



Country sheet

Togo

SAHA regional
programme

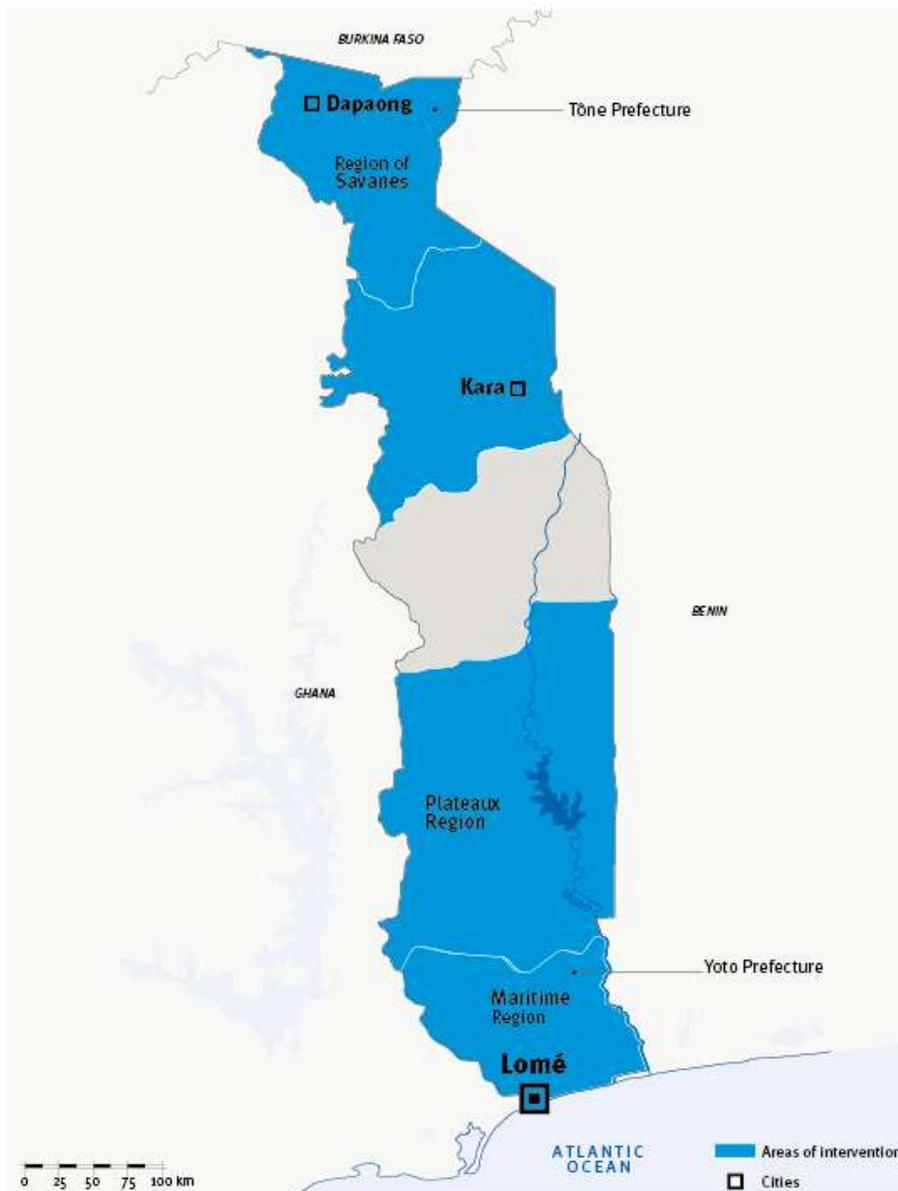




HI's team and areas of intervention

There are 37 people on HI's team in Togo.

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General country data

a. General data

Country	TOGO	Neighbouring country BENIN	France
Population	8,848,699	13,352,864	67,935,660
IHDI	0.372	0.334	0.825
Gender Development Index	0.849	0.88	0.99
Maternal mortality	399	523	8
Gini Index	42.4	37.8	30.7
Population under UNHCR mandate	9,876	3,239	693,598
INFORM index	3.9	3.7	2.3
Fragile States Index	82.1	73.3	28.8
Public social protection	23.2	7.8	100
Official development assistance received	339.4	843.6	0

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified in 2000
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified in June 2012
United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified in 2000 Presentation of 2021 report

c. Geopolitical analysis

Situated in West Africa, Togo has endured several political crises in connection with the organisation of its presidential elections. The country has had a democratic regime since independence, but has been shaken by some highly controversial elections.



Even though the country has many natural resources (gold, phosphate etc.), inequality and poverty remain very high, especially among people with disabilities who face many barriers.

