



Togo Sectoral Scenarios for Togo

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Stability scenario





The Stability scenario represents reasonable but ambitious reductions in risk of regime instability and lower levels of

internal conflict. Stability is generally a prerequisite for other aspects of development and this would encourage inflows of foreign direct investment (FDI) and improve business confidence. Better governance through the accountability that follows substantive democracy is modelled separately.

The intervention is explained here in the thematic part of the website.

The Stability scenario generally signifies increased political stability, reduced internal conflict, high FDI inflows, improved accountable governance and low levels of corruption in the country. In 2019, Togo's score on the governance security index was 0.69 out of 1.0. The return of constitutional rule in 1992 and subsequent multiparty elections in 2005 showed remarkable progress in democracy despite accusations of fraud amidst civil protest. The imposition of a term limit also created political stability in the country; however, the constitutional amendment in 2019 that extended the term limit has eroded this gain. Compared to the average for low-income countries in Africa, Togo has a high level on the governance security index. In fact, the gap is expected to minimise in the long run so that by 2043, Togo's score will be 0.11 more than the average for low-income countries in Africa. Using the Stability scenario, the score of Togo on the government security index is projected to rise to 0.82 in 2043 which is 0.1 points above the Current Path forecast in the same year.



Chart 14: GDP per capita in CP and Stability scenario, 2019–2043 Purchasing power parity

Source: IFs 7.63 initialising from UN Population Division World Population Prospects and World Development Indicators data

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The GDP per capita for Togo in 2019 was US\$1 764, which is US\$104 less than the average for low-income countries in Africa. In the Stability scenario, the GDP per capita is projected to increase to US\$3 830 by 2043. This will be US\$306 more than the Current Path forecast and US\$40 above the average for low-income countries in Africa. Regime stability and a peaceful environment inspire investors' confidence and attract FDI into the country with a positive effect on economic growth.

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Chart 15: Poverty in CP and Stability scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of total population





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With Togo being a low-income country, it uses the global benchmark of US\$1.90 per person per day. In 2019, the number of poor people living on less than US\$1.90 was around 4 million, equivalent to about 50% of the population. The Stability scenario will reduce the portion of people living below the poverty line to 30% by 2043, which is 3.1 percentage points below the Current Path forecast but 4.9 percentage points above the average for low-income countries in Africa. Nonetheless, the number of poor people will rise marginally from 4 million people in 2019 to 4.1 million people in 2043 in the Stability scenario. This means that the materialisation of the Stability scenario could lead to 0.43 million fewer poor people than the Current Path in 2043.





Chart 16: Demographic dividend in CP and Demog scenario, 2019–2043 Ratio of working-age population to dependants

This section presents the impact of a Demographic scenario that aims to hasten and increase the demographic dividend through reasonable but ambitious reductions in the communicable-disease burden for children under five, the maternal mortality ratio and increased access to modern contraception.

The intervention is explained here in the thematic part of the website.

Demographers typically differentiate between a first, second and even a third demographic dividend. We focus here on the contribution of the size of the labour force (between 15 and 64 years of age) relative to dependants (children and the elderly) as part of the first dividend. A window of opportunity opens when the ratio of the working-age population to dependants is equal to or surpasses 1.7.

In 2019, the ratio of the working-age population to dependants was 1.3, meaning that there were 1.3 working-age persons for each dependant in the country. This is greater than the average of 1.2 for lower middle-income countries in Africa. Generally, the demographic dividend materialises when the country reaches a minimum ratio of 1.7 working-age persons for each dependant. While the country will not reach its demographic dividend by 2043 in the Current Path forecast, in the Demographic scenario, Togo is expected to reach this minimum ratio by 2039. This is three years earlier than the average for low-income countries in Africa, and the situation continues to improve thereafter. The materialisation of the demographic dividend in the Demographic scenario can be explained by increased access to modern contraceptives which

will lead to a decline in fertility rates. In the Demographic scenario, fertility rates are expected to decline to 2.2 births per woman in 2043 compared to 2.9 births per woman in the Current Path forecast within the same period. By 2043, the ratio of the working-age population to dependants for Togo will be 0.34 more than the average for low-income countries in Africa.





The infant mortality rate is the number of infant deaths per 1 000 live births and is an important marker of the overall quality of the health system in a country.

