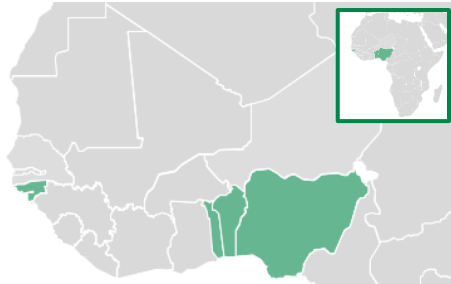


# FRSD in Togo

## The Fund for Regional Stabilisation and Development in Fragile Regions within ECOWAS - Improving living conditions of the population in selected ECOWAS member states



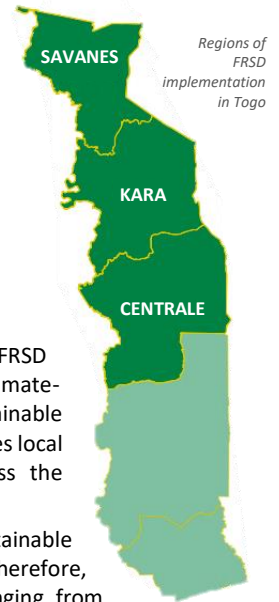
Countries of FRSD implementation: Guinea-Bissau, Togo, Benin and Nigeria (ECOWAS Commission HQs)

### Needs assessed in Togo

A comprehensive assessment conducted by FRSD through missions and studies reveals that in Togo, rural areas in the north exhibit starkly different living conditions compared to urban centres, highlighting significant needs across various sectors. These include disparities in education, with lower school attendance and higher illiteracy rates in rural areas, along with neglected job opportunities and social cohesion issues, particularly affecting women and youth. Further, these challenges are worsened by spillovers from the security and political instabilities in the Sahel region. Poor basic and economic infrastructure further exacerbates the situation, compounded by climate change effects disproportionately impacting rural communities, insufficient governance structures contributing to conflicts, security concerns in certain regions, and gender disparities in governance and economic participation.

### The regions

FRSD focuses its intervention on the northern regions Savanes, Kara and Centrale, as social and economic development as well as peaceful coexistence are particularly compromised by spillover effects of the conflict affected bordering Sahel region. The 3 focus regions are relatively less economically developed compared to the southern regions. However, within these regions, disparities in development status exist. Urban centres benefit from the presence of international organizations supporting regional governments and citizens in various projects. Therefore, FRSD efforts are particularly targeted at rural areas with an increased need for stabilisation and crisis prevention.



**Sport 4 Development:** Initiatives aiming to foster a spirit of community teamwork and develop local talent also outside of traditional pathways through sports-related activities and events; The *Sport 4 Development* approach contributes to overall employability through the development of soft skills and is particularly inclusive by encouraging participation of people with disabilities.

**Media 4 Peace:** Activities to enhance journalists' capacities in reporting in a conflict-sensitive manner on different topics of interest in ECOWAS member states; The expected outcomes are accessible political information and strengthened governance structures through increased visibility of local authorities and the ECOWAS commission.

### Our approach

The interconnected issues identified in the regions targeted by FRSD necessitate inclusive and participatory approaches, integrating climate-smart solutions and local community involvement to foster sustainable transformation and long-term stabilisation. The FRSD actively involves local communities in decision-making processes to effectively address the identified needs in Togo's north.

FRSD aims at implementing fast-acting, yet meaningful and sustainable measures to reach almost 4000 young people and women in Togo. Therefore, our 3-fold strategy takes different dimensions into account, ranging from economic to social and ecological levels.

The target group is supported to increase productivity and income through the improvement of different value chains including agriculture, livestock and dairy. Interventions contribute to skills development in market access, agri-food processing and preservation. Women entrepreneurs are specially targeted through gender responsive financial literacy approaches, with a support to develop business plans and the linkage with finance institutions. For environmental protection, young women and men participate in trainings in the construction of climate smart small infrastructure for nature preservation. Additionally, skills trainees support the development of local communities through cash-for-work initiatives. Cash-for-work programmes provide short-term cash jobs on public projects for those most affected by crises. They act as a quickly realisable solution to ease the burden of crises.

Livelihood & Income Generation	Eco-Construction & Disaster Risk Management	Social Cohesion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in production and transformation</li> <li>• Support to micro-businesses</li> <li>• Financial literacy for women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eco-construction</li> <li>• Strengthening disaster risk management</li> <li>• Emergency planning</li> <li>• Green Innovation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport 4 Development and Employment</li> <li>• Media 4 Peace</li> <li>• Visibility events</li> </ul>

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