

Project Information



Togo

Some of the reasons why Plan works in Togo

- 47 percent of people over 15 cannot read or write
- A quarter of children under five are underweight
- 64 percent of the rural population do not have access to improved water sources
- Life expectancy is just 54

Overview of the country

The Togolese Republic became an independent country in 1960, and was under one-party rule from 1967 to 2005. Despite embarking on a democratisation process in the early 1990s, Togo remains politically instable with a poor human rights record. As a result, Togo is suffering economic sanctions. This in turn has had a negative effect on health and education services, and it is unlikely Togo will reach a number of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Eight MDGs were agreed at the United Nations Millennium Summit in September 2000. They range from halving global poverty and hunger to protecting the environment, improving health and sanitation and tackling illiteracy and discrimination against women. Poverty is widespread in Togo with 70 percent of the population living on less than US\$2 per day. The Togolese government is eager to address this, but its agricultural economy suffers from fluctuating global commodity prices which leaves the population in a vulnerable position. With a poorly developed infrastructure and a shortage of personnel, Togo is also facing major challenges in reaching its health targets. Only 15 percent of the rural population has access to adequate sanitation facilities, which causes frequent cholera and typhoid outbreaks. Children suffer from a poorly developed educational sector. Although enrolment figures are high, these have stagnated and the repetition rate is high. Also, almost two thirds of children between five and 14 are involved in labour activities.

How you can help

Thanks to our supporters, Plan is working with communities in Togo on many projects. Field staff and communities in Togo have identified the following project, from among those we are currently working on, as a priority for additional funding this financial year. With your help, this project will be of huge benefit to communities we work with in Togo.

Primary school construction in Sotouboua, Atakpame and Sokode

Going to school in dangerously unstable, unhygienic or overcrowded buildings is discouraging for teachers and pupils alike. With over a quarter of children in Togo not yet attending primary school, there is a need for more schools and classrooms to be built. Constructing them to a good standard helps to promote the idea that education is of value, and using local workers stimulates the local economy. Involving local people, parents and teachers from the beginning helps establish a feeling of community ownership and pride in the school.

This project is integrated into our wider programme work, which addresses the specific needs of children living vulnerable lives in Togo. The support these programmes provide is thanks to the generosity of our supporters but with your help we can achieve even more. If you have any questions about our work, or your support, please contact us on 020 7482 9777, or visit www.plan-uk.org

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