

# Population Dynamics

## Benefitting from the chances of a demographic development – the case of Togo

### Context

As is the case in most African countries, the population in Togo, too, is in the process of changing. The annual population growth is an average of 2.8 per cent, the fertility index lies at about five children per woman and the life expectancy at birth is 61 years. The rate of dependency is still high although since 1981 it has dropped from 1.2 to 0.8 in 2010. These figures are proof of change and it is imperative that they be taken into account in the sector planning, the identification of problems, the choice of indicators, as well as the actual action planning. The national population politics were elaborated in 1998 but their orientations are rarely mentioned in the planning documents. The formally elaborated planning guidelines will have to stand up to a first test since the country is in the process of establishing anew and step by step its planning system. This situation arises in part due to the fact that resident's registration offices and the national system of statistics have difficulties in guaranteeing the availability of actualized and broken down data.

### Objectives

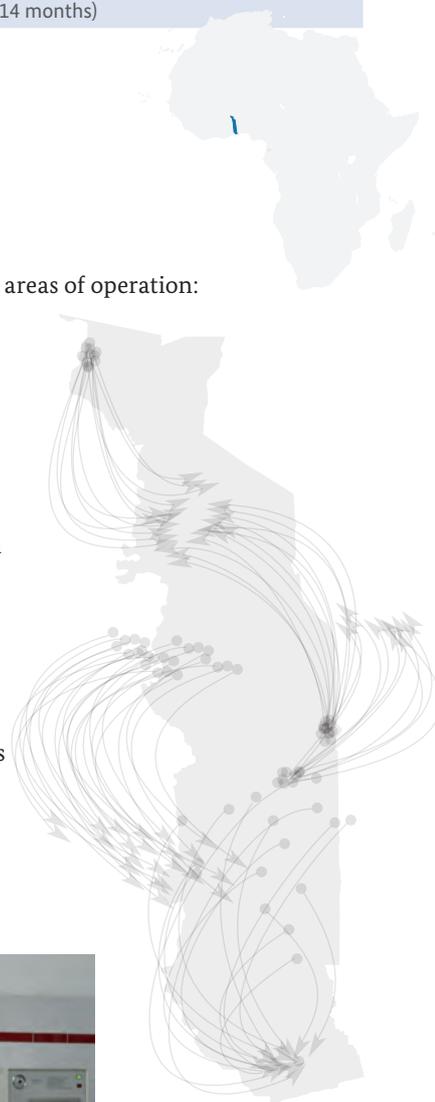
The project 'population dynamic' has as objective to point Togo's national sector planning and national sector programmes towards making allowances for demographic development.

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### Areas of operation

The action is aimed at three areas of operation:

- Stocktaking in the areas of gathering, analyzing and applying of socio-demographic data;
- Analysis of the medium and long term demographic developments in Togo, specifically in the three priority regions;
- Guidance concerning an increased attention to population dynamics in national sector strategies and programmes.



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## Activities

In the course of the first field of operations a study of stock-taking was realized. The objective of this study is to establish a complete inventory of the most important players implied in the collecting, analyzing and applying of demographic data in Togo. The study focuses on the sectors of the German-Togolese Cooperation and was carried out in Lomé, as well as in the intervention regions of the German-Togolese Cooperation (Centrale, Maritime and Plateaux).

For this purpose information was gathered in discussions with resource persons from the structures who are charged with the supply of statistical data and the planning in various departments of ministries and institutions, as well as with local and regional key players and technical and financial partners. This collection was supplemented by the examination and evaluation of different planning documents.

The results of the study show that the institutional framework of data collection is regulated by statistics law. The data are collected in the course of a population census or during opinion polling and the routine data that should be, above all, supplied by the registry offices can still be called marginal.

The recommendations for an improved level of integration of population dynamics refer in the main to the means made available to the structures charged with data collection but also to the distribution of the broken down data. Furthermore capacity building at individual and organizational level in the structures of the national planning system on the subject

of integration of population questions in the various documents should serve to improve the integration of population dynamics.

In order to boost the capacity of the players involved in the planning, a series of courses is carried out. I.e. for the benefit of the regional administrations for statistics, agriculture, education, health and also on a national level for the sector ministries affected by the German-Togolese Cooperation, as well as the National Institute of Statistics, Economic Studies and Demography (INSEED).

The action supports the elaboration of a manual for the integration of population dynamics into the sector strategies or politics, under the responsibility of the Ministry for Development Planning. The document will be introduced to the participants of the 7th Africities Summit 2015.



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