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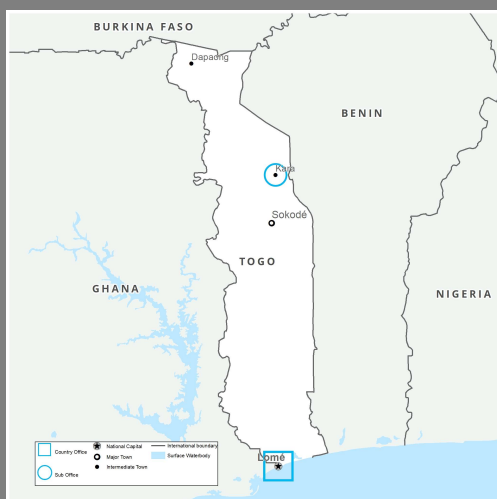
WFP Togo Country Brief June 2024

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.



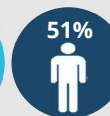
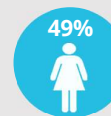
Population: **8.6 million**

2022 Human Development Index:
Ranked 163 out of 193 countries

Income Level: **Lower**

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

In Numbers



63,440 persons supported through general food distribution

US\$ 14.6 million six-month net funding requirements (July–December 2024)

** Preliminary figures as per ongoing budget revision.*

Operational Updates

- According to the March 2024 Cadre Harmonisé projections for June–August 2024, 423,165 people are experiencing **crisis levels of acute food insecurity** (IPC 3+) (CH). The Savanes Region is the most affected region, with 32 percent of the population **lacking regular access to safe and nutritious food**.
- The spillover of the **Sahel conflict** caused an influx of **refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs)**. Overall, 37,917 refugees (mainly from Burkina Faso) and 32,000 IDPs were registered by the Government and UNHCR this year. The number of refugees and asylum seekers combined is projected to be around 63,000 people.
- WFP Togo is appealing for **US\$ 12.5 million** under the UN Joint Response Plan, to reach an additional 190,000 beneficiaries with emergency assistance and resilience building.
- For 2024, WFP plans to provide food assistance to 150,000 beneficiaries in acute food insecurity situation in the northern region of the country through unconditional food distributions (in-kind) for 3 months during the peak of the lean season.
- Following the unconditional assistance, WFP plans to extend the assistance to the most vulnerable, targeting 40,000 beneficiaries (8,000 households) with “food for assets” activities.

Emergency Food and Nutrition Assistance

- On 28 June 2024, WFP and USAID started an in-kind food distribution in the Savanes targeting 12,688 households, i.e., 63,440 persons (refugees, IDPs, host communities). This assistance is coupled with the distribution of super cereal (CSB+) to 3,745 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, and 2,693 children aged 6 to 23 months for prevention of acute malnutrition.

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\$) (June–November 2024)
27 million*	14.6 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.

- WFP also contributed to an in-kind food distribution in the five economic regions (Maritime, Plateaux, Centrale, Kara and Savanes), targeting 2,717 households, i.e., 13,585 persons under ECOWAS financing. This assistance has been coupled with the distribution of NFIs for all these households and the distribution of super cereal (CSB+) to pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, and children aged 6 to 23 months for prevention of acute malnutrition.

Home Grown School Feeding

- Three ambassadors from the European Union, France and Germany visited the Gbao school canteen in the Kara region in June. The mission highlighted the integrated school canteen model, an initiative implemented by the Togolese government in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP) and supported by its partners, including the EU.
- WFP has officially handed over agricultural equipment to 150 small farmer organisations. These organisations, which supply products to school canteens as part of the HGsf programme, have thus received crucial support to improve their production and strengthen food security.

Resilience building

- FFA activities have begun at four sites in Kara and thirteen sites in the Savanes region, with the construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructures and the rehabilitation and management of drainage basins. A total of 3,913 beneficiary participants are involved in these resilience activities.

Supply Chain

- Lome Corridor received a charter of 9,670 mt of rice. This commodity will be carried to Burkina Faso and Mali.
- As part of a general food distribution planned for 3 months, 2,569 mt of mixed commodities have been purchased through local procurement (maize, beans, salt) and GCMF mechanisms (oil and CSB+). LESS LAST MILES has been implemented to support the general food distribution.

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), ECOWAS and WFP internal funds.