



Togo



MANDATE

Handicap International's goal in Togo is to work with its partners to reduce inequality, so as to improve living conditions for vulnerable people and, in particular, people with disabilities both in Togo and in Benin. The association thus aims to promote the development of an inclusive society.

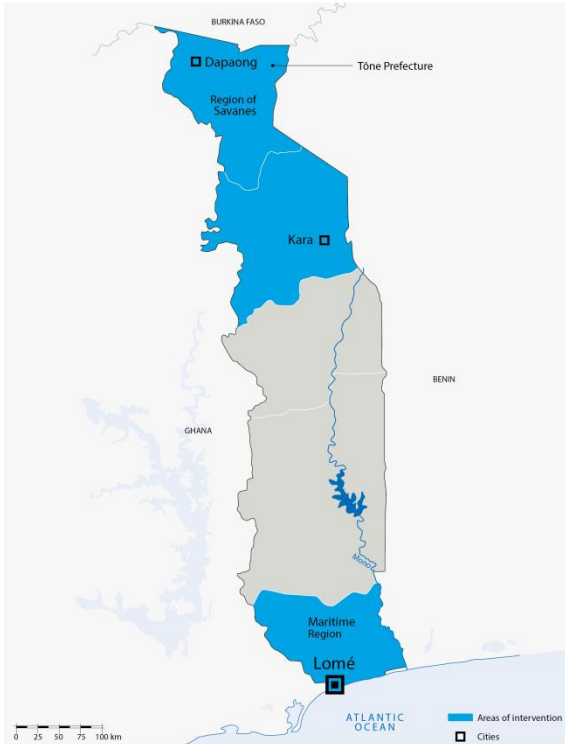
SITUATION

58.7% of the population lives under the national poverty threshold in Togo (UNDP: 2014 human development report).

An estimated 620,000 people have disabilities in Togo and more than 61,000 of them need to be fitted with orthopaedic materials. This is despite the fact that the capital of Togo, Lomé, is home to a training centre for French-speaking orthopaedist technicians and speech therapists in West Africa, ENAM (National Medical Auxiliaries School).

INITIAL ACTIONS

Handicap International intervened in Togo for the first time in 1992 to provide technical support to ENAM's Department of Orthoprosthetic Technicians.



KEY FACTS

Human development index (HDI)*	166/187
Life expectancy*	56.5 years
GNP per capita (\$PPP)*	\$1,129 per annum
Surface area**	54,390 sq.km
Population**	6.8 million inhabitants

*UNDP: 2014 human development report

** World Bank 2013

STAFF

- National staff: 44
- Expatriate staff members: 7

Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified: 01/03/2011
Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo)	Ratified: 22/06/2012
Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)	Ratified: 09/03/2000

Current projects 2015



ENAM project

Organisational assistance and training support for the National Medical Auxiliaries College in Lomé, Togo

GOAL

Improving access to quality rehabilitation services in French-speaking Sub-Saharan Africa by strengthening the organisational structure of ENAM and improving the quality of its training courses.

METHOD

Strengthening the organisational, administrative and educational capacities of ENAM to improve its international standing, strengthen its long-term financial health and maintain and develop the quality of its physiotherapy and orthopaedics training courses.

BENEFICIARIES

- An average of 50 students who follow training courses provided by ENAM each year;
- Patients and their families benefiting from rehabilitation care, particularly physiotherapy, including people with disabilities in Togo and several other African countries;
- Patients and their families benefiting from rehabilitation care, particularly speech therapy, including people with disabilities in Togo and several other African countries;

PARTNERS

- ENAM is both the project's partner and beneficiary; it is the official implementing partner.
- Line ministries: the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Higher Education and Research, the Ministry of Public Services and the Ministry of Technical Education and Occupational Training

LOCATION

Lomé



Mother and child health

GOAL

To improve mother and child health care management in the health district of Yoto, in the maritime health region, and to contribute to reducing maternal, neonatal and infant morbidity and mortality in Togo.

METHOD

This project includes:

- Training to raise the standards of all state-registered and auxiliary nurses and auxiliary and permanent birth attendants in peripheral care units supported by the project.
- Improving equipment in peripheral care units (PCU) necessary to treat pregnant women and new born babies.
- Awareness/communication to change attitudes towards maternal, neonatal and child health in village communities and schools

BENEFICIARIES

At population level, the direct beneficiaries of the intervention are essentially pregnant women and new-born infants, but also children under 5 years old. Men, young women and young men are also concerned as they are targeted by activities in the community and in schools.