The country is currently at risk of a growing terrorist threat thanks to its porous borders with Burkina Faso, which has been beset by terrorist attacks since January 2015.



Summary of HI's work in the country

HI has been present in Togo since 1997 in support of rehabilitation centres. HI was approached by the Centre National d'Appareillage Orthopédique [National Prosthetic/Orthotic Centre (CNAO)] and decided to launch the Togo programme and support the CNAO and six other centres in the region. Between 1997 and 2006, two main strands were developed: rehabilitation and civil society support. Several centres were refurbished and provided with equipment, and activities to support training courses at the École Nationale des Auxiliaires Médicaux [National School of Medical Auxiliaries] were implemented. The civil society support project has provided structural support to two federations of people with disabilities: FETAPH and FETOSPHA.

In 2007, the Togo programme championed exchanges between the national Buruli ulcer control programmes in Togo, Benin and Ghana. During this period, HI diversified its operations in Togo. In terms of rehabilitation, the local approach was continued, and support for the training of professionals focused on speech therapy, with a gradual move away from orthoprosthetics.

In 2009, HI's Togo programme adopted a new operational strategy whose general objective was "To improve the quality of life of people with disabilities; promote their full participation in society, and prevent the causes of disability". A base was opened in Dapaong to implement an inclusive education project.

Between 2009 and 2014, the Togo-Benin project was the only one working on Buruli ulcer and the first Francophone programme to include road safety activities. Furthermore, a prison project was also launched in Togo, and innovative inclusive education systems were set up in Benin.

During this period, the programme made notable improvements in terms of its communications: annual reports, regular media coverage of its activities, and the production of films and radio broadcasts. To mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in 2010, numerous innovative events were organised (a debate, an inclusive fashion show, concerts, exhibitions etc.) in support of the ratification of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Starting in 2016, new themes were introduced, particularly in the field of healthcare: mother and child health, and mental health. The inclusive education project was strengthened with the aim of extending it to national level. In addition, projects designed to help the prison population continued at Lomé prison over a four-year period.

In 2019, the programme was extended to the regions and is now part of a regional programme (SAHA) which includes Benin, Niger and Burkina Faso.

In 2020, Togo began to record the arrival of refugees from Burkina Faso. The first attacks by non-State armed groups began in 2021, and have since continued to undermine the living conditions of



populations living in situations of extreme vulnerability. Through the “Touching Minds, Raising Dignity” project, which addresses mental health and psychosocial support, HI was one of the first actors to intervene in this sector. HI’s position will be further strengthened as the worsening crisis increases needs in the zone.



Overview of current projects

Sectors in which HI is running projects with a focus on beneficiaries and partners.

Project title and main intervention sector(s)	Principal activities	Beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Project start and end dates	Institutional donors
<p>Touching Minds Raising Dignity</p> <p>Mental health and psychosocial support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the development of a multi-actor platform in the mental health and psychosocial support sector Supporting the Ministry of Health’s mental health service with the drafting/revision of its national strategic mental health policies/plans Supporting the development of steering mechanisms for national strategies Advocating for the inclusion of mental health issues in the ongoing training plan for healthcare actors Mapping mental health and psychosocial support actors and services, and basic services in our intervention areas Helping to implement an inclusive referral mechanism Building the capacities of HI’s teams, community partners and actors in order to fill the gaps in mental health Strengthening the multidisciplinary and community-based care services Mapping the users’ associations and actors involved in community awareness-raising activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90 community actors and leaders 50 healthcare professionals trained and monitored 2,000 young people, children and parents with mental and/or psychological distress disorders benefit from psychosocial support 8,000 people have their awareness raised in communities and schools A referral hospital 1 local civil society organisation provided with support to develop community mental health activities 1 user group provided with structural, organisational and capacity-building support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centre Hospitalier Régional de Dapaong Direction Régionale de la Santé - Dapaong Direction régionale des Affaires Sociales Savanes Division Santé Communautaire et Personnes Agées FETAPH [Togolese Federation of Associations of People with Disabilities] Hôpital Psychiatrique ZEBE Research Action Prevention Support for Addictions Programme National des Addictions aux Produits Psychoactifs 	<p>Maritime and Savanes regions</p>	<p>01.2022 – 12.2025</p>	<p>AFD</p>



