

HARVESTING BRIGHTER FUTURES

AN UPDATE FOR UPPER THAMES GROUP
CHURCHES, CRICKLADE

THE DIFFERENCE YOU ARE MAKING

It is estimated approximately 390,000 people in Togo will face acute food insecurity this year.ⁱ This means 77.5% of Compassion-supported households can no longer afford at least two meals per day.

Your support is changing that. By providing expert training, high quality seeds and fertiliser, over 2,500 households are becoming food secure and financially independent.

Since its inception, this intervention has aimed to sustainably enhance food availability in participants’ households and communities across 71 Compassion. Now in its 18th month, the intervention has made significant strides towards its goals.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

To date, the intervention has reached approximately 2,500 caregivers, providing them with fertiliser and improved maize and rice seeds. The Institute of Advice and Technical Support of the Ministry of Agriculture has been instrumental in offering technical support, ensuring the successful implementation of the programme.

Encouragingly, 53 out of 71 Compassion centres repaid their loans in full by February 2024, leading to additional funding of £1,310 per centre. This funding has enabled the support of 1,000 additional caregivers, bringing the total number of participants to around 2,500.



Caregivers receive improved maize seeds for their fields. High quality seeds create a larger harvest which is critical for these families to be able to support their families.



Each caregiver at the Lumière centre received 150kg of fertiliser which will cover half a hectare of maize field.

ACTIVITY REPORT

IMPACT ON PARTICIPANTS:

The intervention has significantly improved food security for the participating households. The caregivers are committed to increasing their incomes, paying back the initial loans at a rate of 98%, showing the effectiveness of this intervention. The additional funding has not only increased the number of participants but also strengthened the sense of ownership and accountability among leaders and caregivers.

CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS:

The intervention faced a delay in the rainy season in the northern regions, which postponed the sowing of seeds until June. Despite this, regular rainfall since then has created promising conditions for crop growth. The National Meteorological Agency of Togo forecasts normal to excess rainfall, which bodes well for the upcoming harvest.

NEXT STEPS:

The next phase of the intervention will focus on:

- 🌱 Training and follow-up on technical training.
- 🌱 Training on post-harvest loss management and reduction.
- 🌱 Supporting the organisation of participants into cooperatives.

These activities aim to enhance the sustainability and impact of the intervention, ensuring that the benefits continue to reach more caregivers and their families.

THANK YOU, UPPER THAMES GROUP CHURCHES, CRICKLADE

Thanks to your support, progress is being made in tackling food insecurity in Togo. Thank you.

“Togo has the potential to increase agricultural productivity and achieve sustainable and inclusive growth.” - World Bank.

Togo has made undeniable progress in certain areas already and has great agricultural potential. In the face of climate crises, there is no better time than now to support and empower vulnerable families in Togo threatened by famine.

Children and their siblings will be able to enjoy better health, save money and plan for the future. You are helping caregivers find self-confidence and pride in gaining and applying new skills to support their livelihoods – leading to a brighter future.

Many families across Togo have been encouraged by the compassion you’ve shown them during this very distressing time. Your support is now equipping caregivers to build a sustainable income and continue supporting their families.

Because of your thoughtful act of kindness, staff from Compassion Togo could respond quickly. You have equipped families with professional guidance and resources, and they’ve been able to navigate through this challenging season, so their businesses can thrive. What’s more, they are now more resilient to future harsh weather conditions.

If you have any questions about this intervention, please contact Daniel Gbegbe at DanielG@compassionuk.org.

¹UN, *GIEWS Country Brief the Togolese Republic*.
<https://www.fao.org/giews/countrybrief/country/TGO/pdf/TGO.pdf>



For this field of a caregiver from the Djakpata Lom-Nava community, the season could not have been more perfect. Now, a Ministry of Agriculture technician will guide him on post-harvest management, thanks to your support.

“Learn to do *right*;
seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the *cause*
of the fatherless;
plead the case
of the widow.”

ISAIAH 1:17 (NIV)



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