



Operational Context

Following April 2020 elections, the new Government of Togo launched the Presidential Roadmap 'Togo 2025' that considers the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 and earmarks human capital development and social inclusion as the national priorities. Agriculture which accounts for the livelihoods of 32 percent of the population is seen as the main driver for economic growth and development, together with the transformation of Lomé harbour into a key regional logistical hub.

In January 2021, the opening of a fully-fledged WFP's Representation office in Togo reinforced the partnership and collaboration with the Government, that committed to supporting WFP's operations in the country.

Through its new Country Strategic Plan 2022-2026 that covers WFP's dual mandate 'Saving lives, changing lives', WFP Togo will continue to provide in kind and cash transfer assistance to crisis-affected population while supporting the promotion of inclusive food systems linked to the development of a home-grown school feeding model. The Togo Country office also manages the Lomé logistics corridor that transports 75 percent of humanitarian food products distributed by WFP to central Sahel countries.

WFP has been operating in Togo since 1968.



Population: 8,6 million	2020 Human Development Index: 167 out of 188
Income Level: Lower	Chronic malnutrition: 23,8% of children 6-59 months

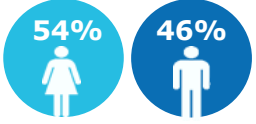
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Main photo: Food insecure population receiving WFP cash assistance on Essè Godjin village distribution site, Maritime region, southern Togo.
Credit: WFP/Christine COUDOUR

In Numbers

168,630 people provided with cash assistance

851 000 USD of cash assistance distributed

USD 2.1. m six months (June to November 2022) net funding requirements



Operational Updates

Alarming increase in acute food insecurity

In Togo, the lasting socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic compounded with recurrent climatic shocks (flooding and violent winds occur every year between June and October) and the inflationary effect of the Ukrainian crisis contribute to alarming increases in food prices that prevent vulnerable populations from meeting their basic food needs.

According to the latest Cadre Harmonisé (CH) Report, in the projected period (June-August 2022):

- 386,069 people (6,59 percent of the population) are facing acute food insecurity (Phase 3-4 of the IPC, Integrated Food Security Phase Classification), an **increase of 89% compared to the same period last year.**
- almost 20% of the population (1,1 million people) are at risk of food insecurity (Phase 2 of the IPC), an increase of 18% compared to last year.

Since the beginning of the **Ukrainian crisis**, aggravated by the energy crisis in Nigeria, Togo has experienced sharp price increases in basic staple food and petroleum products. Between January and April 2022, **prices of basic foodstuffs**, both imported and locally produced, are up by 50 percent to 87 percent compared to the same period in 2021. Within the region, Togo is among the countries with the most spectacular price increases for local cereals: 48 percent for maize, 13 percent for sorghum, and 52 percent for beans.

The prices of **petroleum products** at the pump have increased thrice in the past 12 months. As of May 2022, price increases are 47% for Super (gasoline), 53% for kerosene, and 45% for diesel.

The price of **fertilizers** has increased significantly, making it difficult for smallholder farmers to access them, influencing the production costs of the upcoming 2022/2023 agricultural season.

Togo Interim Country Strategic Plan (January 2021-June 2022)

Total 2022 Requirement (in USD)	2022 Available Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
4.2	2.7 m	2.1 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.

Cash transfer assistance to 168,360 people facing acute food insecurity throughout the country

WFP mobilized 700,000 USD, supplemented by 151,000 USD from the Government of Togo, to assist 33,726 households facing acute food insecurity to purchase food of their choice on local markets through a cash transfer in the amount of 15,000 FCFA per household.

Beneficiaries' targeting was based on the results of the Cadre Harmonisé report, coupled with additional socio-economic vulnerability criteria agreed together with the Ministry of Grassroots Development's agency ANADEB.

The cash-in-hand distribution took place throughout June 2022 in more than 200 distribution sites set-up in the 5 economic regions of the country.

The cash distribution operations, implemented by financial service provider La Poste, were carried out in collaboration with ANADEB and with the strong involvement of the local authorities. They set up distribution committees made up of representatives of the communities and traditional village chiefs in each of the localities targeted by the operations.

The WFP teams deployed in the field to oversee and monitor the operations conducted on-site questionnaires with the beneficiaries that confirmed the relevance of the targeting and their need for assistance.



Beneficiaries of cash distribution operations on the site of Essè Godjin, Maritime region, southern Togo.

Adoption of Togo Country Strategic Plan 2022-2026 by WFP Executive Board

On 23 June 2022, the WFP Board of Directors meeting in plenary session at its headquarters in Rome (Italy) approved the new Country Strategic Plan (CSP) for Togo, presented by the Country Director and Representative, Aboubacar Koisha.

Covering the period 2022-2026, the WFP CSP will assist and strengthen the resilience of more than 260,000 vulnerable people in Togo with a total budget of USD 17.6 million.

Developed in close consultation with the Government, the United Nations system in Togo, and country-based development and cooperation partners, the 3 strategic objectives of the CSP cover WFP's dual mandate 'Saving Lives, Changing Lives' and are in direct alignment with the 'Togo 2025' Presidential Roadmap.

In his speech, the WFP Regional Director for West and Central Africa, Mr. Chris NIKOI, thanked the Government of Togo for its strengthened partnership with WFP and its financial contribution to implementing WFP activities in the country. He asked the members of the WFP Board of Directors to honour the host country's commitment and support the financing of the new Togo Country Strategic Plan 2022-2026.

Donors

WFP Togo's ICSP 2021-2022 is supported by the Togolese Government and WFP internal funds.