

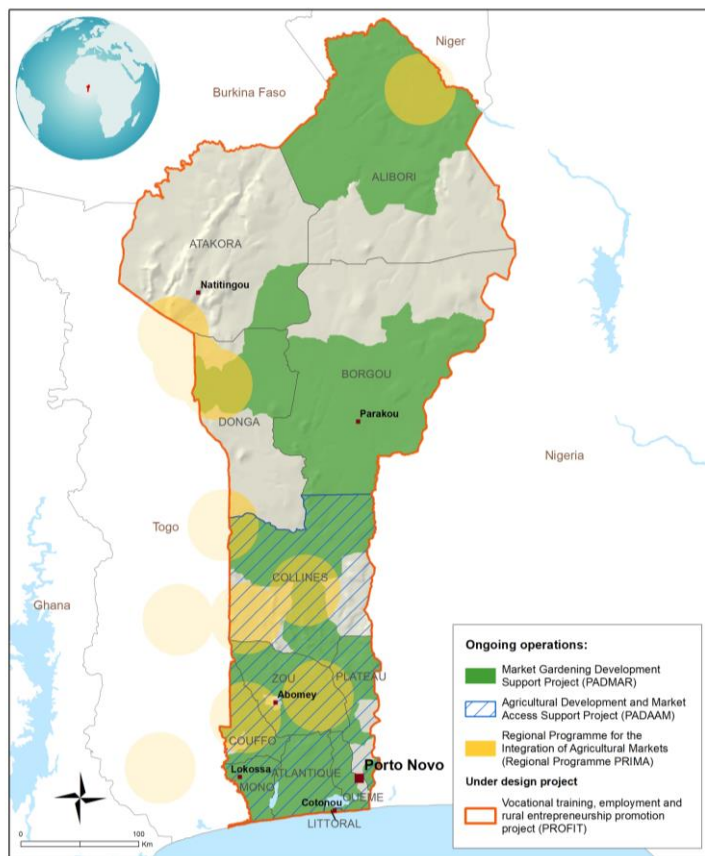


IFAD COUNTRY STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMME (2025-2030)

BENIN

IFAD portfolio coverage in Benin

Map of Benin showing IFAD coverage



COSOP at a glance

Duration 6 years (2025 to 2030)

Focus Areas Basins or watersheds, and agricultural markets, within the seven Agricultural Development Poles (ADPs)

Target groups Vulnerable smallholder farmers and micro and small entrepreneurs, particularly women and youth

Goal *To reduce poverty, improve food and nutritional security, increase job opportunities, and strengthen resilience*

Financing* \$392 million (of which \$195.5 million from IFAD)

Beneficiaries 215,000 rural households

COSOP Strategic Objectives

Strategic objectives

1

Sustainably increase agricultural production, food and nutrition security, resilience and access to markets for small-scale producers

Detailed approach

- ✓ Promotion of farm technologies and innovations
- ✓ Productive partnerships among value chain actors
- ✓ Infrastructure development (for production and access to markets)
- ✓ Strengthening of producers' organizations and local institutions
- ✓ Climate adaptation interventions

2

Improve access to rural employment opportunities for small-scale producers to reduce poverty, particularly for youth and women

- ✓ Enhancement of both technical and managerial skills of young graduates and existing small entrepreneurs
- ✓ Provision of business development services
- ✓ Mentorship programmes and enterprises incubation
- ✓ Improved access to finance

Key Priorities of the COSOP



Private Sector Engagement

- Engagement along the value chains
- Involvement of rural financial services providers
- Business development services



Innovations

- Innovative approach in productive alliances
- Technologies resilient to climate change
- Digital technologies in agriculture and financial services



Partnerships

- Government
- Research institutions
- Strong partnership with FOs for sustainable services to farmers
- Development partners (RBAs, AFD, AfDB, OPEC)
- Climate Funds (GEF)



Sustainability and Scaling

- Strong alignment
- Policy dialogue
- Decentralised territorial approach
- Institutional capacity building
- Civil society engagement
- Beneficiary ownership



Other Elements of the COSOP



Loans and Grants

Initiate one new project:

Vocational training, employment and rural entrepreneurship promotion project (PROFIT)



Country-level Policy Engagement

- Land tenure
- Sustainable access to inputs
- Mainstreaming nutrition



Institutional Capacity Building

- Apex producer associations to provide services to their members
- Public institutions for improved implementation and sustainability



Knowledge Management

- Effective communication and KM strategy
- South-South triangular Cooperation (i.e. knowledge exchanges)



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