

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	10156
Project Name:	Strengthening capacity in the energy, agriculture, forestry and other land-use sectors for enhanced transparency in the implementation and monitoring of Benin's Nationally Determined Contribution
Countr(ies):	Benin
Implementing Agency:	FAO

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Strengthening capacity in the energy, agriculture, forestry and other land-use sectors for enhanced transparency in the implementation and monitoring of Benin's Nationally Determined Contribution

Country

Benin

GEF ID

10156

Implementing Agency

FAO

Executing Entity

Ministère du Cadre de Vie et du Développement Durable (MCVDD)

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

MSP

PIR Submission

9/15/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 3rd PIR

Objective

By 2024, Benin is preparing reports to the UNFCCC with a view to strengthening the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement with reinforced components in the energy, agriculture, forestry and other land uses (AFOLU) sectors, including inventories of emission sources and sinks and information necessary for monitoring the priority actions identified in Benin's NDC. Project indicator: number of reports prepared for the UNFCCC meeting ETF requirements by 2024 Target: at least one report to the UNFCCC

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Satisfactory

Development Objective

Moderately Satisfactory

Overall risk

Low Risk

Project Financing

1,445,250.00

Cumulative Disbursement

980,029.72

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval 3/30/2021	Agency Approval 11/16/2021
Implementation Start 5/1/2022	First Disbursement 10/31/2022
Expected MTR	Actual MTR
Expected Completion 12/31/2025	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

The progress made in the implementation of the project during the period under review is as follows:

The implementation of the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) in Benin has made significant progress: 42 of the 51 planned activities have been fully implemented to date and important milestones have been achieved.

Improvement of institutional arrangements

Following the inconclusive validation workshop (validation not pronounced) of the proposals for improvement in terms of institutional arrangements (institutional arrangements, multisectoral coordination mechanisms, implementation roadmaps, capacity building plan, etc.), the consultant has integrated the observations and suggestions and the final validation is expected soon. At the same time, regulatory acts (orders, decrees, partnership agreements) are being drafted and are benefiting from consultations with the parties involved.

Implementation of an MRV information management system

After the design of the system (functional architecture, activity diagram, user case diagram, model), the list of material and equipment needs expressed by the sectors and validated by the Ministry's Department of Information Systems (DSI/MCVT) was sent to FAO for acquisition. The latter has just launched the procurement process.

Capacity building on MRV emissions - mitigation

The draft report on the proposed improvements (methodological guide, procedures manual, QA/QC protocol, archiving and documentation protocol, capacity-building plan and materials, etc.) has been tabled and is awaiting validation. Following the training of the AFOLU and Energy sectoral groups on the requirements of the ETF and GHG inventory tools and methodologies, the sectors benefited from continuous support in the preparation of the national GHG inventory as part of the development of the BTR1 (improvement of spreadsheets, readjustment of time series, disaggregation of certain data, etc.). AFOLU sectors have also received training on MRV mitigation, BTR requirements and tools such as NEXT and the NDC tracking tool.

Capacity building on ES adaptation

The draft report on the proposed improvements (updating of indicators, proposal for a monitoring and evaluation system) has been submitted and is awaiting validation.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

The major challenge in the implementation of this project remains the management and quarterly fundraising mode which amplifies the consequences of late transfers on implementation.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

