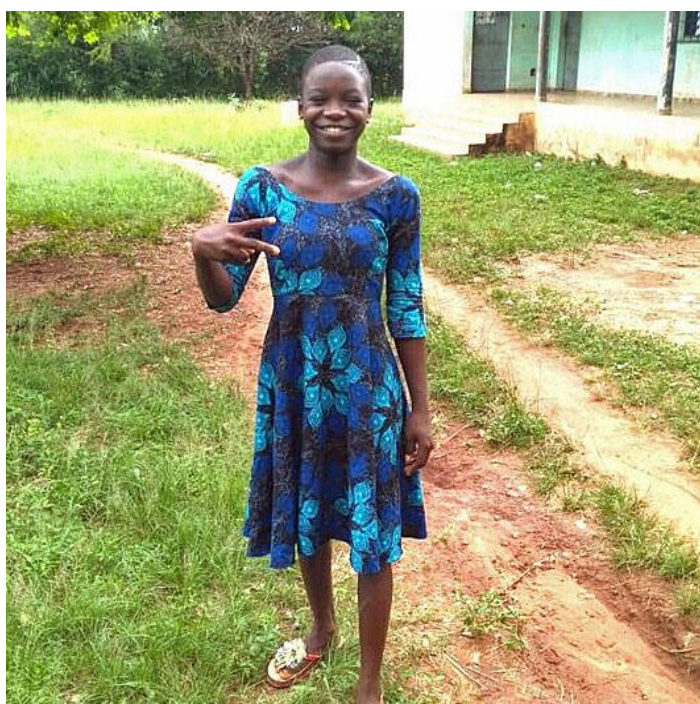
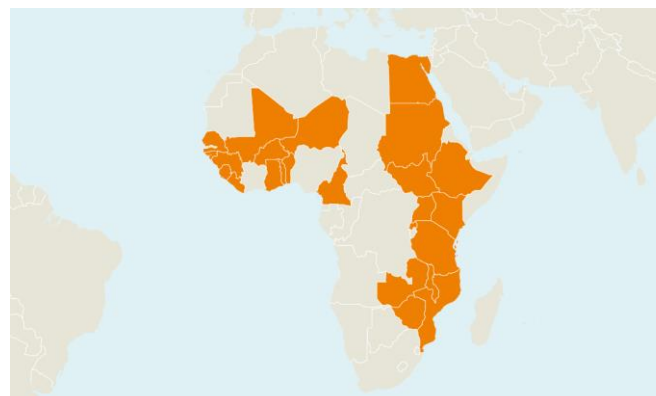


ANNUAL UPDATE

TOGO

MARITIME



Together with your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Maritime. Learn more about the valuable ways we work with children and communities.

Less than 72% of children in Maritime complete secondary school. With your help, our projects in Maritime have concentrated on supporting the education of every child: 90 kindergartens were refurbished, receiving new toys and learning materials for all students. Teachers participated in teacher training and 145 desks were constructed for local schools. Fathers participated in father groups to be more engaged in early childhood development, and together with youth we addressed risks of early pregnancy and early marriage.



346

Fathers practised positive parenting



760

Desks and chairs provided to kindergartens



1,919

Children have healthy meals at school

“CHILD PREGNANCY IS A HUGE ISSUE HERE. PLAN TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT TOPICS THAT ARE OFTEN TABOO FOR US.”

Alexandra, 13 years old, Sponsored Child





NAME: THÉRÈSE

AGE: 15

**DREAMS TO BE: A
POLICE OFFICER**

“BEING THE CHAIRWOMAN OF A GIRLS’ LEADERSHIP ORGANISATION HAS CHANGED MY LIFE. I AM NO LONGER SO OVERWHELMED, AND HAVE PASSED ALL OF MY EXAMS.”

Meet Thérèse

Like the child you sponsor, Thérèse is becoming a confident advocate for her rights.

One-third of girls in primary school in her community do not continue to secondary. Through taking part in a leadership project, Thérèse has become a dedicated student.

I Am A Leader

When Thérèse had to repeat her third year of secondary school, the future of her education was at stake: fewer than 10% of girls graduate from secondary school in Plateaux, migrating to bigger cities to become domestic workers, getting pregnant at a young age or struggling to find employment locally.

Since 2021, Plan International’s “Leaders of Tomorrow” club in Thérèse’s community has been outspoken about the importance of keeping girls in school. Since becoming a member of the group, Thérèse is determined to complete her education.

We Have Big Dreams

In 2022, 100% of girls involved in the Leaders of Tomorrow club graduated from high school. In 2024, Thérèse plans to do the same. From there, she hopes to become a police officer, where she can defend the rights of girls and women in Plateaux. Thérèse describes her behaviour as having changed a lot since becoming a member of the Leaders of Tomorrow club: now, she’s aware of the risks of teen pregnancy, and is very committed to completing her education. Today, Thérèse is also the president of a club for local Sponsored Children.



Thérèse is determined to graduate from secondary school.

OUR PROJECTS IN MARITIME ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



This year, our projects in Maritime focused on inclusion, education and vocational skills for children, and especially girls.

GETTING A STRONG START



In the early years of a child's life, children learn skills that are critical for all aspects of their lives.

In order for children to realize their complete potential, they require access to proper nutrition and healthcare, safeguarding and protection, early learning opportunities, and attentive caregiving. This year we worked with 90 communities to establish good conditions for early childhood development.

We collaborated with primary caregivers to discuss equal treatment for girls and boys, as well as the involvement of fathers in early childhood development. Public kindergartens were rehabilitated with improved infrastructure, new toys and inclusive learning materials. Through our advocacy work, we work to influence the government to increase funding for Early Childhood Development.

I CAN DO ANYTHING



Harmful social beliefs in Togo can affect the futures of girls and young women.

Since 2020, we have worked with at-risk women and girls to improve their access to sexual health education, school and support networks. As part of our efforts to strengthen a generation of empowered female leaders, we have supported girls and women in Maritime as they hone vocational skills and practise speaking up in front of their communities. This year, young girls and their mothers learned about sexual and reproductive health and rights. Young women participated in vocational training and became peer educators, teaching others how to weave bags, prepare liquid soap and pack parcels. We trained teachers in gender equality and inclusion.

“I received a kit from Plan with 5 notebooks, a binder and a letter from the director of Plan International Togo, who encouraged us to continue our studies.”

- Blandine (17) from Maritime



YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



The best is yet to come—and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in Maritime.

- Only 3 of 4 girls in Maritime complete lower secondary school. We will organise community forums to discuss girls' rights, including the right to education.
- 31% of children living in rural Togo do not have birth certificates, making it harder to ensure children's rights are upheld. Next year, we will raise awareness in Maritime about the importance of such documents.
- Many young people lack access to formal jobs. We will support the creation of Village Savings and Loans groups for basic financial training and savings, where we will discuss resumes, interviews and budgeting.

Thank you for your continued support.



"Thank you for your help, which has enabled us to offer equal opportunities to children, including the most vulnerable."

Ogoudoumi Kossi Atchrimi
Programme Area Manager

THE PLAN EFFECT



Your sponsorship commitment becomes long-term change—providing help for self-help. We involve children at the centre of all projects, bringing effective and sustainable solutions to families and communities. With Plan's Effect, your commitment helps empower communities to transform their lives and futures.

THE LAST 12 MONTHS



MARCH

250

parents trained in early childhood development



APRIL

120

new school desks delivered to 10 schools



JUNE

6

kindergartens refurbished and equipped



NOVEMBER

135

educators trained in student nutrition

