



**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**

After years of political unrest and fire from international organizations for human rights abuses, Togo is finally being welcomed into the international community again. The estimated population of Togo is 5.9 million people, with an average life expectancy of 58 years. French is the official language, and the literacy rate is estimated at 61%, unevenly distributed between men and women. The gross domestic product (GDP) per capita is \$900, with 32% of Togolese people living below the poverty level.

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

The current HIV prevalence rate in Togo's general population is 3.2%, with 110,000 Togolese people living with HIV/AIDS. The primary identified risk factor is heterosexual sex with multiple partners.

#### **Military Statistics**

The Togolese Armed Forces (TAF) comprise approximately 12,000 personnel. HIV prevalence in the military is unknown. Togo allocates 1.6% of the GDP for military purposes.

### **PROGRAM RESPONSE**

#### **In-Country Ongoing Assistance**

DHAPP staff members look forward to future interactions and collaboration with the TAF 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 equipment, and supporting reagents and supplies related to the diagnosis and treatment of HIV/AIDS. The award was appropriated for FY03–04 and FY06.

### OUTCOMES & IMPACT

DHAPP staff members have maintained contact and collaborative interaction with military officials and US Embassy staff in Togo to plan for the future of the TAF. As of this reporting date, no new program funding has been sent to Togo.

### **Proposed Future Activities**

DHAPP did not receive a proposal for FY08 activities in Togo this year.

