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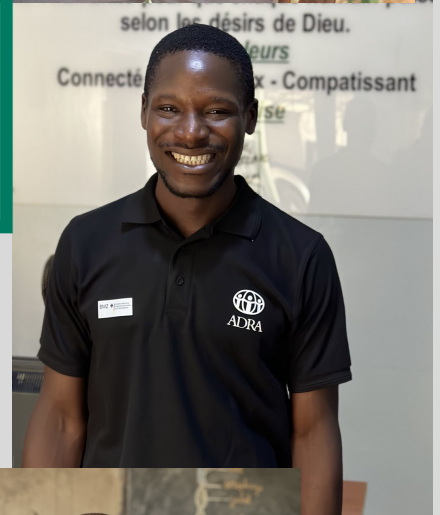
Stories from the Field

Togo

Inside this issue, we present our eight District Field Officers, who share heartfelt stories to highlight their work. These stories showcase Justice, Compassion, and Love in action; they represent our collaboration with our beneficiaries and their communities; and our dedication to service.



Justice.
Compassion.
Love



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Dear readers receive peace from the Creator of the visible and invisible universe according to his promise, the news of our days confirms that the end of all things is near: the plague (COVID-19), the rumors of war (Ukraine and Russia), earthquakes (Turkey and Syria), the overthrow of moral values, etc. These events have left victims in their paths. In each environment there are people in need and at different scales.

Let us come and contribute with ADRA to bring a little love and joy with compassion to those in need, because in this way we will have done useful work and amass treasures in Heaven.

At the end of the day, Matthew 25: 34-40 rings especially true and teaches us that "whenever [we] have done these things to one of the least of My brethren, [we] have done them unto [Jesus]" (40). We know that all humans are dear to God and Christ came to redeem all without exception. Thus, "when you open your door to members of Christ who are in need or suffering, it is as if you are welcoming invisible angels. You are preparing to enjoy the company of celestial beings. They create around you a sacred atmosphere of joy and peace. They come with words of praise on their lips, and melodious chords are heard in the sky. Every act of mercy performed here on earth translates up there into music. Seated on his throne, the Father places the selfless workers among his most precious treasures. Jesus Christ, 641. Ellen G. White.

May God bless you; may God accompany our District Field Officers in their tasks.

MARANATHA

-- Pastor Adjéoda Simon DJOSSOU



MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

By the grace of our God, 2022 continued to show success in all our activities. Through the unknown and turmoil caused by global conflict and financial insecurities, ADRA Togo continued to persevere; we continue to adapt. We continued supporting persons in rural Togo to achieve economic and livelihood improvements, worked with the youth to reduce sexually transmitted infections, and provided meals to students to improve nutrition and retention. It is through much prayer and the dedication of our staff, partners, and donors that we were able to help many persons throughout Togo.

For 2022, we recognize the hard work of our District Field Officers whose daily tasks involved movements throughout much of rural Togo in conditions ranging from extreme heat to rain and flooding. These development professionals



continued working tirelessly to ensure that relevant services are rendered to the poor and vulnerable to improve their wellbeing and livelihood and aid them in living as God intends. This exemplification of love is what the ADRA network and ADRA Togo embodies in our motto of justice, compassion, and love. Together with the support of the board of directors, administrators, staff, partners, and donors, we point to John 13:35 to demonstrate that we are disciples of Jesus by showing love to each other - by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

In 2023, we pledge to continue serving the people of Togo regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or any other social stigmas. We will be a leader in Togo to advocate for the poor and vulnerable, and to aid and support them in improving their lives. Most importantly, we will continue to demonstrate and advocate justice for all, show what it means to be compassionate, and love like Jesus loves.

-- Kern AGARD

67%
Women

913
Youth and Children



Direct Beneficiaries

5,890

Indirect Beneficiaries

27,950+



Motivation that moves a village

Miami is a participant learner from an ADRA Togo supported village in Ave. As a member of her local Presbyterian Church, she is responsible for the church's women's group. As a current participant in ADRA Togo's literacy training, she is now equipped with some of the basic knowledge needed to continue learning.

Miami's influence in her community would lead her to being selected to participate in ADRA Togo's training for women leaders.

Taking advantage of this opportunity, Miami eagerly looked forward to this training would help her as a community leader and ultimately her community with their growth objectives. This training consisted of topics on gender-based violence, STIs, early and unwanted pregnancies and the education of children. She continues that "this training [for women leaders] opened my eyes and, above all, allowed me to discover an ability within myself, that of being able to mobilize the women around me to take action to change their behavior."

