



Togo or not to go:

PREPARATION FOR MY UPCOMING PEACE CORPS EXPERIENCE

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Geography



History

- ▶ Togodo → Ewe word meaning “behind the lake”
- ▶ German controlled Togoland
 - ▶ French → Togo
 - ▶ British → Ghana
- ▶ April 27, 1960: Togolese Independence



Government

General Gnassingbé Eyadéma



Faure Gnassingbé



Economics

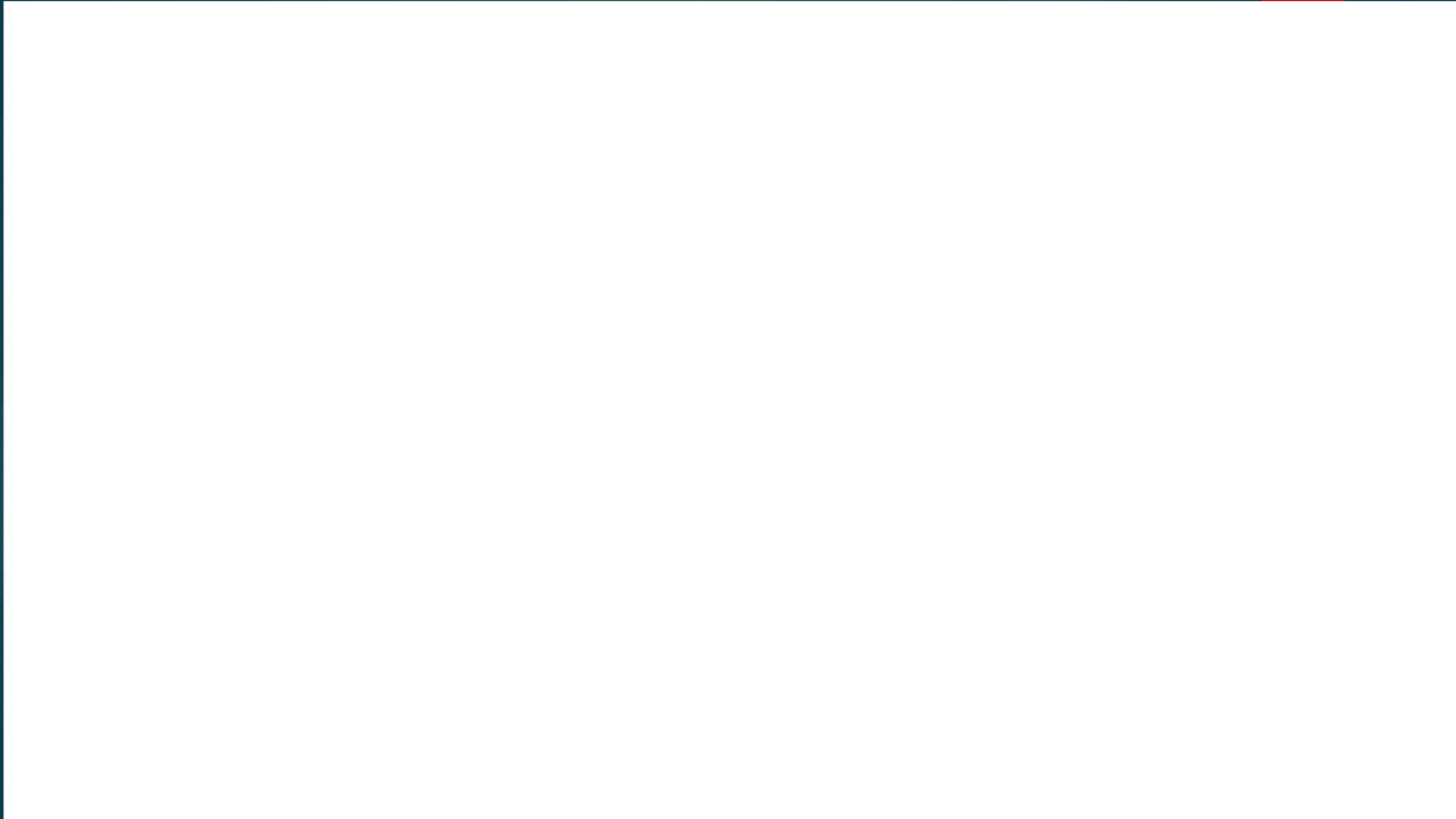
- ▶ Developing Country:
 - ▶ Human Development Index: 166 out of 187 countries in the world with an index of 0.473
 - ▶ GNP per capita: \$350
 - ▶ Classifies Togo as a low income country
 - ▶ 69% of country lives on less than \$2 per day

