



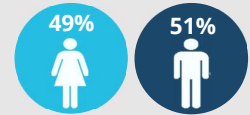
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SAVING LIVES  
CHANGING LIVES



WFP Togo  
Country Brief  
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## In Numbers



**1,397 households** supported through Food for Assets

**US\$ 13.5 million** six-month net funding requirements (October 2024–March 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

- The Cadre Harmonisé food security analysis of March 2024 shows that more than 350,000 people in Togo, concentrated in the Northern regions, are in dire need of urgent emergency food assistance (crisis to emergency phases).
- The spillover of the **Sahel conflict** caused an influx of **refugees** and **internally displaced persons (IDPs)**. Overall, 48,118 refugees and asylum seekers (mainly from Burkina Faso) and 9,680 IDPs have been identified and/or registered by the Government and UNHCR from July to September 2024.
- 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 activities.

## Emergency Food and Nutrition Assistance

- The CO is preparing to pilot the voucher modality for the emergency operations in the Savanes region, in light of the current restrictions on cash-based interventions.
- Preparations are in progress for the third and final round of the three-month in-kind food distribution cycle in the Savanes region, supported by USAID/BHA. This round will target 12,688 households, or 63,440 people, including refugees, internally displaced persons, and host communities. The distribution, which began in June 2024, aims to provide food assistance to those affected by the spillover of the Sahel crisis.

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**Photo Caption:** Abiba, GFD beneficiary met at Nioukpourma/Savannes  
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Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2022–2026)*	
Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
<b>108.6 million*</b>	<b>25 million</b>
2024 Requirements (US\$)	Six-month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (Oct 2024 – March 2025)
<b>19.5 million*</b>	<b>13.5 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**

- September was marked by the resumption of classes and the restart of school meal services in schools’ canteens. For the 2024-2025 school year, WFP plans to provide nutritious hot meals for 17,100 pupils in 50 schools across the Kara and Savanes region.

**Resilience building**

- In September, 1,397 households in Kara received a total of US\$ 71,275 in financial assistance as part of food for asset programme (FFA). With the end of the rainy season, preparations began for the post-harvest season, including the creation of water conservation structures, agroforestry, and reforestation. So far, 15,906 trees have been planted in the Kara and Savanes regions as part of the FFA programme.

**Supply Chain**

- As of 30 September, the Lome Corridor has dispatched approximately 36,605 mt of commodities, with Burkina Faso being the primary destination, having procured over 50 percent of this tonnage.

**Voices from the field**



*“The 45-minute walk from my home to school is exhausting for me, especially without having eaten. When I get to school, lunch in the canteen is my first meal of the day, and sometimes the only one. But this meal is a motivation for me. I don’t find it painful to wake up early in the morning because I know I’m going to eat at school. And especially when the canteen mothers ask us to suggest the dishes, I’m so happy, because not only am I going to eat, but I’m going to eat what I like or what I want,”* Cephas, a 11-year-old pupil at EPP Gbao in the Assoli prefecture, Kara region.

**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.