With this training in hand, she began having weekly meetings with a group of women in her church to continue raising awareness and sharing experiences and information from the education of their children to the management of their households. Neighbors soon joined and even young men and women would come for support and guidance. The group would soon begin recording behavioral changes within their communities.

As word spread on the impact of her group, a lady from another local church came to one of the meetings and invited Miami to come and lead sessions in her church for young people. Today, Miami continues to raise awareness on these social and health issues with this church, speaking multiple times with some of their young members. As Miami's group continued to grow and raise awareness of the issues affecting her community, on the suggestion of her pastor's wife, her group decided to organize and formalize themselves by



Thierry TSOGBALE
District Field Officer—Ave

"This training opened my eyes and, above all, allowed me to discover an ability within myself...to mobilize the women around me to take action to change their behavior."

- Miami, Literacy Participant

undertaking an income-generating activity, making a women's development plan for the next farming season, with a focus on soybean farming.

As Miami continues to lead and motivate her community, ADRA Togo remains committed to providing this and other communities with the knowledge, tools, and support needed for their local development, by listening to the needs of the local population and designing relevant programming to suite these needs.

5

projects in the
South of Togo

69 Villages



111

Community-
Based
Organizations

XOF 16,000,000

€ 24,392

Total amount of money raised
and saved by 36 of the 76
cooperatives who have
started indicatives in credit
and savings

	N°	Production
Agricultural Cooperatives	55	Corn, cassava, hibiscus, moringa, pineapple, beans, pawpaw, peanuts, soybeans, tomatoes, ginger, garlic, okra, pepper, eggplant, lettuce, spinach, turmeric
Fishing Cooperatives	5	Tilapia, catfish, carp
Food Processing Cooperatives	16	Cassava flour, tapioca, peanut oil, palm oil, coconut oil

Increasing productivity through sustainable agriculture

Organic farming is a production method that aims to respect natural systems and cycles, maintain, and improve the condition of soil, water and air, plant and animal health and their balance. ADRA Togo continues to train producers in organic and sustainable agriculture. Yao lives in the District of Zio and was a participant in this training organized by ADRA Togo. Through this training, he was able to experiment with various organic farming methods.

Since the death of his father as a teenager, Yao was forced to leave school early to make income to help support his family. As is normal in many parts of the agrarian societies of rural Togo, farming is a main source of income. For Yao, this meant turning to what he knows.

Yao comments that during his early years as a farmer, “without chemical inputs the productivity is poor because it was my grandfather's land that had been exploited for many years.” Following this new training by ADRA Togo, he began applying the organic practices taught during the training in the growing of hibiscus. With this, he would soon realize that the productivity of his new crops was better compared to those of the prior years where he used chemical inputs. Not only are these chemical additives bad for the land, but they have also become more inaccessible and expensive.

“The fallen hibiscus leaves gave life to the land for good production. I think that if I continue like this not only will I improve the condition of the soil but I will have better health and I will be able to help my mother in taking care of the studies of my younger sister who was at risk of abandoning her studies in favor of the early marriage that is recurrent in our village.”

Today, ADRA Togo continues to partner with rural communities to train farmers in organic and sustainable agricultural production which in turn aids them in their livelihood development and economic resilience.



Damien EDOR

District Field Officer—Zio

following ADRA Togo training and having applied good biological practices, I realized that the productivity of 2022 was better compared to those of the last two years without the use of chemical inputs
- Yao, Agriculture Training Participant



Field of hibiscus, whose flower can be used for juices and jams and its leaves used to fertilize the field



Emmanuel ATCHOU

District Field Officer—Bas-Mono

"I cannot describe how much good literacy has done me; there are so many benefits or advantages of learning."

- Sossouvi, Literacy Learner

Literacy in numbers

Sossouvi grew up in a rural area in Togo without the opportunity to attend school and gain a basic education. Today, she works as a producer and trader of cassava and sweet potato.

When ADRA Togo opened a literacy center in her area within the District of Bas-Mono, Sossouvi jumped at the opportunity and enrolled to begin her education.

Since the center opened in April 2022, Sossouvi has begun learning to read, write, and perform some basic arithmetic which she praises for helping her to reorganize her life, her family and her income generating activities. Excitedly she states, "the different topics I have studied have informed me enormously."