166	Togo	0.473
168	Haiti	0.471
169	Afghanistan	0.468
170	Djibouti	0.467
171	Côte d'Ivoire	0.452
172	Gambia	0.441
173	Ethiopia	0.435
174	Malawi	0.414
175	Liberia	0.412
176	Mali	0.407
177	Guinea-Bissau	0.396
178	Mozambique	0.393
179	Guinea	0.392
180	Burundi	0.389
181	Burkina Faso	0.388
182	Eritrea	0.381
183	Sierra Leone	0.374
184	Chad	0.372
185	Central African Republic	0.341
186	Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	0.338
187	Niger	0.337

Economics



- ▶ Rising GDP: Increased from \$9.169b to \$10.18b in two years
 - ▶ Dominated by the services, industry, and agriculture sectors
- ▶ Agriculture plays a huge role in the economics of Togo
 - ▶ Employs 65% of labor force
 - ▶ 38% of GDP



Peace Corps

**We need
someone with
a good back,
strong stomach,
level head
and
a big heart.**

We have numerous opportunities for volunteers who possess a desire to give their lives to people in other countries. We have good work in weathered cultures. We have people who are not afraid to get their hands dirty.

We need someone who is a good back, strong stomach, level head and a big heart. We need someone who is willing to get their hands dirty.

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Life is calling. How far will you go?

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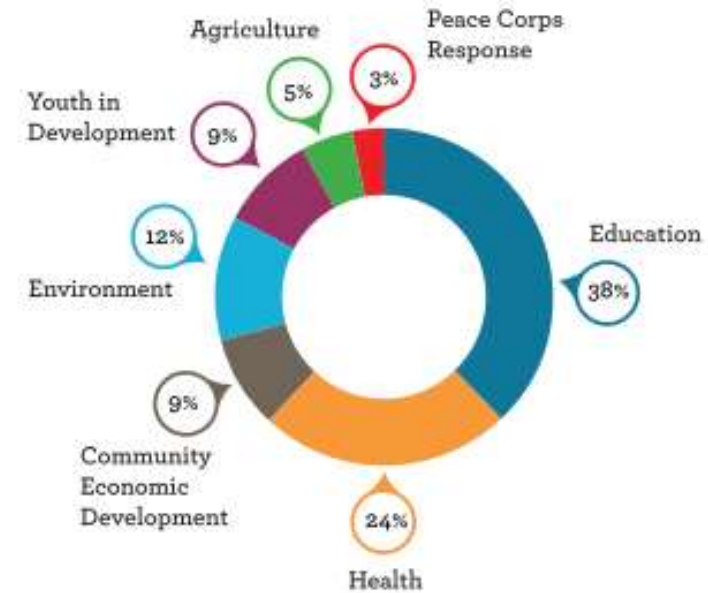
PEACE CORPS TODAY

Peace Corps Director:	Carolyn Hessler-Radelet (Western Samoa, 1981-83)
Host countries:	64
Volunteers and trainees:	6,818
Gender:	63% female, 37% male
Marital status:	94% single, 6% married
Minorities:	25% of Volunteers*
Average age:	28
Volunteers over 50:	7% of Volunteers

Percentage of total Volunteers serving, by geographic region, in 2014

Africa:	45%
Latin America:	23%
Eastern Europe/Central Asia:	10%
Asia:	12%
The Caribbean:	4%
North Africa/Middle East:	3%
Pacific Islands:	3%

Peace Corps Program Sectors



Peace Corps in Togo



- ▶ Have been in Togo since 1962
- ▶ 2,500 PCVs
- ▶ Currently: 83 PCVs
- ▶ Three programs
 - ▶ CHAMP
 - ▶ EGE
 - ▶ EAFS

My Role: Environmental and Food Security Extension Agent

EAFS program: “promote environmental awareness that leads to the improved food security practices”



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Questions?