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The infant mortality rate in Togo in 2019 was 42 deaths per 1 000 live births, meaning that for every 1 000 infants that were born, about 42 died. Although this figure is high, it is relatively lower than the average of 48.5 for low-income countries in Africa.. By 2043, the Demographic scenario will lead to a decline in infant mortality to 14.4 deaths per 1 000 live births, which is 4.2 lower than the Current Path forecast and 6.8 lower than the average for low-income countries in Africa.

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Chart 18: GDP per capita in CP and Demog scenario, 2019–2043 Purchasing power parity

In 2019, the GDP per capita for Togo was US\$1 764, which is US\$104 lower than the average for low-income African countries. By 2043, it is estimated that based on the Demographic scenario, the GDP per capita will increase to US\$3 632, which is US\$108 more than the projected US\$3 524 on the Current Path in the same year. However, this will still be significantly below the US\$3 790 average for low-income countries in Africa. The additional increase in GDP per capita as a result of the Demographic scenario can partly be attributed to the reduction in population growth as a result of the decline in fertility rates emanating from improved access to contraceptives. It can also be attributed to economic growth arising from the materialisation of the demographic dividend.

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Chart 19: Poverty in CP and Demog scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of total population





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As noted earlier, the number of people in Togo living below the poverty line of US\$1.90 in 2019 was 4 million. Based on the Demographic scenario, this number will steadily rise to 5 million in 2030 after which it begins to decline to 4.2 million in 2043, which will be 0.4 million less than in the Current Path forecast. Similarly, the proportion of the poor population can be reduced to 31.7% in the Demographic scenario, which is about 1.4 percentage points lower than the Current Path forecast but 6.5 percentage points higher than the average for low-income countries in Africa in 2043. The decline in both the number and the portion of poor people based on the Demographic scenario reflects the decline in population as a result of modern contraceptives use that reduce fertility rates. The reduction of the size of the cohort of children under the age of 15 allows households and the government to invest more in each child in terms of education and healthcare with positive implications for human capital formation and poverty reduction.





Chart 20: Life expectancy in CP and Health/WaSH scenario, 2019–2043

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This section presents reasonable but ambitious improvements in the Health/WaSH scenario, which include reductions in the mortality rate associated with both communicable diseases (e.g. AIDS, diarrhoea, malaria and respiratory infections) and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) (e.g. diabetes), as well as improvements in access to safe water and better sanitation. The acronym WaSH stands for water, sanitation and hygiene.

The intervention is explained here in the thematic part of the website.

The increase in life expectancy can be sourced from reduction in mortality that is caused by communicable and non-communicable diseases. It can also be achieved through improved sanitation and access to safe water. The life expectancy at birth for the average Togolese was 63.4 years in 2019, which was slightly below the average of 63.8 for low-income countries in Africa. On average, females have a higher life expectancy at birth of 66.2 years than males at 62.3. Based on the Health/WaSH scenario, life expectancy is estimated to increase to about 71 years by 2043, which is an increase of six months above the Current Path forecast of 70.6 and the average of 70.9 for low-income African countries. This increased life expectancy in the country can be attributed to the expected improvement in access to safe water (nearly 100% of population) and sanitation, as well as a reduction in mortality from communicable diseases. However, death from non-communicable diseases continues to be a problem. Females will continue to have a higher life expectancy than males with a difference of over four years by 2043.

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The infant mortality rate per 1 000 live births in 2019 was 42.0, which is much higher than the average of 48.5 for low income countries in Africa. By 2043, infant mortality per 1 000 live births in the country will be 18 in the Health/WaSH scenario and 18.6 in the Current Path forecast.





Chart 22: Yield/hectare in CP and Agric scenario, 2019–2043 Pre-loss levels

The Agriculture scenario represents reasonable but ambitious increases in yields per hectare (reflecting better management and seed and fertilizer technology), increased land under irrigation and reduced loss and waste. Where appropriate, it includes an increase in calorie consumption, reflecting the prioritisation of food self-sufficiency above food exports as a desirable policy objective.

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The data on yield per hectare (in metric tons) is for crops but does not distinguish between different categories of crops.

In 2019, the average yield per hectare for crops was 1.6 metric tons, which was below the average of 2.7 metric tons per hectare for low-income countries in Africa. Based on the Current Path forecast, this is projected to increase to 2 metric tons per hectare by 2043. In the Agriculture scenario, the average yield will be 3.7 metric tons per hectare. This means that if the country is able to adopt modern methods of farming including the application of fertiliser and usage of improved seeds, there will be a resulting increase of an extra 1.7 metric tons per hectare compared to the Current Path forecast in 2043. This will also be 0.22 metric tons more compared to the average for low-income countries in Africa.