She points to the teaching on income-generating activities, girls' education, and marriage and family life. She's happy to have learned ways in which to help her business by learning to read, write, and perform basic arithmetic. "I have an account book for my clients in my own way and I plan to improve it until the end of the programme. I am making profits from the mastery of calculation." In all this, her relationship with her clients have improved as she is better able to use a mobile telephone for mobile money transaction. "Today, I am able to record the names and numbers of my customers in my phone", she continues excitedly with her mobile phone in hand.

Learning and recognizing numbers also mean that she can call her clients and make appointments to pick up cassava or sweet potatoes, something previously done by having someone else dial and read the number.

Now that her clients send her money via a local mobile money service, she can easily withdraw cash from the village's mobile money vendor, without the hassle of finding a neighbor to assist in her transactions.

"I cannot describe how much good literacy has done me; there are so many benefits or advantages of learning...my life is beginning to be improved and I feel happy. My life is no longer like before."

What's next for Sossouvi? She would now like to learn French and is looking forward to the continuation of her literacy training and the start of the French phase.

*“My aim was to learn
to read in order to
practice reading the
Bible.”*

- Literacy Participant

	Health and Nutrition	Livelihood	Education	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
IQUALIFE 2 Program	☒	☒	☒	
SERILO Project	☒	☒		
Alpha Compassion Project			☒	
School Feeding Project	☒		☒	☒
Water-for-All		☒		☒

From raw marketing to processing

According to the 2018 report of the Togo Agribusiness Transformation Project of the African Development Bank Group, the processing rate of agricultural products in Togo is 19%. This is a major challenge for agriculture cooperatives from the District of Yoto, particularly the Agblétrobou Cooperative, who transform the products from their farms into a variety of products.

To meet this challenge related to the transformation of their products, the Agblétrobou cooperative had the support of ADRA Togo through the FMS (Farmers Market School) training which, through nine sessions and three market visit sessions, allowed the cooperative to identify the financial benefits related to the transformation of hibiscus and moringa and to see the need on the market.

Before this training, the cooperative sold raw products directly on the market where the calyxes of hibiscus harvested at a price of 3,000 FCFA or 4.57 euros per kg. After the training and the market visits, the cooperative transformed the same quantity of kg of hibiscus and sold it at the price of 9,000 FCFA or 13.72 euros—a 300% or 6,000 FCFA price per kilogram increase!

With this, ADRA Togo also encouraged the development and implementation of a savings system. With this, the members of this cooperative went from a savings of 0 FCFA to 244,800 FCFA or 373 euros in the period of 8 months. This passage is followed from beginning to end by the government agency, ICAT (Institute of Technical Support Council), of the district of Yoto, which is the state supported branch of agricultural in Togo.

"We have now moved from a stage of ignorance to a stage of people who are experienced in transformation. Before, we were not able to save money. When we harvest, we [sold] immediately. But today, we can save. Something that we could not imagine eight months ago". These are the words of the president of the cooperative to describe their situation before and after the FMS training.

Today, with the assistance of ADRA Togo, Agblétrobou is now a simplified cooperative society registered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Breeding and Rural Development. It is a cooperative whose purpose is the production, processing, and marketing of hibiscus and moringa.



Kaleb ATSU-ETSITSU

District Field Officer—Yoto

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- President of the Agbletrobou Cooperative



This three-year project aims to strengthen economic resilience and improve the livelihoods of vulnerable smallholder farmers in the Maritime Region of Togo. Specifically, ADRA Togo implements this project in three prefectures with the Maritime Region (Avé, Zio, and Yoto) to sustainably strengthen organic farming, value chains, entrepreneurship and community organization in cooperatives to market access.

This project is divided into two parts:

- Organic and sustainable agricultural production of moringa and hibiscus (ADRA TOGO)
- Civil law education led by partner, the Collective of Associations against Impunity in Togo (CACIT)



301

Smallholder Farmers

67%

Women

22

*Cooperatives Organized*

Sponsored by the Federal Republic of Germany



The Farmer Market School (FMS) Approach

The Farmer Market School (FMS) is a fourteen-session technical training with smallholder farmers. ADRA Togo uses this approach to teach farmers relevant business skills to improve their market competencies. The FMS approach is based on adult learning principles and includes discovery training applied to participant's local market. Thus, smallholder farmers will discover the market for themselves.

