

## Benin - Building Climate and Disaster Resilience

### Country

Benin

### ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Mainstream DRR and CCA into  
national and priority sector policies  
and investment planning

### Amount Approved

€490,000 / \$532,000

### Duration

08/2024 – 07/2026

### Context and Objectives

Benin is highly vulnerable to a range of natural hazards, including flooding, strong wind, coastal erosion, and forest fires. Since 1970, the country has suffered from 50 natural disasters with floods, droughts and epidemic being the most recurrent. Climate change and unplanned urban growth further exacerbate the country's vulnerability.

The objective of this project is to support the Government of Benin in increasing its technical and financial capacity for managing climate and disaster risks. This is accomplished through supporting regulatory and policy reforms, as well as integrating climate risk information and knowledge into urban planning, infrastructure delivery, and social protection programs.

### Main Activities and Expected Results

#### ***Strengthening DRM institutional and operational framework***

This activity aims to support the operationalization of the decree defining measures and procedures for disaster risk reduction, health emergencies, and civil protection, including by identifying potential gaps in the legislation.

#### *Expected Results:*

- Improve capacity to develop stronger and more streamlined DRM institutional arrangements.
- Enhanced government preparedness and response capacity.

#### ***Strengthening disaster risk financing***

This activity provides technical assistance to bring together Benin's strategic vision and management of its risk financing instruments in a way that complements the government's broader DRM, social protection, and agricultural risk management agendas.

#### *Expected Results:*

- Enhanced understanding of contingent disaster liabilities for policy and budget decision-making.
- More effective use of the National Disaster Response Fund (FONCAT) by national and local government.

#### ***Integrating climate resilience into urban planning and infrastructure delivery***

This activity supports local and national government in integrating disaster and climate resilience into urban planning and infrastructure delivery via technical review, advice and capacity building on investment project documents.



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*Expected Result:*

- Greater awareness of climate and natural disaster resilience and inclusion of these consideration into urban planning and investments.

***Strengthening disaster risk information and knowledge***

This activity provides support in strengthening the knowledge and skills to collect, understand and use risk information.

*Expected Results:*

- Improved production of data and development of maps, especially in relation to effective adaptive social protection systems.
- Strengthened capacities to provide statistics required to assess the impact of disasters.

**Partnerships and Coordination**

The World Bank implements this project in close coordination with the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Living Environment and Transport, Ministry of Interior and Public Security, Ministry of Decentralization and Local Governments, and the Ministry of Social Affairs. The World Bank coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Benin.