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WFP Togo Country Brief November 2020



In Numbers

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NO to
GENDER
BASED
VIOLENCE

252,500 people targeted as part of the Limited Emergency Operation (LEO)

1,935 mt planned to be distributed as part of the LEO.

US\$ 6 m six months (December 2020-May 2021) net funding requirements, representing 105% of total

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 11th of December 2020, Togo's Ministry of Health announced 3,132 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 65 deaths, 2,691 recovered cases and 376 active cases (source: Government's COVID-19 [website](#)). WFP is implementing a Limited Emergency Operation (LEO) to respond to the pandemic, whereby 252,500 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 amongst 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

- Results from the recently completed November 2020 Cadre Harmonisé food and nutrition security analysis highlights that 102,350 people are currently food insecure in Togo (October-December 2020), an increase of 31 percent compared to the same time last year (October-December 2019). Meanwhile, the analysis in June 2020 had estimated that during the lean season and due to COVID-19, 1.3 million (22 percent of the population) were borderline food insecure, while 281,501 (5 percent of the population) were food insecure and required immediate food assistance.
- This month, WFP's Executive Board approved a one-year Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP), with hopes of transitioning to a full-fledged Country Strategic Plan (CSP) in 2022. WFP will continue to assist people impacted by COVID-19 through its ICSP in 2021.
- As part of the Limited Emergency Operation (LEO), WFP plans to assist 252,500 people (50,500 households) with general food distributions and prevention of moderate acute malnutrition. WFP in Togo has identified two cooperating partners to ensure distributions to those who need it most. Five regions (Central, Kara, Maritimes, Plateau, and Savanes) who are highly affected by the COVID-19 crisis, with rising contamination rates, will be prioritized.
- COVID-19-related global and national restrictions have affected the performance of supply chain 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.
- WFP Togo has procured 1,935 metric tons of food in direct support of beneficiaries who will be receiving food under the LEO in December 2020. The food to complement the basket was purchased locally, regionally, and from the Global Commodity Management Framework (GCMF).
- This month, the Lomé Corridor dispatched 7,603 metric tons of food to support the COVID-19 response and the regional WFP Level 3 (L3) Emergency in the Sahel (Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali).

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Photo Caption: School of EPP Kpédévokopé in the region of Agoè Nyivé, Togo

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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%)

Limited Emergency Operation (LEO) (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.

Support to the national school feeding programme

- WFP is providing technical assistance to the national school feeding programme through school gardens and mapping exercises of smallholder farmers' organizations, to link them their food production with schools nationally. The programme is in direct support of 90,000 school children supported in 304 schools under the Government-led programme. WFP plans to continue providing technical assistance through training on project and school canteen management, hygiene and nutrition, water and sanitation, and menu composition of food.
- WFP and the Government of Togo identified more than 2,800 smallholder farmers' organizations to potentially service the national school feeding programme, with at least three *legalized* smallholder farmers' 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).
- WFP is working to identify five school garden models, out of 10 pilot primary community schools in four regions. This initiative is officially developed in partnership with the Agency for Community Development (ANADEB) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and will serve as a basis for the home-grown school feeding model in-country.
- The local authorities of Lomé's Golfe 3 Municipality and WFP are negotiating the launch of a pilot project for an urban development school feeding model. WFP will ensure technical support both in the design and implementation phases, as well as in the monitoring and evaluation process.

Funding shortfall

- WFP has a critical gap of USD 5.3 million to be able to reach 252,500 food insecure and COVID-19 affected people (50,500 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.
- The Government of Togo is committed to support WFP project efforts in both the short and long term, while working closely together with WFP to secure funds.
- 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

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