Chart 23: Agriculture imports in CP and Agric scenario, 2019–2043 Net imports for meat, crops and fish, % of demand

In 2019, the net agricultural import was 15.2% of agricultural demand in the country, which was above the average for low-income countries in Africa. A structural problem common in most African economies is the dependence on imports. Togo is no exception to this phenomenon despite its youthful population. Three key barriers to agriculture improvement in Togo include the lack of provision of inputs such as seeds and fertilizers, underdeveloped agricultural goods market and the lack of adequate technological and transportation infrastructure. Consequently, the country has always had a net positive import dependence as a per cent of total demand. The Current Path forecast is that import dependence will grow to 34.5% of total demand. The situation is reversed in the Agriculture scenario such that by 2043, the country will be a net exporter of agricultural products with a balance of 12.7% of total agricultural demand. This balance will be higher than the average for low-income countries by about 45 percentage points, suggesting that there is a lot of potential that is yet to be tapped in terms of agriculture production. As part of an effort to increase yields, reduce food deficit and revitalise the agriculture sector, the country, assisted by the World Bank, implemented the Togo Agricultural output and investment. This translated into an increase in crop yields, among others. Therefore, if prudent agricultural policies that increase yield per hectare and reduce loss and waste are implemented, the country will be able to move from being food import-dependent to a net exporter of agricultural products from 2032.

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The Agriculture scenario is expected to lead to an increase in GDP per capita over the years. By 2043, GDP per capita as a result of the Agriculture scenario will increase from US\$1 764 in 2019 to US\$3 903, constituting about 125% increase over the period. These estimates will be greater than the projections in the Current Path forecast so that by 2043 the additional gains from GDP per capita as a result of the Agriculture scenario will be US\$379. In the Agriculture scenario, Togo's GDP per capita will slightly be above the average for low-income countries in Africa.

Chart 25: Poverty in CP and Agric scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of total population





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Implementing good agricultural policies that will result in increased yield per hectare and reduction in waste appear to have a significant impact on poverty reduction in the country. Based on the Current Path forecast, 4.6 million people, representing 33.1% of the population, are projected to be extremely poor by 2043. However, based on the Agriculture scenario, the number of people below the poverty line of US\$1.90 will be reduced to 3 million, constituting 21.8% of the population. This means that 1.6 million additional Togolese people can be lifted out of extreme poverty primarily by focusing on agricultural growth. This is not surprising since the majority of the poor population in Togo is employed within the agricultural sector. Throughout the period, in the Agriculture scenario, the proportion of people living in extreme poverty in Togo will be higher than the average for low-income countries in Africa although the gap closes. By 2043, the poverty rate in Togo in the Agriculture scenario will be 3.3 percentage points below the average for low-income countries in Africa.





Chart 26: Mean years of education in CP and Educ scenario, 2019–2043 Mean years of adult (+15) education

The Education scenario represents reasonable but ambitious improved intake, transition and graduation rates from primary to tertiary levels and better quality of education. It also models substantive progress towards gender parity at all levels, additional vocational training at secondary school level and increases in the share of science and engineering graduates.

The intervention is explained here in the thematic part of the website.

Some of the challenges facing the educational sector in Togo include inequitable access to education particularly for girls as well as child marriage and labour. In 2019, Togo's mean years of education was 7.0 which is far above the average of 4.4 for low-income countries on the continent. In terms of gender, the mean years of education for males is 8.2, which is 2.4 years more than females' average of 5.8. This means that on average men are more likely to attain higher education than women. This gap in favour of men for mean years of education in Togo is higher than the average of 1.3 years for low-income countries in Africa. By 2043, in the Education scenario, it is expected that the mean years of education will rise to 8.6 years, which will be 0.3 years more than the Current Path estimates and 2.5 years more than the average for low-income countries in Africa. Also, based on the Education scenario forecast, the gender gap regarding mean years of education will close by 1 year by 2043 while the gender gap closes by 0.5 years for the average low-income countries in Africa within the same period.

Chart 27: Education quality in CP and Educ scenario, 2019–2043 Average test scores for primary and secondary learners



Chart 27 displays the average test scores for primary and secondary learners in the Current Path forecast and the Education scenario. The average test score for primary learners in Togo for 2019 was 35.5%, which is higher than the 27.7% for the average for low-income countries in Africa, signifying relatively higher performance in this regard. The Education scenario will increase the average test scores for primary learners to 45.9%, compared to the Current Path forecast estimated at 39%. Also, the Education scenario for 2043 will result in 15.3 percentage points more than the continental average for low-income countries.

