

# African Water Facility

## Niger River Basin show case

## Financing transboundary cooperation and basin development

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# Outline

1 Niger Basin Project & secured funding

2 Approach and enabling factors

3 Lessons learnt and way Forward

Studies for multipurpose infrastructure –agricultural, climate change adaptation and development programme

Start year : 2014, AWF funding EUR 717,576 (50%) out of EUR 1,452,986

## Objective

- Preparation of multipurpose infrastructure studies for integrated dev targeting small dams, irrigation, fishing and water reservoirs.

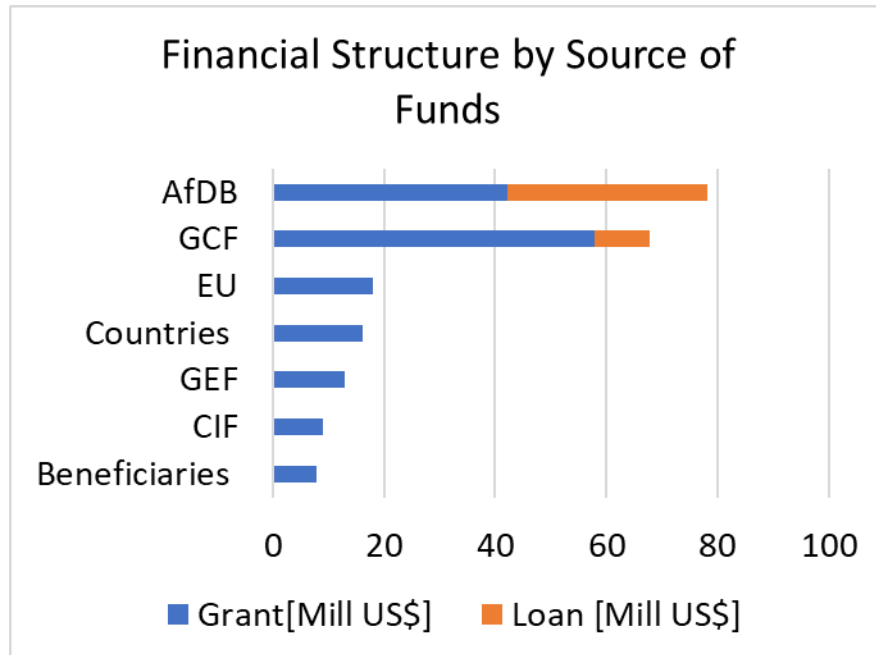
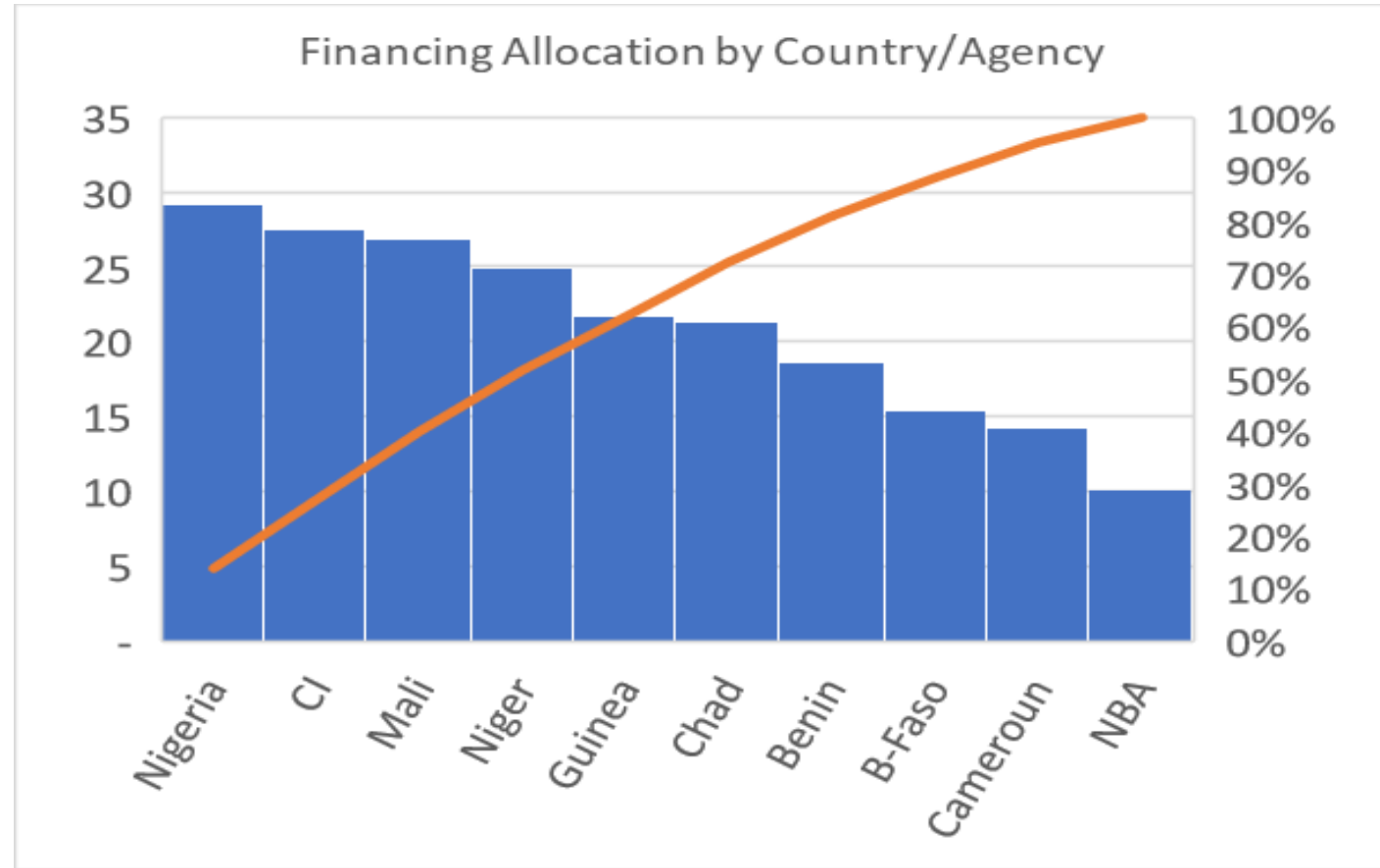
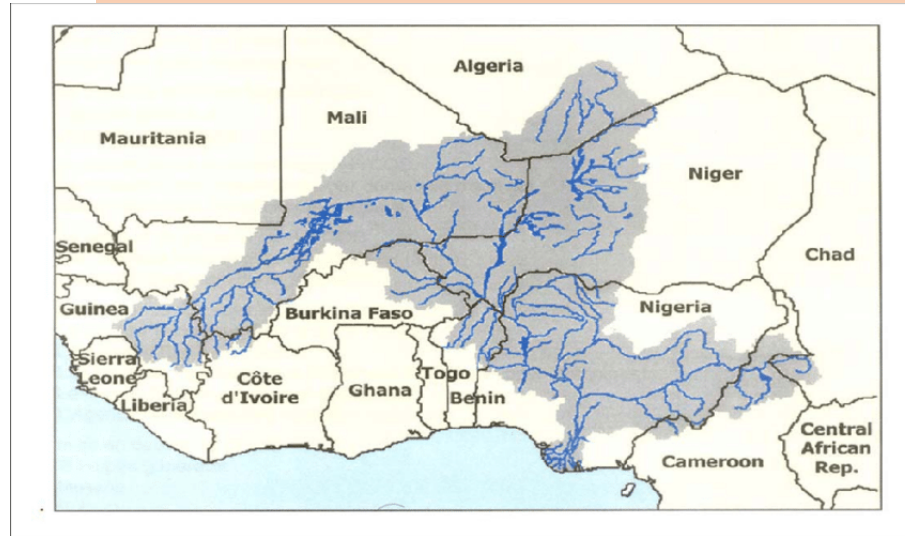
## Results

