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Generic Information

Togo, officially the Togolese Republic, is a country in West Africa bordered by Ghana to the west, Benin to the east and Burkina Faso to the north. The sovereign state extends south to the Gulf of Guinea, where its capital Lomé is located. Togo covers 57,000 km², making it one of the smallest countries in Africa, with a population of approximately 7.6 million.

Togo is subdivided into five economic or administrative regions which are subdivided into prefectures, a total of 39 and the latter in 391 Cantons. The Cantons are made up of villages and hamlets, numbering respectively 3,644 and 2,155. From south to north the five administrative regions are the Maritime Region, the Plateaux region, the Central Region, the Kara region and the Savannah region.

Togo borders the Bight of Benin in the south; Ghana lies to the west; Benin to the east; and to the north, Togo is bound by Burkina Faso. Togo lies mostly between latitudes 6° and 11°N, and longitudes 0° and 2°E.

The coast of Togo in the Gulf of Guinea is 56 km long and consists of lagoons with sandy beaches. In the north, the land is characterised by a gently rolling savannah in contrast to the centre of the country, which is characterised by hills. The south of Togo is characterised by a savanna and woodland plateau which reaches to a coastal plain with extensive lagoons and marshes.

On July 12, 2018, Togo launched a National Summary Data Page (NSDP) in implementing the recommendations of the Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS). The NSDP is a national data portal that serves as a one-stop vehicle for publishing essential macroeconomic data in both human and machine-readable formats. The NSDP is hosted by the Togo National Statistics office on its website, and is available on the IMF’s Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board at: https://dsbb.imf.org/egdds/country/TGO/category

For a generic country overview, please consult the following sources:

Wikipedia Country Information
IMF Country Information
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Humanitarian Info

Over the past 15 years, Togo has experienced several periods of socio-political and economic turmoil, which has contributed to high food insecurity and undernutrition levels. A series of devastating floods have also taken their toll on the country’s food security.

Though it has decreased in recent years, the overall poverty rate still stands at 57.8 percent, and the acute malnutrition rate countrywide is at 4.9 percent. Around 30 percent of young children are stunted, with low height for their age due to malnourishment. A survey in 2010 found that 29.7 percent of children under 5 years old are chronically malnourished, with peaks of 43 percent in the Savannah region, the poorest and most deprived region in Togo.

Facts and Figures

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