


Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Togo: Civil Unrest

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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For DREF; Date of issue: 14 November, 2017	Expected timeframe: 3 months, Expected end date: February 2018
Category allocated to the disaster or crisis: <u>Yellow / Orange / Red</u>	
DREF allocated: CHF 62,220	
Total number of people affected: Approximately 2,000,000 people	Number of people to be assisted: 1,000 people through provision of training of 150 volunteers in psychosocial support and first aid
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Host National Society presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): 150 volunteers	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and ICRC	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: The civil society and Human Rights organisations	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

Since 19 August 2017, fresh protests have been taking place. While further protests were planned, and tensions were rising, the arrest of an influential Imam preacher by the security forces in the city of Sokodé on 16 October provoked anger from the local population, especially young people. This event marked the beginning of a resurgence of violence that quickly began to be heard in all the important districts of Sokodé and surrounding villages.

Apart from the damaged public and private buildings, security forces actions caused severe trauma among the population. It is estimated that 2 million people have been affected by the civil unrest. More than 1,500 persons fled into the bush and the nearest villages. Seven people are reported to have died as a result of the violence. Several villages saw their population double, triple or quadruple within 24 hours. Those populations who remained were not expecting an aggravation of the situation. Many were waiting for the final preparations on Tuesday and Wednesday to face October 19, which the opposition leaders said would be a fateful day. As a result, people of downtown Sokodé do not have enough food for themselves. Moreover, the door-to-door policemen prevent the inhabitants from staying in the courtyard for any activity, even cooking, with all the risks.

For more than a week now, all economic activities have been slowing down. All activities of small businesses that provide most of the livelihoods of the population are put on hold. The city looks more like an empty city, where a few passers-by are still visible, apart from the security measures put in place by the police. This combined with the fear of being a victim of the clash between the young demonstrators and the police forces forced adult women, children and men to either hide in their homes or seek refuge in the fields or with relatives in neighboring villages.

Location	Description
Agoe	People fled to families in Lomé.
Mango	People fled to the bush (forest); to Ghana (Chereponi, Bunkourougou); and to Benin.
Sokodé (Tchaoudjo)	People fled to Tsavadi, Kedji - Kandjo, Bowounda, Wassarabo, Aguidagbad, Bonangana, Taworeda, Anie and to the forest.

Anié	Families in Anié welcomed people fleeing from Sokodé and Bafilo.
Bafilo	People fled to villages such as: Kigbaleo, Kayale, Dacko, Gandè, Koudjodoulou, Agbandaoudé, Soudou, and Kpayaworo and to the bush.
Kpalimé	People fled to several villages in Kloto district. Some people came to their work during the day, and disappeared during the night.

Togolese Red Cross (TRC) rapid assessment suggests that affected people are in need of psychosocial support, healthcare, emergency shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene and protection.

The proposed DREF operation seeks 62,220 CHF to support TRC efforts to train 150 volunteers for providing psychosocial support and first aid to the 1,000 affected people. In addition, it seeks to conduct continuous assessment to inform the operational strategies for three months. As the assessment continues, the scope of the humanitarian response will broaden.

Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society

Togo is a West African country on the Gulf of Guinea coast with an area of 56,600 km². It has borders with Benin to the east, Ghana to the west, Burkina Faso to the north and the Atlantic Ocean to the south. The country has been experiencing political tension leading to displacement of people. The tension prevails in the country which turns into uprisings in 1990. The sovereign national conference of July 1991 resulted in a constitution that was voted in 1992 by more than 97% of the population. However, the constitution was modified by the ruling party, removing the 5-year term of office renewable only once for the President of the Republic. After the death of the father of the current president an agreement was signed in 2006 called Global Political Agreement (GPA) but the content of this agreement was not respected. Elections have been very often followed by protests and violence.

Disaster and crisis response is a priority for the TRC as part of risk management as set out in its strategic plan (2012-2017), currently under review. The TRC has several experiences in the response to socio-political unrest in collaboration with other humanitarian organizations and the Ministry of Health (MoH). In 2005 the TRC took part in the response of the troubles following the succession of the late President by his son; the 2007 legislative elections and the presidential election of 2010. The TRC also has extensive experience in emergency response related to floods and other events in 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012.