In 2019, the average secondary learner test score for Togo was 40.4% which is above the average of 35.8% for lower-income African countries. This suggests that Togo performs relatively better at the secondary level than at the primary level. However, the country's performance for its primary learner score is better than the average for low-income African countries. By 2043, the average test score for secondary learners is projected to rise to 53.8%, which is above the Current Path estimates of 44.3% and the average of 37.8% for low-income countries in Africa.

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Chart 28: GDP per capita in CP and Educ scenario, 2019–2043 Purchasing power parity



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By 2043, the increase in GDP per capita as a result of the Education scenario is estimated to be US\$87 more than the projected US\$3 524 in the Current Path forecast. This will still be US\$179 less than the average of US\$3 790 for low-income countries in Africa. Investing in education is a powerful way to improve productivity, growth and the income prospects of poor people. However, it takes time to yield results as it would take more than a decade for a child enrolled today in primary school to make meaningful contributions to the economy.

Chart 29: Poverty in CP and Educ scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of total population





By 2043, in the Education scenario, it is projected that the number of poor people will be 4.3 million, representing 31.7% of the population. This means that the Education scenario will contribute to reducing the number of poor people by 203 000 people in 2043 compared to the Current Path forecast. This suggests that whereas education is a powerful tool to reduce poverty, it however takes time, often decades, to produce the expected results. Also, the proportion of poor people based on the Education scenario in Togo will be 6.5 percentage points higher than the average for low-income countries in Africa.





Chart 30: Value added by sector in CP and Manufac/Transfers scenario, 2019-

The Manufacturing/Transfers scenario represents reasonable but ambitious manufacturing growth through greater investment in the economy, investments in research and development, and promotion of the export of manufactured goods. It is accompanied by an increase in welfare transfers (social grants) to moderate the initial increases in inequality that are typically associated with a manufacturing transition. To this end, the scenario improves tax administration and increases government revenues.

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Chart 30 should be read with Chart 8 that presents a stacked area graph on the contribution to GDP and size, in billion US\$, of the Current Path economy for each of the sectors.

Based on the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario, the service sector will be the largest contributor to the GDP with an absolute contribution of US\$1.3 billion more by 2043 compared to the Current Path. The rate of contribution to the GDP by the service sector will increase until it peaks at a 0.76 percentage-point difference and marginally declines to 0.58 percentage points in 2043. The manufacturing sector, which is the second largest contributor, is also projected to contribute an additional US\$0.5 billion to the GDP by 2043 although its rate of contribution declines significantly from 0.54% in 2035 to -0.28% to GDP based on the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario. Although the third contributor to the GDP in Togo is materials with a contribution of US\$0.18 billion, ICT will overtake it by 2042, such that by 2043 ICT contributes

US\$0.06 billion more than materials to GDP based on the differences in the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario and Current Path forecast. It is significant to note that the rate of the contribution of ICT to the GDP based on the difference between the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario and the Current Path forecast improves from -1.06% in 2034 to 0.43% in 2043. While the decline in the share of agricultural contribution to the GDP can be attributed to structural transformation of the economy, its underperformance is a concern for food security in the country; likewise is the underperformance of the manufacturing sector which is supposed to create sustainable employment.



Chart 31: Gov welfare transfers in CP and Manufac/Transfers scenario, 2019–2043

The Togolese government's welfare transfer to unskilled workers is significantly low. In 2019, welfare transfer to unskilled workers was US\$0.06 billion and is projected to increase to US\$0.74 billion by 2043 in the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario, far more than the US\$0.40 billion estimated for 2043 based on the Current Path forecast. This suggests that the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario can lead to an improvement in government welfare transfer by an additional US\$0.34 billion compared to the Current Path forecast in 2043. However, the gap between Togo and its income group peers in terms of government welfare transfer is expected to widen in the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario.



Chart 32: GDP per capita in CP and Manufac/Transfers scenario, 2019–2043 Purchasing power parity

By 2043, it is estimated that the GDP per capita will rise to US\$3 741, which is US\$217 more than projections in the Current Path forecast. The GDP per capita for Togo by 2043 in the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario will however still be below the average of US\$3 790 for low-income countries in Africa.

