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## HINTERLAND Vitality Check Examples from typology : type Nr.8



Rest and relaxation center  
"Mituva"



The holy Jurgis picture in  
Gidžiai church

Village (locality) name:

**Girdžiai**

Number of inhabitants : **1540**

Name of Municipality :

**Jurbarkas**

Name of County : **Lithuania**

Vorderland dist. (dist. center **9 km to Jurbarkas; 95 km to Kaunas**

A voice from Girdžiai:

*"Rivers are coming back to their own sources, come back and you near the coast of Mituva river"*



**"Here, on the hill, high standing strong stonework. / It is the hill – glorious secrets.. "**  
From the school hymn



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## We are type *Nr. 8* !

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

### Strengthen the strengths!

#### Demography

Quite enough inhabitants have high education (30%) and professional education (60%);

#### Economy

Farms are becoming bigger, with use the support from EU structural funds;  
Stable functioning 3 business enterprises, acting couple of shops;

#### Social Life

Active functioning community center, Caritas, Health lifestyle association, in this activity participate about 90 people.

Organization of traditional fiestas (for example, Holy Ona feast, barn theater and Joninés fiesta)

There are artist, handcrafts living in locality.

### Reduce the risks!

- **Demographic risk?** (high number of pensioners in locality, youth emigration, there are derelict houses);
- **Economic risk ?** (50% of inhabitants going to work in other places, lack of qualified workers)
- **Social risk?** (poor input of water quality, no old people centre and other social services centres).



*Girdžiai basic school*



*Traditional Mardi Gras fiesta in the school*