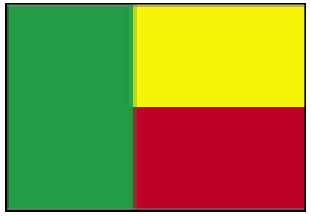
BENIN
INVESTMENT SUMMARY



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Overview: Country program established in **1986**. Focus is on agricultural sector, providing support to food producers and processors in the local and export markets. USADF currently manages a portfolio of **28 projects. Total commitment is** of **$4.1 million.**

Grantee	Duration	Value	Summary
Association pour la Promotion et l'Appui au Développement de Micro Entreprises (PADME) 1814-BEN	2008-2013	$249,591	**Microfinance:** PADME provides accessible services to low-income individuals and microenterprises in urban and rural Benin. The USADF grant will be used to expand a successful pilot program which combines microfinance services with health education for rural clients. By the end of the project, PADME expects to provide services to over 8,600 very poor women in four localities in the Plateau and Collines regions.
ADJIDO Economic Interest Group 1877-BEN photos	2008-2013	$153,927	**Livestock (Rabbits):** The members of ADJIDO raise rabbits to meet local demand for meat following the outbreak of avian flu in Benin. The USADF investment will allow ADJIDO to increase its breeding stock, infrastructure, and to scale up its provision of rabbit breeding extension services to local youth.
La Perle d'Atacora 1998-BEN photos	2009-2012	$219,017	**Services (Ecotourism):** La Perle d'Atacora is an association of tourism service providers in a village known for its unique traditional "Tata Somba" architecture. The USADF grant will finance the construction of an ecotourism lodge in a Tata Somba building, and the provision of technical assistance and training in hospitality and tourism service management to the association so they can meet the demand for tourist lodging and increase the village's tourism revenues.
L'Union Communale des Producteurs d'Ouidah (UCP Ouidah) 1999-BEN photos	2009-2011	$99,520	**Agriculture (Vegetables):** UCP Ouidah is a union of 226 smallholder vegetable farmers that promotes profitable horticulture farming. With USADF funds, the union will pilot a loan program with a local bank to acquire irrigation equipment, and to complete a technical and business training program designed to improve the professionalism of vegetable production and marketing.
Association Locale de Gestion du Marché à Bétail Auto-Géré de Gogounou (ALGMB) 2020-BEN photos	2009-2012	$178,145	**Livestock (Cattle Market):** ALGMB is a registered cooperative group formed in 1998 to manage one of the largest livestock markets in Benin**.** This association of livestock herders will use the USADF investment to upgrade the facilities of their cattle market, construct a guest house at the market and acquire technical assistance and training in business and hospitality service management, and provide secure sales intermediation services to buyers and sellers.
Union Communale des Organisations Professionnelles des Eleveurs de Ruminants d'Abomey (UCOPER Abomey) 2019-BEN photos	2009-2012	$186,010	**Livestock (Cattle Market):** UCOPER Abomey is a cooperative association of low-income village livestock herding groups that manage the Abomey livestock market. The association will use the USADF grant to upgrade the market facilities, increasing revenue generated by attracting greater numbers of livestock traders to the market, and provide training to women to improve hygiene and marketing of milk and milk products.

