

Consortium Infant Food - Benin

Infant food from local resources as a pathway for a better food and nutrition security in Benin (INFLOR)

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MAIN OBJECTIVE

Nutritionally improved, safe and affordable infant foods from local resources for urban and rural consumers communities



EXPECTED IMPACT

Healthy infants with increased resilience to morbidity and mortality.

IMPACT ACTIVITIES & RESULTS

Realised

- 01 steering committee meeting
- 01 launching workshop
- 02 follow-up meetings

Ongoing

Comprehensive inventory and documentation of available local food ingredients per agro-ecological zone

Planned

- Formulation of nutritionally-adequate infant foods from documented and available local resources;
- Assessing consumers' perception and acceptability of the formulated and tested infant foods;
- Certification of the quality of the optimized and tested products
- Capacity building and production of the formulated products;
- National and international fora;
- Results dissemination activities
- Final/ restitution workshop



OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

- (O1) Sound knowledge of local population wide diversity of local food ingredients to capitalise
- (O2) Existing consortium organization with adequate expertise to conduct an applied research on infant food development based on interdisciplinary approach
- (C1) Limited funds for documenting the nutritional spectrum of the wide range of RAL sourcing from the agricultural biodiversity of the agroecological zones
- (C2) Ensuring that the nutritionally-adequate formulated infant foods are affordable to vulnerable groups who need them most

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