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➤ **EBID at the Heart of Urban Transformation in Benin - Infrastructure That Changes Lives**

In Bohicon, as in Ouidah, Pobé, Sakété and Dassa-Zoumé, getting around was once a daily challenge. Damaged roads, flooding during the rainy season, and limited access to markets, schools and health centres were part of everyday life, slowing down local development and affecting thousands of residents.

Faced with this reality, a vision emerged: to transform these cities into safer, more accessible and more dynamic urban spaces. It is within this vision that the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) partnered with the Government of Benin.

More than just financing, EBID drove a transformative initiative designed to meet the real needs of communities. Through the Urban Road Paving and Sanitation Project, the institution supported the progressive transformation of five municipalities, intervening at every critical stage, including modern road construction, installation of efficient drainage systems, integration of environmental and social standards, and rigorous technical supervision.

Gradually, construction sites gave way to tangible infrastructure. Nearly 21 kilometres of urban roads have been developed, connecting neighbourhoods, markets, and essential services.



Drainage systems have been put in place to better manage rainwater and reduce flooding. Beyond the numbers, however, a new urban dynamic has taken shape.

Today, residents move more easily and safely. Traders transport their goods without the constraints of the past. Children can reach school more conveniently, and access to healthcare has improved. These roads are no longer just infrastructure; they have become pathways to opportunity.

Across these towns, change is both visible and tangible. Stagnant water has decreased, environments are healthier, and living conditions are improving.

Transport operators are reducing costs, economic activity is expanding, and new investment opportunities are emerging. Municipalities are becoming more attractive and are now able to look toward the future with greater confidence.

This project is also a human story. Jobs were created during construction, local expertise was mobilised, and stronger collaboration emerged between national authorities, local governments and technical partners, a collective dynamic that reflects the lasting impact of well-designed investments.

Through this initiative, EBID clearly demonstrates its mission: to act as a catalyst for transformation in West Africa.



By investing in high-impact infrastructure, the Bank does more than fund projects. It changes lives, strengthens community resilience, and fosters inclusive growth.

In Benin, these paved roads and improved sanitation systems tell a bigger story, one of possibility shaped by vision, strong partnerships, and investments that place people at the heart of development.



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