we have achieved so far :

Calendar of activities in the last 10 years and Picture Gallery

- 1998 - Commemoration of Ibėnai village tragedy.
- 16th of October, 2002 - Town blazon is sealed by president decree.
- 2004 - Town blazon is blessed, 620 year for Vandžiogala town.
- 1st of April, 2005 - established community of Vandžiogala village
- 2005 - Project "My foot in native land" prepared and realized
- 2006 - Project "What a family"
- 2007 - Project "Through the dance we recognize Europe".



Vandžiogala's 620 year commemoration



Seeking to use the potential "house-ghost"



Village folksy chapel



Chapel for commemoration of Ibėnai village tragedy



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Our vision for the future :

Vision: “*Vandžiogala’s natural resources to use for rest, cultural, sport areas formation, to use for various age of people; “heat” locality with wood monuments and small architectural details, seeking to attract tired from town noise fellow-traveler*”

Moto: “*Holiday “campers”, please stop, admire and have a rest!*”



Newspaper of Vandžiogala youth



Tiding....



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- **Strength utilization for opportunities realization:**
 - Transit services development:
Stop places for camps;
 - Sport area renovation;
 - The most beautiful homestead competition “*Be a good example for your neighbours*”
- **Weaknesses correction using opportunities:**
 - Adjust non-using buildings for communities demand
 - Mobile services supply.

