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# WFP Togo Country Brief October 2021

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## Operational Context

Following April 2020 elections, a new Government has been put in place in Togo, with the appointment in September 2020 of the country's first ever-woman Prime Minister, Victoire Sidémého Dzidudu Tomegah-Dogbe, and the publication of a new Presidential Roadmap 'Togo 2025'.

Since January 2021, WFP has been implementing an Interim Country Strategic Plan under the leadership of a new Resident Representative and Country Director appointed to ensure full and entire representation of WFP in Togo. WFP continues to support the Government on the promotion of sustainable and inclusive food systems and the development of a home-grown school programme. The Togo country office also manages WFP logistic corridor handling the transport of food from the harbour of Lomé to hinterland countries in the Sahel region.

By 1 November 2021, Togo recorded a total of 26,158 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 243 deaths.

WFP has been operating in Togo since 1968, helping to tackle food insecurity and malnutrition among vulnerable groups.



Population: **8,6 million**

2020 Human Development Index ranking: **167 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower**

Chronic malnutrition: **23,8%** of children aged 6-59 months

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**Main photo:** Group discussions with the school canteen community actors at the Essowazin primary school in Assoli, Kara region.

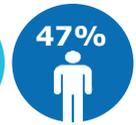
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## In Numbers

**170,000 people** targeted for food assistance

**499 mt of food** planned to be distributed

**USD 1.5 m six months** (November to April 2022) net funding requirements



## Operational Updates

### Installation of vegetable gardens in 50 primary schools with canteens

- WFP Togo continued its technical and financial support to the Togolese Government's school feeding programme through the installation of school gardens in 50 public primary schools for the launch of the 2021-2022 school year.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development (MAEDR) and the National Agency for Grassroots Development (ANADEB), WFP identified 50 canteen schools throughout the country where it coordinated the installation of large-diameter water wells. Small materials, equipment and certified seeds were also provided for the establishment and management of vegetable school gardens of a size of 2,500 m<sup>2</sup>. Each community appointed a school gardener who received training in vegetable production techniques from the local technical advice and support agents of the Ministry of Agriculture.
- The objective of this initiative is to diversify and improve the quality of school meals with fresh vegetables and fruits and to integrate educational gardening activities into the primary schools' curriculum. It complements WFP's activities during the previous school year which aimed to establish links between schools and local organizations of smallholder producers and processors for the supply of local staple food (maize, beans, rice) to the canteens.
- These activities, which aim to increase the supply of local nutritious food to the canteens, promote the local economy, and enhance community participation in the good management of school canteens, constitute the foundations of an integrated home-grown school feeding model promoted by WFP in Togo, as promulgated by the School Feeding Law adopted in June 2020 by the National Assembly.

Togo Interim Country Strategic Plan		
Total 2021 Requirement (in USD)	2021 Available Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>4.2 m*</b>	<b>3.2 m</b>	<b>1.5 m</b>

\*Taking into account Budget Revision 1 approved in May 2021.

## Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Crisis-affected population in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of a crisis.

**Focus area:** Crisis response

### Activity:

- Provide food and nutrition assistance to crisis-affected population and strengthen capacity of and coordination among national partners on emergency preparedness and response.

## Strategic Result 2: Food systems are sustainable

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Targeted communities in Togo including smallholder farmers have efficient, equitable, inclusive and nutritious food systems.

**Focus area:** Resilience

### Activity:

- Facilitate equitable access to markets and provide technical support on supply chain, quality standards, food safety/fortification and market monitoring information to selected food processors and smallholder farmers.

## Strategic Result 3: Enhance global partnerships

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Humanitarian and development partners in Togo have access to common services throughout the crisis.

**Focus area:** Crisis response

### Activity:

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

## Assessment

- The October Cadre Harmonisé analysis workshop led by the national Department of Agricultural statistics, information technology and documentation (DSID), in collaboration with WFP and other lead humanitarian partners in Togo, show a deterioration of the food security situation of the populations in Togo.
- The results of this exercise concluded that 411 101 people are in food insecurity Phase 3 and above (crisis) during the October to December 2021 period, and this number may rise to 481 942 people in the June to August 2022 lean season if no humanitarian support is provided.

## Formulation of Togo Country Strategic Plan (2022-2026)

- Following the 2020 elections, the Government of Togo established the presidential roadmap 'Togo 2025' that identified social inclusion and access to social services as the Government's number one priority. The roadmap will guide the design of future development programmes to be implemented in the country.
- From July to September 2021, WFP Togo conducted a scoping and consultation exercise to engage with key in-country partners, especially international financial institutions (IFI), United Nations agencies, government donors and the private sector to explore joint-programming and advocacy opportunities. At the same time, WFP sought thematic funding sources for projects and initiatives aligned with the Government's presidential roadmap 'Togo 2025'.
- Through its new Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2022-2026), WFP Togo will seek to leverage its global expertise, and enhance its position as a partner of choice for emergency response operations and an enabler of inclusive and efficient food systems and integrated home-grown school-feeding programme.
- Presented to key stakeholders at the CSP formulation workshop, WFP's vision outlined in the next CSP was broadly supported by host Government counterparts, representatives of donor Governments present in Togo, international financial institutions, and United Nations agencies.

## Donors

WFP Togo's Interim Country Strategic Plan 2021-2022 is supported by the Togolese Government.