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Presentation on Benin: The Millenium Village Project (MVP)

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Overview of the country



- ❖ Superficie: 112.622 Km²
- ❖ Population: 9.1 millions Hbts (2010)
- ❖ Economic Capital: Cotonou
- ❖ Political Capital: Porto-Novo
- ❖ Currency: CFA. 1 USD ≈ 500 CFA
- ❖ Official Language: French
- ❖ GNP per capita: ≈ \$ 732.3 (2010)
- ❖ Economic Growth Rate: 2.2 % (2010)
- ❖ Population Growth Rate: 3.2 % (2002 Census)
- ❖ Inflation: 2.1% (2010)
- ❖ Poverty Index: 35.2 % (2010)
- ❖ 2012 Population Census (In progress).
- ❖ Main Survey (EMICoV, 21000 Households): 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012 data available.

Context

- ◉ From 2000 to 2010 the percentage of people living in Benin with less than 1 \$ US increased from 47.3% to 51.6%, while the MDG target is to lower it to 15% in 2015;
- ◉ Committed to reach the MDG, Benin applied and has been granted the Millennium Villages Project (MVP) to better tackle the issue of poverty with regards to the MDGs.
- ◉ The MVP seek to end extreme poverty by working with the poorest of the poor;
- ◉ The MVP aim to helping people lift themselves out of extreme poverty and to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) within 5 years.

Description

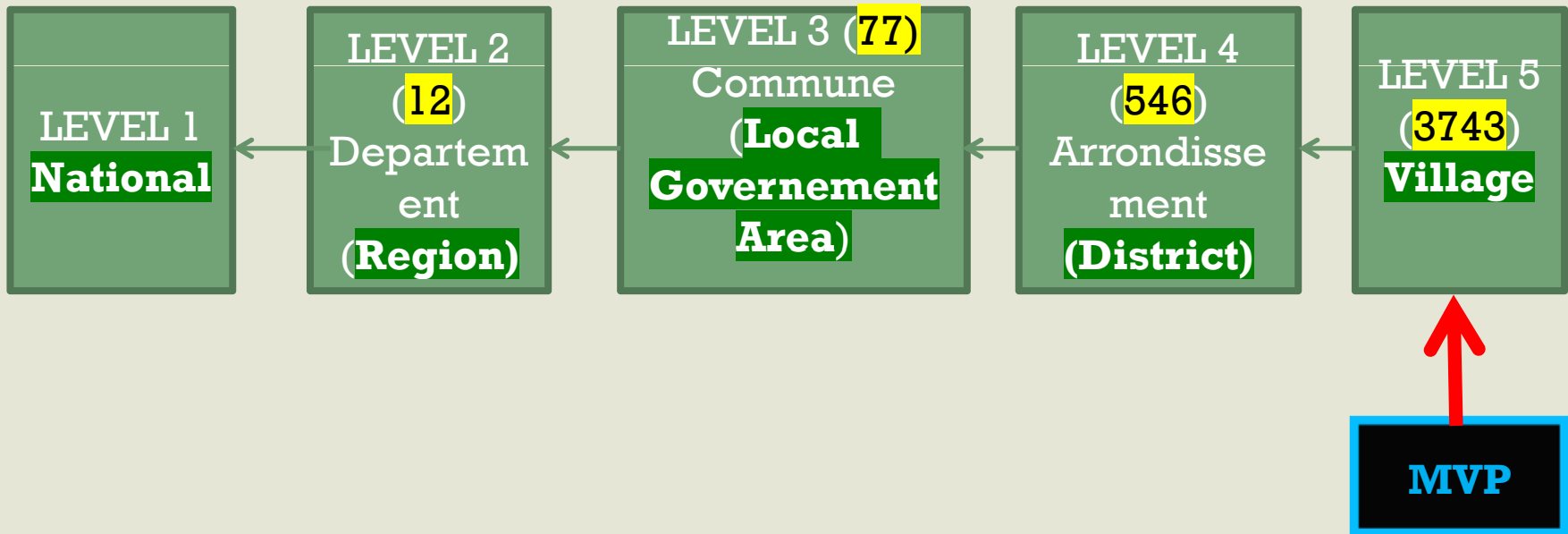
- The MVP is a 7 million USD project jointly financed by the Government of Japan and the Government of Benin, aiming to demonstrate how the MDGs can be achieved in the poorest communities through a results-based, monitored and measured interventions at the village and district level;
- The MVP is placed under the institutional authority of the Ministry of Development and Economic Analysis and the leading authority of the UNDP-Benin;
- The project include the development of areas like agriculture, health, education, water and sanitation, community development infrastructures, gender and M&E.

Description (cont.)

- ⦿ The project will benefit from all the stakeholders of the community like individuals, enterprises, charities, local communities and other projects' past experiences.
- ⦿ At the beginning (2011), « Founougo and Kanderou » are the villages in which, the project is being implemented. These villages belong to the district of Banikoara, identified as the poorest according to the data of INSAE;
- ⦿ From this experience, the project will thereafter be replicated in 11 other villages and later to all the villages.

Description (end)

Administrative structure of the country



Advantages of the MVP

- ⦿ Promote the administrative data sources for monitoring the MDGs at the district and village level;
- ⦿ Make the MDGs monitoring indicators available at the district and village level;
- ⦿ Facilitate the monitoring and reporting of the MDGs at the district and village level; Indeed, it will be easier to report the MDG at the district level if the village-level reports are available.

Challenges

- ⦿ Late and incomplete recruitment of the project's management team (M&E specialist and 2 other experts not recruited yet);
- ⦿ Project Office not ready (lack of equipments, electricity and high speed internet connexion)
- ⦿ Difficulties to meet the administrative procedures regarding the using of petrol coupon or check in rural areas;
- ⦿ Make the villagers adhere to the project, and contribute to the achieving of the targeted goals.

Upcoming

- ⦿ Complete the recruitment of the project management team;
- ⦿ Build fishing and livestock farming facilities;
- ⦿ Build classrooms and school canteens;
- ⦿ Empower the village women;
- ⦿ Repair and equip health centers;
- ⦿ Finalise the baseline study of the project;
- ⦿ Replicate the project to 11 other villages;
- ⦿ Etc.

Recommendations

- ⦿ Make sure that the project addresses the villagers needs , in order to benefit from their cooperation ;
- ⦿ Develop a Monitoring&Evaluation workplan with a definition of key outcomes indicators able to measure the progress towards the achieving of the MDGs at the village level;
- ⦿ Sensitise the community and its leaders to adhere to the project so as to make it successful;
- ⦿ Benefit from the project to promote Civil and Vital Statistics data collection at the village level.

For more information

- ⦿ Please visit the Millenium Village website at:

http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/mv/mv_faq.htm for the FAQ.

Thanks for your attention!