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## WFP Togo Country Brief August 2024

## In Numbers

49%



51%



**3,713 households** supported through Food for Assets

**63,440 persons** supported through general food distributions

**US\$ 18.8 million** six-month net funding requirements (September 2024–February 2025)

*\* Preliminary figures as per ongoing budget revision.*

## 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**

## 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.
- In 2024, WFP plans to assist 150,000 people in the northern region with food distributions in August, September, and October which correspond to the peak lean season, and targets 40,000 vulnerable beneficiaries with "food for assets" activities.

## Emergency Food and Nutrition Assistance

- The second round of the three-month general food distribution in Savanes region was completed in August 2024 targeting 12,688 households, or 63,440 people (refugees, IDPs, host communities). This intervention also included the distribution of super cereals (CSB+) to 3,745 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, as well as to 2,693 children aged between 6 and 23 months, to prevent acute malnutrition.

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**Photo Caption:** Community activities at Nanoum/Savannes  
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| Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2022–2026)* |  |
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| Total Requirements (US\$)               | Total Received (US\$)  |
| <b>110 million*</b>                     | <b>25 million</b>  |
| 2024 Requirements (US\$)                | Six-month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (Sept 2024 – Feb 2025) |
| <b>24.2 million*</b>                    | <b>18.8 million*</b>   |

\* 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.
- Provide aviation and air operation services to government and humanitarian partners.

## Home Grown School Feeding

- A national coordination and review workshop was organized to evaluate the second year of the HGSF pilot project, covering the school year from September 2023 to June 2024. The workshop aimed to assess the project's achievements, evaluate the progress made, and highlight the difficulties and obstacles encountered by the partners during implementation. Additionally, it provided an opportunity for a participatory search for solutions to ensure the continued success of activities in the 50 pilot schools and to improve overall project implementation.

## Resilience building

- The first distributions of cash to households benefiting from the food for assets programme took place in Kara from 1 to 2 August and in the Savanes region from 29 to 31 August 2024. A total of US\$163,773 was distributed to 3,713 households involved in community activities. The activities implemented include soil and water conservation works, compost making; reforestation; agroforestry; the creation of water retention structures and rural feeder roads.

## Supply Chain

- Runways have been successfully assessed as the country office prepares to launch UNHAS operations in Togo to support the emergency response by humanitarian partners in the Savanes region.

## Voices from the field



"Usually during the season, at this time of year my field is completely flooded, but thanks to the works carried out, my field is just wet, which has enabled me to sow the seeds, I'm happy and satisfied," says a beneficiary of resilience activities.

## 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.