



TOGO: PREVENTION & CARE OF CHILDREN VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

DURATION: JUNE 2014 – DECEMBER 2017

BUDGET: €800,000

INTERVENTION ZONE: TOGO – TCHAMBA PREFECTURE.



OBJECTIVE:

Contributing to the eradication of child violence, especially all violence linked to, or resulting from human trafficking, by strengthening child protection mechanisms within local communities.



TOGO - GENERAL INFORMATION

Capital: Lomé

Surface: 56,785 km²

Population: 7.15 million inhabitants

Official languages: French – Ewe – Kabié

Government:

HDI: 109th position (0.690)

GDP: \$4,518 billion (2014)

Per capita GNI: \$500
(France: \$42,950, in 2014)

Child labor from 2002 to 2012:
28.3%

Sources: UNICEF, 2013,
World Bank, 2014

Plan International has been operating
in Togo since 1988

CONTEXT:

Although difficult to assess (no comprehensive statistics are available), various studies show that children trafficking is an important phenomenon in Togo.

The main factors of trafficking in the Tchamba prefecture are:

- Family poverty,
- The difficulties that children and teenagers face in their family environment and/or at school,
- The lack of alternatives for those who left school,
- No awareness of the existence of laws against human trafficking,
- No awareness of the existence of this phenomenon and its negative consequences on children.

APPROACH:

The implementation of the project follows the Community Development approach centered on children, introduced by Plan International. This participatory and inclusive approach, based on the fundamental human rights, is totally centered on the participation of children and all other beneficiaries. The main objective is to empower the targeted populations through the familiarization and the mastering of the conducted activities.

Moreover, child trafficking in Togo is the result of several factors occurring at different levels (individual, family, communities, public services, authorities, etc.). Thus, it is necessary to implement an integrated approach in order to influence all factors at all levels.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

Reducing the vulnerability of children, by:

- Empowering of children and their families,
- Improving education,
- Strengthening protection rules for children within local communities by informing local state representatives.



1,700

CHILDREN AT RISK AND/OR
VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING
BENEFIT FROM OUR PROGRAM

BENEFICIARIES:

- 1,700 children at risk or victims of trafficking.
- 180 saving and credit groups that benefit to 3,000 mothers and fathers, 1,200 teens and 350 teachers.
- 30 members of partner organizations.
- 62 village committees for children protection (420 members).
- 56 school clubs (1,320 children) and 30 extracurricular activities clubs (300 children).

EXPECTED RESULTS:

Strengthening child protection mechanisms within the community:

- Implementation of awareness-raising measures on trafficking, its consequences and the ways to fight it (524 people from 36 different communities).
- Establishment of 62 village committees for children protection. All committees gather 434 members, among which 210 women (7 members per committee).
- Integration of the fight against child trafficking in the action plans of the communities.
- Establishment of child protection structures at a community level.

Children, their families and communities now have the necessary information and skills to fight child trafficking:

- 10 written scripts for a radio soap opera will be recorded from March 2016.
- Radio spots: 4 in French and 2 in local languages (Kabyè and Cotocoli) were listened by nearly 100,000 people.
- Establishment of 71 saving groups, with 18 ones specially created for young people, in order to give greater financial stability to their households.

Children at risk and/or victims of trafficking benefit from guidance in their life and education plans.

- Vulnerable children were identified in order to guide them in their life and education plans. Based on vulnerability criteria, 593 children at risk and trafficking victims have been identified. 170 were selected to attend a family, school and work reintegration program.



PARTNERS:

- Regional Direction of the Social Action,
- Regional Direction of the Education,
- District and village development committees,
- Local NGOs: RADAR and RELUTET.

