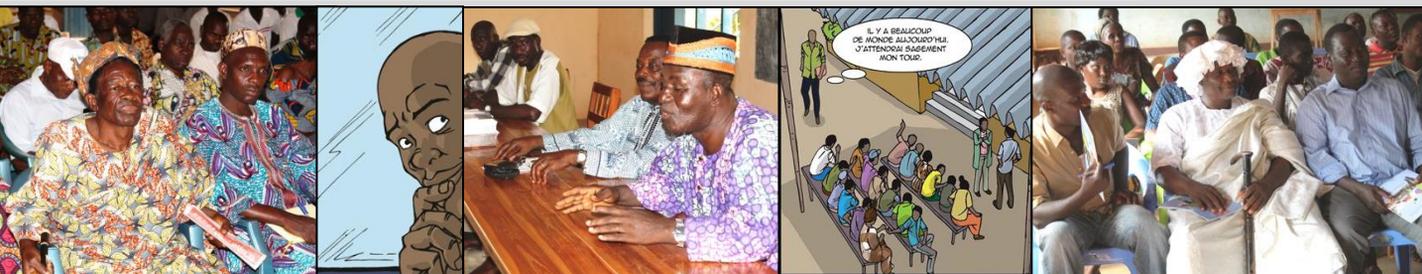
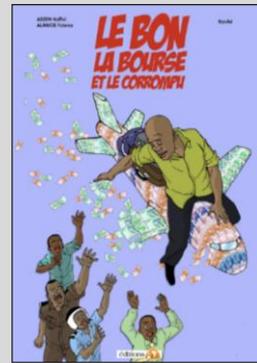


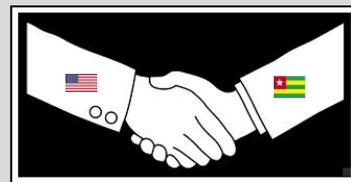
### Comic Book on Corruption: Debates Continue

Development Office team members and the Economic and Commercial Officer recently took part in [COPED](#)-led comic book debates throughout Togo's Maritime region. Local authorities, community members and concerned citizens attended the discussion sessions about corruption that were held in Kévé, Aného, Vogán, Tsévié, Tabligbo and Afagnan. After opening remarks and speeches and a summary of the contents of the comic book, lively debates about the problems of and potential solutions to combat corruption ensued. All participants and officials in attendance received a copy of the comic book, which is being utilized to sensitize the public about the ills of corruption.



### Ambassador's Special Self-Help Fund (SSH)

- First checks for all of the 11 FY2012 projects have been received. Project leaders, each accompanied by a witness, will visit the Embassy to complete final paperwork and to receive training and their checks.
- 158 applications were submitted for FY2013 funding and all project teams will receive letters indicating their qualification/rejection. Those that have qualified should expect site visits which will allow the Development Office to further evaluate the feasibility of the projects.
- Site visits to monitor the progress of FY2012 grants and to assess potential FY2013 projects will occur in the final months of 2013 and early 2014.



### Humanitarian Assistance (HA) Program Update

Ongoing HA projects in the Maritime region are periodically visited by the Development Office and close communication is maintained with the contractors. Projects in the Maritime region include a garbage depot, boat house, dispensary and school buildings. In the coming weeks members of the Development Office team will travel upcountry with a Project Engineer from the [US Army Corps of Engineers](#) to evaluate the progress of construction projects and to scope out upcoming ventures. Details of that trip will be shared in next month's newsletter.



### DHAPP's Hitting the Road: Military Bases

Togolese military physicians, key players from the NGO, AMACACH, and the Embassy's HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator will soon be visiting various military installations in Togo with the following objectives:

- Monitor and evaluate AMACACH's approach to prevention, care and treatment of HIV/AIDS afflicted individuals and assess and refresh peer educators on military bases
- Review/revise the reporting and data transmission process
- Define next phase of program with physicians, peer educators and lay counselors

