



# Water

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Result area 1 Water	IMPACT/OUTCOME/OUTPUT Outcome	RESULT AREA 1. Water is used sustainably and equitably, ensuring the needs of all sectors and the environment			
<b>ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS</b>					
<b>To what extent have the outcomes for this result area been achieved?</b>					
The Dutch water programme in Benin aims to allow 600,000 people to have enough water of good quality throughout the year. Multiple Embassy funded activities contribute to this outcome. The Embassy funded OmDelta programme is implemented through three financing instruments: a state actor fund (Ministry of Economy and Finance); a non-state actor fund (SNV); and a technical assistance (COWI – Royal HaskoningDHV). The Netherlands supports professionals and organisations active in river basin and integrated water management, such as the Directorate General of Water, the National Water Institute, municipalities, community organisations, and small and medium enterprises. It also supports the development of integrated water resources planning, including the Ouémé delta plan; as well as activities that reduce risks linked to flooding. Results indicate little progress on outcome level. However, after a prolonged inception phase of the state actor fund and the procurement of technical assistance services, these two instruments started implementation of activities in 2018. Non-state actors have been selected through a call for proposals but were not ready to engage activities in 2018.					
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline + year</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Source</b>	
a) number of people having enough water of good quality throughout the year.	0 (2018)	600,000 (2021)	0	MNB/UA-2018.984247 + MNB/UA-2018.377499 + MNB/UA-2018.377549	
<b>To what extent have the outputs for this result area been achieved?</b>					
The Dutch water programme in Benin contributes to three outputs: strong institutions, integrated planning, and projects for water security and safety. Results obtained within the reporting period were limited to strengthening institutions. These results allowed for the Directorate General of Water to update integrated water resources planning tools such as the National Integrated Water Resources Action Plan (PANGRE), water user concertation through the Ouémé River Basin Committee, strengthen legitimacy and administration of the National Water Institute, etc. The Netherlands engages in political dialogue in order to promote integrated water resources management, including equitable access to resources and services. As Chef de File of the water sector, the Embassy hosts donor coordination and entertains discussions on international commitments such as the Sustainable Development Goals.					
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline + year</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Source</b>	
a) number of river basin organizations supported on water management	0 (2018)	2 (2018) 2 (2019) 2 (2020) 2 (2021)	3	MNB/UA-2018.984247 (p. 17) + MNB/UA-2018.1070 (p.51-53)	
b) number of professionals trained in water management	0 (2018)	50 (2018) 60 (2019) 60 (2020) 60 (2021)	0	MNB/UA-2018.984247 + MNB/UA-2018.377499 + MNB/UA-2018.377549	
c) area of basins with an operational plan for integrated water resources management	0 (2018)	3,900 (2018) 8,134 km <sup>2</sup> (2019)	8	MNB/UA-2018.984247 + MNB/UA-2018.377499 + MNB/UA-2018.377549	
d) number of people supported in projects for protection against floods	0 (2018)	10 (2018) 100,000 (2019) 600,000 (2020) 600,000 (2021)	0	MNB/UA-2018.984247 + MNB/UA-2018.377499 + MNB/UA-2018.377549	
<b>Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 1</b>					
Assess achieved results compared to planning:		C. Results achieved poorer than planned			
Reasons for result achieved:		The start-up of the OmDelta programme has seen important delays due to reforms that were initiated by the in 2016 elected Government of Benin. The Ministry of Water embarked on major reforms that are still ongoing. These reforms have drastically reduced the capacity of the Ministry of Water to coordinate and implement the programme. Therefore the Government of Benin requested in 2017 a change in the implementation of the programme. This change included that the newly formed National Rural Drinking Water Agency acquired a mandate for the coordination and implementation of the programme. The subsequent amendment of the agreement was signed in February 2018. Also the inception phase and preparation and launch of the call for project proposals of the non-state actor fund, managed by SNV, took more time than expected. Proposed non-state actor projects did not start in 2018.			
Implications for planning:		Activities started in 2018 will continue and programmed activities will start implementation in 2019 continuing to 2021. The foreseen results can still be realised if the funds can be released following the expenditure planning.			