In response to emergencies, the TRC, as an auxiliary to public authorities, works closely with the structures under the MoH and other actors involved in disaster preparedness and management in Togo.

The TRC response to this crisis is as follows:

- **Setting up a TRC crisis unit:** Since 19 August, the TRC has set up a crisis committee composed of the relief and health departments, the Secretary General (SG) and the Red Cross Coordinators of the concerned regions to coordinate relief efforts and supervise the actions of volunteers on the ground. This crisis committee is operational (at the national, regional and prefectural levels). Around 600 volunteers have been put on alert for potential deployment to deliver psychosocial support and other relief efforts.
- **Exchange of information with the IFRC Cluster Office in Abuja:** the TRC regularly exchanges information with the cluster on the developments of the socio-political situation, and on actions undertaken by the TRC.
- **Support to the country's branches:** to support the implementation of the response plan for certain branches, the relief department is always called upon.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

Since August 2017, there has been regular contact with IFRC office in Abuja on the situation in Togo. In October 2017, an alert was issued using the IFRC's Disaster Management Information System (DMIS).

Partner National Societies (PNS) like German, Danish and Swiss Red Cross Societies are present in Togo. Most of the staff recruited on the projects funded by PNSs has been involved in the support of the affected populations. The same applies to the vehicles of the various projects. The PNSs are regularly informed of the situation. The ICRC office in Lomé is regularly informed through daily reports.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

Health structures (public and private)

Both public and private health facilities provide care for the injured. Some of the affected people have died in health facilities. Most affected people prefer to be treated outside the state structures for fear of reprisals or ill-treatment.

Needs analysis, targeting, scenario planning and risk assessment

Needs analysis

The violence affected eight towns of eight sub-regions in the regions of Kara, Centrale, Maritime, Savanes and Plateaux. The violence caused the destruction of private homes, public buildings and commercial installations. It has caused seven deaths and several hundred injuries in Mango, Bafilo, Sokodé, Anié, Kpalimé, Agoe and Lomé. The table below presents the detailed situation of cities experiencing violence.

Table 1: region-wise damages situation

N°	Region	Prefecture	Town	No. of deaths	Damages
1.	Kara	Assoli	Bafilo	01	<p>Goods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destruction of private homes • Destruction of public buildings (commission, banks, post office) • Destruction of barracks and shops and commercial installations <p>People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Death of 07people - Several hundred injuries
2.		Koza	Kara	00	
3.	Centrale	Tchaoudjo	Sokodé	04	
4.	Maritime	Agoe	Agoe	00	
5.		Golfe	Lomé	01	
6.	Savanes	Oti	Mango	01	
7.	Plateaux	Anié	Anié	00	
8.		Kloto	Kpalimé	00	
Total				07	(Number of deaths announced by the Ministry of Security)

Many people fled their home to seek refuge in neighbouring towns, villages or even in forests. Some crossed to neighbouring countries. The immediate needs of affected people are as follows:

- Psychosocial support of traumatised affected people
- Food and non-food items
- Medical treatment
- Drinking water
- Emergency shelter
- The prevention of outbreak of diseases following overcrowding and poor WASH situation.

Targeting

The proposed operation targets 1,000 affected people with psychosocial support and first aid. A total of 150 volunteers will be trained on psychosocial support, first aid and continuous assessment of the needs.

Scenario planning

The situation is getting worst and new influx of people arrives to temporary settlements. It is likely that more people will need emergency relief and long-term humanitarian assistance.

Operation Risk Assessment

If the security situation deteriorates, humanitarian access to affected people will be limited.

B. Operational strategy¹

Overall Operational objective

To support the TRC in the training of 150 volunteers to deliver psychological support to 1,000 affected people (66% of the total case load). The operation will support TRC to conduct continuous assessment to inform operational strategies.

