



## General country data

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Indicator	Togo
Capital city	Lomé
Surface area (km <sup>2</sup> )	56,785
Population	7,798,000
Population within the UNHCR mandate	13,800
Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	143.4
Sex ratio (M to 100 F)	99.4
Population growth rate	2.6%
Fertility rate	4.7
Life expectancy (Women/Men)	59.8/58.3
Infant mortality rate per 1000 births	55.7
GDP (million US\$)	4086
GDP growth rate (2017)	5.5%
Unemployment	6.8%
Per capita income (US\$)	610
Fragile States Index	85.2 - 49th
Number of mine victims in 2017?	0

### b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

- ➔ Mine Ban Treaty: ratified in 2000
- ➔ Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: ratified in 2000
- ➔ Convention on Cluster Munitions: ratified in June 2012

## c. Geopolitical situation

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### 1. Social, cultural and demographic context

Togo is a West African country in the Gulf of Guinea. Its capital is Lomé. The country covers a surface area of almost 57,000 km<sup>2</sup> and has 1,880 km of borders. It is surrounded by Benin to the east, Ghana to the west and Burkina-Faso to the north.

The landscape is highly varied with coastlines, plains, plateaus, mountains and valleys. The vegetation is composed of forests and savannahs.

### 2. Political situation

In 1990, violent riots broke out in Lomé and the rest of the country, leading to a national conference in 1991 and the adoption of a multi-party system.

At the beginning of May 2019, the parliament voted to change the Constitution, introducing a presidential term limit of five years (instead of seven previously) and a maximum of two successive terms.

The local elections were held on 30 June, the first in almost 30 years.

### 3. Economic situation

With a current per capita income of US\$617.7 and a national poverty rate of 55% in 2015, Togo remains a developing country. Although Togo had a growth rate of 4.4% in 2017<sup>1</sup>, the distribution of wealth is one of the most unequal in the world (Gini Index: 43.1). In addition, there is considerable corruption at various levels of society, with Togo ranked 117th out of 180 countries in terms of perception of corruption<sup>2</sup>.

Agriculture is the foundation of the Togolese economy, accounting for 40% of GDP and more than 60% of jobs.

## Presence of HI in the country

HI has been working in Togo since 1997 to support rehabilitation centres. HI was approached by the Centre National d'Appareillage Orthopédique (CNAO) and decided to open the Togo programme by supporting the CNAO and 6 other centres in the region.

From 1997 to 2006, we focused on two areas: rehabilitation and support to civil society. Several centres have been rehabilitated and equipped, and activities to support National School of Medical Auxiliaries (ENAM) training were implemented. The civil society support project

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.banquemonddiale.org/fr/country/togo/overview>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/corruption\\_perceptions\\_index\\_2017#table](https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/corruption_perceptions_index_2017#table)


provided structural support to the two federations of people with disabilities (FETAPH and FETOSPHA).

In 2009, the HI Togo programme adopted a new operational strategy whose overall 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 in Dapaong has been opened to implement an inclusive education project.

## Projects

Project title	Sector of intervention	Donors	Funding period
Mental health project*	Mental health	Agence Française de développement (AFD)	<u>Stage 1:</u> January 2018 - December 2019 (2 years) <u>Stage 2:</u> January 2020 - December 2021 (2 years)
Neighbourhoods of the Future Project	Social inclusion	European Union (EU) Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission	<u>Stage 1:</u> February 2014 - January 2017 <u>Stage 2:</u> February 2018 - October 2019 (21 months)
MCH Project - Maritime	Prevention & Health	AFD	November 2015 – June 2019 (44 months)
Inclusive Education & Vocational Training	Education & Inclusion	Educate a Child AFD	January 2018 - December 2021 (4 years)

