

Promotion des Filières Horticoles au Togo (PROFIT)

The West African nation of Togo is poised for strong socioeconomic development with its geographic connectivity to regional and international markets and its government's 2025 Roadmap and National Development Plan. However, spillover conflicts from the Sahel region, the ongoing marginalization of women, youth and vulnerable populations, and climate shocks and stressors are key influencing factors in the high rates of extreme poverty and food insecurity experienced in the country, especially in the Plateaux, Kara and Savanes regions. Since these three regions' environment and climate are well-suited for horticulture, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food for Progress PROFIT Project will **1) increase agricultural productivity for hot peppers, cassava, and okra by strengthening the capacity of farmers, producer organizations (POs), processors and other private entities, while improving food security and the use of climate-smart agricultural practices; and 2) expand trade of these crops by increasing their quality to meet international standards and connecting farmers and POs with local and international buyers.** The project will be implemented by Lutheran World Relief in collaboration with CRS, OADEL, RAFIA, GRED, and ODIAE.

Project Activities

- **Strengthen the capacity of research and government institutions** to address critical horticulture priorities such as revenue-based solutions, food safety, and informational campaigns.
- **Train 25000 value chain actors** in improved horticultural climate smart agriculture techniques, service provision, cooperative and nursery management, seed selection, and cassava cutting utilizing the Farmer Field School (FFS) methodology supplemented by digital platforms and radio to disseminate improved agricultural production techniques.
- **Facilitate finance options** to benefit **21000** farmers and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) such as Savings and Internal Lending Community (SILC) groups, microfinance institution (MFIs) and banks lending, and in-kind matching grants (**15000 loans for \$4 995 000**).
- **Facilitate buyer-seller relationships** through the following means: use market assessments and formalization through fair and timely sales contracts, establish Producer Enterprise Agents (PEAs) to facilitate market linkages, train on post-harvest handling, processing, and food safety standards.

Quick Facts

Period of Performance: **2023 – 2028**

Implementer: **Lutheran World Relief**

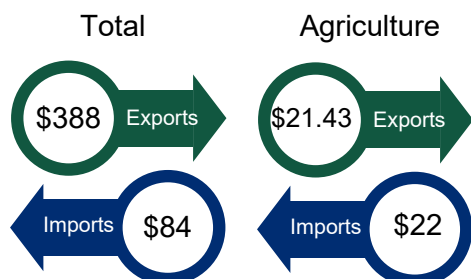
Total Agreement Value: **\$29,879,180 USD**

US Commodities Monetized: **Soybean meal and milled rice**

Direct Beneficiaries: **25,000**

Indirect Beneficiaries: **99,000**

US-Togo Trade (in millions)



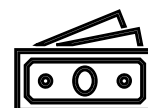
25,000

People have applied improved management practices or technologies.



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Technologies, practices, and approaches under research, development and update



\$76.1 million

Value of sales of supported farms



21,000

People have accessed financing, and 15000 agricultural loans disbursed.

Expected results over life of project