- **9 priority investment projects** developed for each country in the basin
- **EUR 210 million secured in blended downstream financing** for 9 national projects. Implementation ongoing targeting ;
  - **Recovery of 140 000 ha of degraded land target, 4 million farmers**
  - **Construction of 209 water infrastructure systems** for agro-pastoral & fish-farming activities
- Implementation of 450 sub-projects for agric. chain dev and capacity building of 184 youth SMEs



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# Niger River basin -PIDACC Program, mobilized (\$ 210 million) for Investment in 2017)



Loan financing 22%;  
Grant financing 78%

## Approach

- Supported **regional and national water coordination and planning mechanisms**
- **Climate Resilient Basin-wide Planning** - multi-sectoral planning, implementation and management of water resources projects based on the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem-Climate nexus approach and IWRM
- **Engagement of the potential donors at early stage of the studies-A round table** of donors was organized to present the projects and collect funding commitments

## Enabling factors

- **Strong Niger River Basin Authority** entrusted and empowered by the members states
- **Countries trust and commitment at Ministerial level** to coordinated planning and investment looking at optimized shared benefits from the common water resources
- **Each country prioritizing the projects** and earmarking funds for investment
- **Packaging the projects as multi-purpose** to address the different needs and uses for water
- **Showing equity** in term of project per country and **quantification of benefits** for each country
- **Mainstreaming climate change** adaptation and mitigation and safe guards
- **Good water resources data sharing protocols-** informing optimized analytical work for water resources allocations
- **Co-financing by the countries**

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## LESSONS LEARNT AND WAY FORWARD

Components of the “studies” were in **perfect alignment with the Niger Basin Authority and countries** to have bankable project documents necessary to mobilized financing for the Projects

Effective **governance/institutional arrangements (reforms) anchored at high level**

**Climate resilient basin level planning with multi-purpose infrastructure** (water, food, energy, ecosystem, climate and peace nexus)

**Managing and quantification of country equity** - National projects prioritized and informed by regional plans

Investment program with a **climate focused bankable projects to attract climate and blended financing**

**Coordinated and built trust in the states-** plan and undertake equitable projects, leverage finance and shared benefits

**Potential financial identification and early engagement** to attract innovative finance (blended finance incl. environment and climate finance)



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# Thank you



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