

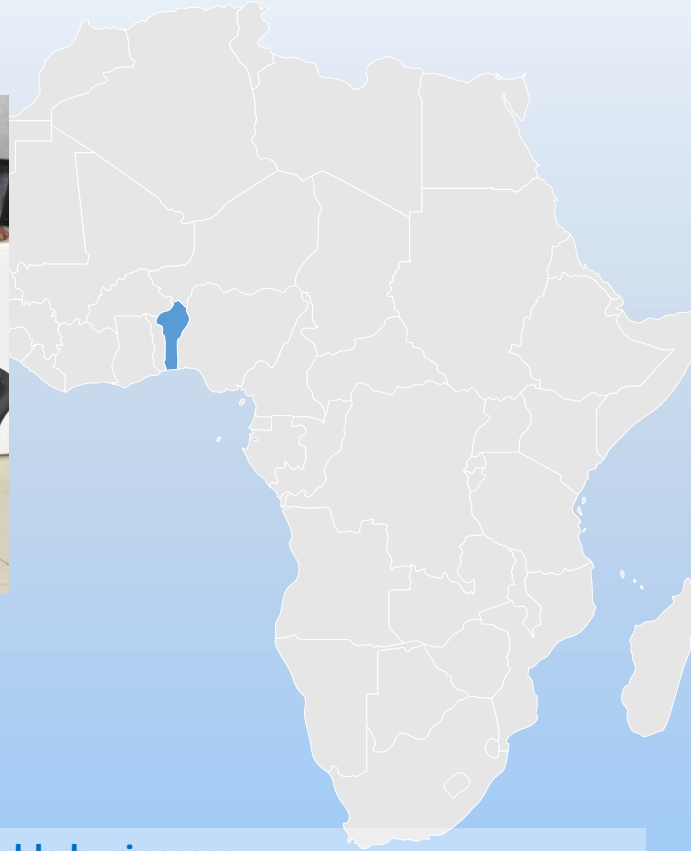
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Supporting Beninese startups grow into scalable businesses

DGGF's Seed Capital and Business Development (SCBD) facility is supporting EtriLabs, a technology innovation hub operating in Benin since 2010. The current service offering encompasses application development, technology education and training, a co-working space and start-up incubation.

With the EtriLabs support, local young entrepreneurs have gained the required skills to develop quality products and attract quality users. However, the supported startups often lack the internal skillset to grow their customer base and revenues towards a scalable business.

As revealed by the DGGF commissioned study [#ClosingTheGap Benin](#), the entrepreneurial ecosystem is still in its infancy, with a scarcity of financial and non-financial services available to local entrepreneurs. EtriLabs aims to develop a new service offering that will equip young entrepreneurs with the business management and financial skills and capability to grow professional and scalable businesses.

Given the challenge of youth unemployment in Benin, building scalable enterprises offers an interesting opportunity to raise the profile of entrepreneurship in the Beninese context while generating qualified jobs locally.

The support provided by the SCBD facility shall benefit the emergence of a more conducive ecosystem for local young entrepreneurs.