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# TOGO-MICRO FARMING PROJECT STATUS REPORT.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	PROJECT NAME	PREPARED BY
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## STATUS SUMMARY

On June 26, 2023, a gathering was held at the local plaza where 72 farmers received a set of three hand tools each. The 72 beneficiaries were comprised of 7 people from 10 different households (the total number of households in the village), the village chief, and the village elder. Before the tools got to the beneficiaries, I took some time to go over the farming methods they currently use and how they can improve them. The topics we went over are summed up in the speech that will be submitted with the report.

Malik, the aid to the project Leader, arranged for a gathering place, provided space for storing the items until the day of delivery, and he also contributed to choosing the right blacksmiths who made the tools. To ensure that the project had a greater impact on the local community, the farming tools were forged by three different blacksmiths, renowned for their reliability as well as the quality of their products.

- Tools forged: 72 weeding hoes, 72 Machetes, and 72 plowing hoes.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

TASK	% DONE	DATE STARTED	FINISH DATE	NOTES
Tool order	Placed	May 26, 2023	June 22, 2023	The tools made were of great quality and the receivers appreciated them.
Distribution of the items	Completed	June 26, 2023	June 26, 2023	Pictures and a video of the event are attached below
Report	Completed	June 26, 2023	June 27, 2023	

## BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	SPENT	% OF TOTAL	ON TRACK?	NOTES
/Set of tools	13 USD	1.3	Yes	One person received each of those.
/Total sets of tools	936 USD	93.6	Yes	72 people received a set of tools
Transportation fees	54 USD	5.4	Yes	
Money transfer and withdrawal fees	About 10 USD	1	Yes	This includes the tax for the check deposit into the leader's bank account and the transfer fees from the US to Togo.
Totals	About 1000 USD	100	Yes	Well, there was 1.6 USD that remains from the 1000 dollars after all the expenses.

## RISK AND ISSUE HISTORY

The project thankfully did not encounter any major issues, except for the delay in launching date which should have been on April 15. However, it did not really affect the project.

## CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

This is the first project I participated in from beginning to completion, and if there is one thing I have learned, it is that in a project such as this one, the hardest part is when it comes to distributing the materials. For instance, we were able to increase the number of recipients from 50 to 72 due to the decrease in the cost of production, however, it was still not enough for the entire population, meaning that we would have to choose the people that will receive the sets. Now the main question is who should we choose to give the tools to? I found a solution to that by using the village social organization to my advantage. In that town, there can be many independent people in a household so, choosing to give the sets by household was the best possible option since the number of people in each family that would receive the sets was maximized.

The communities in Togo are facing critical challenges related to sanitation, water availability, and the lack of modern technology. One of the most pressing issues is the absence of proper sanitation facilities in public areas such as schools, hospitals, and households. This aims to shed light on these issues and provide viable suggestions to address them effectively.

## I. Sanitary Issues in Schools and Households:

1. Lack of Toilet Facilities: The absence of adequate toilet facilities in primary schools and households, forces community members, including children, to resort to using open spaces like bushes, leading to unhygienic conditions and public health hazards.

Suggestions:

- Implementing a Toilet Building Initiative
- Collaborate with non-governmental organizations and government bodies to create a comprehensive initiative for constructing toilets in schools and households.
- Raise awareness about the importance of proper sanitation and hygiene practices through workshops and educational campaigns.

2. Promote Hygiene Education: The lack of awareness about proper hygiene practices contributes to the spread of diseases and health issues in communities.

## II. Water Availability Issues:

1. Inadequate Access to Clean Water: Many communities in Togo suffer from water scarcity, forcing residents to walk long distances to fetch water from unsafe sources.

Suggestion:

- Improve Water Infrastructure

- Collaborate with international organizations and government bodies to develop water infrastructure projects, such as constructing wells and boreholes, to provide safe and accessible water sources.
- Implement rainwater harvesting systems in schools and households to maximize water availability during the rainy season.

2. Water Purification and Treatment: Contaminated water sources pose a significant health risk, leading to waterborne diseases, such as cholera, typhoid fever, dysentery, and even malaria (uncontrolled spans of mosquitoes due to improper water retention).

Suggestion: Water Purification Initiatives

- Introduce water purification and treatment facilities to ensure the availability of clean and safe drinking water.
- Educate communities about proper rainwater retention methods.

III. Lack of Modern Technology:

1. Insufficient Technological Advancements: The absence of modern technology limits access to information, healthcare, and communication in remote communities.

Suggestion: Technology Adoption Programs

- Initiate technology adoption programs to provide access to smartphones or computers, enabling community members to access vital information, healthcare services, and educational resources.
- Collaborate with technology companies to establish Wi-Fi hotspots in schools and public areas to promote connectivity.

Conclusion:

The pressing sanitary issues faced by communities in Togo, including the lack of proper sanitation facilities, water availability, and modern technology, demand immediate attention and action. By implementing the suggested solutions, which include building sanitation facilities, improving water infrastructure, and adopting modern technology, we can collectively work towards creating healthier, more prosperous, and connected communities in Togo. Collaboration between local authorities, non-governmental organizations, and international donors is crucial in addressing these challenges and fostering sustainable development for the betterment of Togo's people.

Overall, I consider this project a success and the beneficiaries openly expressed their appreciations for that generosity however, if I were to redo a project, one of the issues mentioned above would be of highest priority.



**VIDEO LINK:** [The method of USE for each tool in the set](#)

This link leads to a video where two recipients demonstrated how each tool in the SET is used for farming.