Result area 2 Water	IMPACT/OUTCOME/OUTPUT Outcome	RESULT AREA 4. People use safe drinking water and adequate sanitary facilities.			
<b>ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS</b>					
<b>To what extent have the outcomes for this result area been achieved?</b>					
The Dutch water programme in Benin aims to allow 1,000,000 people to use safe drinking water and adequate sanitary facilities. Multiple Embassy funded activities contribute to this outcome. The Water Transition Fund (Ministry of Economy and Finance) is implemented by 21 rural municipalities and by the national urban water provider (SONEB). The OmDelta programme is implemented through three financing instruments: a state actor fund (Ministry of Economy and Finance); a non-state actor fund (SNV); and a technical assistance (COWI – Royal HaskoningDHV). In order to obtain results the Netherlands provides funds for the extension of rural and urban drinking water services, hygiene promotion campaigns, improvement of sanitation services, and strengthening of water sanitation and hygiene institutions through organisational support but also the development of sanitation master plans, etc. Results indicate progress on outcome level. This progress is attributed to the Water Transition Fund that ended in October 2018. However, this Fund is due to deliver even more results coming reporting period. After a prolonged inception phase of the OmDelta state actor fund and the procurement of its technical assistance services, these two instruments started implementation of activities in 2018. The OmDelta non-state actor fund has selected seven projects following a call for proposals. These projects have started implementation in 2018 but did not report results.					
<b>Indicator (select standard indicators from dropdown in fields below)</b>	<b>Baseline + year</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Source</b>	
a) number of people using safely managed drinking water services (SDG 6.1.1)	0 (2018)	10,063 (2018) 180,800 (2019) 360,500 (2020) 540,750 (2021)	50,360	MNB/UA-2018.842647 (p.37-41+43-46) + MNB/UA-2018.984247 + MNB/UA-2018.377499	
b) number of people using safely managed sanitation services, including a handwashing facility with soap and water (EDG 6.1.2) (*)	0 (2018)	0 (2018) 208,010 (2019) 208,010 (2020) 104,005 (2021)	0	MNB/UA-2018.984247 + MNB/UA-2018.377499	
c) number of people living in open defecation free communities	0 (2018)	0 (2018) 247,000 (2019) 247,000 (2020) 119,500 (2021)	0	MNB/UA-2018.984247	
<b>To what extent have the outputs for this result area been achieved?</b>					
The Dutch water programme in Benin contributes to two outputs: strong institutions and functional water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. Results obtained in the reporting period were specified on outcome level. These outcomes were obtained through the Water Transition Fund activities implemented by 21 municipalities and the national urban water provider. This programme has ended in September 2018. The majority of the achieved Water Transition Fund activities will be reported in 2019. Political dialogue with the Government of Benin have resulted in a further alignment of bilateral activities to national water policy in Benin. This allows the Netherlands to raise issues on sustainability of investments and ensure that equitable access to public services is attained. The Embassy also invests in awareness concerning hygiene and sanitation services in rural and urban areas and develops activities with in the OmDelta water programme to achieve results.					
<b>Indicator (select standard indicators from dropdown in fields below)</b>	<b>Baseline + year</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Source</b>	
a) number of WASH organizations strengthened	0 (2018)	0 (2018) 65 (2019) 95 (2020) 478 (2021)	34 (1+23)	MNB/UA-2018.984247 (p. 44) + MNB/UA-2018.1070 (p. 5-11)	
b) number of people trained in WASH institutions	0 (2018)	n/a	155 (82+73)	MNB/UA-2018.377510 (p. 6) + MNB/UA-2018.1070 (p. 54-57)	
c) does this project use the DGIS SDG sustainability tools	0 (2018)	0 (2018) 1 (2019) 1 (2020) 1 (2021)	0	MNB/UA-2018.984247	
d) number of students / people with improved drinking water and sanitary facilities in schools	0 (2018)	0 (2018) 258,000 (2019) 258,000 (2020) 129,000 (2021)	0	MNB/UA-2018.984247	
e) number of climate resilient drinking water points constructed	0 (2018)	n/a	136	MNB/UA-2018.842647 (p. 37-41+43-46)	
<b>Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 2</b>					
Assess achieved results compared to planning:		C. Results achieved poorer than planned			
Reasons for result achieved:		The Water Transition Fund that ended in September 2018 indicated results surpass planned outcomes and outputs, however these results will be reported in 2019. The results of the OmDelta programme are poorer than planned because of the reforms initiated by the Government of Benin, and subsequent amendment of the agreement. The newly formed National Rural Drinking Water Agency acquired a mandate for the coordination and implementation of the programme. The new Agency and the other implementing organisations of the OmDelta programme are now fully operational.			
Implications for planning:		Activities started in 2018 will continue and programmed activities will start implementation in 2019 continuing to 2021. The foreseen results can still be realised if the funds can be released following the expenditure planning.			

Activity Name	Actual expenditures in 2018	Name organisation	Implemented by Channel	Department/Embassy
24277 - Technical Assistance	133010	COWI	Research institutions and companies	COT
28591 - Fonds de transition	176388	Caisse Autonome d'Amorçage - Benin	Government	COT
28591 - Technical Assistance	15746	GECA	Research institutions and companies	COT
29295 - OmDelta - Non State - WASH	547044	SNV	NGOs	COT
29295 - OmDelta - Non State - GIRE	181622	SNV	NGOs	COT
29295 - OmDelta - Technical Assistance - WASH	811088	COWI	Research institutions and companies	COT
29295 - OmDelta - Technical Assistance - GIRE	895221	COWI	Research institutions and companies	COT