

## Sustainable and equitable access to water resources for communities



### Project information

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| Project code     | 02013                      |
| Sector           | Water supply               |
| Funding          | Donation                   |
| Country          | Benin                      |
| Location         | Oueme & Mono valley, Benin |
| NGO              | Join For Water             |
| Project duration | 4 years (2022-2026)        |

### Why OVO believes in this project

This project is committed to two tracks: **fair access to drinking water** on the one hand and the **protection and preservation of freshwater ecosystems** on the other.

### Context

Afforestation in Benin has decreased by 60% since 2013, while urbanization increased by 241% since 1975. Moreover, the country is not spared the effects of **climate change**: extreme droughts and floods are becoming more frequent, putting pressure on **freshwater resources and ecosystems\***.

### Purpose

**Join For Water** aims to build community resilience to the impacts of these changes by supporting **sustainable and equitable access to water and water-related ecosystem services** (e.g. irrigation). In doing so, the **protection and conservation of freshwater ecosystems** goes hand in hand with the improvement and enhancement of ecosystem services (access to drinking water, water for agriculture).

## Social impact

A total of **160 ha** of freshwater ecosystems will be protected, giving 45,496 people better access to ecosystem services. The total population of the operating area (218,481 people) will be **indirectly** involved through improved water management and a healthy environment.

## Co-funding sought via OVO

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| 2022 | €<br>40.000 |
| 2023 | €<br>50.000 |
| 2024 | €<br>40.000 |
| 2025 | €<br>30.000 |
| 2026 | €<br>30.000 |

## Topic

- Sustainable
- Well-being
- Water Resources
- Ecosystems