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# The Global Food Crisis in Togo



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The West African nation of Togo is home to beautiful beaches and sacred forests. Poverty is a huge issue throughout Togo, particularly in rural communities, and **the majority of households live below the poverty line.**

Disrupted education and fewer economic opportunities mean that girls and young women are vulnerable to child marriage and pregnancy. Frequent extreme weather events and disease epidemics both have a devastating effect on local livelihoods, access to food, education and healthcare.



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## 2007

**PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPASSION BEGAN**

## Over 300

**LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERS**

## Over 73,500

**CHILDREN SUPPORTED**

## Primary Diet

**INCLUDES MAIZE PORRIDGE, OKRA, SWEET POTATO AND RICE**



**Togo is facing severe food insecurity and malnutrition in local children is worsening.**



## Comparing countries



**Australia**



**0.7% OF POPULATION**  
cannot afford a healthy diet

**2% OF CHILDREN**  
under 5 have stunted growth\*

**642,500 PEOPLE**  
facing undernourishment



**Togo**



**55% OF POPULATION**  
live below the poverty line

**23.8% OF CHILDREN**  
under 5 are chronically malnourished

**81% OF PEOPLE**  
lack access to basic sanitation

*\*Stunting, based on a child's height and age, is a measure of chronic nutritional deficiency.  
Source: Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), 2022*



## Ayitevi and Aboni

“Hearing my children cry out of hunger is very painful,” says Ayitevi, a mother living in Togo.  
“It is painful seeing them go to bed hungry.”

Her husband Aboni feels the same, often losing sleep over their situation. “It gives me so much sorrow when we cannot afford food,” he says.

With the significant increase in food prices in Togo, this young couple can no longer meet their family’s basic needs on their own. Aboni resorted to farming when costs first shot up. But the price of fertiliser quickly skyrocketed and his efforts to grow crops were unsuccessful.

This brave couple say their hearts break when their children ask them why there’s nothing to eat.

**“The only thing I can do is bless water, give it to them to drink and reassure them that brighter days will come,” says Ayitevi.**

Aboni holds onto hope that food prices will one day come down and their suffering will be lessened.

**But in the meantime, their local church has stepped into the gap.**

In partnership with Compassion, their church is providing the family with lifesaving support, including food packs and financial support for their business. Their young daughter has been registered in the Child Sponsorship Program and, for this, the couple say they are grateful to God.

“God preserves our lives and wakes us up to meet the next day,” says Ayitevi. **“My prayer and hope is that through this very child, God will change our story.”**



# How is Compassion responding?

Compassion is leading a local-first response to the global food crisis through partnerships with over 8,500 local churches across four continents.

**Our church partners are responding in two ways:**



## SHORT-TERM AID

Meeting vulnerable families' immediate nutritional needs through the delivery of food packages.



## LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS

Equipping families with seeds, fertiliser, livestock and agricultural training to stop ongoing hunger.



**The local church has decades of established community trust and is best positioned to assist in this crisis—it has been there before, will be there during and will remain long after the crisis.**



# Answer hunger with hope

You can help ensure children and families in poverty have food to eat during the global food crisis.

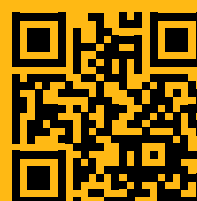


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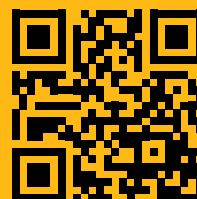


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## EXPLORE MORE

Deepen your understanding of the global food crisis through our interactive website.

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## GET INVOLVED

Take on the 345 Challenge to fundraise for children facing severe food insecurity.

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