

TOGO : SITUATION OF CHILDREN

Population	6,145,000 inhabitants
Surface area	56,600 km ²
Children under 18 years old	2,839,000
Proportion of the population living below the poverty line	69 %
Under 5 mortality rate out of 1,000 live births	108
Under 5 malnutrition rate (chronic / acute)	26% / 7%
Maternal mortality rate (for 100,000 live births)	510
Access to drinking water	61%
Primary net enrolment rate (boys/girls)	77.3% / 71.8%
HIV prevalence among 15-49 year olds	3.2%
Estimated number of children orphaned due to AIDS	88,000
Child workers (5 to 14 years old)	29.4%

UNICEF – TOGO PROGRAMME

UNICEF's work in Togo is defined by a 5 year plan of action (2008-2012) signed with the government of Togo.

The UNICEF programme aims to ensure the rights of children in Togo, through the provision of essential services and support for the government to build its capacity to guarantee the survival, development, protection and participation of children. There are four programme components.

The **Child Survival** programme contributes to the improvement of survival, growth and development of children.

- The component mother and child **Health** supports the access to basic primary health care for the poorest population.
- The sub-project **Nutrition** aims at feeding and caring for children and the prevention of malnourished children.
- The **HIV / AIDS** component is crosscutting. Its activities include preventing HIV and providing assistance to women and children affected by HIV.
- **Water, Hygiene and Sanitation:** improving access to sustainable, low cost drinking water and sanitation infrastructure.

The goal of the **Basic Education and Gender Equity** programme is to ensure that the maximum number of boys and girls have access to quality Basic Education making sure that girls have equal education opportunities to boys.

The **Child Protection** programme supports the development of law and policies which protect all children. It also supports projects and activities to protect the most vulnerable children in Togo against all forms of abuse, violence, exploitation and discrimination.

Social Policy and Partnership programme is to support programs in the planning, monitoring and evaluation of their activities. It also provides the government and other partners with analysis in order to strengthen the policy and services affecting children.

Development aid to Togo was stopped in 1992. However steps towards a return to good governance, including free and fair legislative elections in 2007 mean donors are returning to the country.

The country is at a crucial point in its history. Another generation of children cannot be lost to poor services and abuses of their fundamental rights. National and international partners have a unique opportunity to ensure the health, education and social services for children in need in Togo.