This approach is the first of its kind in Togo and has been developed by ADRA offices in the Africa Region to enhance food security throughout the continent. In addition to training persons in agriculture and farming techniques, Project SERILO uses this approach to aid in the development of local economies through agriculture, giving farmers experiences with the market, prices, payment modalities, value chain, negotiation, and calculation.

This integrated approach to agriculture ensures that farmers can maximize their return to aid in the improvement of their economic security and livelihoods, being able to support themselves, their families, and improve their conditions and that of their communities.

Sell better

Afi is a farmer from the District of Avé with only a primary school education. This mother of four began cultivating hibiscus as a result of the ADRA Togo training that took place in her area.

Her adhesion to the project was concretized by the cultivation of the hibiscus. She harvested her crop but preferred to keep it in storage as she did not know how to market the product to the public even after all the training conducted by the ADRA Togo staff. Upon learning this, ADRA Togo responded to her need by enrolling her in the 14-session Farmer Market School training which promotes discovery learning, business skills, and improve the technical knowledge of the functions of agricultural markets.

To address her challenges related to the marketing of hibiscus and moringa, Afi participated in the Farmer Market School training. After having followed the sessions entitled, Negotiation and Market Placement, and Market, Price, Payment Modalities and Calculation, she traveled to Lomé to sell her hibiscus at a better price, as the price proposed by the intermediaries did not suit her.

Excitedly, she returned to her village. "At the beginning of the training in April 2022, I had seen a lady who wanted to buy my hibiscus at 1,000 FCFA francs per kilogram. After a simple calculation, I understood that this price did not suit me. This discouraged me and led me to keeping my product stored away. For me, this was already a loss. But thanks to the FMS training, I understood that it is not enough to sell but to sell at a better price." Afi would visit the market for a third time but this time, choosing to travel to one of the markets in Lomé to research for similar products.

There in Lomé, Afi offered her hibiscus for sale to the women at the market and was able to sell it to the person who offered the best price - 3,000 FCFA per kilogram. With this, Afi would earn 45,000 FCFA for her 15 kilograms of hibiscus, allowing her to buy the metal sheets to finally cover her home.



Cherita AFANDONUGBO
District Field Officer—Ave

*"It is not enough to sell [agricultural products],
but to sell [them] at a better price"*

- Afi, FMS Participant



IQUALIFE II is a continuation of the IQUALIFE program in which ADRA Togo worked within three prefectures in the Maritime Region of Togo (Avé, Vo, and Zio). ADRA Togo expanded this program to include all of the prefectures within the Maritime Region. We broadened our impact in reaching the poor and vulnerable, especially of women, girls, and children, to ensure that they were economically and socially autonomous and integrated in the Maritime region. To continue to assist this community with its livelihood development, ADRA Togo will remain an active partner for the next four years, guiding, motivating, and supporting these communities to achieve their developmental goals.

1,744

Community Partners

Sexual Health Awareness · Functional Literacy · Agriculture ·

Support for Rural Cooperatives · Human Rights Awareness

645

Women Leaders

675

Community Leaders

50

Cooperative Societies

575

Parents & Teachers

Leading the way for adult literacy in Togo

ADRA Togo's literacy approach is proactive response to the practical needs and challenges faced by poor households in rural areas.

Through this integrated approach to literacy and community development, the program offers literacy classes in the participants' mother-tongue for the first year, French-language classes for the second year (the second language in Togo), and a third year of consolidation classes. Furthermore, this practical approach offers training in basic arithmetic, reading, and writing.

ADRA Togo uses the Adult Literacy and Basic Education Program to promote literacy among learners through development activities that address their fundamental and practical problems, enabling them to break out of the cycle of poverty. As such, this course also offers the following themes:

- Health education: HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, child care, home care for the sick, reproductive health,
- Citizenship courses/life skills: human rights, gender relations, conflict management and resolution.

ADRA Togo therefore sees literacy not only as the ability to read and write, but also as an important vehicle for achieving community development and global social change.

To successfully implement the literacy programme, ADRA Togo uses the REFLECT approach to empower communities by enabling them to actively participate in identifying problems, analyzing them, and developing practical solutions. Once learners and organizers acquire literacy skills, they will become independent and ADRA will gradually transfer responsibilities to local communities, preparing them for self-management and self-sufficiency.