Profile	Stakeholder name	Type of partnership	Progress, results & Challenges on Stakeholder's Engagement
Government Institutions	Ministère du Cadre de Vie et des Transports, en charge du développement durable (MCVT)	Direct Beneficiary (Government Institution/Agency)	Presence as a member of the PSC and the Technical Committee. Strategic direction and technical support of the project. Participation in the implementation of corrective actions identified during the diagnostic evaluation
Government Institutions	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de la Pêche (MAEP)	Direct Beneficiary (Government Institution/Agency)	Presence as a member of the PSC and the Technical Committee. Strategic direction and technical support of the project. Participation in the implementation of corrective actions identified during the diagnostic evaluation
Government Institutions	Ministère de l'Énergie (ME)	Direct Beneficiary (Government Institution/Agency)	Presence as a member of the PSC and the Technical Committee. Strategic direction and technical support of the project. Participation in the implementation of corrective actions identified during the diagnostic evaluation
Government Institutions	Ministère des Affaires Sociales et de la Microfinance (MASMF)	Direct Beneficiary (Government Institution/Agency)	Presence as a member of the PSC and the Technical Committee. Strategic direction and technical support of the project. Participation in the implementation of corrective actions identified during the diagnostic evaluation
Government Institutions	Comité National sur les Changements Climatiques (CNCC)	Direct Beneficiary (Government Institution/Agency)	Presence as a member of the PSC and the Technical Committee. Strategic direction and technical support of the project. Participation in the implementation of corrective actions identified during the diagnostic evaluation
Government Institutions	Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique (MESRS)	Direct Beneficiary (Government Institution/Agency)	Presence as a member of the PSC and the Technical Committee. Strategic direction and technical support of the project. Participation in the implementation of corrective actions identified during the diagnostic evaluation
Government Institutions	Ministère de la Décentralisation et de la Gouvernance Locale (MDGL) /ANCB	Direct Beneficiary (Government Institution/Agency)	Presence as a member of the PSC and the Technical Committee. Strategic direction and technical support of the project. Participation in the implementation of corrective actions identified during the diagnostic evaluation
NGOs	ONG UPE	Collaboration	Presence as a member of the PSC and the Technical Committee. Strategic direction and technical support of the project. Participation in the implementation of corrective actions identified during the diagnostic evaluation
NGOs	ONG PRO ENVIRONNEMENT	Collaboration	Presence as a member of the PSC and the Technical Committee. Strategic direction and technical support of the project. Participation in the implementation of corrective actions identified during the diagnostic evaluation
Private Sector entities	Chambre de Commerce et de l'Industrie du Bénin (CCIB)	Collaboration	Presence as a member of the PSC and the Technical Committee. Strategic direction and technical support of the project. Participation in the implementation of corrective actions identified during the diagnostic evaluation

D. Gender Equality

Category	Yes/No	Briefly describe progress and results achieved during this reporting period.
a. Closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources	Yes	Integration of parity and equitable access to resources criteria into the proposed MRV institutional arrangements. Development of gender-disaggregated indicators and data in data collection sheets and methodologies and monitoring procedures.
b. Improving women's participation and decision making	Yes	Organization of capacity-building workshops with moderate gender balance among sectoral participants. Proposal for quotas for women's representation in committees and decision-making bodies.
c. generating socio-economic benefits or services for women	Yes	Development of consultation protocols and indicators systematically including women's groups in the evaluation of climate actions
Any other good practices on gender	Yes	Training of sectoral teams on gender analysis applied to MRV. Revision of methodological guides to include gender sensitivity checklists in all proposed MRV procedures.

E. Knowledge Management

Knowledge management and Learning (KML): Does the project have a KML strategy?	Yes
If YES, what is the implementation progress? In your answer, please describe how the project is fostering knowledge sharing and learning among stakeholders at national and sub-national level.	Not Applicable
If NO, how does the project identify, collect and document good practices?	Related elements were incorporated into the communication strategy developed and validated. It is planned to collect, structure, archive, share and update best practices
Please list good practices, including key-technical and/or institutional innovations, from the project thus far.	<p>In terms of project management, several good practices have been put in place for the success of the project:</p> <p>Knowledge Management, Collaboration and Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a SharePoint space for data sharing and archiving of finalized media • Setting up a Google Drive for document sharing to facilitate collaboration • Organize WhatsApp forums and exchange meetings via Teams or Google Meet for smooth and seamless communication • Collective management of difficulties with the assurance that all media use a predefined chain and a mainly thematic initiative • Setting up an internal hard drive to back up project resources • Developed and shared summaries and key messages in the form of flyers and brochures <p>Technical innovations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and training on new tools (NEXT, NDC Tracking Tool, etc.) to members of the national reporting clusters • Provision of the FAO self-learning platform on the NEXT tool • Development of the national MRV platform currently underway • Cloud archiving and free access to the tools and materials of the various training sessions • Continuous online support of the AFOLU and Energy sectoral groups in the preparation of the first biennial transparency report and the Fourth National Communication • Updating and development of the procedures manual on inventories and mitigation assessment (pending validation) • Development of a Monitoring and Evaluation system for adaptation actions (pending validation) <p>Institutional innovations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for a new institutional arrangement (pending validation) • Drafting of legal and regulatory acts on MRV (awaiting signature)
Communication strategy: Does the project have a communication strategy?	Yes
Please provide a brief overview of the communications successes and challenges this fiscal year.	<p>During the period under review, we worked hard to strengthen the visibility and notoriety of the initiative, in particular through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strong media coverage organized around the various activities; - the involvement of media focal points for a greater effect of media coverage; - an awareness and popularization campaign initiated and currently being deployed; - the various social media accounts of the initiative regularly updated and used to make useful information available and mark a real presence of the initiative via the

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Cotonou, Benin	6.3539739	2.4313757	

Location Description:

[Ministère du Cadre de Vie et des Transports, en charge du développement durable \(MCVT\)](#)

Activity Description:

V. ANNEX

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