

TOGO : SUPPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS URGENT

- ☛ In the early 1990's, Togo experienced a political and economical crisis that has since progressively impoverished the Togolese population more and more.
- The annual Gross National Product (GDP) per inhabitant in Togo is 350 \$, compared to an average of 850 \$ for Sub-Saharan African countries.
- ☛ This economical crisis created a major drop in all social indicators. Almost 7 out of 10 Togolese (69%) live below the poverty line, which means less than \$2 a day.
- ☛ This multi-sectorial crisis was coupled with an interruption in the flow of Oversea Development Aid (ODA) from all international donors.
- In comparison, the evaluation of ODA rates per inhabitant in 2005 was at 41.5 \$ for Benin, 50 \$ for Burkina Faso and 50.6 \$ for Ghana; this rate stagnant at 14.3 \$ per inhabitant for Togo. (Development Aid Committee for OCDE, 2005).
- ☛ Almost half of the Togolese population is under the age of 18 (2,839 million children). Children are the main victims of this economical and political crisis.
- ☛ In October 2007, the country succeed in executing the 22 conditions set by the European Union and so international cooperation was renewed.
- ☛ The country is at a key moment in its history. Another generation can't be sacrificed again! National and international partners have a unique opportunity to ensure the health, education and social services for children in need.



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- The massive return of international assistance must take into account Togo's social needs.
- In order to be efficient, financial and economical cooperation should go hand in hand with the capacity building of the health, education and fundamental rights protection sectors.
- This aid will allow us to create a protective environment for the development and blossoming of all Togolese children.

The statistics in this document are taken from the MICS conducted in 2006 and State of World's Situation 2008.

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