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CASE STUDY

PREPAREDNESS

Togo's civil protection agency gets a connected situation room for disaster response

Togo's Civil Protection Agency lacked the infrastructure and data tools to monitor, process and manage disaster risk information in real time. With EU-OACPS support, UNDP and the CIMA Foundation are equipping and operationalising a national situation room, interoperable with ECOWAS and the African Union.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

01 COUNTRY/REGION/LOCATION

Togo – national level; Agence Nationale de la Protection Civile (ANPC), Lomé

02 RISK ADDRESSED

Floods, storms and climate hazards; weak real-time disaster monitoring; absence of integrated national emergency data infrastructure

03 IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD/TIMEFRAME

2022–2027; needs assessment 2025; equipment installation and training Q2 2026

04 ACTORS/IMPLEMENTING AND LOCAL PARTNERS

UNDP, EU, CIMA Foundation (Italy), US Government (parallel support), Agence Nationale de la Protection Civile (ANPC), ECOWAS, African Union Commission

05 KEY BENEFICIARIES

ANPC technical staff; Civil Protection Agency (Togo); national disaster management system; communities across Togo at risk from flooding and climate hazards

CONTEXT AND CHALLENGE

Togo faces recurring floods, storms and climate shocks that disproportionately affect vulnerable communities.

Almost all 55 African Union Member States lacked a fully functional multi-hazard early warning system at the start of this programme, and Togo was no exception. Despite efforts to strengthen disaster risk governance, the Civil Protection Agency (ANPC) lacked a functional, equipped national emergency operations centre (Centre National des Opérations d'Urgence – CNOU) with integrated data infrastructure. Decision-makers had no centralised, real-time view of hazard information, preventing effective preparedness and response. The absence of interoperability with regional systems – particularly ECOWAS and the African Union Commission – further limited Togo's integration into continental early warning and disaster information networks under the AMHEWAS framework.

WHY THIS ACTION MATTERS?

- **Real-time, integrated risk information** is the foundation of effective preparedness and response – without it, lives and assets are at greater risk.
- **Interoperability with ECOWAS and the AU** embeds Togo's disaster data in a regional early warning and coordination architecture.
- **The multi-partner model** (EU, UNDP, US Government, CIMA Foundation) demonstrates how coordinated international support can accelerate institutional capacity.

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INTERVENTION AND APPROACH

Following a needs assessment by the CIMA Research Foundation – recruited by UNDP – a detailed proposal to equip and operationalise the Centre National des Opérations d'Urgence (CNOU) was developed at the request of ANPC. UNDP procured equipment including furniture, computers, servers and software.

CIMA Research Foundation and WASCAL (West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use) are jointly responsible for equipping the room, developing standard operating procedures (SOPs) and

communication protocols, and ensuring technical interoperability with ECOWAS and African Union Commission situation rooms. The US Government is providing parallel support, ensuring complementarity. A simulation exercise testing interoperability with ECOWAS and AUC is planned upon commissioning.

A national budget analysis for DRR-CCA integration (2019–2023) was also completed and validated at a national workshop (June 2025). The project is embedded within the African Union's AMHEWAS continental framework.

RESULTS AND CHANGE

- 1 National situation room fully equipped – furniture, computers, servers and software procured and installation under way.
- 2 Needs assessment and operational proposal completed by CIMA Foundation, forming a blueprint for institutionalisation.
- 3 Interoperability with ECOWAS and the African Union Commission systems designed into the infrastructure.
- 4 DRR-CCA budget integration analysis (2019–2023) completed and validated through national workshop (June 2025).
- 5 Training of ANPC staff planned for Q1 2026, ensuring immediate operational capacity upon commissioning.
- 6 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and communication protocols drafted by CIMA Foundation/WASCAL for ANPC operational management.
- 7 Multi-donor coordination model (EU, UNDP, US Government) delivering complementary, non-duplicative support.

EARLY CONCRETE UPTAKE IN ONGOING INVESTMENTS:

1. ANPC LEADERSHIP

The agency formally requested the needs assessment and operational proposal – demonstrating strong national ownership and commitment to sustaining the situation room.

2. CONTINENTAL INTEGRATION

The CNOU is designed to interface directly with the ECOWAS and African Union Commission situation rooms, embedding Togo into the AMHEWAS continental early warning architecture from the outset.



PROGRAMME OUTPUT ALIGNMENT



OUTPUT 1.2:

Risk-informed development planning and budgeting – DRR enabling environment.

OUTPUT 2.1: Preparedness – strengthening civil

protection agency data management and operational response capacity.



The visit has given us a lot of inspiration for setting up our operations room. The Project will help to strengthen current data collection, processing and dissemination for early warning.”

COLONEL BAKA YOMA,

General Director
ANPC – TOGO

KEY ENABLERS OF SUCCESS



Strong government ownership: ANPC directly commissioned the needs assessment



Expert technical partnership with CIMA Foundation



Multi-donor coordination preventing duplication (EU, US Government)



Regional interoperability built into system design from the outset