

Annual Report
Impulse for Change/
Impulse for Change Togo
January 2023 - December 2024

1. Introduction

The association IMPULSE FOR CHANGE DEUTSCHLAND is a non-political organisation based in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The aim of the organisation is to reduce poverty in developing countries, primarily in the West African sub-region, through various campaigns and activities.

To get one step closer to this goal, a collaboration was initiated with Impulse for Change Togo, an initiative to promote change in Togo.

Together, the two organisations launched three projects in 2023:

- a) Project Mianon
- b) Project to support school education
- c) Project to equip the Impulse for Change Togo team

These three projects were implemented in different phases. In the following, we will go into the details of the activities and their phases.

2. The Mianon Project

The project "MIANON " is a project to support women, especially widows and single women with children. The word MIANON is a word in the Ewe language (a local language in the south of Togo) and means "our mother". This word was chosen to emphasise that this project is exclusively for women.

The idea behind the project is to help women become self-sufficient and financially secure. Project Mianon is intended to help support women's employment and give them the impetus to build up a stable livelihood.

2.1. Mianon project - Phase 1

In the first part of the project, carried out on 15 January 2023, Impulse for Change supported five (05) women: Three (3) women from the village of Assahoun, Avé Prefecture, about 54km from Lomé. These were Mrs Akosse Kofi, Mrs Wotsa Abotsi and Mrs Happy Ativon. Two (2) other women were identified as project participants in the village of Agbantokopé, Vo Prefecture, around 45 kilometres from Lomé. They were Mrs Ayawovi Koudoume and Mrs Gbèho Kotoko.

All five project participants received financial support of twenty thousand (20,000) FCFA, the equivalent of around 30 euros. The women have invested this money in their own activities and also spent it on their children.

2.2. Mianon project – Phase 2

As part of part 2 of the project, carried out on 11 July 2023, three (03) women were selected and supported. These are Mrs Essi Angès Golo, who comes from the village of Kovié, in the prefecture of Zio, around 40 km from Lomé, and Mrs Akouvi Logossou and Mrs Kossiwa Sessi Agbayahoum, both from the village of Avépozo, in the prefecture of Golfe, around 12 km from Lomé.

These three project participants received financial support of 50,000 FCFA, around 76 euros. This money will be used to strengthen their activities with a view to a stable economic situation and will benefit the women and their children.

2.3. Mianon project – Phase 3

The third part of the Mianon project was implemented on 24 November 2023. In this phase, two (02) women were selected to benefit from the financial support.

The participants come from the village of Kovié, in the prefecture of Zio, about 40 km from Lomé, and are Mrs Abra M. Kloukpo and Mrs Yawa Irène Glakpe. These women also received support of 50,000 FCFA, around 76 euros, to invest in their own activities and care for their children.

A total of ten (10) women were supported within the framework of Mianon. The various testimonies of the beneficiaries, as well as the information gathered on the ground, show that there is still an urgent need for action to support and empower single women in rural areas. This project was a good starting point and we now need to continue with it.

3. The school aid project

The project to support school education was launched on the initiative of Impulse for Change Togo and implemented on 11 September 2023. The aim was to support parents in providing their children with an adequate education. Many families find it difficult to get school materials for their children when they start school, which means that their children then hardly attend lessons, if at all.

Based on this observation, the organisation has helped around 35 children in the village of Banikopé, in the prefecture of Zio, around 90 km from Lomé, through this project by purchasing school kits. These kits consist of a school bag, exercise books, coloured pencils, rulers, pens and more. This meant that the children were well equipped when they started school and were able to concentrate fully on school and learning.

4. Equipment for the Impulse for Change Togo team

This project was designed with the aim of providing the Impulse for Change Togo organisation with technical equipment and enabling it to improve the quality of its project work.

The aim of the project is to equip the organisation with computer hardware and other materials that will enable the local team to produce good quality photos and videos of the projects.

Impulse for Change e.V. launched an appeal for donations and was able to send three laptops and a camera to Togo in November 2023.

5. Recommendations

In conclusion, 2023 was a successful year for Impulse for Change. The positive results of the various activities, giving disadvantaged women the opportunity to help themselves and giving children a smile, confirm our work.

We are delighted to have helped 45 people directly through our projects and indirectly helped another 100.

In order to achieve even more impact, we want to:

- Increase the circle of beneficiaries
- Have the organisation IMPULSE FOR CHANGE TOGO officially registered by the Togolese authorities. This is particularly important in order to have more freedom and room for manoeuvre in the implementation of our projects in Togo
- Include the education of children with regard to the environment and climate change
- Launch projects to support men with disabilities
- Promote gender in schools.

We thank all our supporters for a successful year 2023.

Lomé, 30 Dezember 2023
KPETIGO Kossi Mizonblewou
Chairman Impulse for Change Togo