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Chart 33: Poverty in CP and Manufac/Transfers scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of total population



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Source: IFs 7.63 initialising from UN Population Division Population Prospects estimate, World Development Indicators population data and PovcalNet World Bank data

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Between 2024 and 2040, the Current Path forecast leads to a quicker reduction in the absolute number of poor people compared to the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario. However, after 2040, the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario overtakes the Current Path forecast such that by 2043 an estimated 170 000 people, constituting about 1.2% of the population, can be lifted above the poverty line of US\$1.90 as a result of the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario. This means that if the country embarks on policies such as investment in the economy, research and development, as well as export promotion, the absolute number of poor people will likely be 170 000 fewer than on the Current Path in 2043. Nonetheless, the proportion of poor people in Togo based on the Manufacturing/Transfers scenario in 2043 will be about 6.8 percentage points above the average for low-income countries in Africa.







The Leapfrogging scenario represents a reasonable but ambitious adoption of and investment in renewable energy technologies, resulting in better access to electricity in urban and rural areas. The scenario includes accelerated access to mobile and fixed broadband and the adoption of modern technology that improves government efficiency and allows for the more rapid formalisation of the informal sector.

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Fixed broadband includes cable modem Internet connections, DSL Internet connections of at least 256 KB/s, fibre and other fixed broadband technology connections (such as satellite broadband Internet, ethernet local area networks, fixed-wireless access, wireless local area networks, WiMAX, etc.).

In 2019, the total number of fixed broadband subscriptions was 2.6 per 100 people, which was slightly above the average for low-income countries in Africa. In the Current Path forecast, fixed broadband subscriptions are expected to rise to 35.3 per 100 people. The Leapfrogging scenario will lead to a much greater increase in fixed broadband subscriptions compared to the Current Path forecast, with a difference of almost 15 subscriptions per 100 people by 2043. This means that the additional fixed broadband subscriptions as a result of the Leapfrogging scenario is 15 subscriptions per 100 people in 2043. Across the forecast horizon, the fixed broadband subscription in Togo is expected to be higher than the average for low-income African countries.

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Chart 35: Mobile broadband access in CP and Leapfrogging scenario, 2019–2043 Subscriptions per 100 people

Mobile broadband refers to wireless Internet access delivered through cellular towers to computers and other digital devices.

Togo had mobile broadband subscriptions of 34.7 per 100 people in 2019, which was more than the average of 22.9 for low-income countries on the continent. Although between 2024 and 2028, mobile broadband subscriptions in the Leapfrogging scenario rise above the Current Path, in the long run, the Leapfrogging scenario and Current Path forecast converge. By 2043, mobile broadband subscriptions in the Current Path forecast and in the Leapfrogging scenario increase to 152.8 per 100 people, above the average of 133.9 for Africa low-income countries.

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Chart 36: Electricity access in CP and Leapfrogging scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of population





The number of Togolese people who had access to electricity in 2019 was 3.8 million people, representing 47.1% of the total population. This is above the average of 32.2% for low-income countries in Africa. The country has a large rural-urban disparity in terms of access to electricity. In 2019, about 84.1% of people in urban centres had access to electricity compared to the paltry 20.8% of those in the rural areas. Based on the Leapfrogging scenario, it is projected that by 2043, about 80% of Togolese people (about 11 million), will have access to electricity. This is above the projected average of 60.5% for low-income countries. It is also higher than the 71% (about 9.8 million) people projected in the Current Path forecast, signifying that the Leapfrogging scenario can provide access to electricity to an additional 1.2 million people. From 2037, all urban dwellers in Togo will have access to electricity in both the Current Path forecast and the Leapfrogging scenario. However, in the case of rural dwellers, 42.3% and 60.9% will not have access to electricity by 2043 based on the Leapfrogging scenario and the Current Path forecast respectively.



Chart 37: GDP per capita in CP and Leapfrogging scenario, 2019–2043 Purchasing power parity

Togo's GDP per capita is projected to increase from US\$1 764 in 2019 to US\$3 749 in 2043 based on the Leapfrogging

scenario. This represents an increase of US\$225 compared to the Current Path forecast in 2043. However, this still falls below the average of US\$3 790 for low-income countries in Africa.

