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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.

Northern Togo has experienced unprecedented levels of severe acute food insecurity, driven by multiple factors, including a security crisis caused by the spill-over effects of the conflict in the Sahel. According to UNHCR, 23,000 Burkinabe were registered as refugees, as of June 2023, while 32,000 are internally displaced (IDPs), as per Government figures of April 2023. As the situation continues to deteriorate, the humanitarian community predicts that the combined number of refugees and IDPs will be around 80,000 for the remainder of 2023. The influx of asylum seekers and internal displacement adds a layer of social and economic distress within communities that host these groups, who already live in poverty and with limited or no access to basic services, income and food.

With the support of the Togolese Government and donors, WFP is playing a crucial role in Togo by providing essential food aid to crisis-affected populations, both in kind and in cash. In addition, WFP is working to promote inclusive food systems by developing a school-meal model based on local production, as defined in 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 transports 75 percent of humanitarian products to countries in the Sahel and certain coastal countries.



Human Development Index
162 of 191

Population: 8.6 million

Chronic Malnutrition:
23.8 percent of children aged 6-59 months.

Income Level: Lower

In Numbers

15,260 people assisted

305,200 school meals served

US\$ 9.6 million six-month (July – December 2023) net funding requirement



Operational Updates

- Food insecurity has increased rapidly over the past three years. The number of people facing acute food insecurity (IPC 3+) has risen from 4,000 to 570,000 between 2020 and 2022. This rapid deterioration in the food security situation is particularly visible in the Savanes region, where 160,000 people are in IPC 3 and 40,000 in IPC 4, one step away from critical levels of acute food insecurity, according to the projections for June-August 2023 of the November 2022 Cadre Harmonise analysis. In the Kara region, more than 70,000 people were in IPC 3, mainly due to extreme climatic shocks that disrupted the rural livelihoods of vulnerable populations.

Emergency Food Assistance

- In the context of the [WFP's emergency response plan \(July-December 2023\)](#), preparations are underway to start a new three-month cash assistance cycle in the Savanes region, targeting 12,618 households (Burkinabe refugees, IDPs, and host communities). This assistance will be delivered by the financial service provider La Poste at mobile distribution points and will be coupled with the distribution of specialised nutritious food (Super Cereal) to pregnant and breastfeeding women and children of beneficiary households aged 6 to 23 months.

School Feeding

- The provision of school meals continued in 13 examination centres for primary school certificates, reaching 15,168 pupils.

As part of the implementation of the home-grown school-meal programme in public schools in northern Togo, WFP finalized the installation of mills and livestock units, started the installation of solar-powered irrigation systems for school gardens, and trained around 4,000 smallholder farmers who will be contracted to supply organic produce to school canteens.

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Photo Caption: Distribution of cash to vulnerable people in the Savanes region
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Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2022 – 2026)	
Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
30.4 million	19 million
2023 Requirements (US\$)	Six-month Net Funding Requirement (in US\$) (July – December 2023)
16.4 million	9.6 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.

- WFP, together with officials from the Togolese Government, conducted an experience-sharing and capacity-building visit to Benin to learn from the country's experiences on school feeding management.

Monitoring

- WFP began the data collection process for the post-distribution monitoring of the food and nutritional assistance carried out in May 2023.

Supply Chain

- Access problems due to the security crisis in northern Togo have a significant impact on 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, Niger and coastal countries as part of Global Commodity Management Facility (GCMF)¹. To address the growing influx of refugees and displaced persons, logistical capacities are being strengthened with the setup of mobile storage units and the contracting of transporters in the Savanes and Kara regions.

Voices from the field



Hot meals for pupils at Nanoum elementary school. Commune of Cinkassé 2, Savannah Region of Togo.

Donors

Donors to WFP Togo's Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2022-2026) include the European Commission, France, the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), the Government of Togo.

¹ The GCMF is an advanced financing mechanism, allowing WFP to respond faster to emergencies. It enables a steady supply of commodities at a reduced lead time and food procurement when markets are favourable.