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Operational Context

Togo is a coastal country in West Africa, bordered to the east by Benin, to the west by Ghana, and to the north by Burkina Faso. Togo's economy proved resilient despite the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a growth rate of 5.3 percent in 2021.

The launch of the presidential roadmap "Togo 2025" in 2020, which considers the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 and places emphasis on human capital development and social inclusion as national priorities.

With the support of the government and donors, WFP in Togo provides in-kind and cash food assistance to crisis-affected populations and promotes inclusive food systems linked to the development of a school meals model based on local production through its Country Strategic Plan 2022 – 2026.

Representing a strategic hub for the country's economic growth and the supply of essential goods to landlocked countries such as Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, the autonomous port of Lomé corridor, which transports 75 percent of humanitarian products to countries in the Sahel and certain coastal countries.



Human Development Index (2021):
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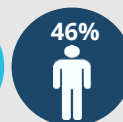
Population: 8.6 million

Chronic malnutrition: 23.8 percent of children aged 6-59 months

Income Level: Lower

In Numbers

67,260 people assisted
in May 2023



US\$ 327,560 million cash-based transfers made

US\$ 12.4 million six-month (June – November 2023) net funding requirement

Operational Updates

- Food insecurity in Togo has risen rapidly these past three years. The number of people facing acute food insecurity (IPC 3+) increased by 142 percent, from 4,000 to 570,000 people between 2020 and 2022. This rapid and sharp deterioration in the food security situation was particularly evident in the Savanes Region, where 160,000 people were in IPC 3 and 40,000 in IPC 4, one step away from catastrophic levels of acute food insecurity, according to the November Cadre Harmonisé analysis. In the Kara Region, more than 70,000 people were in IPC 3, mainly due to extreme climatic shocks disrupting the rural livelihoods of vulnerable populations.
- In May 2023, some 460,000 people (41 percent of the population) in the Savanes Region were facing insufficient food consumption, and over 260,000 people (26 percent of the population) were adopting food survival mechanisms in or above crisis.
- The spillover from the Sahel conflict led to an influx of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). According to UNHCR and Government's pre-identification processes, 27,000 Burkinabe sought refuge in Togo, while 32,000 were internally displaced, as of April 2023. As the situation continues to deteriorate, the humanitarian community foresees that the number of refugees and IDPs combined will be around 80,000 for the remainder of 2023.

Emergency Food Assistance

- In May 2023, WFP assisted 10,400 vulnerable households in Savanes and Kara Regions with emergency food assistance through cash-based transfers to enable them to withstand food insecurity and the effects of the Sahel crisis spillover. This assistance reached 52,000 beneficiaries, including Burkinabe refugees, IDPs, and host communities.

Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2022 – 2026)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
17.6 million	16.2 million
2023 Requirements (US\$)	Six-month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (June – November 2023)
3.6 million	12.4 million

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected populations in targeted areas have access to basic food and nutrition during and in the aftermath of crises.

Focus area: *Crisis Response*

Activities:

- Provide unconditional support to populations affected by crisis and strengthen systems for crisis preparedness and response.

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 2: Targeted communities in Togo, with a focus on smallholder farmers and children, have strengthened livelihoods and are resilient to shocks by 2026

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Activities:

- Provide technical support to the development of an integrated locally sourced home-grown school feeding model.
- Facilitate equitable access to markets at the national level and provide technical assistance to smallholder farmers and food value chain entities, including in the context of home-grown school feeding.

Strategic Result 8: Global Partnership support

Strategic Outcome 3: Government entities, humanitarian and development partners in Togo have access to efficient services and technical assistance throughout the year

Focus area: *Crisis Response*

Activities:

- Provide technical assistance and on-demand services to government entities and other partners including for the transportation, storage and distribution of food and non-food items.

School Feeding

- Following the update of the National School Feeding Policy, and in line with its ambition set out in its country strategic plan 2022-2026, WFP, in collaboration with the Agence nationale d'appui au développement à la base (ANADEB), provided 15,260 students with hot meals through cash-based transfers in Savanes and Kara Regions. There has been a slight increase in meals provided compared to April (14,528) due to the inclusion of children from refugee and internally displaced households.
- In addition, 4,000 members of small-scale producers' organisations and agricultural processors were strengthened and put into contractual relationships to ensure regular deliveries of local organic produce to schools.

Supply Chain

- Issues of access or infrastructure availability due to the security crisis affecting northern Togo are significantly impacting supply chain activities, both at the corridor level and for logistics operations in the country. Despite this, WFP dispatched 22,100 mt of food to Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger and trained partners in stock and warehouse management, considering the country's new security context.

Voice from the field



Hot meals for pupils at Leon-Yaka elementary school. Commune of Doufelgou 2, Kara Region of Togo.

Donors

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