

EQUATORIAL GUINEA



GENERAL ECONOMIC DATA	
Population - 2005	503 500
Area	28 000 Km ²
GDP - 2005	USD 3.6 billion
GDP per inhabitant - 2005	USD 10,968
Growth rate - 2005	6,5%
Inflation - 2005	2%
Trade balance (% of GDP) - 2005	77.3%
Budget balance (% of GDP) - 2005	23.4%
Investment (% of GDP) - 2005	33.4%
Domestic savings (% of GDP) - 2005	89.3%
Total debt (% of GDP) - 2004	6.3%
COFACE Country risk rating	D

Sources : World Bank, World Development Indicators database, April 2006
 BAfD/OCDE (2003), Perspectives économiques en Afrique
 Banque de France, Rapport annuel de la Zone Franc, 2006
 FMI, Perspectives Economiques Régionales, May 2006
 Missions Economiques, MINEFI - DGPTÉ
 CIA, The World Factbook - COFACE Rating

ECONOMY STRUCTURE

Equatorial Guinea, a former Spanish colony, has undergone very high growth rates since 2001 (between 10 and 30% per year) due to the dynamism of the oil sector which represents around 90% of GDP. The macro-economic indicators, which are obviously rather positive, cover up a fragile economic status marked by the lack of diversification of the economy and the weakness of some social indicators. In fact, the living conditions are still very hard for the people despite the efforts made by the authorities.

After many years of absence of the international donors because of the politic situation and mainly the human rights condition, Equatorial Guinea benefits again from the international aid since 2000. Thus, the European Union resumed its support within the framework of the 8th, the 9th and the 10th EDF currently

under consideration; Spain started re-initiated cooperation in 2004 and the IMF is considering the implementation of a poverty reduction programme.

Sectorial distribution:

- Agriculture (1.4% of GDP) : cocoa, coffee, wood, palm oil, fishing
- Industry (94% of GDP) : hydrocarbon (92.7%), **Construction & Civil Engineering**, manufacturing industry (wood) (0,7%), oil
- Services (4.6 ,8% of GDP) : financial services, real estate, trade, business tourism and transport

CONSTRUCTION & CIVIL ENGINEERING SECTOR

The Construction & Civil Engineering sector in Equatorial Guinea is booming. Thanks to the income generated by the oil sector, the Government has made significant investments in major infrastructures. Between 1999 and 2004, over EUR 1 billion has been invested mostly in road infrastructures and in the construction of buildings. Furthermore, the development of the real estate sub-sector enabled the construction of individual and collective housing. The new priorities of the Government, besides the road network, are the energy, water supply and social housing sub-sectors. Many international players are present in the Construction & Civil Engineering sector. All these investments concern both the continent and Bioko Island.

PLAYERS

Some European companies have local structures in Malabo and Bata: Bouygues, Sogea-Satom (Vinci), Incat (GB). The local formal market is represented by several companies (Cigesa, Rema, Construcciones Ecuator, Construcciones Vinguema, Ecoc, Ecoref, General Work, ...). There is no intermediary organisation in this sector in Equatorial Guinea.

INFRASTRUCTURES

- **Roads:** the road network covers less than 700 km of asphalt coated roads over a total of around 4,000 km. The National Plan for Transport has identified several priority projects: construction of the Niefang-Nkue road, rehabilitation of the Bata-Sendje-Mbini and Malabo-Riaba axes. Other projects are under consideration or are being implemented, such as the project related to the interconnection with Gabon and Cameroon.
- **Airports:** there are two international airports (Malabo and Bata). Facing a massive increase in the cargo and passenger traffic, the two airports have been rehabilitated and modernised.
- **Harbours:** the country has several low capacity ports: Bata, with a theoretical capacity of 240,000T/year, Malabo (200,000T/year), Luba. These harbour facilities being insufficient, the construction of a new deep-water port was started in 2000. This port, inaugurated in 2003 (Luba Freeport), is to be used as a logistic base for oil companies in the Gulf of Guinea.
- **Water:** only 44% of the population has access to drinking water. While the running water distribution network of Malabo is very obsolete, that of Bata is almost inexistent. The water supply for the rest of the population is provided through shallow wells, non-protected sources or rivers. The sanitation infrastructures are insufficient and do not comply with current standards.
- **Energy:** the electric power generation equipment consists of thermal power stations (80%) and hydroelectric power stations (20%). The Sociedad Electrica de Guinea Ecuatorial (SEGESA) is almost in a monopolistic situation for the production, transport and distribution of electric power. The network is obsolete and generally services only urban areas. A project for the construction of a new hydroelectric power station (Djibloo) is under consideration and aims at increasing the autonomy of the hinterland.

HOUSING AND FUNCTIONAL BUILDINGS

The construction market is sustained both by the public authorities who have launched social housing and infrastructure (health, education) programs and by the private sector (construction of individual housing, hotels, industrial buildings related to oil operations). Chinese companies are very active in this market.

- **Housing:** due to the high increase of rents in Malabo and Bata following the oil boom, most of their inhabitants have been led to crowd in unsanitary shanty towns. In order to address this issue, the Government has announced the construction of several thousand social housing units of which 2.330 in Malabo. Other construction projects are being or will be implemented.
- **Functional buildings:** the main sites for the rehabilitation and construction of functional buildings intended for public service needs are related to education (construction of elementary schools, colleges, universities, university residences..), health (rehabilitation of health infrastructures) and justice (construction of penitentiary units). Moreover, many projects are programmed for the construction/rehabilitation of public buildings such as ministries and buildings for ministerial regional delegations.

BUILDING MATERIALS

- **Cement:** Equatorial Guinea imports cement from Gabon and Cameroon. Nevertheless, due to supply difficulties, a cement plant has been recently built in the Bata region.
- **Other building materials:** most of the building materials are imported, which affects the construction costs.

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