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Union Communale des Organisations Professionnelles des Eleveurs de Ruminannants de Bassila (UCOPER Bassila) 2027-BEN photos	2009-2012	$188,803	**Livestock (Cattle Market):** UCOPER Bassila is a cooperative association of village livestock herding groups in Bassila Commune. UCOPER Bassila will use the USADF grant to equip its livestock market with the basic facilities needed to attract traders from outside the commune, foster additional growth of the livestock market, and increase its members' incomes.
Union Communale des Producteurs de Coton (UCPC) de Djidja 2051-BEN photos	2009-2011	$100,722	**Agriculture (Corn and Soybeans):** UCPC Djidja is an association of cotton producers working to address the environmental problems associated with cotton cultivation and the steady decline of world cotton prices. The association will use USADF funds to procure extension services for its members to facilitate a transition to corn and soybean cultivation.
Union Communale des Producteurs de Zogbodomey (UCP Zogbodomey) 2059-BEN photos	2009-2012	$168,609	**Agriculture (Corn and Soybeans):** UCP Zogbodomey's purpose is to promote agricultural production through provision of production inputs, marketing services and technical assistance. With USADF funds, this union will establish a warrantage credit facility in partnership with a local bank. The warrantage facility helps UCP Zogbodomey members store their products to take advantage of the market opportunity to get higher prices later in the season.
Conseil Regional des Riziculteurs du Mono-Couffo (CRR) 2063-BEN photos	2009-2011	$74,249	**Agriculture (Rice):** CRR improves the incomes and quality of life of rural rice producers. This union of rice farmers will use the USADF investment to purchase rice hulling machines and train its members on rice processing techniques, facilitating production of higher-value white rice to increase members' incomes and generate greater revenues for CRR .
Groupement Villageois d'éleveurs de Lapin Houénoussou 2193-BEN photos	2010-2013	$104,250	**Livestock (Rabbits):** Houénoussou was established to improve members' incomes by promoting rabbit production. USADF funds will improve their production facilities with the construction of sheds, a well, a warehouse, a small slaughterhouse, and provide training in rabbit production, veterinary care, and small business management. This will allow Houénoussou to be more responsive to members' needs, improve services, and position it for further growth.
Groupement Maraîcher PAHA-PATI de Kaki-Koka 2056-BEN photos	2009-2011	$60,783	**Agriculture (Vegetables):** PAHA-PATI promotes profitable market gardening for its members. The group will use USADF funds to upgrade its irrigation system and acquire business training needed to expand production to meet the market demand.
Association Communale des Producteurs de Pomme de Terre de Pehunco (ACPPT) 2142-BEN	2010-2012	$80,734	**Agriculture (Potatoes):** ACPPT develops the potato production sector in the commune of Pehunco. USADF funds will provide training in accounting, internal controls, monitoring and evaluation, irrigation management, potato production and storage. This will allow ACPPT to be more responsive to members' needs, improve services, and position it for further growth.
Groupement de Femmes Transformatrices de Produits Agricoles de Kybéfanni (GFTPAK) 2143-BEN photos	2010-2012	$63,521	**Food Processing (Peanuts):** GFTPAK is composed of 21 women who engage in small-scale peanut processing. USADF funds will increase GFTPAK's production of peanuts for oil extraction, increase its production capacity through mechanization of the operations of shelling and pressing, establish a working capital fund to purchase a larger quantity of raw material, and build the capacity of its members in financial management, literacy, and cooperative association management.

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ONG Agbenyigan **2069-BEN photos**	2009-2012	$101,704	**Agriculture (Corn, Cassava and Cowpeas):** This rural nonprofit association will use USADF funds to provide extension services and equipment needed to upgrade members' post-harvest processing and storage capabilities, increasing incomes by making their products more competitive.
Association Union Fait la Force des Personnes Handicappées de Bohicon **2221-BEN photos**	2010-2012	$91,144	**Agriculture (Vegetables):** This association advances the interests of persons with physical disabilities in Bohicon. USADF funds will build a well and an irrigation system to irrigate a new vegetable garden, construct an office on the new site, and provide training in vegetable production, water management, fertilization and advocacy. This will allow members with disabilities to combat poverty by engaging in revenue generating activities.
Groupement Féminin Kpondéhou de Zakpota **2222-BEN photos**	2010-2012	$72,989	**Storage (Maize and Peanuts)**: Kpondéhou provides savings and credit services, and coordinates group production of palm and peanut oil. USADF funds will enable them to purchase and store reserves of peanuts at harvest time and provide improved processing facilities and equipment. This will enable the group to improve their productivity and the overall quality of their products.
Union Communale des Producteurs d'Agbangnizoun **2215-BEN**	2010-2015	$179,241	**Agriculture (Maize):** UCP Agbangnizoun advances the interests of agricultural producers in Agbangnizoun Commune. USADF funds will develop a network of model farmers using improved cultural techniques, facilitate members' access to lower cost production inputs, and guarantee loans that will help members reduce their production costs and enable them to hold their produce until prices improve after the harvest season.
Association pour le Developpement Economique Social Culturel et l'Autopromo-tion (ADESCA) **2263-BEN photos**	2010-2013	$237,650	**Agriculture (Vegetables):** ADESCA provides extension and training services to women's groups in Kalalé Commune. USADF funds will install solar-powered drip irrigation systems on the groups' vegetable plots, purchase high-yielding seeds and fertilizer, and provide technical assistance in vegetable cultivation. This will substantially increase the groups' vegetable production capacity, improve family nutrition, and generate higher incomes for the members' households.
Association Régionale des femmes Agricultri-ces de l'Atlantique–Littoral (ARFA- AL) **2300-BEN photos**	2010-2013	$196,367	**Food Processing (Fish and Cassava):** ARFA promotes the interests of women who produce, process and market fish and agricultural products in the Atlantique-Littoral department of Benin. USADF funds will construct and equip facilities for the production and storage of smoked fish and cassava flour, purchase a boat for the collection of fish for smoking and transport of passengers and cargo, and establish working capital funds for the purchase of cassava, fish, and other production inputs.
Breadbasket of Benin (Grenier du Benin) **2308-BEN**	2010-2012	$68,531	**Agriculture (Corn and Soy beans):** The cooperative organizes group sales of corn and soybeans and works to facilitate provision of credit and technical assistance in Bouca village. USADF funds will construct a drying facility; purchase packaging and storage equipment; and establish a credit facility in partnership with a local bank that will allow members store their production to take advantage of the market opportunity to get higher prices later in the season.
Conseil Régional des Maraîchers du Mono et du Couffo (CRM-MC) **2336-BEN**	2011-2014	$194,000	**Agriculture (Vegetables):** CRM-MC works to advance the interests of vegetable farmers in Mono-Couffo by providing services including group purchases of farming inputs and technical support in association management. USADF funds will be used to install irrigation systems on four demonstration plots, provide a working capital fund for fertilizers and other inputs and acquire technical assistance in vegetable farming best practices. This will enable members to improve their incomes through improved yields from their vegetable production activities.