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Chart 38: Poverty in CP and Leapfrogging scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of total population





Based on the Leapfrogging scenario, the number of poor people in 2043 is projected to be 4.3 million, representing 31.2% of the population. This projection is lower than the 4.6 million estimated in the Current Path forecast in the same year, which suggests that the number of poor people in the Leapfrogging scenario is about 300 000 fewer than the Current Path forecast in 2043. The number of poor people projected in the Leapfrogging scenario is 6.1 percentage points higher than the average for low-income African countries.





Chart 39: Trade balance in CP and Free Trade scenario, 2019–2043 $_{\text{\% of GDP}}$

The Free Trade scenario represents the impact of the full implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) by 2034 through increases in exports, improved productivity and increased trade and economic freedom.

The intervention is explained here in the thematic part of the website.

The trade balance is the difference between the value of a country's exports and its imports. A country that imports more goods and services than it exports in terms of value has a trade deficit, while a country that exports more goods and services than it imports has a trade surplus.

Togo, like many African economies, is basically a net importer of goods and services. In 2019, Togo's trade deficit represented 12.7% of the GDP. This large deficit is mainly due to the large import of oil and natural gas to respond to domestic energy demand as well as the demand for imported food to supplement local demand. Togo will begin to see an improvement in its trade balance in both the Current Path forecast and the Free Trade scenario, although the improvement is much quicker in the latter. This upward trend will continue until it reaches a peak of a deficit of about 5% of GDP in 2027 in the Free Trade scenario. However, these gains will begin to decline, so that by 2043, the projected trade deficit will be 11.3% of GDP in the Free Trade scenario in 2043 which is much higher than the projected 4.1% of GDP on the Current Path forecast. This suggests that the full implementation of the AfCFTA can improve the trade balance of Togo in the short-term. However, in the long term, intense competition from other African countries will reduce Togo's exports

while imports will increase as a result of free trade. Although Togo's trade deficit as a percentage of GDP is lower than the average for low-income African countries, from 2040 the situation will reverse in the Free Trade scenario, so that by 2043 Togo's trade deficit will be 4.4 percentage points of GDP higher than the average for low-income African countries.



Chart 40: GDP per capita in CP and Free Trade scenario, 2019–2043

The GDP per capita for Togo is estimated to increase to US\$3 864 by 2043 in the Free Trade scenario, which is US\$340 more than the projections in the Current Path forecast in 2043. This means that if Togo takes advantage of the AfCTA to increase trade and productivity, it can achieve an extra US\$340 increase in the GDP per capita compared to the Current Path forecast in 2043. Also, this is slightly higher than the average GDP per capita of US\$3 790 for low-income African countries.

Chart 41: Poverty in CP and Free Trade scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of total population





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The Current Path forecast leads to a much quicker reduction in poverty compared to the Free Trade scenario between 2026 and 2034. However, from 2035 the Free Trade scenario will lead to a greater reduction in the number of poor people compared to the Current Path forecast. By 2043, the number of people living below the poverty line of US\$1.90 will be about 3.8 million, representing 27.3% of the population. This is 5.8 percentage points lower than the Current Path forecast, meaning that the Free Trade scenario has 800 000 fewer poor people than the Current Path by 2043. The proportion of the poor people projected in the Free Trade scenario is still higher than the average for low-income countries in Africa.







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The Financial Flows scenario represents a reasonable but ambitious increase in worker remittances and aid flows to poor countries, and an increase in the stock of foreign direct investment (FDI) and additional portfolio investment inflows to middle-income countries. We also reduced outward financial flows to emulate a reduction in illicit financial outflows.

The intervention is explained here in the thematic part of the website.

Generally, the total foreign aid received by Togo has been quite low, mainly due to the political and social crises that lead to impositions of restrictions by donor agencies. Other sources of external financing have been through either bilateral and multilateral loans, debt financing or FDI. The total foreign aid received by Togo in 2019 was 6.2% of the GDP, which is below the average of 8.6% for low-income countries in Africa. Although foreign aid to Togo in absolute terms is projected to rise, as a percentage of the GDP it is expected to decline further such that by 2043, the total foreign aid received by the country is projected to be 3.2% of the GDP in the Financial Flows scenario and 2.9% of the GDP is lower than in the forecast. This suggests that in the Financial Flow scenario, foreign aid as a percentage of the GDP is lower than in the Current Path forecast in 2043. Further, these projected growth and expansion is anticipated to occur in the future resulting in a higher GDP that automatically disqualifies the country from certain aid packages. It may also be that the GDP outgrows foreign aid in the country.