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<p>Inclusive education and vocational training project</p> <p>Inclusive Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building the capacities and boosting the activities of user associations and/or informal groups • Developing a plan to promote mental health in partnership with mental health service users • Supporting campaigns to raise awareness of and promote mental health and to prevent mental health disorders • Rolling out mobile team activities and community mental health activities • Supporting personalised psychosocial and economic support • Introduction of teaching units for inclusive education, deafness, sign language, visual impairment and Braille to the curricula of national teacher-training colleges • Setting up educational and professional guidance services with the appointment of guidance staff • Gathering information, suggestions and recommendations to improve learning and evaluation conditions for learners with disabilities in national examinations and competitions • Training courses and guidance on educational adaptation for teachers • Support for the running of innovative schemes: a system of peripatetic teachers at primary level and support teachers at secondary level • Setting up 2 resource centres • Launching inclusive facilities projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,600 children with disabilities at primary and secondary level receiving personalised social support • 15 schools for the development and implementation of inclusive facilities projects • 10 support staff trained with the aim of boosting the pool of regional trainers • 100 primary and secondary school teachers and teaching assistants trained in educational adaptation • 150 young people with disabilities receiving vocational training • 50 apprenticeship tutors trained and supported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministère des Enseignements primaire, secondaire, Technique et de l'Artisanat [Ministry of Primary, Secondary and Technical Education and Crafts] and its decentralised structures • Ministère de l'Action Sociale de la Promotion de la Femme et de l'Alphabétisation [Ministry of Social Action, the Promotion of Women and Literacy] • Union des Chambres Régionales de Métiers • Togolese Federation of Associations of 	<p>Savanes and Kara regions</p>	<p>01.2022 – 12.2025</p>	<p>AFD</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational guidance on trades and apprenticeships for young people with disabilities • Training courses for organisations of people with disabilities on the approach and tools of the Washington Group • Education guidance sessions for recently identified children with disabilities • Building the capacities of civil society organisations and organisations of people with disabilities. • Partner evaluations with organisations of people with disabilities • Developing the directory of inclusive vocational training services • Supporting the adoption of the national vocational educational policy • Producing case studies and tools to capitalise on the experiences generated by the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 institutional actors at central level • 40 staff from higher education and teachers • 5 organisations of people with disabilities have their technical and organisational capacities boosted • Over 300 people have their awareness raised 	<p>Disabled People and its member associations</p>			
<p>SIGNAL Project</p> <p>Building the supply chain and access capacities of humanitarian and market actors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving choice for the most vulnerable zones • Steering humanitarian actors and political decision-makers towards the most beneficial projects for populations • Improving ways to reduce the negative effects of humanitarian interventions • Calculating the logistical vulnerability index by gathering secondary data • Assessing the resilience of local logistics by evaluating markets, actors and supply chains, transport services and their prices, the road network and crossings (bridges/tunnels) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian actors • Political decision-makers • Populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ministries and technical services for secondary data • International, national and local NGOs • L'agence nationale de la protection civile • Decentralised local government bodies • Influencers 	<p>The prefectures of Kpendjal, Tandjouaré, Oti, Oti Sud Bassar, Dankpen</p>	<p>10.2022 – 12.2023</p>	<p>BHA (OFDA)</p>



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MAKING IT WORK project Inclusive Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying organisations that demonstrate good practices with regard to combating violence against women with disabilities. Rolling out a capacity-building plan for the organisations identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisations of people with disabilities Women's organisations Civil society organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AST APROFETHO 	Lomé + the Savanes region	08.2020 – 07.2023	
Supporting the conflict resilience of communities in northern Togo – the Savanes region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising awareness of and disseminating the land and property code, best practices for resolving land conflicts, and information about transhumance rights and obligations Facilitating community discussion forums and networks Building the inclusive-governance capacities of actors involved in drafting community action plans Raising young people's awareness of non-violence and the peaceful resolution of conflicts Promoting local women-led mechanisms for the peaceful resolution of conflicts Building the skills of religious and community leaders with regard to their conflict-management and peace-building capacities Building organisational, operational and technical capacities Facilitating cross-border dialogue between Benin and Togo so as to develop a strategy and future activities Building and diversifying the production/processing capacities of small-scale farmers and livestock breeders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11,543 direct beneficiaries 57,090 indirect beneficiaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ONG Gestion de l'Environnement et Valorisation des produits Agropastoraux et Forestiers [NGO Managing the Environment and Promoting Agro-pastoral and Forestry Products] Réseau Femmes et Développement des Savanes [The Savanes Women in Development Network] 	Savanes region	09.2023 – 02.2025	CDCS



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening the mechanisms for providing socio-economic support to small-scale livestock breeders and farmers• Facilitating the economic inclusion of young unemployed people via access to short technical training courses, support for entrepreneurship and the family economy, and fostering networks of associations and collective saving• Carrying out an exploratory study of the economic sectors, circular economy, and technical and social innovations to be fostered in the region.					



Donors

AFD	CDCS	BHA
 <p>AFD AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT</p>	 <p>MINISTÈRE DE L'EUROPE ET DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES <i>Liberté Égalité Fraternité</i></p> <p>Centre de crise et de soutien</p>	 <p>USAID FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE</p>