The Netherlands and Benin

Main objective of Dutch efforts in the period of 2019 - 2022*:
The Netherlands is supporting the development of the people of Benin, focusing in particular on young people, women and climate. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are central to our efforts. We are gradually phasing out our activities in the area of water and, as of 2021, reducing activities on sexual and reproductive health and rights. Activities concerned with food security and nutrition will be continued after 2022.

Integrated approach
The Netherlands’ approach is informed by Benin’s own policy and needs. In Benin, our focus is on young people and climate adaptation. Gender equality plays an important role in all our activities in the country. As Dutch funding for Benin is being reduced, we are making every effort to avoid negative impacts on the north of the country.

Main themes

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Facts & Figures

Population: 11,3 million (2018 est.)
Economy
- GNI per head of population: $ 800 (2017 est.)
- Trade with the Netherlands:
  - Exports to the Netherlands: € 4,1 million
  - Imports from the Netherlands: € 76,2 million (2017 est.)
Population growth: 2,68% (2018 est.)
Development index
- Inequality index (Palma ratio): 2,9 (2010-2017)
- Ranking in the Human Development Index: 163 out of 189 (2017)

*Financial information on Dutch efforts in international cooperation can be found in the HGIS-note, published annually in Dutch at www.rijksoverheid.nl

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