



Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)

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BENIN

Core details

Population:

9,099,922

WTO accession:

22 February 1996

Poverty head count (%):

N/A

Share of international non-oil trade (%):

0.768

Per capita growth rate (%):

-0.3

Value of non-oil goods traded (in US\$ million):

N/A

WB Trading Across Borders rank:

N/A

Employment in non-traditional export sectors:

N/A

Benin's [Diagnostic Trade Integration Study \(DTIS\)](#) [1] was validated in March 2006 with support from the World Bank and Denmark. The priority actions identified in the DTIS Action Matrix were incorporated in Benin's Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), which was adopted in February 2007. The key DTIS recommendations incorporated in the PRSP included chapters on private sector support, diversification of the economy, promotion of regional integration and transport. Benin's current PRSP, the Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRS) 2011-2015 has also incorporated its trade priorities.

Under the IF, Benin benefited from Window II projects in 2007 including the financing of "Support Programme for Exports Development" (PADEX) with technical support of ITC, UNCTAD and UNDP. PADEX's objective was to help Benin integrate better into the multilateral trading system by promoting and diversifying its exports, products and services. These included fruits and vegetables, cashew nuts and tourism. The PADEX project was closed in August 2010.

Main Projects Ongoing

Description of the projects (objectives and interventions):

Under the EIF, Benin's Tier 1 project was approved and is under implementation since September 2011. This project, "Support to National Implementation Arrangements" (NIAs) builds on earlier efforts under the IF and, aims to better integrate Benin into the global trading system with a view to contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development.

Under the Tier 1 project, Benin has carried out 6 major sectoral studies including: on the development and promotion of sustainable and community tourism in Abomey, Ganvie and Ouidah; on the competitiveness of the cashew nut sector; on the development of the agro-industry and commerce in Benin; survey on the capacity of trade information providers; national survey on export related trade information; and value chain study on the development and promotion of sustainable tourism.

Benin's DTIS Update (DTISU) was approved by the EIF Board in March 2013 and is on-going with the World Bank as the Main Implementing Entity (MIE).

Main progresses to date:

Trade priorities have been included in Benin's PRSP, the Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRS) 2011-2015 and coordination mechanisms have been put in place to ensure its implementation, including developing a trade strategy to update the GPRS. Trade has also been integrated in sectoral strategies on agriculture, industry, tourism and transport.

Benin is implementing a capacity-building plan including various activities on improving the competitiveness of the cashew sector as well as support to sustainable land management around the lakeside town of Ganvié crafting handmade items using water hyacinths. These capacity building efforts have mainly targeted women entrepreneurs.

Public-private sector consultative mechanism was launched in October 2012 under the leadership of the President of Benin.

Outlook:

Work is under way with preparations a Tier 2 project proposal with assistance from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), ITC and UNCTAD on supporting productive and trade capacities of Benin. The EIF National Implementation Unit (NIU) is also working on another Tier 2 proposal on developing inclusive sustainable tourism in Benin.

Results

Through capacity building efforts, tourism products have been developed and promoted within the communities of Abomey, Ganvié and Ouidah. These tourism products have contributed to sustainable tourism in Benin, with women groups being trained in the art of crafting handmade items using the water hyacinth. Additionally, to further improve the competitiveness of the cashew sector, cashew stakeholders' capacities have been developed and 15,300 jute bags have been provided to cashew producer groups.

Links

Benin, Enhanced Integrated Framework
<http://cirbenin.org/> [2]

State of implementation

TIER 1 OUTCOME AND INDICATORS					
Outcome 1: Sufficient institutional and management capacity built in Benin to formulate and implement trade-related strategies and implementation plans					
Outcome 1 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12	
O1.1: Support to NIAs (Y/N)	No	No	Yes		Yes
O1.2: DTIS Action Matrix (Date) 2006	No	No	No		No
O1.3: Fiduciary capacity (1-5)	0	0	3		2
O1.4: Trade strategy updated (Y/N)	No	No	No		No

O1.5: Trade Strategy quality (1-5)		4	4	4	4
O1.6 Trade strategy implemented (1-5)		5	5	5	5

Outcome 2: Benin mainstreams trade into its national development strategies and plans					
Outcome 2 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12	
O2.1: Trade in the National Development Plan (1-5)	5	5	3	3	
O2.2: Trade in Productive Sector Strategies (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
O2.3: Public-Private Dialogue (1-5)	5	5	5	2	

Outcome 3: Coordinated delivery of trade-related resources (funding, TA, etc.) by donors and implementing agencies to implement Benin's priorities following the adoption of the DTIS Action Matrix					
Outcome 3 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12	
O3.1: Annual joint sector implementation overview (Y/N)	No	No	No	No	No
O3.2: Frequency of Government-Donor consultation in trade (1-5)	4	4	4	3	
O3.3: UN-CEB Cluster activities based on DTIS Action Matrix (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O3.4: Joint donor initiatives in trade (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Outcome 4: Benin secures resources in support of initiatives that address DTIS Action Matrix priorities					
Outcome 4 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12	
O4.1: Medium-term Programme (1-5)	5	5	5	5	
O4.2: Government budget contribution (Y/N)	No	No	No	No	No
O4.4: Number and amount of projects funded from DTIS Action Matrix (in US\$ million)	1 (1)	N/A	2 (17)	6	

Financial information

DTIS Update

Starting date / End date
11/03/2013
Approved Budget
200,000
Board Approval Date
11/08/2011
Disbursement
200,000
Expenditure Reported
142,982
MOU Approval Date
11/03/2013
MOU Expiry Date
30/06/2015
Phase:
Completed

NIA Support

Starting date / End date
22/09/2011
Approved Budget
899,991
Board Approval Date
11/08/2011
Disbursement
899,991
Expenditure Reported
878,269
MOU Approval Date
19/09/2011
MOU Expiry Date
31/03/2015
Phase:
Implementation

Renforcement des capacités productives et commerciales (RCPC)

Starting date / End date
28/07/2014
Approved Budget
2,999,089
Board Approval Date
24/07/2014
Disbursement
1,203,862
Expenditure Reported
44
MOU Approval Date
31/12/2014
MOU Expiry Date
31/12/2017
Phase:
Implementation

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