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Operational Context

Togo is one of the smallest countries in West Africa. Located on the Gulf of Guinea, it borders Benin, Burkina Faso, and Ghana. The Lomé port and transport corridor are strategically important for the country's economic growth and facilitate the supply of essential goods to landlocked countries (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger), and 75 percent of humanitarian products to Sahelian and some coastal countries.

Togo's food and nutrition insecurity are linked to its low agricultural productivity, high population growth, impacts of the climate crisis, land degradation, widespread poverty and gender inequality in accessing resources. Since 2022, the Sahel's deteriorating security situation – including attacks on Government defence forces – has triggered cross-border movements and internal displacements of populations. The lasting effects of COVID-19 and the Ukraine crisis have compounded issues and exacerbated food insecurity for many people.

Contributions from the Togolese Government and donors have enabled WFP to provide essential food aid (in-kind and cash) to crisis-affected populations, as well as the promotion of inclusive food systems via a school feeding model based on local production, per WFP's Country Strategic Plan 2022–2026. WFP has been present in Togo since 1968.



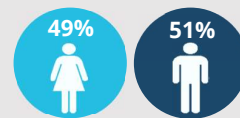
Population: **8.6 million**

2021 Human Development Index:
Ranked 162nd out of 188 countries

Income Level: **Lower**

Chronic malnutrition: **23.8 percent of children aged 6 to 59 months**

In Numbers



12,688 households assisted

250,640 school meals served

US\$ 12.5 million six-month net funding requirements (April–September 2024)

** Preliminary figures as per ongoing budget revision.*

Operational Updates

- In 2024 **food security in Togo has sharply deteriorated**. Key contributing factors include spillover effects from the Sahel crisis, inflation of food and agricultural inputs due to the Ukrainian crisis, extreme effects of the climate crisis and ongoing insecurity in Northern Togo, primarily in the Savanes Region.
- According to the March 2024 Cadre Harmonisé, 349,872 people are facing **severe acute food insecurity** (IPC 3+) (CH). Projections for June–August 2024 indicate that this number may raise to 423,165 individuals if no assistance is provided.
- In the Savanes Region many people **lack regular access to safe and nutritious food**. For example, 120,000 people (32 percent of the population) faced a *crisis* level **acute food insecurity** (IPC 3), with 244,000 people projected to reach this level by June–August 2024.
- The spillover of the **Sahel conflict** caused an influx of **refugees** and **internally displaced persons** (IDPs). Overall, 47,597 refugees (mainly from Burkina Faso) and IDPs were registered by the Government as 2023 ended.

Emergency Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Under Strategic Outcome 1, WFP undertook an in-kind distribution in the Savanes region, targeting 12,688 households, i.e., 63,440 persons (refugees, IDPs, host communities). This assistance was coupled with the distribution of super cereal (CSB+) to 2,801 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, and 3,271 children aged 6 to 23 months of beneficiary households.

School Feeding

- WFP distributed 250,640 school meals, reaching 15,665 pupils in 50 public schools supported by WFP in northern Togo.

Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2022–2026)*	
Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
53.4 million*	25 million
2024 Requirements (US\$)	Six-month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (April–September 2024)
27 million*	12.5 million*

* Preliminary figures estimated as per ongoing budget revision. To be adjusted upon final approval.

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.
- Support early recovery and stabilization programmes of vulnerable crisis-affected people, through strengthening the capacity of communities and increasing local economic opportunities

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.

Supply Chain

- The National Agency for Food Security (ANSAT) in Togo is currently engaged in a procurement process. This involves the acquisition of 185.45 metric tons of mixed commodities, including maize, beans, and salt. These resources are intended for a project supported by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and implemented by WFP. The project's primary aim is to provide assistance to vulnerable populations in North Togo who have been affected by flooding.
- Within the framework of a project with Africa CDC, WFP Supply Chain continues to support the Ministry of Health with training on vaccines transportation.
- WFP Supply Chain has also supported UNICEF for the transportation of NFIs to the Savanes region.

Voices from the field



Béogo Abiba, a displaced person at the WFP distribution site in Dapaong.

"The armed men spread terror, forcing us to flee for our lives. We left our village in a hurry, fleeing the constant assaults by armed groups. I had to walk for days with my children, hungry and exhausted. We left everything behind, our land, our homes, our former lives, and had to survive on the bare minimum. Today, with this food assistance from WFP, I have a little joy again. My children and I will have enough to feed ourselves properly for a while."

Donors

Donors to WFP Togo's Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2022–2026 include Australia, China, the European Commission, France, GIZ, the Mastercard Foundation, Sodexo, Government of Togo, the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) and WFP internal funds.