



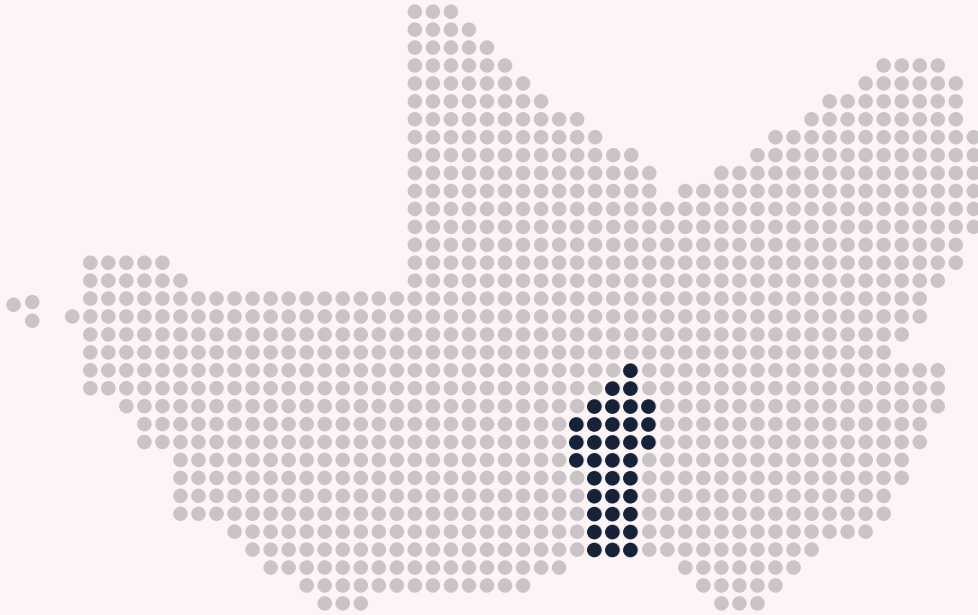
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► EBID Illuminates Benin's Rural Localities

In 67 rural localities of the Republic of Benin, the financing of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) has significantly contributed to the development of the country's energy infrastructure. To support the national policy of the government of Benin to open up rural localities and establish social justice through a more equitable distribution of national wealth, EBID financed US\$19.1 million for the government's electrification programme, connecting 412,000 inhabitants from 6,000 households to the electrical grid.

With EBID's support, a vast connection of networks and services have been constructed. The provision and availability of electrical energy in Benin is now expansive.

Approximately 15,000 connections have been developed through the construction of a 178 km medium voltage power line, a 107.58 km mixed medium and low voltage line, and a 215 km distribution line. Additionally, the supply and installation of ancillary equipment for 62 transformer stations as well as 1,740 public lighting and connection lamps have given thousands of rural households access to constant electricity.

EBID's financing to electrify Benin's rural localities has been an essential contribution for removing the obstacles to economic development and improving the living conditions of the rural population. The electrification of the 67 rural localities, namely, Kessounou, Aholouyèmè, Avloh, Djègbadji, Sèho, Agbanta, Gbéko centre,



Dankpo, Dékangbo and Allawada, has provided various social benefits including the development of health, education, and cultural sectors as well as food security.

Life has been renewed for hundreds of thousands of people in rural Benin. The availability of electrical energy has engendered a sense of security and enabled beneficiaries to create income-generating activities. There has been a significant increase in household incomes due to savings on the exorbitant cost of kerosene for lighting and improvement in the production of the processing of agricultural products by modern equipment, thus putting a brake on rural exodus. Potable water supply has also seen remarkable improvements to its

access and reduction to its production cost in the village water supply systems.

Beyond the social and human benefits, the electrification project has had some environmental impact. It has made it possible to preserve ecosystems through the availability of electrical energy to meet the needs of the population. Similarly, there has been reduction in carbon emissions due to the shutdown of generators used in the project areas.

Through the unwavering support of EBID, the population in the rural localities of Benin are experiencing a significant improvement to their standard of living and change in their quality of life.





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