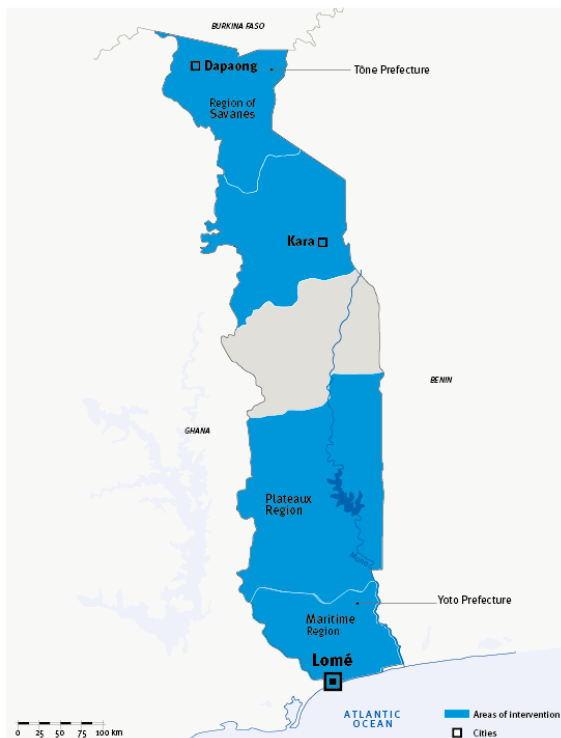
\*Regional Project

<p>Agence Française de développement</p> 	<p>European Union</p>  <p>European Union</p>	<p>Educate a child</p>  <p>A programme of education above all™</p>
<p>Guernsey Overseas Aid</p> 		


## HI Team in Togo



The Togo programme team has **39 staff members**.


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## Ongoing projects: sectors in which HI has projects and main operational partnerships

Sector of intervention	Goals	Type of intervention	Beneficiaries	Operational partners	Location
Mental health project					
Prevention & Health 	Develop and implement community-based prevention and response strategies to improve the quality of life and mental health/well-being of people in psychosocial distress and/or suffering from mental health disorders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for the development of a national mental health policy</li> <li>• Support for the development of national, inclusive thematic working groups with an advocacy mission</li> <li>• Mapping of actors/Referral system/Capacity-building system</li> <li>• Support for the development and/or strengthening of local and/or community-based prevention and care activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6,000 people in psychosocial distress or suffering from a mental health disorder</li> <li>• 129 public workers from the Ministry of Health.</li> <li>• 40 medical, paramedical and psychosocial professionals.</li> <li>• 2 organisations of users of mental health services</li> <li>• 4 service providers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association Vie Libérée</li> <li>• Groupe Gbalenfit</li> </ul>	National
Neighbourhoods of the Future Project					

<p>Inclusion</p> 	<p>More humane living conditions for detainees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehabilitation of prison infrastructure (infirmery, plumbing, biodigester)</li> <li>• Raising awareness of basic hygiene among detainees</li> <li>• Setting up a soap and basket workshop and a bakery</li> <li>• Establishment of an inter-ministerial committee and a national inclusion strategy</li> <li>• Implementation of an advocacy plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,700 prisoners</li> <li>• Lomé prison</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Agency for Sanitation and Public Health (ANASP)</li> </ul>	<p>Lomé and National Prisons</p>
<p>Mother and infant health project</p>					
<p>Prevention &amp; Health</p> 	<p>Help reduce maternal and neonatal mortality and strengthen family planning in the Maritime region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving health care provision in the Maritime region.</li> <li>• Help build the capacities of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 82,946 women and children</li> <li>• 4 surgeons</li> <li>• 2 obstetrical gynaecologists</li> <li>• 56 midwives</li> <li>• 50 auxiliary midwives</li> <li>• 50 permanent midwives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Health and Social Welfare</li> <li>• Regional Health Department of the Maritime Region</li> <li>• Hospitals in the Maritime Region</li> <li>• National Blood Transfusion Centre</li> </ul>	<p>Maritime Region &amp; Plateaux Region</p>
<p>Inclusive education project</p>					

<p>Inclusive education</p> 	<p>Develop and strengthen an inclusive education system targeting secondary schools and vocational training in particular by creating a gateway system ensuring continuity from primary to secondary/vocational training for children and young people with disabilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and awareness-raising of companies and training centres to adopt inclusive practices.</li> <li>• Support for people with disabilities in accessing vocational training</li> <li>• Strengthening the smooth transition from primary to secondary for children with disabilities</li> <li>• Building HI's innovation capacities in terms of the education-training continuum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children/young people with disabilities from 12 secondary and technical schools.</li> <li>• 12 secondary and technical schools.</li> <li>• Teachers from the 12 schools.</li> <li>• Vocational training centres and businesses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Education Department (MEPSFP)</li> <li>• Ministry of Vocational and Technical Training (METFP)</li> </ul>	<p>Savannah Region &amp; Kara Region</p>
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