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Chart 43: Inflow of FDI in CP and Financial Flows scenario, 2019–2043

Togo's total FDI in 2019 amounted to 5.1% of the GDP, which is slightly higher than the average of 4.3% for low-income African countries. The increase in FDI flows to the country can be explained by the exploration of reserves of limestone, marble and phosphate in the country. The financial service sector and building materials sector among others are the leading recipients of FDI projects in Togo. By 2043, it is projected that the total FDI to the country will be about 5.1% of GDP in the Current Path forecast. In the Financial Flows scenario, FDI is projected to be around 5.6% of GDP in 2043, which is also above the average for low-income countries on the continent.







In 2019, the total value of remittances that Togo received amounted to US\$0.23 billion, which constituted about 3.5% of GDP. This is significantly lower than the average of 1.1% of GDP for low-income African countries. While the absolute value of remittances is projected to increase over the period, remittances as a percentage of the GDP will fall. In the Financial Flow scenario, remittance is projected to increase to US\$0.45 billion, representing 1.7% of the GDP which will be higher than the average of 1.3% of the GDP for low-income African countries. Remittances will decline quicker in the Current Path forecast, so that by 2043, the total value of remittances in the country will be about US\$0.29 billion, representing 1.1% of GDP.



Chart 45: GDP per capita in CP and Financial Flows scenario, 2019–2043 Purchasing power parity

Togo's GDP per capita is estimated to increase to US\$3 632 by 2043 in the Financial Flows scenario. This represents an increase of US\$108 over the Current Path projection in the same year. The US\$3 632 estimate is also below the average for low-income countries in Africa, which is projected to be US\$3 790 by 2043.

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Chart 46: Poverty in CP and Financial Flows scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of total population





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Trade openness will reduce poverty in the long term after initially increasing it due to the redistributive effects of trade. Most African countries export primary commodities and low-tech manufacturing products, and therefore a continental free trade agreement (AfCFTA) that reduces tariffs and non-tariff barriers across Africa will increase competition among countries in primary commodities and low-tech manufacturing exports. Countries with inefficient, high-cost manufacturing sectors might be displaced as the AfCFTA is implemented, thereby pushing up poverty rates. In the long term, as the economy adjusts and produces and exports its comparatively advantaged (lower relative cost) goods and services, poverty rates will decline.

Based on the Financial Flows scenario, the total number of people projected to live below the poverty line of US\$1.90 will decline to 4.4 million in 2043, representing 32% of the total population. This estimate constitutes a reduction of about 200 000 people compared to the Current Path in the same year. It is also higher than the average of 25.2% of the total population for low-income countries in Africa.



Chart 47: Electricity access in CP and Infrastructure scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of population

The Infrastructure scenario represents a reasonable but ambitious increase in infrastructure spending across Africa, focusing on basic infrastructure (roads, water, sanitation, electricity access and ICT) in low-income countries and increasing emphasis on advanced infrastructure (such as ports, airports, railway and electricity generation) in higher-income countries.

Note that health and sanitation infrastructure is included as part of the Health/WaSH scenario and that ICT infrastructure and more rapid uptake of renewables are part of the Leapfrogging scenario. The interventions there push directly on outcomes, whereas those modelled in this scenario increase infrastructure spending, indirectly boosting other forms of infrastructure, including that supporting health, sanitation and ICT.

The intervention is explained here in the thematic part of the website.

The total number of people with access to electricity in Togo is 3.8 million, representing 47.1% of the population. This is expected to increase to 11.6 million (84.4% of the population) in 2043 in the Infrastructure scenario. This increase exceeds the projected value of 9.8 million people (71% of the population) in the Current Path forecast. In terms of rural–urban dichotomy, by 2037, it is projected that all urban dwellers will have access to electricity in both the Current Path forecast

and the Infrastructure scenario. However, only 67.3% and 39.1% of rural dwellers in the Infrastructure scenario and the Current Path forecast respectively will have access to electricity in 2043, indicating a disparity in access to electricity between urban and rural dwellers in both the Current Path forecast and the Infrastructure scenario.



Chart 48: Rural road access in CP and Infrastructure scenario, 2019–2043 % of rural population within 2 km of an all-weather road

Indicator 9.1.1 in the Sustainable Development Goals refers to the proportion of the rural population who live within 2 km of an all-season road and is captured in the Rural Access Index.