Through this program, ADRA Togo aims to:

1. Promote change and social development through adult literacy and basic education.
2. Combat illiteracy among rural women, thereby helping them to make more informed decisions and enabling them to generate some of the income needed to improve their livelihoods and be active agents of community development.
3. Improve public awareness of fundamental and constitutionally guaranteed human rights, including access to basic health, and education services.
4. Improve public awareness of healthy lifestyles, including nutritional counselling, family planning, and sexual health.



School Feeding Project

In 2022, ADRA Togo has partnered with the Government of Togo to restart its school feeding project in Sokomé within the Maritime Region of Togo. Our goal is that well-fed children lead to better students, and better students lead to a better and more productive society. Thanks to the contributions of our donors from California, USA, ADRA Togo is able to do their small part in bring Justice to the poor, Compassion to those in need, and spread Love to all.

Number of Students Fed	1,033
Number of Meals Distributed	85,104

School Feeding Project (Sokomé, Togo)

The nutritional activities introduced by ADRA Togo at the Sokomé Public Primary School have improved the quality of school meals distributed and the condition of learning for schoolchildren. The school's principal has praised ADRA Togo stating that, "while contributing to fight against hunger in schools, ADRA Togo has contributed to the improvement of balanced, nutritious and healthy diet fostering harmonious cognitive development of students."

Before the School Feeding project, many students dropped out of school during the school year but in 2022, there were no more dropouts with a noticeable increase in the number of children attending school beginning in September 2022.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the number of students enrolled at the Sokomé Public Primary School has increased by 17% to 528 students.

ADRA's awareness and especially the progress markers ... has motivated me to do more for myself and my community. I no longer have to walk 7 km for my savings activities.

- Florence, Training Participant

Speak up, be heard

Florence lives in a village the District of Yoto in the south of Togo. In this village women do not have access to the services of microfinance institutions. Knowing the advantages of microfinance institutions, the 36-year-old woman joined the Fidélité Microfinance (Coopecfi) where she makes her savings and benefits from small loans that help her in her small business. As microfinance is not represented in her village, she must wake up at 4 am to walk or ride her motorbike a separate village that is 7 km away where microfinance agents come to collect the funds from savers and prepare the loan files of members.

For the past three years, she has made this journey.

In February 2022, ADRA Togo began working in her village. During some awareness sessions, ADRA Togo's District Field Officer, Marguerite, discussed income-generating activities, especially with the women, and the need to save to qualify for loans—as she was already doing. In the discussions that followed, community members expressed interest in the need to have a microfinance institution in place to facilitate their savings operations. These women leaders wanted their own local microfinance representation to help them plan and save for their future without making the long journey by foot to the neighboring village.

Geared with the knowledge of the importance of savings and the benefits of microfinance, they support of her community, and the guidance of the Marguerite, Florence began discussions with the microfinance agents of Coopecfi to find a way for them to extend their activities in her village. After two months of exchanges and discussions, Coopecfi agreed to include Florence's village in its activities.

Today, Florence speaks of the pride she takes in herself with the acknowledgement of her fellow villagers. With ADRA teaching the importance of savings and encouraging women to speak up in their economic development, Florence and her fellow villagers are saving money to qualify for loans to develop their income-generating activities.

"ADRA's awareness and especially the progress markers that we have signed up for, has motivated me to do more for myself and my community. I no longer have to walk 7 km for my savings activities. There are several of us doing these activities now at home in our village."



Marguerite SARA
District Field Officer—Yoto

Joining forces in a cooperative to boost economic activity

Dédévi is a member of the Zodédé Cooperative in the Lake District, a group which processes cassava into cassava flour and Tapioca.

Zodédé Cooperative was formed through the support and advice of the ADRA Togo. It should be noted here that before the intervention of ADRA Togo in the Lake District, the members of the Zodédé Cooperative carried out processing activities in dispersed rows. Everyone does their activity in their own way and in isolation.

Following the ADRA Togo's training and guidance in the creation of cooperatives, the members grouped together to pool their efforts to derive more profit from their processing activities. Thus the 13-person Zodédé Cooperative was formed.

Dédévi tells here the advantages they had in working in cooperatives:

"After participating in various trainings on the creation and management of a cooperative and entrepreneurship, we invested in the group production and the export of Tapioca and cassava flour abroad and we saw our income increase miraculously since each member contributes."

With the income obtained from their processing activities, this cooperative was able to save in a microfinance institution and purchase half of a hectare of agricultural land to grow their cassava cultivation. Now, the four women aim to inspire other women in the community and add to the financial support of their family, something that many other rural women are not able to do.

