



World Food Programme

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Operational Context

A new Government has been put in place in Togo, with the appointment of the country's first ever-female Prime Minister, Victoire Sidémého Dzidudu Tomegah-Dogbe, in late September 2020. The appointment comes to place with a record of 30 percent of the 33 ministerial positions given to women.

As of 10th November 2020, Togo's Ministry of Health announced 2,516 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 57 deaths, 1,732 recovered cases and 727 active cases (source: Government's COVID-19 [website](#)). WFP is implementing a Limited Emergency Operation (LEO) to respond to the pandemic, whereby 252,500 vulnerable people will receive food and nutrition assistance, and common services will be provided to the Government and humanitarian partners. The LEO is an integral part of the United Nations' response and is embedded within the Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19 in Togo.

WFP continues to support the national school-feeding programme to enhance a national model that permits a more inclusive and integrated approach, and diversified school meals. In Togo, WFP remains the main corridor in West Africa providing food across Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, and common services of non-food items in support of the national COVID-19 response. WFP has been operating in Togo since 1968, helping to tackle food insecurity and malnutrition challenges amongst vulnerable groups.



Population: **8.6 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **167 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower**

Chronic malnutrition: **23.8% of children between 6-59 months**

Operational Updates

COVID-19 response

- Over 280,000 people are at risk of falling into food insecurity and 1.3 million people in Togo require humanitarian assistance as a result of the global pandemic (COVID-19). This includes a 18 percent rise in prevalence of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and a 6.8 percent rise for severe acute malnutrition (SAM). Moreover, 15.2 percent of children within these figures are at grave risk if nutrition treatments are not received.
- As part of the Limited Emergency Operation (LEO), WFP plans to assist 252,500 people (50,500 households) with general food distributions and prevention of acute malnutrition in November 2020, over an initial period of three months. WFP is finalizing the local purchase process of food commodities. Four regions (Central, Maritimes, Plateau, and Savanes) highly affected by the global pandemic and with rising contamination rates will be prioritized during this assistance.
- COVID-19-related global and national restrictions have affected the performance of supply chains in Togo and resulted in a decrease in the level of supply, demand and availability of transporters. WFP will be providing on-demand logistics support services to the Government and humanitarian actors under the LEO operation.
- The Port of Lomé is WFP's main Global Commodity Management Facility (GCMF) Hub in the West Africa region, currently holding an inventory of 4,116 metric tons of food, of which 80 percent are nutritious products. Today, WFP in Togo is handling an unprecedented flow of commodities in support to the global pandemic and the regional WFP Level 3 emergency in the Sahel (Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali). By the end of 2020, around 100,000 metric tons of various commodities will have been supplied to meet national and regional demands (including in the Sahel, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone).

Support to the National School Feeding Programme

- WFP is providing technical assistance to the national school feeding programme through school gardens and mapping exercises of smallholder farmers, to link them as producers to schools nationally. The programme is in direct support of 90,000 school children in 304 schools under the Government-led program. WFP plans to continue providing technical assistance through training on project and school canteen management, hygiene and nutrition, water and sanitation, and menu composition of food.

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Photo Caption: School of EPP Kpédévokopé in the region of Agoè Nyivé, Togo

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WFP Operations

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) *
Name of Operation: United Nations SDG 2030 Fund			
Project Duration: Nov. 2019 – Dec. 2020	0.27 m	0.27 m (100%)	0 m (0%)
Name of Operation: WFP COVID19 SSTC Fund			
Project Duration: June - Dec. 2020	22,500	22,500 (100%)	0 m (0%)
Name of Operation: Limited Emergency Operation (LEO)			
Project Duration: July 2020 - Dec. 2020	6.79 m	1.50 m (22%)	5.29 m (78%)

- WFP and the Government of Togo identified more than 2,800 smallholder farmers to potentially service the national school feeding programme, with at least three *legalized* smallholder farmer organizations near each public primary school in Togo (i.e. within 15 kilometres radius), and who could make available between 3,200 – 4,300 metric tons of food for the next five years (2021 to 2025). The exercise also identified key information on agricultural productions in Togo, in-country storage capacities, constraints, and the specific requirements of each individual smallholder farmer organization, to successfully link them with the school feeding programme.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), WFP will start a pilot project of school gardens in five out of ten primary community schools to diversify school meals, and to serve as a basis for the home-grown school feeding model that will help inform the national programme moving forward.
- The local authorities of Lomé's Golfe 3 Municipality and WFP are negotiating the launch of a pilot project for an urban development school feeding model. WFP would therefore ensure technical support both in the design and implementation phases, as well as in the monitoring and evaluation process.

Limited Emergency Operation (LEO) (July-December 2020)

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected populations in Togo are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of shocks.

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Provide emergency food and nutrition assistance through cash-based transfer or in-kind transfers to affected populations

Strategic Result 8: Enhance global partnership

Strategic Outcome 2: Humanitarian and development partners in Togo have access to common services throughout the crisis.

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

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

Funding shortfall

- WFP will be adopting a one-year Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP) starting January 2021, with hopes of transitioning to a full-fledged Country Strategic Plan (CSP) in 2022. WFP will continue to assist people impacted by the global COVID-19 pandemic through its ICSP. The Government of Togo is committing to support project efforts in both the short and long term, while working closely together with WFP to secure funds.
- WFP has a critical gap of USD 5.3 million to be able to reach 252,500 food insecure and COVID-19 affected people (50,500 households) as planned through critical food and nutrition support under the LEO. The latter is therefore contingent upon sufficient and timely resources to operate in Togo.
- Funding requirements are estimated to rise due to the global pandemic, as well as impacts to vulnerable people nationally. The upcoming lean season is also predicated to exhaust the coping strategies of households who will be unprepared ahead of the flooding season.

Donors

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