Accessibility to rural areas is important in spurring the socio-economic development of a country and improving the living standards of rural dwellers. It enables rural dwellers to enjoy amenities from nearby urban areas while allowing urban centres to benefit more easily from the agricultural products supplied by rural areas. In 2019, 52.6% of all rural dwellers in Togo resided within 2 km from an all-weather road, which was higher than the average of 43% for low-income African countries. In the Infrastructure scenario, this is expected to rise to 64.0% by 2043, higher than the 59.1% projected in the Current Path forecast and the average of 51% for low-income countries in Africa.

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Chart 49: GDP per capita in CP and Infrastructure scenario, 2019–2043 Purchasing power parity

Togo's GDP per capita is estimated to rise to US\$3 685 by 2043 in the Infrastructure scenario. This is US\$161 more than the projection in the Current Path forecast in the same year but below the average of US\$3 790 for low-income countries in Africa.

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Chart 50: Poverty in CP and Infrastructure scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of total population





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By 2043, the proportion of the poor population is expected to decline from 49.6% in 2019 to 31.6% in 2043 in the Infrastructure scenario. This amounts to 4.3 million people who will live below the poverty line in 2043. Comparing this with the projections on the Current Path suggests that there will be 210 000 fewer poor people in the Infrastructure scenario than in the Current Path forecast for the same year. This will however be higher than the estimated average of 25.2% for low-income countries in Africa.







The Governance scenario represents a reasonable but ambitious improvement in accountability and reduces corruption, and hence improves the quality of service delivery by government.

Togo has been run by the same family for several decades. President Faure Gnassingbé took control of Togo in 2005 when his father, Gnassinge Eyadéma died after ruling the country for almost 40 years. In March 2024 the government of introduced a new constitution that provides for a parliamentary system of government and created the role of the president of the council of ministers with extensive authority to manage the affairs of the state. The following month the ruling Union for the Republic Party (UNIR) won a sweeping majority (108 out of 113 seats in parliament) in the country's legislative elections. The amendment to the constitution allow President Gnassingbé to extend his rule since he would previously only have been able to run for president one more time.

The intervention is explained here in the thematic part of the website.

As defined by the World Bank, government effectiveness 'captures perceptions of the quality of public services, the quality of the civil service and the degree of its independence from political pressures, the quality of policy formulation and implementation, and the credibility of the government's commitment to such policies'.

Chart 51 presents the impact of the interventions in the Governance scenario on government effectiveness.

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In both the Current Path forecast and the Governance scenario, government effectiveness is estimated to increase over the period, although the increase in the Governance scenario is higher than the increase in the Current Path forecast. The projected score for government effectiveness in the Governance scenario by 2043 is 2.17 which is 0.23 more than projected score in the Current Path forecast. Also, Togo has a higher score in government effectiveness compared to the average of low-income countries in Africa.



Chart 52: GDP per capita in CP and Governance scenario, 2019–2043 Purchasing power parity

Source: IFs 7.63 initialising from UN Population Division World Population Prospects and World Development Indicators data

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In the Governance scenario, Togo's GDP per capita is projected to increase to US\$3 662 in 2043, which is US\$138 more than the estimates in the Current Path forecast but lower than the average for low-income countries on the continent in the same year. This suggests that good governance in the forms of reducing corruption, improvement in quality of service delivery and accountability can lead to an additional US\$138 in GDP per capita compared to the Current Path forecast in 2043.

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Chart 53: Poverty in CP and Governance scenario, 2019–2043 Millions of people and % of total population





The proportion of people living below the poverty line of US\$1.90 per day is expected to decline to 31.7% in 2043 in the Governance scenario, which is higher than the 25.2% average for low-income African countries. It also corresponds to about 190 000 fewer people than the 4.6 million poor people projected in the Current Path forecast for 2043.





Chart 54: Carbon emissions in CP and scenarios, 2019–2043 Million tons of carbon (note, not CO₂ equivalent)

This section presents projections for carbon emissions in the Current Path for [Togo] and the 11 scenarios. Note that IFs uses carbon equivalents rather than CO_2 equivalents.

The total quantity of carbon emitted by Togo in 2019 was 0.94 million tons. Togo's carbon emissions are projected to increase in all the scenarios so that by 2043, the total carbon emissions will be about 43 million tons of carbon. The intervention with the greatest impact on carbon emissions is the Agriculture scenario, which will lead to an increase in Togo's carbon emissions by 3.8 million tons in 2043. This is followed by the Free Trade and Leapfrogging scenarios with a projected increase in carbon emissions of 3.74 million and 3.65 million tons respectively by 2043.

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