









Towards a sustainable, inclusive and circular urban ecosystem in Porto-Novo Benin

Overview

Main partner	<u>Gbobètò France</u> is an association created in 2018 by members of the Beninese diaspora in France to support sustainable initiatives in Porto-Novo. Its goal is to create synergies with other diaspora associations in France, ensuring resources of all kinds (skills, finance, networks) are available to local associations, and co-designing projects with local populations.	
Associate partner	<u>Gbobètò Benin</u> was established to operationalize projects co-designed with Gbobètò France in Porto-Novo, focusing on waste as a driver of local development. By treating waste as a resource, the organization develops inclusive, and sustainable recycling value chains. These initiatives clean up the area, meet the needs of local populations, and promote the emergence of a circular economy.	
Budget	€ 111,862	
Duration	12 months (September 2025 - August 2026)	
Sustainable Development Goals	   	

Project design

Context & needs	Porto-Novo faces major socio-environmental challenges, worsened by the limited capacity of its waste management system, which negatively impacts living conditions, public health, and economic opportunities. Despite national reforms, the system remains incomplete: there are no sorting or recycling facilities, and all waste is buried, causing severe pollution. Informal workers are largely excluded, and schools lack environmental education, reinforcing unsustainable practices. In response, Gbobètò France aims to implement an inclusive, participatory waste management system that promotes sorting and recycling of plastics, while continuing community awareness-raising sessions to foster sustainable practices.
General objective	Increase the potential of a circular economy based on waste through a local and inclusive sorting, recycling and awareness-raising program.
Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalising and testing the pilot model of sorting and recycling plastic to demonstrate its economic viability, environmental impact, and sustainability for potential replication at the local level. Strengthening the technical and operational capacities of the “Plastic Counter” to make it a reliable solution for plastic waste recovery, particularly in terms of collection, recycling and compliance with safety and hygiene standards. Raising awareness and involving school communities in sorting and recovery actions to address urban infrastructure challenges through educational campaigns and the mobilisation of eco-delegates.
Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 female recycling sorters (aged 18-60) 10 eco-ambassadors (aged 9-12) 5,000 public primary school students (aged 5-13; 50% female) 100 informal plastic collectors

Programme of activities

Activity 1.1

Setting up the infrastructure and equipment needed for the income-generating activities

Activity 1.2

Strengthening the technical capacities of the two recycling centres

Activity 2.1

Setting up the infrastructure and equipment for the Plastic Counter

Activity 2.2

Recycling and sale of products of the Plastic Counter

Activity 3.1

Raising awareness among the school community on eco-friendly waste management

Activity 3.2

Identification and training of 30 Eco-delegates

