Benin - Access to Land - Rural & Urban

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Overview

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Overview

ABSTRACT
NORC's evaluation of the rural and urban components of the Access to Land Project's rural and urban components were cancelled (see cancellation memo). The design report for the cancelled evaluation along with the related surveys from Benin's EMICOV survey have been provided in this catalogue entry. In addition, William Valletta, Former MCC Benin Access to Land Project Lead, conducted a review of project implementation, outputs , post compact results from the government's continued efforts in land, and lessons learned. The memo was first drafted at the end of the Benin 1 Compact and was updated in 2017 to include post compact results and a peer review by the World Bank. This is included in this catalogue entry

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TOPICS

Topic	Vocabulary	URI
Land		

KEYWORDS
urban, land, formalization, title

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE
20 cities and small urban centers of Benin

UNIVERSE
Urban Benin

Producers and Sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR(S)

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NORC	

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MCC Compact and Program

COMPACT OR THRESHOLD
Benin Compact

PROGRAM
From 2006-2011, the US Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) in coordination with the Government of Benin supported a five-year Compact, including the Access to Land Project. The Project included both urban and rural components. This memo reviews the performance of the urban components, which supported systematic urban land titling in 20 cities and small urban centers. The key objective was to provide state-registered civil law property titles to landholders, who had acquired their parcels both by the specific administrative right of permis d'habiter or by other customary, administrative and contract law rights. The target was to provide 30,000 new titles in 28 zones while establishing an efficient, sustainable and cheaper method of titling. During the Compact only 105 new titles were registered out of 13,823 landholder applications and the cost per title was actually higher than in earlier government pilots. A main hindrance was the still complex and lengthy process to verify rights and provide a title. Based on the systematic titling experience, Benin adopted the Code of Land Tenure and Domain in 2013 which restructured the national and communal services that formalize and register land rights. The Benin government continued processing the applications and by the end of 2015, completed a total of 9,511 titles.

MCC SECTOR
Land (Land)

PROGRAM LOGIC
The Benin Access to Land Project intended to remove obstacles to investment, stimulate development and market activity and thereby reduce poverty. For the urban component, the expectation was that formalization of land rights would lead to increases in tenure security and related investments in land and higher property values, while reforms and strengthening of land administration would lead to land transaction savings, full systematic registration of all 500,000 urban parcels and related increases in land markets.

Sampling

Study Population

Urban Benin

Questionnaires

No content available

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start   **End**   **Cycle**

Data Collection Notes

Original memo in 2011
Updated memo in 2017

Data Processing

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Data Appraisal

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