

 Early Warning System

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BENIN - Rural Electrification Project in Benin-Phase II (PERU II)



Quick Facts

Countries	Benin
Specific Location	Alibori, Atacora, Borgou, Collines, Donga, Mono and Zou
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-02-25
Borrower	Government of Benin
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 112.95 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 165.41 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, Phase 2 of the Rural Electrification Project (PERU II) is an integral part of the priority projects of the Government Action Program (PAG) and is extracted from the National Rural Electrification Program, which aims to accelerate the electrification of the country's rural localities and promote access to electricity for the population. The project is also aligned with Benin's National Electrification Strategy (Strategie nationale d'electrification - SNE), drawn up in 2021, which aims to provide electricity on a larger scale throughout the country. The project will be financed by an AfDB loan to the Government of Benin for a total amount of EUR 107.35 million. It will benefit from a contribution from the national counterpart, and activities will be carried out in parallel with those of the Government and SBEE. The ADB loan will partially cover the various components of the project.

The project's development objective is to help improve people's access to electricity in rural and peri-urban areas. It aims to raise the rate of coverage and the rate of access to electricity in rural areas to 10.76% and 2.40% respectively, with a view to improving people's living conditions. Specifically, the project will enable the electrification of 420 new rural localities, the extension/densification of the electricity distribution network in 150 peri-urban localities already electrified, through the construction of 4,298 km of lines and 813 transformer substations, the installation of 10,216 street lighting units and the connection of 8,424 new subscribers to the electricity network (including 700 social-community infrastructures and 8,3824 households), as well as the creation of some 1,496 direct jobs.

The project covers the whole country, apart from the Littoral department, with 420 new rural localities spread across 7 departments (Alibori, Atacora, Borgou, Collines, Donga, Mono and Zou) and a further 150 peri-urban localities in the south of the country located in the Atlantic, Couffo, Mono, Plateau, Oueme and Zou departments. It will benefit a population of around 550,000, 50.75% of whom are women¹⁵, who will gain access to electricity through household connections at a cost of 5,000 FCFA (instead of the current 20,000 FCFA). The other main direct beneficiaries are the government, including the local administration (through the collection of taxes), SBEE (which will have additional revenues) and the 700 socio-community infrastructures in the project area that will be connected to the power grid.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Pursuant to national legislation, the planned project investments are categorized as low-to-moderate risk activities/works, and therefore classified as category B and subject to simplified environmental and social (E&S) assessments.



Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)

Loan type: Total flexibility loan

Tenor: 25 years, including grace period

Grace period: 8 years

African Development Bank: EUR 107.35 million



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