

BASIC SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Income group - **LOW-INCOME** Local currency - **Franc CFA (XOF)**

POPULATION AND GEOGRAPHY

AREA: **56 790** km²

POPULATION: **7.115** million inhabitants (2014),
an increase of 2.7% per year (2010-14)

DENSITY: **125** inhabitants/km²

URBAN POPULATION: **40%** of national population

CAPITAL CITY: **Lomé** (13% of national population)

Sources: World Bank Development Indicators, UNDP-HDR, ILO

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP: **10.2** billion (current PPP international dollars)
i.e. 1 429 dollars per inhabitant (2014)

REAL GDP GROWTH: **5.7%** (2014 vs 2013)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: **7.7%** (2014)

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT, NET INFLOWS (FDI): **292** (BoP, current USD millions, 2014)

GROSS FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION (GFCF): **21.3%** of GDP (2014)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX: **0.484** (low), rank **162**

TERRITORIAL ORGANISATION AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

MUNICIPAL LEVEL	INTERMEDIATE LEVEL	REGIONAL OR STATE LEVEL	TOTAL NUMBER OF SNGs
354	30	6	390
MUNICIPALITIES (COMMUNES)	PREFECTURES (PRÉFECTURES)	REGIONS (RÉGIONS)	
AVERAGE MUNICIPAL SIZE: 20 099 INHABITANTS			

MAIN FEATURES OF TERRITORIAL ORGANISATION. Togo is a unitary state with a three-tier structure of decentralized governance. First tier of local government comprises 354 municipalities among which 21 urban units, and 333 rural. Second tier of subnational government is constituted by 30 prefectures, which gather several municipalities. The prefectures are the divisions of the 6 regions of the country, with the municipality of Lomé also having the status of a region. Regions and prefectures are mainly administrative constituencies of the state authorities without significant financial means. Decentralization is enshrined in the Constitution of 1992 and is backed by the 1998 law on decentralization, further amended by the law of 2007. According to the law, each of the local authority is headed by an elected executive, however, the autonomy of LGs is not fully effective. As of today, head of prefectures (prefets) are directly appointed by the central government and depend from the Ministry of Interior. Globally, the corpus of texts detailing the implementation of laws on decentralization have not been taken yet, then undermining local governments autonomy.

MAIN SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS RESPONSIBILITIES. Since the law on decentralization of 13 March 2007, the mandatory responsibilities currently required of urban municipalities in Togo include provision of basic services for the population and managing the internal budget and tax administration. The law on decentralization provides for the competences of local governments and include local development and urban planning; housing; support to the local economy; potable water provision and distribution; waste management; public safety; primary education and primary health care; sport, culture and tourism; transport. Each tier is responsible for the implementation at its level.

SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

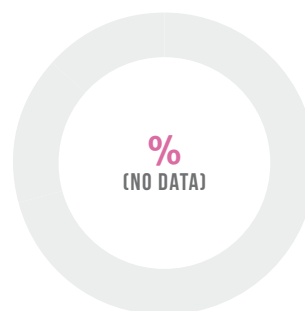
EXPENDITURE	% GDP	% GENERAL GOVERNMENT (same expenditure category)	% SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENT
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (2013)	-	-	-
CURRENT EXPENDITURE	-	-	-
STAFF EXPENDITURE	-	-	-
INVESTMENT	-	-	-

Most local expenditures go to operating costs, even though local public investment is in theory set at 20% of local budgets. To increase accountability in local spending, the political participation of the population is increasing. Budget decisions on expenditures are now publicly displayed, and public meetings of the municipal council are being organized to discuss budgetary matters.

EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION

% SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE

- GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES
- DEFENCE
- SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER
- ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
- HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES
- HEALTH
- RECREATION, CULTURE AND RELIGION
- EDUCATION
- SOCIAL PROTECTION



The ineffective competences and the scarcity of local financial resources have led to a decreasing trend of local capital spendings in the last 10 years, and corresponding decrease in the quality of provision of basic services, such as waste disposal, due to a lack of knowledge and resources. Therefore, municipalities intervene in priority, depending on the resources at their disposal, in the sectors of waste and sanitation, street lighting, infrastructures and roads. The sectors of urban planning, education and health remain highly centralized.

REVENUE BY TYPE	% GDP	% GENERAL GOVERNMENT (same revenue category)	% SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENT
TOTAL REVENUE (2012)	0.3%	1.0%	100%
TAX REVENUE	-	-	-
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	0.1%	-	22.0%
OTHER REVENUES	-	-	-

The Law on decentralization of 2007 has transferred several revenue sources to local governments. Nevertheless, LGs are facing major difficulties to collect resources they have been assigned, and the State appears to be too weak to properly support its decentralized units. Taxes and charges are levied arbitrarily rather than based on actual performance.

TAX REVENUE. According to the law, local governments can raise a number of taxes, and set their rates within the limits defined by the law. The fiscal chain is fully controlled by the central government administration, letting few autonomy to the local authorities. Recently, a few towns have set up their own tax registers, and thereby have increased their tax revenues by twice or even three times. The tax handbook improve tax compliance from the citizens through dialogue and transparency.

GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES. Due to the decreasing trend of the State financial resources, subsidies have almost disappeared since 1998. Moreover, the allocation criteria are not clearly determined. The FACT (Fonds d'Appui aux Collectivités Territoriales) is taking long to be implemented.

OTHER REVENUES. Municipalities have the power to collect fees and charges for public services.

OUTSTANDING DEBT	% GDP	% GENERAL GOVERNMENT
OUTSTANDING DEBT (2013)	-	-

According to the law, local governments can contract domestic loans, to fund their municipal development plans. One prefectoral and two municipal development plans have already been drafted.

A joint- study of:



Sources: Law on decentralization (2007) • Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) • F. Yatta (2013), UCLG Survey on decentralization • Web portal on decentralization in Togo, CIEDEL • Union of Local Governments in Togo on http://www.ucttogo.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=297&Itemid=336