TOGO 2022

Summary of the Joint Programme's support to the national HIV response in 2022

Togo has made encouraging progress in scaling up HIV prevention, testing and treatment services to attain its national targets. Implementation of self-testing and index testing strategies improved HIV testing coverage across the country. An HIV testing campaign reached 7788 children aged 0-14 years, and the 32 children diagnosed with HIV were linked to treatment services (UNFPA, WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat). The Government also continued implementation of the 'test and treat' strategy in all HIV care sites and all eligible people living with HIV were transitioned to Dolutegravir-based treatment regimen. All stable people living with HIV who achieved viral load suppression were also able to access their antiretroviral treatment through a 3-6 months multimonth dispensing option.

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) programmes were rolled out in selected pilot sites, and 580 people, including serodiscordant couples, sex workers, and people who inject drugs were initiated on PrEP by the end of 2022 (WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat). To support implementation of these pilot programmes, healthcare providers working in PrEP sites, community workers, and peer educators improved their knowledge of HIV self-testing and PrEP and built their capacities in identifying arising challenges and implementing mitigation actions (WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat).

The Stigma Index 2.0 study was finalized and revealed that 13% of the people living with HIV who participated in the study experienced stigma and discrimination in the last 12 months, 10% stated their HIV status was disclosed without consent, and 3.9% were denied health services due to their HIV status (UNAIDS Secretariat). Through collaboration with the National AIDS Council and the Togo network of people living with HIV (RAS+ Togo), 360 healthcare providers from eight health districts received training on prevention of human rights violations, stigma, and discrimination against people living with HIV in health facilities (UNDP, UNAIDS Secretariat). In addition, the Human Rights Observatory and Community Treatment Observatory of people living with HIV was supported by the Joint Team to record stigma and discrimination cases —a total of 313 cases (community and family inflicted) were documented in 2022 (UNAIDS Secretariat). Over 2800 vulnerable households of people living with HIV and/or tuberculosis benefitted from food assistance, reaching a total of 14 000 people (WFP).

Over US\$ 44.8 million were mobilized from the Global Fund for the 2024-2026 period; the Joint Team provided support and guidance for the development of the concept note, insuring prioritization of adolescents, young people and key populations in the HIV response).



KEY RESULTS

- 7788 children aged 0 to 14 were tested and their serological status is known.
- 580 people accessed PrEP though a pilot programme.
- Community-led service delivery and monitoring strengthened, including thanks to capacity building of civil society organizations and networks.
- 2800 households of people living with HIV/tuberculosis received food assistance.
- US\$ 44.8 million mobilized from the Global Fund (2024-2026) to support the national HIV response and address inequalities.

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2022 Joint Programme Expenditure

Total US\$ 1 137 973

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