Identification and training of 150 volunteers on psychosocial and first aid support

Hundred fifty (150) volunteers will be trained in the identification of affected people and to deliver psychosocial support and first aid to 1,000 affected people. Volunteers will be identified in districts that have experienced unrest since August to date. The training will be provided by the TRC team supported by psychologists from the University. It should be recalled that IFRC has trained trainers on psychosocial support and has conducted training in 2015. The training will last 4 days.

The breakdown of volunteers is as follows:

N°	Region	Prefecture/District	Number of volunteers to train
1.	Maritime	Golfe	25
2.		Agoe	25
3.	Plateaux	Kloto	05
4.		Anié	10
5.	Centrale	Tchaoudjo	35
6.		Tchamba	5
7.	Kara	Assoli	20
8.		Kara	00
9.	Savanes	Oti	25
TOTAL			150

Support to beneficiaries

Psychosocial and first aid support to affected populations.

Psychosocial and first aid supports will concern all people, particularly children (and their parents/relatives), who have been injured or frightened.

Monitoring / Supervision of activities at all levels

- Monitoring and supervision of activities by the central level of the TRC
- Monitoring and supervision of activities by the regional level of the TRC
- Monitoring and supervision of activities by the IFRC

¹The plan should be prepared by the National Society, with support from the Secretariat technical departments and support services.

Strategies for Implementation

Requirements (CHF) 25,947

P&B Output Code	Outcome SFI2.01: Effective and coordinated international disaster response is ensured								Ratio of people reached by the operation to the people affected by the emergency														
	Output S2.1.1: Effective response preparedness and NS surge capacity mechanism is maintained								# assessments undertaken														
	Activities planned Week / Month								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
AP055	Continuous needs assessment								x	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
AP055	Lessons learnt Workshop																	X	X				

Budget

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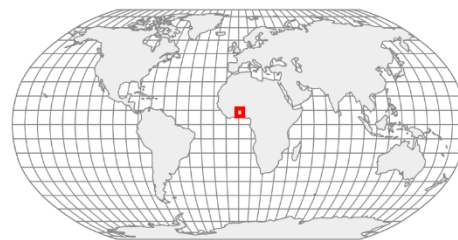
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Budget Group		DREF Grant	Expenditures CHF
500	Shelter - Relief	0	0
501	Shelter - Transitional	0	0
502	Construction - Housing	0	0
503	Construction - Facilities	0	0
505	Construction - Materials	0	0
510	Clothing & Textiles	1,858	1,858
520	Food	0	0
523	Seeds & Plants	0	0
530	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	0	0
540	Medical & First Aid	0	0
550	Teaching Materials	4,000	4,000
560	Utensils & Tools	0	0
570	Other Supplies & Services	4,493	4,493
571	Emergency Response Units	0	0
578	Cash Disbursements	0	0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES		10,352	10,352
580	Land & Buildings	0	0
581	Vehicles	0	0
582	Computer & Telecom Equipment	0	0
584	Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0	0
587	Medical Equipment	0	0
589	Other Machinery & Equipment	0	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT		0	0
590	Storage, Warehousing	0	0
592	Distribution & Monitoring	0	0
593	Transport & Vehicle Costs	5,310	5,310
594	Logistics Services	0	0
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE		5,310	5,310
600	International Staff	0	0
661	National Staff	0	0
662	National Society Staff	0	0
667	Volunteers	5,841	5,841
669	Other Staff Benefits	0	0
Total PERSONNEL		5,841	5,841
670	Consultants	0	0
750	Professional Fees	0	0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES		0	0
680	Workshops & Training	22,124	22,124
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING		22,124	22,124
700	Travel	11,964	11,964
710	Information & Public Relations	0	0
730	Office Costs	354	354

740	Communications	885	885
760	Financial Charges	885	885
790	Other General Expenses	708	708
799	Shared Office and Services Costs	0	0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES		14,796	14,796
599	Programme and Services Support Recovery	3,797	3,797
Total INDIRECT COSTS		3,797	3,797
TOTAL BUDGET		62,220	62,220

