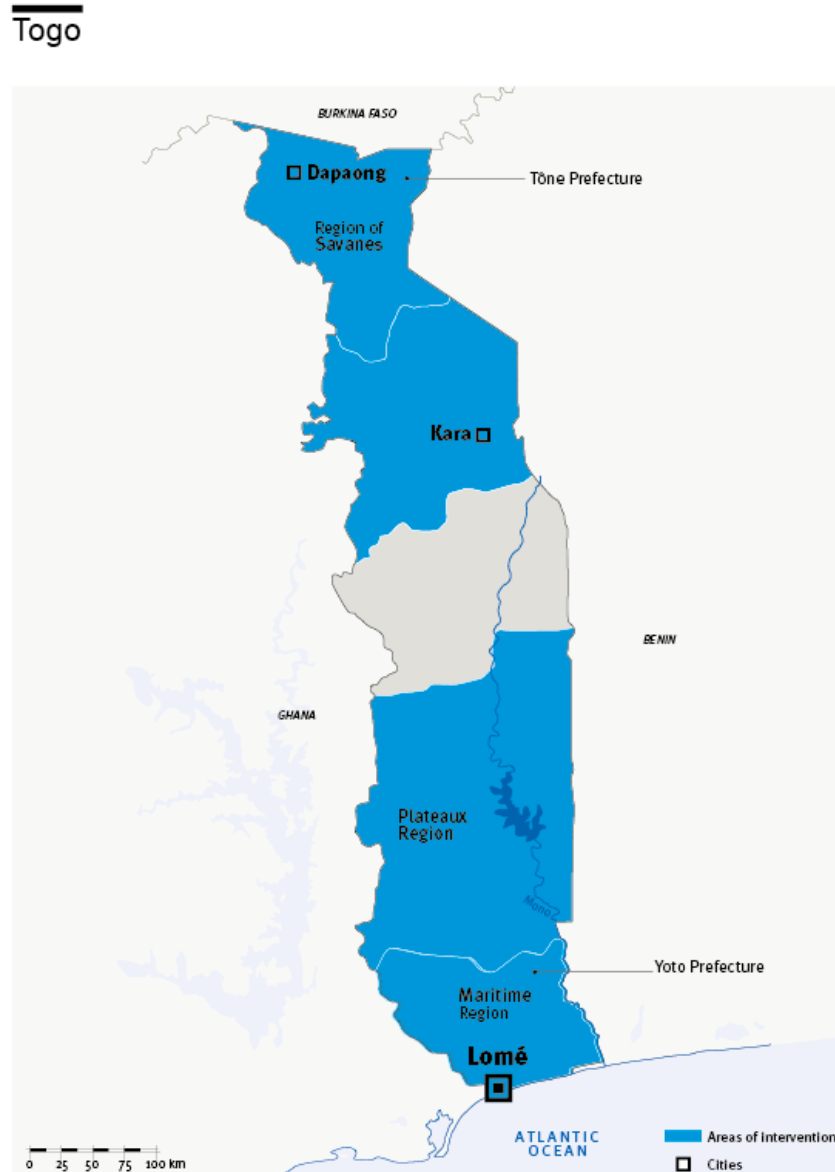






HI's team and where we work

There are 39 staff members on HI's team in Togo.



General country data



a. General data

Country	TOGO	Neighbouring country BENIN	France
Population	8,082,366	11,801,151	67,059,887
HDI	0.513	0.520	0.891
IHDI	0.35	0.327	0.809
Maternal mortality	401	350	10
Gender Related Development Index	0.82	0.88	0.98
Population within UNHCR mandate	13,800	1,174	368,352
INFORM Index	4.6	4.1	2.2
Fragile State Index	85.8	72.5	30.5
GINI Index ¹	43.1	47.8	31.6
Net official development assistance received	296.42	570.27	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
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified in 2000 Report submission 2021

c. Geopolitical analysis

Located in West Africa, Togo is a country that has experienced several political crises related to the organisation of its presidential elections. Togo has had a democratic regime since independence, but its elections are highly controversial.

Although rich in natural resources such as gold and phosphate, inequality and poverty in Togo remain extremely high, especially among people with disabilities, who face multiple obstacles. The country is likely to face a growing terrorist threat due to its porous borders with Burkina Faso, which has been prey to terrorist attacks since January 2015.

¹ <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SI.POV.GINI>



Summary of HI's work in the country

HI began working in Togo in 1997 in order to assist the country's rehabilitation centres. HI was approached by the Centre National d'Appareillage Orthopédique (CNAO) and decided to open the Togo programme and provide support to the CNAO and six other centres in the region.

From 1997 to 2006, we focused on two areas: rehabilitation and civil society support. We have rehabilitated and equipped several centres. The civil society support project has provided structural support to two federations of people with disabilities (FETAPH and FETOSPHA).

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

Between 2009 and 2014, the Togo-Benin programme was the only one to focus on Buruli ulcer and the first Francophone programme to implement road-safety activities.

