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# WFP Togo Country Brief February 2022



## 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'.

Togo is affected by recurrent climatic shocks, in particular floods due to torrential rains happening during the rainy season. These natural phenomena cause serious harm to local populations, that suffer from the destruction of their fields, loss of crops and livestock, damage to homes, with a significant impact on their livelihoods and resilience.

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 February 2022, Togo recorded a total of 36,660 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 271 deaths. With 2,7 million of vaccine doses administered, 18 percent of the population is fully vaccinated.

WFP has been operating in Togo since 1968.



Income Level: **Lower**

Population: **8,6 million**

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

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

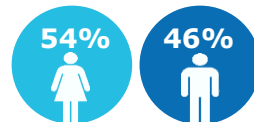
## In Numbers

**10,000 people** provided with emergency assistance

**507 mt of food** distributed (Nov 2021)

**USD 210 000** of cash assistance distributed (Jan 2022)

**USD 2.2 m six months** (March to June 2022) net funding requirements



## Operational Updates

### Emergency assistance to households affected by flooding through the distribution of food and nutritional products

- As part of the execution of its Interim Country Strategic Plan 2021-2022, WFP Togo supports the Government in the operationalization of social protection programs, particularly in situations of emergency and shock response interventions.
- Following the request of the Togolese government, in November 2021 WFP Togo provided emergency food assistance to 10,000 vulnerable people severely affected by flooding to enable them to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and after the shock.
- WFP worked in close collaboration with the National Agency for Civil Protection (ANPC) to identify and target the most vulnerable households in areas of the country severely impacted by flooding, the Maritime region in the south and the Kara and Savanes regions in the north of the country.
- This assistance, provided during the lean season when food is not readily available, consisted of the distribution of 507 mt of in-kind food rations, with a basket consisting of cereals (maize), pulses (beans), fortified vegetable oil, iodized salt and specialized nutritious foods (enriched flour) for the prevention of malnutrition for Pregnant and/or Lactating Women and Girls (PLWG) and children aged 6 to 23 months.
- Food distributions were coupled with educational sessions to sensitize beneficiaries about the importance of good nutrition and to inform them of the composition and preparation method of the specialized nutritional products.

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**Main photo:** Food and nutritional products distributed to crisis-affected households in Dankpen, Kara region, northern Togo.

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## Additional emergency assistance to households affected by flooding through the distribution of cash

- Sensitive to the situation of persistent vulnerability of these populations, WFP mobilized internal 'Emergency Immediate-Response' funds to provide additional assistance to these 2,000 households through a cash transfer in the amount of 60,065 FCFA per household.
- The cash distribution operations which took place from January 24 to 29, 2022 in the 3 targeted regions, were implemented by La Poste under the coordination and protection of the ANPC security forces, assisted by volunteers from the Togolese Red Cross.
- The WFP teams deployed in the field to ensure the supervision of the 22 distribution sites, noted the efficient progress of the operations and observed a massive mobilization and a strong enthusiasm of the beneficiaries, very appreciative of the assistance.



Cash distribution operations conducted on the site of Atchamé, Maritime region, coordinated by the ANPC assisted by Red Cross volunteers, under the supervision of WFP staff.

## Donors

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

### Togo Interim Country Strategic Plan

Total 2022 Requirement (in USD)	2022 Available Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
4.2 m	2.6 m	2.2 m

\*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.

- The food distribution operations were carried out in collaboration with the ANCP and with the strong involvement of the local authorities, who set up distribution committees made up of representatives of the communities and traditional village chiefs in each of the localities targeted by the operations.