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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 Vandžiogala



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".