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Operational Context

A new Government has been put in place in Togo, with the appointment of the country's first ever-female Prime Minister, Victoire Sidémého Dzidudu Tomegah-Dogbe, in late September 2020. The appointment comes to place with a record of 30 percent of the 33 ministerial positions given to women.

As of 12 October 2020, Togo's Ministry of Health announced 1,949 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 49 deaths, 1,461 recovered cases and 439 active cases (source: Government's COVID-19 website). In May 2020, following a direct request from the Government, WFP is implementing a Limited Emergency Operation (LEO) to respond to the pandemic, whereby 252,000 vulnerable people will receive food and nutrition assistance and common services will be provided to government and humanitarian partners. The LEO is an integral part of the United Nations' response and is embedded within the Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19 in Togo.

WFP continues to support the national school-feeding programme to enhance a national model that permits a more inclusive and integrated approach, and diversified school meals. In Togo, WFP remains the main corridor in West Africa providing food across Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, and common services of non-food items in support of the national COVID-19 response. WFP has been operating in Togo since 1968, helping to tackle food insecurity and malnutrition challenges among vulnerable groups.



Population: **8.6 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **167 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower**

Chronic malnutrition: **23.8% of children between 6-59 months**

Operational Updates

COVID-19 response

- The number of food insecure people who are at risk of falling into food insecurity has risen since the peak of the global pandemic (COVID-19), due to restrictive measures put in place by Governments. Community transmission concerns 30 percent of the COVID-19 cases, while the remaining 70 percent of cases concern people who have travelled from neighbouring countries, and further abroad.
- As part of the Limited Emergency Operation, WFP plans to assist 252,000 people (50,400 households) with general food distributions and prevention of acute malnutrition in November 2020, over an initial period of three months. WFP is finalizing the local purchase process of food commodities. Four regions (Central, Maritimes, Plateau, and Savanes) highly affected by the global pandemic and with rising contamination rates will be prioritized.
- WFP has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a national Government agency for the regional targeting and registration of beneficiaries, and it has identified two additional national non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as distribution partners. WFP will provide technical assistance to national disaster management institutions and partners to reinforce coordination and preparedness and response capacities.
- COVID-19-related global and national restrictions have affected the performance of supply chains in Togo and resulted in a decrease in the level of supply, demand and availability of transporters. WFP will be providing on-demand logistics support services to the Government and humanitarian actors under the LEO operation.
- The Port of Lomé is WFP's main Global Commodity Management Facility (GCMF) Hub in the West Africa region, currently holding an inventory of 6,550 metric tons of food, of which 70 percent are nutritious products. Today, WFP in Togo is handling an unprecedented flow of commodities in support to the global pandemic and the regional WFP Level 3 emergency in the Sahel (Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali). By the end of 2020, around 100,000 metric tons of various commodities will have been supplied to meet national and regional demands (including in the Sahel, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone).

Support to the National School Feeding Programme

- The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal and Fisheries Promotion (MAPAH) released an official completed study (August 2020) that maps the organization of producers and processors of agricultural food products in Togo. WFP signed a Field Level Agreement (FLA) with the Directorate of Statistics, Agriculture, Information Technology and Documentation to support the mapping initiative (linking producers and processors with the national school feeding programme).

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Photo Caption: Training of community members under the national school feeding program in the primary school called Avelebe, in the district of Zio

WFP Operations



	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) *
Name of Operation: United Nations SDG 2030 Fund			
Project Duration: Nov. 2019 – Dec. 2020	0.27 m	0.27 m (100%)	0 m (0%)
Name of Operation: WFP COVID19 SSTC Fund			
Project Duration: June - Dec. 2020	22,500	22,500 (100%)	0 m (0%)
Name of Operation: Limited Emergency Operation (LEO)			
Project Duration: July 2020 - Dec. 2020	6.79 m	1.50 m (22%)	5.29 m (78%)

- WFP and the Government of Togo identified more than 2,800 smallholder farmers to potentially service the national schoolfeeding programme, with at least three *legalized* smallholder farmer organizations near each public primary school in Togo (i.e. within 15 kilometres radius), and who could make available between 3,200 – 4,300 metric tons of food for the next five years (2021 to 2025). The exercise also identified key information on agricultural productions in Togo, in-country storage capacities, constraints, and the specific requirements of each individual smallholder farmer organization, to successfully link with the school feeding programme.
- The Government, with the support of WFP, trained approximately 200 key actors in the national school feeding programme on: 1) financial management of food procurement; 2) proper business exchanges between smallholder farmer organizations and school canteens; and 3) stock management, food handling and school meal preparation (for the concerned women specifically); and lastly 4) sensitization on the integrated in-country school feeding model. Moreover, WFP plans to continue providing technical assistance through training on project and school canteen management, hygiene and nutrition, and menu composition of food for 90,000 children in 304 schools canteens with the catering model.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), WFP will start a pilot project of school gardens in five out of ten primary community schools to diversify school meals, and to serve as a basis for the home-grown school feeding model that will help inform the national programme moving forward.
- The local authorities of Lomé's Golfe 3 Municipality and WFP partnered and approved a roadmap to launch a pilot project for an urban development school feeding model. Under this partnership, WFP will ensure technical support both in the design and implementation phases, as well as in the monitoring and evaluation process.

Funding shortfall

- WFP will be adopting a one-year Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP) starting January 2021, with hopes of transitioning to a full-fledged Country Strategic Plan (CSP) in 2022. WFP will continue to assist people impacted by the global pandemic through its ICSP. The Government of Togo is committing to support project efforts in both the short and long term, while working closely together with WFP to secure funds. Nonetheless, WFP has a critical gap of USD 5.3 million to be able to reach 252,000 food insecure and COVID-19 affected people (50,400 households) as planned through critical food and nutrition support under the LEO. The latter is therefore contingent upon sufficient and timely resources to operate in Togo.
- Funding requirements are estimated to rise due to the global pandemic and impacts to vulnerable people nationally. The upcoming lean season is also predicated to exhaust the coping strategies of households who will be unprepared ahead of the flooding season.

Donors

Support to WFP Togo in 2020 has been provided by UN 2030 SDG Fund.

Limited Emergency Operation (1 July-31 December 2020)

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected populations in Togo are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of shocks.

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Provide emergency food and nutrition assistance through cash-based transfer or in-kind transfers to affected populations

Strategic Result 8: Enhance global partnership

Strategic Outcome 2: Humanitarian and development partners in Togo have access to common services throughout the crisis.

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Provide technical assistance, supply chain and emergency telecommunications services to the Government and partners, including transport, storage and distribution of food and non-food items.