



# TOGO

The West African nation of Togo is well-positioned for robust socioeconomic development, thanks to its strategic geographic connectivity to regional and international markets, as well as the government's 2025 Roadmap and National Development Plan. Despite these advantages, Togo faces significant challenges such as the spillover of conflicts from the Sahel region, ongoing marginalization of women, youth, and vulnerable populations, and the impacts of climate shocks and stressors. These factors contribute to the country's high levels of extreme poverty and food insecurity.

Lutheran World Relief leverages the combined expertise of Corus International organizations, such as IMA World Health, to comprehensively tackle the linked challenges of poverty, health care access, and climate change in Togo. In collaboration with the government, private sector, and local partners, it analyzes market systems, enhances agriculture value chains and enterprise capabilities, and encourages livelihood diversification, rural financing, climate-smart and improved agricultural practices, and sustainable water and land management for smallholder farmers.

As part of our efforts to strengthen farmers' resilience and support their well-being, Lutheran World Relief also looks for



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## OUR GLOBAL APPROACHES

### Agriculture

Lutheran World Relief helps rural communities develop productive, resilient and stable economies through a market systems enterprise development approach that engages the private sector at multiple levels, creating profitable partnerships that benefit families and promote rural livelihoods and agriculture value chains. We train farmers in climate smart agricultural practices, post-harvest processing and storage as well as in other value-adding skills. We strengthen the capacity of cooperatives and unions that serve these farmers through training in governance and financial management, facilitating joint negotiation of credit and other services, and boosting collective marketing and sales.

### Climate Resilience

Lutheran World Relief works with rural communities to adapt to and mitigate the effects of a changing climate on their agriculture-based livelihoods. We emphasize environmental rehabilitation through the implementation of soil and water conservation works and watershed management on community land, as well as tree seedling production for community-led reforestation.

### Humanitarian Assistance

Lutheran World Relief meets the immediate needs of households, IDPs, and refugees affected by conflict, natural disasters, and food and water crises through food, material resources, and cash assistance as well as shelter and WASH support. As immediate needs are met, we seamlessly transition to providing the knowledge and resources they need to start, diversify, and strengthen livelihoods and reduce their vulnerabilities in the future.

opportunities in Togo to apply IMA World Health's experience in treating and preventing diseases, responding to and mitigating gender-based violence (GBV) and improving maternal and child health.

## Project Highlights

### Promotion des Filières Horticoles au Togo (PROFIT)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food for Progress Program's PROFIT Project increases agricultural productivity for hot peppers, cassava, and okra by strengthening the capacity of 25,000 farmers, producer organizations (POs), processors and other private entities, while improving food security and the use of climate-smart agricultural practices. It also expands trade of these crops by increasing their quality to meet international standards and connecting farmers and POs with local and international buyers. Lutheran World Relief implements the project in collaboration with CRS, OADEL, RAFIA, GRED, and ODIAE in Togo's Plateaux, Kara and Savanes regions.

The project will strengthen the capacity of research and government institutions to address critical horticulture priorities such as revenue-based solutions, food safety, and informational campaigns. It will also train 25,000 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. Finance options will be facilitated to benefit 21,000 farmers and small and medium enterprises (SMEs), such as Savings and Internal Lending Community (SILC) groups, microfinance institution (MFIs) and bank lending, and in-kind matching grants (15,000 loans for \$4,995,000). PROFIT will also promote 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.



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## The Corus Effect

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II to serve refugees, Lutheran World Relief has grown into a leading humanitarian assistance and development organization that specializes in analyzing market systems, strengthening agriculture value chains and the capacities of enterprises, and promoting livelihood diversification, rural financing, climate smart and improved agriculture practices, and sustainable water and land management.

Lutheran World Relief is a part of the Corus International family, an ensemble of long-serving, global leaders in international development and humanitarian assistance committed to ending poverty and building healthy communities across Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Africa. Alongside communities and local partners in fragile settings, Corus' dedicated experts across the family of organizations integrate disciplines, approaches and resources to overcome global health challenges, develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of climate change, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