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Tikonna **2349-BEN photos**	2011-2014	$119,610	**Food Processing (Fonio):** Tikonna Women's Association promotes women's literacy, income generating opportunities, and participation in decision-making structures in Boukoumbé Commune. USADF funds will construct and equip a fonio processing, storage, and sales facility as well as provide training in accounting, marketing, fonio processing, packaging, and storage and facilitate access to production credit. This will increase members' incomes and generate greater revenues for the association.
Cercle de Recherche et d'Appui pour un Développement Durable (CRADD) **2181-BEN photos**	2010-2012	$88,112	**Food Processing (Locust Beans):** CRADD supports local groups by providing training in processing and marketing of local agricultural products. USADF funds will provide labor-saving processing equipment, fuel-efficient stoves, working capital and a warehouse. These inputs will allow five women's groups to increase the profitability of their *afitin* production activities by reducing the costs of raw material, fuel and labor.
Groupement Aïdote des Personnes Handicapées de Cove **2390-BEN**	2011-2013	$75,700	**Livestock (Rabbits):** Aïdote advances the interests of persons with physical disabilities in the Cove Commune of the Zou Department. USADF funds will improve members' production facilities with the construction of production sheds, a well, and a warehouse. It will increase Aïdote members' incomes by producing quality rabbits to be marketed at more profitable prices. This will support the diversification of agriculture, the promotion of the small animal breeding, and other actions to fight against household food in-security.
Union Communale des Organisations Professionnelles des Éleveurs de Ruminants (UCOPER Nikki) **2436-BEN photos**	2011-2013	$246,346	**Livestock (Cattle Market):** UCOPER Nikki will use the USADF grant to equip its livestock market with the basic facilities needed to attract traders from outside the commune, foster additional growth of the livestock market, and increase members' incomes.
Groupement des Transformatrices d'Anacarde de Soubroukou (GTAS) **2464-BEN**	2011-2013	$78,450	**Food Processing (Cashew Nuts):** GTAS is located in the village of Soubroukou of the Donga Department. GTAS engages in processing and marketing of cashew nuts. USADF funds will purchase processing equipment, the construction of a sheltered production site and a storage facility, training in accounting, adult literacy, cashew processing, packaging, and storage. This will enable GTAS members to increase the volume of cashews sold and the profit earned by the group.
Unions de Riziculteurs du Centre (UNIRIZ-C) **2520-BEN**	2011-2014	$179,326	**Agriculture (Rice):** UNIRIZ-C coordinates the production and processing activities of rice farmers in the Zou/Collines region. USADF funds will equip a rice paddy processing plant, construct a warehouse, provide working capital to purchase raw materials, and train and equip women who parboil rice for processing and sale. This will improve the women's production capacity and quality of the rice that they process, thereby increasing both the incomes of the women processors and the rice producers.

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