



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
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WFP Togo Country Brief April 2019



Operational Context

Togo is a West African low-income country with an estimated population of 7.18 million people, of whom 60 percent live in rural areas and 40.4 percent are under 15. In the 2017 Human Development Report Togo was ranked 165 of 189 countries.

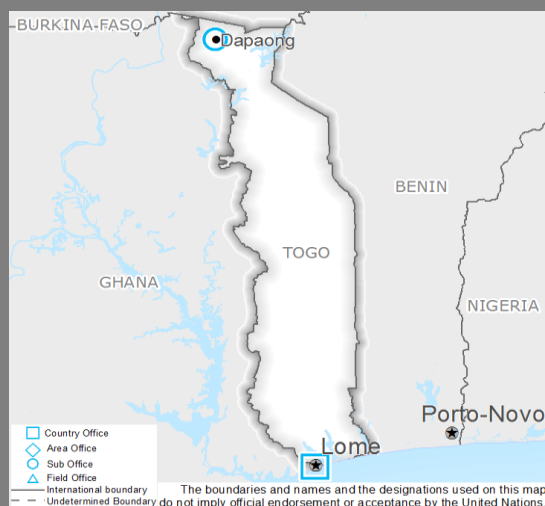
About half of the population is affected by food insecurity, which is strongly associated with households' income. Poverty remains a rural phenomenon, with an overall poverty rate of 53.5 percent and 69 percent of rural households living below the poverty line. Food insecurity is higher in rural areas (71 percent) than in urban areas (38.4 percent).

Other underlying causes of food insecurity are low productivity, soil degradation, irregular rains, post-harvest losses, and cyclical climate shocks such as flooding and droughts.

A 2017 MICS Survey showed that 28.3 percent of children aged 6-59 months were suffering from chronic malnutrition and 5.7 percent from acute malnutrition.

The adult literacy rate is 41 percent for women against 77 percent for men. The abolition of fees for primary school in 2008 resulted in increased enrolment, which in 2017 was recorded at 85 percent for girls against 88 percent for boys.

In 2017, HIV prevalence among adults aged 15-49 years was estimated to be 2.1 percent. An estimated 105,000 people are living with HIV/AIDS, of whom women account for 67 percent. WFP has been present in Togo since 1968.



In Numbers

US\$ 0.3 m six months (May-Oct 2019) net funding requirements

Operational Updates

Strengthening of food and nutritional care in the fight against HIV/TB in Togo

- The nutritional status and food consumption levels of people living with HIV (PLHIV) in Togo are below the national average. Since the end of 2013, nutrition support to HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria patients has stopped.
- WFP Togo in collaboration with UNICEF, WHO and UNAIDS has been leading initiatives to support the Ministry of Health and the National AIDS Control Program (PNLS) in their efforts to strengthen the capacity of national HIV and TB programmes.
- The ultimate objective of these initiatives is to provide national stakeholders with high-performance skills and tools in order to ensure the proper integration of the nutrition component into the services offered to people living with HIV (PLHIV) and tuberculosis (TB) patients, and to guarantee the success of future interventions.
- Thanks to funds provided by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, these national capacity-building initiatives continued this year through:
 - i) the organisation of a three-day training workshop (12-13-14 March 2019) for health providers on the screening and management of acute malnutrition in people living with HIV undergoing Retroviral Treatment. In total, 30 technicians (22 women and 8 men) from seven decentralized health centres acquired the technical expertise and tools needed to undertake nutrition screening, monitoring and counseling activities of PLHIV;
 - ii) the development of a database for the management of nutritional data of PLHIV and TB patients;
 - iii) the gathering of evidence and the planning of a high-level national advocacy campaign to mobilize partners, including national actors, to finance nutrition and food support activities for people living with HIV and / or Tuberculosis under treatment in Togo.

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2018-2019)

2019 Total Requirement (in USD)	2019 Allocated contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
0.8 m	0	0.3 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: National institutions have strengthened capacity to manage food security and nutrition policies and programmes by 2023 (Cat 1.3)

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

1. CSI1 - Provide policy support and technical assistance to school meal Programme stakeholders
2. AAA1 - Provide technical support to the Government in school feeding data analysis, reporting and monitoring & evaluation

School feeding - Field monitoring mission by WFP Center of Excellence in Brazil

- School feeding in Togo is provided in 304 public primary schools throughout the country, reaching about 91,000 children. The programme is implemented by the Social Nets Project, co-financed by the World Bank and the Government of the country, with WFP Togo in charge of providing capacity-strengthening and technical support.
- Since November 2018, ANADEB - the national agency responsible for the implementation of school canteens - has launched a new approach to school feeding, based on participatory community approach. The new model is being implemented in 10 new pilot schools, 2 per region of the country.
- Between November 2018 and February 2019 when the school canteen was launched, the social mediators of ANADEB, supported by WFP, conducted training sessions for the School Parents' Committee about the organization of contributions, food purchases and the preparation of meals.
- A mission from the WFP Center of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil took place for the period from 12 to 18 March 2019 with the objective of supporting the Government of Togo's initiative to develop a model of schools of excellence that promotes quality school feeding based on local products.
- WFP technical officers visited the Amalaklé Public Primary School, that provides school meals 3 days per week to 112 children. The identification of the pilot school was made following a request introduced by the community to set up a school canteen.
- The community in-kind contributions (in beans and maize), which correspond to 5 percent of the value for the whole school year, were made at the beginning of the project. The rest of the necessary food items are purchased at the local market; ANADEB makes a

weekly cash transfer for the purchase of local food to the Management Committee of the School Canteen.

- Meals are prepared by teams of voluntary mothers. The choice of menus, discussed at the inception of the programme, favors local foods and preparations.
- Overall, the visit made it possible to observe the relevance of the community approach for a probable expansion to other schools in Togo.



Meeting of the School Parents' Committee at Amalaklé Public Primary School, Togo. Photo credit: Mariana Rocha/WFP.

Africa Day of School Feeding

- On 1 March, WFP Togo celebrated the 4th edition of the Africa Day of School Feeding with festivities organized at the Gboto Kholohé public primary school, one of the 10 'Schools of excellence' selected for the implementation of the school feeding programme.
- The local authorities in collaboration with the school management committee and the schoolchildren organized a ceremony which was attended by WFP's Country Director Mr Guy Adoua and stakeholders from key implementing partners including the Togo government, World Bank, ANADEB, Education Ministry, and local NGOs. The ceremony included a visit to the canteen on the school yard where the attendees witnessed the preparation and the serving of the school meals.)



Children welcome the visitors at the Gboto Kholohé school.

Challenges

Funding deficit remain a challenge which affects the implementation of the main activities planned through the T/ICSP.

Donors

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