



WFP Togo

Country Brief

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SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES



Operational Context

Following April 2020 elections, a new Government has been put in place in Togo, with the appointment in September 2020 of the country's first ever-woman Prime Minister, Victoire Sidémého Dzidudu Tomegah-Dogbe, together with a record of 30 percent of the 33 ministerial positions given to women.

Since January 2021, WFP has been implementing an Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP 2021) under the leadership of a new Resident Representative and Country Director appointed to ensure full and entire representation of WFP in Togo. WFP continues to support the Government on the promotion of sustainable and inclusive food systems and the development of a national model of community-based school-feeding programme. The Togo country office also manages WFP logistic corridor handling the transport of food from the harbour of Lomé to hinterland countries in the Sahel region.

By 10 June 2021, Togo recorded a total of 13,576 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 126 deaths.

WFP has been operating in Togo since 1968, helping to tackle food insecurity and malnutrition among vulnerable groups.



Population: **8,6 million**

2020 Human Development Index ranking:
167 out of 188

Income Level: **Lower**

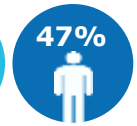
Chronic malnutrition: **23,8%** of children aged 6-59 months

In Numbers

170,000 people targeted for food assistance

499 mt of food planned to be distributed

USD 2 m six months (June to November 2021) net funding requirements



Operational Updates

Capitalization workshop on the implementation of the COVID-19 Emergency food assistance project

- In 2020, WFP Togo supported the national COVID-19 response plan through the provision of 1,878 mt of general food to 242,463 crisis affected populations targeted in the five economic regions of the country. This included 145,175 women, 15,000 people living with HIV/TB and 6,750 children aged 6-23 months who received specialized nutritious food for the prevention of moderate acute malnutrition.
- The preparation and implementation of this country-wide emergency food assistance was coordinated by WFP, in close partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Grassroots development, local authorities, COVID-19 National Coordination Agency, HIV and TB patients' groups organisations, and local implementing non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
- In May, WFP invited representatives of all the project's partners to attend a three-day Review after Action workshop to discuss their experiences and to exchange on key challenges and lessons learnt to capitalize the results and to draw recommendations for the improvement of future assistance projects.

Support for the development of an agriculture e-commerce platform and stock exchange

- With a view to contribute to the strengthening of the national food systems and to improve the access to markets for smallholders' farmers, WFP Togo is supporting the Government to develop an e-commerce agricultural stock exchange to facilitate virtual exchanges between producers and buyers.
- An international expert hired by WFP conducted a three-month mission in Lomé with the objectives to:
 - conduct a diagnosis of the level of performance of the existing e-commerce platform and to assess capacity gaps that need to be addressed to establish a robust agricultural stock exchange,

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Main photo: Participants to the Review after Action workshop, 19-21 May 2021.

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Togo Interim Country Strategic Plan		
Total 2021 Requirement (in USD)	2021 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
4.2 m*	1.4 m	2 m

*Taking into account Budget Revision 1 approved in May 2021.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected population in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of a crisis.

Focus area: Crisis response

Activity:

- Provide food and nutrition assistance to crisis-affected population and strengthen capacity of and coordination among national partners on emergency preparedness and response.

Strategic Result 2: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 2: Targeted communities in Togo including smallholder farmers have efficient, equitable, inclusive and nutritious food systems.

Focus area: Resilience

Activity:

- Facilitate equitable access to markets and provide technical support on supply chain, quality standards, food safety/fortification and market monitoring information to selected food processors and smallholder farmers.

Strategic Result 3: Enhance global partnerships

Strategic Outcome 3: Humanitarian and development partners in Togo have access to common services throughout the crisis.

Focus area: Crisis response

Activity:

- Provide technical assistance, supply chain and emergency telecommunications services, including transport, storage and distribution of food and non-food items, to Government and humanitarian partners.

- revise the application texts relating to the establishment of the steering and management bodies of the agricultural stock exchange,
- establish a detailed and structured roadmap indicating the actions, roles and responsibilities for setting up an agricultural stock exchange,
- In May, WFP organised a two-day restitution workshop to present and disseminate the mission’s results and recommendations to the government’s counterparts in the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural development.

Consultations with the Government for the preparation of Togo Country Strategic Plan

- Following the 2020 elections, the newly appointed Togolese Government has published a revised Government Roadmap for 2021-2025 that will frame the design and formulation of programmes by in-country development partners.
- To ensure that the strategic outcomes of its future Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2022-2025) are aligned with the Government’s roadmap priorities and sectoral action plans, WFP has launched a consultation process with the lead ministries involved in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 2 ‘Zero Hunger’ by 2030 in Togo.

An inter-ministerial committee presided by the Ministry of Agriculture and composed of technical officials appointed by their respective Ministers met during several sessions over the course of the last two months to ensure the Government’s engagement and endorsement of WFP programmes in Togo for the period 2022-2025.



Members of the inter-ministerial Committee consulted for the formulation of Togo CSP 2022-2026

Donors

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