Dédévi continues that "in light of all this progress, I realize that I need to educate other producers and processors of agricultural products in our village about the advantages of belonging to a cooperative."

In 2022, ADRA Togo assisted 76 cooperatives throughout the Maritime Region in southern Togo. As a result of the training in these communities, 36 of these cooperatives were able to save money to either provide loans for their members or grow their business activities. In total, over 16,000,000 FCFA (24,392 euro) and counting have been saved by these groups to support the economic growth of their communities.

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- Dédévi, Agricultural Cooperative Member



Emmanuel ATCHOU
District Field Officer—Lake District

Implementation of Literacy Centers

ADRA Togo has partnered with Compassion International in Togo to support their Child and Youth Development Centers (CYDC) through the implementation of a literacy program in the districts of Agou, Haho, Vo, and Yoto. ADRA Togo has designed this training to benefit the parents of the children and youth who attend these centers.

10 CYDCs

650 Learners

70% Women

by the numbers

Literacy centers established	25
Literacy instructors trained	30
Literacy center supervisors trained	10

Water-for-All Project

ADRA Togo's Water-for-All project provides water and sanitation for five rural communities in the Maritime Region in southern Togo.



The Water For All project aims to provide water for drinking and agricultural purposes. In 2022, ADRA Togo installed a borehole in the community of Zooti Hongannou in the District of Bas-Mono. This water source will serve a total of 585 people inclusive of community cooperative members, students and members of the community.

The borehole built in this locality has allowed the population to have access to drinking water and the members of the cooperatives to have water for agricultural use to do market gardening (tomato, pepper, onion, spinach) and to extend the surface of their field. This means that the cooperatives can now produce crops during the dry season instead of solely depending on the rain during the rainy season months.

A duty to students

Stéphane is a high school teacher in the District of Vo who has created a group of young students for peer education in our school.

In 2022, ADRA Togo hosted a training for moral duty bearers, who is a person with a particular obligation or responsibility to respect, promote and realize human rights and to abstain from human rights violations, i.e. teachers. During this training, ADRA Togo's DFO for this region, Claire, discussed topics on human rights, gender-based violence, pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and AIDS. Stéphane found these topics interesting for himself as well as for the young people around him. As with many of the trainings offered by ADRA Togo, participants are asked to train others to spread awareness and increase behavior change. Thus, at the end of the training, he was asked to share this information with young people.

He comments: "as a teacher, I could not think of a better target than the pupils of my high school. I joined one teacher of Life and Earth Sciences and another of English to create a group of peer educators within the high school with the intention to train this group to be the relay of awareness among the students. I have to say that every year, the high school records about ten cases of pregnancy. I said to myself that we must fight against this. I approached the headmaster who agreed and supported me, and as such, I invited ADRA Togo to come and train the group on pregnancy. The SVT teacher also trained the group on the monthly cycle of the young girl. These two themes were chosen to enable us to fight against pregnancy in schools."

In December 2022, this newly trained group organized an outreach event on the eve of the Christmas holidays, inviting all the girls in the school. Forty-two (42) girls responded to the invitation and were taught about the monthly cycle. The group found that there were girls who knew nothing about the monthly cycle.

Today, Stéphane and his trained group of moral duty



Claire TOUYABAH AGBODOUAMENOU

District Field Officer—Vo

"I could not think of a better target than the pupils of my high school. I joined one teacher of Life and Earth Sciences and another of English to create a group of peer educators within the high school with the intention to train this group to be the relay of awareness among the students."

- Stéphane, Moral Duty Bearer

bearers go into their community once per month to raise awareness on these host of issues. "We are counting on the support of ADRA Togo and our school to fight against pregnancy in schools and among young people. We have given ourselves two years to begin to see the effects of our awareness trainings which will be reflected as a decrease in the number of pregnancy cases in our school."

Wilfrid is from a village in the District of Zio in southern Togo and serves as one of its community's leaders. As such, he is held in high regard by his community and is often asked to manage certain disputes and conflicts in respect to his local culture and traditions.

Land rights are human rights

In March 2022, ADRA Togo trained women and moral duty bearers on human rights with a focus on children's rights and inheritance rights, and as community leader, Wilfred was invited to take part in this training. Intrigued by the training, Wilfred asked a lots of questions to improve his understanding of the human rights challenges faced by women, including some in his very own community.

