

# TOGO : BASIC EDUCATION AND GENDER EQUALITY

## GENERAL CONTEXT

- **Providing each child with a basic, complete and quality education is a top priority for UNICEF.** Education is a key condition for poverty reduction, improved child rearing and child survival.
- Almost 7 out of 10 people (69%) live below the poverty line (less than 2\$ a day).
- Almost half of the Togolese population is under 18 years old (2,839 million people).
- 74 children out of 100 go to school, of whom 71.8% are girls and 77.3% are boys.
- Almost half of the women (44.5%) between the age of 15 and 24 cannot read or write.
- Only 52% of children who got to primary school start at age 6, 48% start later.
- Only 23 children out of 100 who go to primary school actually finish their primary education

## OBJECTIVES

### ➤ **Priorities for 2008:**

- Provide educational materials to 50 pre-school centres for 2,500 children under 5
- Build 12 new pre-schools
- Ensure that 52 teachers have access to educational teaching material
- 76 schools meet the hygiene standards, 16 schools have been rehabilitated, 2 new schools are built
- Train 200 teachers on the gender equality approach in education
- 5,700 child students and 200 teachers have access to a kit containing minimum educational material and school supplies
- The definition of an essential learning package, containing the educational material for students and teachers, the training of teachers, the school's water, hygiene and sanitation infrastructures



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➤ **Objectives 2012:** children must have equal and easy access to free and quality education in order to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of Education in 2015

- The gender equality index of boys and girls accessing education increases from 0.9 to 1%
- The net rate of schooling increases from 75.7% to 90%
- The net rate of school completion increases from 23% to 50%
- The net rate of retention increases from 72% to 90% at primary school

Statistics contained in this document are extracted from the MICS 2006.

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## 2007 what we did

- 67 schools received a total of 2,000 table-benches and 380 sets of tables and chairs
- 5,000 children are educated in 17 schools that were rehabilitated
- 10,400 students from 40 schools are learning from new school books
- Teachers from 40 schools are using pedagogic material kits
- 72 members of the Parents of Students Committee have been trained on school management
- 40 trainers from the Awakening of Childhood Centre benefited from training and educational follow-up
- The number of children in UNICEF supported pre-school has doubled
- Emergency response to flood damaged schools: 22 tarpaulins for the construction of temporary classrooms, 40 schools were supplied with school material for 8,541 children (out of which 3,454 were girls) and 178 teachers and financial support for school fees was given for those 8,541 students

## How to help us?

**1.50 \$.** That is the cost of an annual registration fee for a child in primary school. In Togo, almost 7 out of 10 people live on less than 2\$ a day

**1.48 \$.** That is the annual cost of school material and books required for a quality education per child

**1.343 \$.** That is the cost of supplying a class room with furniture (25 table-benches and a desk for the teacher)

**12.500 \$.** That is the cost of installing all the water, hygiene and sanitation equipment which includes a water tank, 2 latrines and 6 drinking water posts in a school

**55,000 \$.** That is the average cost for the construction of a school building which includes 3 classrooms, a store and the infrastructure package for water, hygiene and sanitation

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