In 2016, HI extended the scope of its work to include mother and child health and mental health. The inclusive education project was expanded, with the aim of extending it to the entire country. Projects in aid of detainees in Lomé prison were implemented for a period of four years.

In 2019 the programme was extended to the surrounding region and is now part of a regional programme (SAHA) which includes Benin, Niger and Burkina Faso (Cœur de la Région).



Current projects

Sectors where HI implements projects, focusing on beneficiaries and partners

Main sectors	Project goals in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries at the end of the project	Partners	Location	Project start and end date and funding bodies
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 with mental health disorders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Support the development of a national mental health policy -Support the development of national, inclusive themed working groups with an advocacy mission -Mapping of actors/Referral system/Capacity-building system -Support for the development and/or strengthening of local and/or community-based prevention and 	6,000 people in situations of psychosocial distress or with a mental health disorder 129 public workers from the Ministry of Health. 40 medical, paramedical and psychosocial professionals. 2 organisations of users of mental health services 4 service providers.		Association Vie Libérée Groupe Gbalenfit	National	



		care activities					
Ensemble project: Sexual and Reproductive Health							
Prevention & Health	Improve access to sexual and reproductive health services and related rights (SRHR), with a focus on women and adolescent girls, including those with disabilities, in Togo (Maritime region).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Social engagement -Capacity-building for women and men as a priority -Promoting positive masculinity -Stimulating demand for services -Provision of gender, age and disability sensitive services -Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -49,430 women of childbearing age -50 health officers from health centres -38 teachers -40 youth and adolescent peer educators -40 community health officers -4,000 adolescents and young people in and out of school with at least 50% girls -5,000 participants in SRHR community dialogues -23 health centres, five with facilities for adolescents 5 civil society organisations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> African Network for Education and Health; Ministry of Health and Social Welfare; Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education; Ministry for Social Action, the Advancement of Women, and Child Protection. 	APRAA MSHP DRS	Aného Lacs Prefecture	36 months: April 2020 - March 2023 Global Affairs Canada



Supporting the COVID-19 pandemic response in Togo							
Prevention & Health	Support actions to reduce the risk of contamination of vulnerable groups by COVID-19. R1: Ensure the Togolese population understands the spread of COVID-19 and how to protect themselves from it	R1: Awareness-raising caravans; Production and distribution of specific posters and flyers; Audio announcements; Street theatre; Storytelling and discussions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 800,000 people informed in the Savannah region ▪ Approximately 200,000 students from 300 schools and colleges ▪ 1,000 vulnerable households or 6,000 people, equipped with hygiene kits ▪ 20 community centres informed 	Groups of parents and users of mental health services FETAPH DRE	Savannah Region	July-December 2020	
	R2: Ensure services, communities and the most vulnerable people have the means to implement hygiene measures to control epidemics	R2: Production and distribution of hygiene products (bleach/soap/hydro-alcoholic gel); Production and distribution of masks to the most vulnerable people: idem. Masks; Permanent hand-washing points in state					



		schools and hospitals.				
Covid-19 Response Plan for Street People in Lomé, Togo						
Prevention & Health	Contain the spread of COVID-19 by supporting prevention mechanisms and health response while limiting the negative impact of the pandemic on street people in Lomé	<p>Implementing preventive measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of outdoor hygiene facilities • Distribution of 2,000 adapted hygiene kits • Awareness-raising: 45 outreach exercises <p>Health and psychosocial watch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing medical and psychological care through three mobile outreach teams, five days a week • Referral and poverty 	<p>5,000 people benefit from information on COVID-19 prevention measures</p> <p>2,000 people receive a hygiene kit</p> <p>2,700 people have access to a personal hygiene service</p> <p>3,000 people benefit from health and psychosocial monitoring (60% of whom are women and children)</p> <p>3,000 people have an improved diet</p>	Hälsa International MSHP Ministry of Social Action	Lomé	15 August to 15 December 2020



		<p>fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification and referral of people in situations of distress <p>Enhanced resilience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Distribution of food baskets and weather protection kits -Guide to referring street people for assistance -Training of peer educators -Management of people in situations of distress -Comprehensive management: accommodation, food, PSS and care, referrals 	<p>2,000 people given a weather and malaria protection kit</p> <p>300 people provided with hospital health care</p> <p>300 people in situations of distress and their families benefit from holistic support</p> <p>5,000 street children benefit from the services of a follow-up and support centre</p>			
<p>Quartiers d’Avenir (Neighbourhoods of the Future) project</p>						



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



					Centre		
Inclusive education project							
Inclusive education	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Training and awareness-raising of companies and training centres to adopt inclusive practices. -Supporting people with disabilities to access vocational training -Enhancing the smooth transition from primary to secondary education for children with disabilities -Building HI's capacity to innovate on the education-training continuum 	<p>Children/young people with disabilities from 12 secondary and technical schools. 12 secondary and technical schools and colleges. Teachers from these 12 schools and colleges. Vocational training centres and businesses.</p>		Regional Education Department (MEPSFP) Ministry of Vocational and Technical Training (METFP)	Savannah Region & Kara Region	

Funding bodies

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