

**TOGO**

**DHAPP**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HIV/AIDS  
PREVENTION PROGRAM**

**REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF HIV/AIDS  
AMONG UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN  
SELECTED AFRICAN NATIONS AND BEYOND**

## **WINNING BATTLES IN THE WAR AGAINST HIV/AIDS**

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Country Statistics**

The population of Togo is estimated at 5.7 million people, with an average life expectancy of 57 years. French is the official language, and the in-country literacy rate is estimated at 60.9%, unevenly distributed between men and women. Togo has a developing economy, with 65% of the workforce engaged in agriculture. Coffee, cocoa, and cotton are the most important crops. Annual per capital income is estimated at \$1,600.

#### **HIV/AIDS Statistics**

The HIV prevalence rate in the general population is estimated at 4.1%, with approximately 110,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Prevalence rates are higher in urban than in rural areas, and women are more severely affected than men. Youth and young adults are more severely affected than other age groups. Identified significant risk factors include high-risk heterosexual contact and contact with commercial sex workers. Vulnerable populations in Togo include commercial sex workers and their clients, military personnel, and transportation workers.



#### **Military Statistics**

The size of the armed forces is approximately 7000. As of this annual report, no information regarding HIV prevalence in the military was available, but it is estimated that HIV rates are higher within the military population than in the general population.

### **PROGRAM RESPONSE**

#### **Military-to-Military Technical Assistance**

Togo is currently experiencing civil unrest and travel to that country is not considered appropriate. DHAPP staff members look forward to future interactions and collaboration with the Togo military and US Embassy representatives for the continued expansion of early efforts there.



### Foreign Military Financing Assistance

Togo was awarded Foreign Military Financing funding for the acquisition of laboratory and medical equipment. When the country is again under stable government rule, there are plans to purchase microscopes and reagents and supplies for CD4 quantification.

## **OUTCOMES & IMPACT**

### Prevention/Care/Treatment

DHAPP staff members have maintained contact and collaborative interaction with military officials and US Embassy staff in Togo to plan for future activities to expand their established comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention/education program for military members in their country. As of this reporting date, no funding has been sent to Togo.