Later on, a close family member asked Wilfred to settle an inheritance dispute regarding the sale of a palm grove belonging to a deceased older brother. The deceased married two women and had a total of nine children between his two wives—the first wife had five children and the second had four. Without the permission of their mothers, the brothers of the deceased father convinced the children that the property belonged to the brothers, not them or their mothers. As such, they want to recover the land with the palm grove and sell it to provide for their families.

"We came to this decision because of the human rights training. Otherwise, we would have let the uncles sell the land and the palm grove at the expense of the children and their mothers. This is proof that we are integrating the training we have received, which is producing changes in our community's mentality."

- Wilfred, Community Leader

This conflict ended up in front of the village's elders for resolution. As part of this council, Wilfred and the other members convened the two parties to find a definitive solution to this problem. During the debate, Wilfred explained how he displayed his knowledge of inheritance rights and "made it clear to them that in the order of succession, the children are in first order, after them come the wives; the parents are in third order." Wilfred was able to explain this to the council and as a result, the village elders decided that the land and the palm grove are the property of the children. "The decision to sell or not to sell belongs to the children, who are also adults. The uncles will be consulted if they face difficulties."

"We came to this decision because of the human rights training. Otherwise, we would have let the uncles sell the land and the palm grove at the expense of the children and their mothers. This is proof that we are integrating the training we have received, which is producing changes in our community's mentality."



Maxime LOTSI

District Field Officer—Zio



It's more than literacy

"The [literacy] lesson talks about the benefits of having a vegetable garden at home, namely improving the nutritional quality with vegetables, and selling these vegetables as a source of financial income. I urged the learners to set up such a garden at home for those who have space. As I myself have space at home, I decided to set an example. So I made a small vegetable garden in front of my house and fenced it in with racks. There were at least five vegetables. This small garden allowed me to use the vegetables for my own consumption and improved the nutritional quality of my meals. I gave some to my neighbors too at times. Every market day, I sold at least 2,800 FCFA worth of vegetables. I did not know that this small garden could be a source of income for me, and I regretted not having started earlier."

- Atsoupi, Literacy Trainer

SPENDING OVERVIEW

Programs **81%**

Administration and Operations **19%**

Marketing and Visibility **<1%**

Program Expenses

146,795,059^{FCFA}

223,128 €

The History of ADRA

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) was established in November 1956 by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to provide humanitarian relief and welfare. Originally called Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service or SAWS, the name was changed to Seventh-day Adventist Worldwide Service in 1973.

In 1958, SAWS declared relief shipments to 22 countries with a total value of approximately \$485,000. Four years later, the number of countries has grown to 29, with a total value of \$2.3 million in shipments. During this period, countries have benefited, especially those in South America and the Middle East, places of major disasters.

In the mid-1970s, the organization began to broaden its mission from disaster relief to programs leading to long-term development. In 1983, SAWS underwent another name change to better reflect its overall mission and activities, becoming the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). ADRA's work has grown very fast with major programs in several countries with an emphasis on community development, food distribution, institutional development and disaster relief.

ADRA is currently one of the leading non-governmental relief organizations in the world. In 1997, the United Nations granted the agency General Consultative Status, a unique opportunity to give ADRA an additional voice in the international community. In 2004, it helped nearly 24 million people with over \$159 million in assistance. More than 4,000 ADRA staff members are currently working in more than 140 countries. As new challenges and needs arise, ADRA continues to strive to fulfill its purpose to reflect God's love through humanitarian acts of humanitarian service.

In 1988, as a response to the call of local members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Togo to aid the needy, and to contribute effectively to the economic and social development of the Togolese population, ADRA Togo was formed via an establishment agreement with the Government of Togo.



ADRA Togo is part of the ADRA network. ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) is the global humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church—part of the 20-million strong Adventist community, with hundreds of thousands of churches globally and the world's largest integrated healthcare and education network.

We deliver relief and development assistance to individuals in more than 130 countries—regardless of their ethnicity, political affiliation, gender, or religious association.

By partnering with local communities, organizations, and governments, we are able to deliver culturally relevant programs and build local capability for sustainable change.

Locally Led

Real change starts at the grassroots level. So we start by engaging the local community to ensure our programs are culturally relevant, then engage local staff, volunteers, and church network to deliver. This on-the-ground approach builds local credibility, which drives connection and fosters the transition from well-being to well-giving, resulting in programs that create long-term stronger communities. By bringing the best global innovations to a local level, we offer the best of both worlds in the quest for a better world.

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To serve humanity so all may live as God intended.

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