The cost of corrective treatment for club foot for children between 0 and 2 years old is covered by the project.

The direct beneficiaries of the training activities are:

- State-registered or auxiliary chief nurses and auxiliary and permanent birth attendants (40 people), the health care professionals in all peripheral care units in the Yoto health district
- Community health workers and community focal points (126 people)
- Physiotherapists at the district hospital
- 36 secondary school students and 12 teachers for the communication of mother and child health messages in the school setting

PARTNERS

- Family Health Division
- Management of regional health for the maritime region
- Yoto's Prefectural Health Management
- CNAO (National Centre for Orthopaedic fitting)
- NGO "Jourdain Vie et Santé"

LOCATION

Maritime Health Region – Yoto Health District



Prison and Mental Health

Project carried out in Togo (civil prisons in Lomé, Kara and Dapaong) and in three other countries: Lebanon, Madagascar and the Republic of South Sudan

GOAL

Protect and re-integrate people in conflict with the law and stop the social condemnation of people living with mental health problems.

METHOD

Implementation of a process to provide personalised psychosocial support: identify, interview, and refer prisoners to determine what support is required (help on release, health care, food and hygiene kits, legal support, professional integration/income-generating activities, psychological support, family liaison/mediation, socio-educational and cultural activities).

The project is carried out by:

- Improving the technical and organisational capabilities of stakeholders in the prison administration
- Raising awareness in communities on rights, inclusion and socio-professional re-integration
- Carrying out studies into the legal situation and impact of incarceration on the mental health of prisoners

BENEFICIARIES

- Users of mental health services in the mental health centres (5,650 people including 2,090 women)
- People in conflict with the law imprisoned in the prisons in which we work (2,300 people including 74 women)
- Families (500) of the prisoners (and former prisoners)
- Staff in the mental health centres
- Staff in the prison administration (around 160 people)
- Members of civil society working in the prison setting

PARTNERS

- Young Men's Christian Association in Togo (YMCA TOGO)
- Yendubé Mental Health Centre in Dapaong
- Paul Louis Renée Health Centre in Lomé
- Togolese Federation of Disabled People's Organisations
- Prison administration management

LOCATION

Lomé, Kara and Dapaong



Inclusive education (APPEHL)¹

Regional project run in Burkina Faso, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Benin, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo and Guinea-Bissau

GOAL

In Togo, the project aims to integrate children with disabilities in the Tône prefecture and the Kara municipality into the existing educational system.

METHOD

This project was set up following an initial experience between 2012 and 2014 during which children in disabling situations were identified and given advice and guidance on their schooling.

The project is carried out by:

- Raising awareness of the issue of disability and educating children with disabilities.
- Creating training manuals on visual impairment and braille, and on deafness and sign language. These manuals are used by national and regional trainers to train primary school teachers and education managers, and thus to enable children with disabilities to be included in mainstream schools.
- Implementing practical strategies for including children with intellectual impairments, notably through adapted evaluations.
- Setting up a system of floating teachers in the three education inspectorates, to facilitate proceedings and ensure the children with disabilities referred to schools succeed.
- Developing an inclusive education training manual.

The project also aims to support the Ministry of Education to define a model for inclusive education in Togo, which would have regional and national repercussions.

BENEFICIARIES (IN TOGO)

Children aged between 4 and 12 years old:

- 8,803 pupils in public pre-schools
- 55,201 pupils in public primary schools
- 19,448 targeted children with disabilities

Schools:

- 68 public pre-schools
- 190 public primary schools
- 6 specialised schools

Educational and charitable stakeholders:

- 253 teachers and head teachers of public preschools
- 1,128 teachers and head teachers of public primary schools
- 9 pedagogical managers (6 advisers and 3 inspectors)
- 79 agents for the local education authorities in Savanes and Kara
- The Parents Associations in schools in this area and their federation
- The Togolese Federation of Disabled People's Organisations
- The Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education

PARTNERS






- The Togolese Federation of Disabled People's Organisations
- The Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education

LOCATION

Tone prefecture and Kara municipality

¹ APPEHL project : Promoting the full participation of children with disabilities through education

MAIN FUNDING BODIES

<p>French Development Agency</p> 	<p>ANESVAD Foundation</p> 	<p>SANOFI Espoir Foundation</p> 
<p>BASAURI municipality</p> 	<p>UNICEF</p> 	<p>European Union</p> 