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Social Safety Net Systems in Benin

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BENIN Figures

<i>Area :</i>	<i>: 114,763 km²</i>
<i>Population (2013*)</i>	<i>: 9,983,884 people</i>
<i>Total fertility rate (2012)</i>	<i>: 4,9 children/women</i>
<i>Rate of child mortality (2012)</i>	<i>: 75‰</i>
<i>Gross enrollment rate (2012)</i>	<i>: 119,72%</i>
<i>Literacy rate (2011)</i>	<i>: 44,6%</i>
<i>Growth rate (2012)</i>	<i>: 5,4 %</i>
<i>GDP per capita (2012)</i>	<i>: 396,500 FCFA (\$ 793)</i>
<i>Inflation rate (2012)</i>	<i>: 6,8%</i>
<i>Poverty index (2011)</i>	<i>: 36,2%</i>
<i>Imports (2012)</i>	<i>: 1,089,249 millions FCFA (\$2178,5 M°)</i>
<i>Exports (2012)</i>	<i>: 148,233 millions FCFA (\$2964,7 M°)</i>
<i>* Preliminary results RGPH4</i>	

Source: INSAE



Social Security or Safety Net Programmes

Overall objective

leave vulnerable populations out of the vicious intergenerational cycle of poverty.

Clarification of the concept of expenditure / actions / priority social projects in Benin

Social Action:

-  **a way to raise the living standards of people through gradual and continuous changes to ensure social justice and equity, and to allow individuals to thrive as healthy, educated and productive citizens** *(The African Charter on Social Action adopted October 28, 1989 in Arusha, Tanzania by the Conference of Ministers for Social Affairs)*
-  **set of interventions to promote self-reliance and personal protection, social cohesion, the exercise of citizenship, prevention of social exclusion and correction of their effects** *(Policy national Social Action, April 2007, Burkina Faso)*

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Social protection refers to policies and measures to empower the poor and vulnerable groups more ways to get rid of poverty and cope with risks and shocks. It includes tools designed to support poverty and vulnerability to chronic character and consecutive shocks *(Sabates-Wheeler and Haddad, 2005)*.

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Tools

Social Spending Priority : Major Expenditures for Social Safety

Priority social projects : distributed in ten departments following the missions and goals assigned to them from the operational areas of the third document of Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategy (GPAS 3).

Inventory of actions and priority social projects by department

N°	MINISTERES	Number of actions or projects				Objectives set (FCFA million)			
		2011	2012	Ecart	%	2011	2012	Ecart	%
I- Health sector and National Solidarity									
1	MS	117	88	-29	-25%	26687	28526	1839	7%
2	MFASSNHPTA	25	24	-1	-4%	1519	1604	85	6%
3	MMEJF	10	10	0	0%	7810	8318	508	7%
Sous total I		152	122	-30	-20%	36016	38448	2432	7%
II- Education Sector and Community Life									
4	MEMP	71	43	-28	-39,40%	31888	28238	-3650	-11%
5	MESFTPRIJ	83	61	-22	-26,50%	7792	8642	850	11%
6	MESRS	27	36	9	30%	17437	19505	2068	12%
7	MJSL	10	7	-3	30%	3756	1511	-2245	-60%
8	MCAAT	4	5	1	25%	317	242	-75	-24%
Sous total II		195	152	-43	-22%	61190	58138	-3052	-5%
III- Agriculture sector									
9	MAEP	87	38	-49	-56,30%	16214	21874	5660	34,90%
Sous total III		87	38	-49	-56,30%	16214	21874	5660	34,90%
IV- Energy & Water									
10	MERPMEDER	51	24	-27	-52,90%	19191	20594	1403	7,30%
Sous total IV		51	24	-27	-52,90%	19191	20594	1403	7,30%
GENERAL TOTAL		485	336	-149	-30,70%	132611	139054	6443	4,90%

Source: Ministry of Economy and Finances, Directorate General of Budget

Social sectors in the Public Investment Programme (PIP) in Benin

Social sectors	Policies	Programmes	Challenges	Comment/Results
HEALTH Sector and National Solidarity including <i>Family and Eledery (Aging persons)</i>	Improve the health status of the population of Benin based on a system integrating the poor and indigent populations	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure universal access to health services and quality care to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) -Improving governance and resource management in the health sector 	New strategy: Universal Plan Mutual Insurance to cover all vulnerable groups including farmers and artisans
EDUCATION and Community Life sector	To reinforce Human Capital	18	Promote access for all to school and ensuring synergy between different sectors of Education	Ten Year Plan for the Development of Education Sector
Agriculture sector				
Energy and Water sector				
OTHER SOCIAL SECTORS including <i>Microfinance</i>		5		