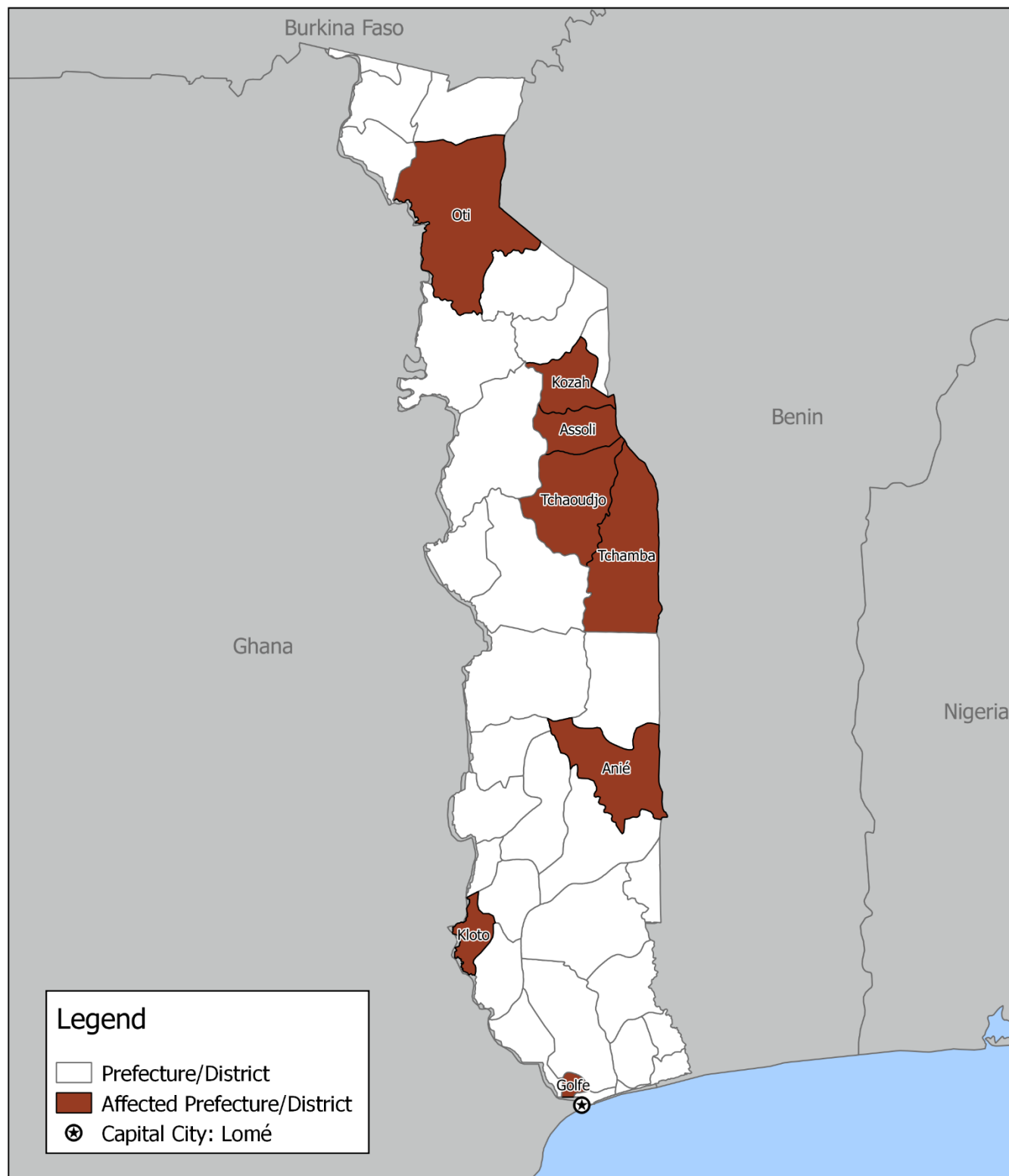


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Save lives.
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote social inclusion
and a culture of
non-violence and peace.