



\$29 Million Towards Family Planning in West Africa

USAID West Africa's Regional Health Office launched the *Agir pour la Planification Familiale* ([Agir-PF](#)) program at the Hotel Sarakawa. Agir-PF will be run in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Niger, and Togo and managed by the NGO, EngenderHealth. The program is designed to enable voluntary and informed decisions about family planning (FP) use by increasing access to, quality of, and demand for FP in the selected countries. The opening ceremony included speeches by Ambassador Whitehead, representatives from USAID, EngenderHealth and government officials.

Toys for Tots: US Marines Deliver Holiday Gifts and Cheer

Shortly before Christmas last year, US Embassy Lomé's Marine Security Guard Detachment delivered presents to the children living at the Djidjopé Orphanage in Adidogomé. The Marines spent the morning with the kids, ranging from 5 to 14 years of age, and watched their smiles grow as they unwrapped their gifts. To date, the Marine [Toys for Tots](#) Program has distributed over 469 million toys to over 216 million less fortunate children around the world. A big thank you to the US Embassy Lomé Marines and to all who generously donated the marvelous presents!



SABERS Team Visits – Study Prep Underway

SABERS is an acronym for *Seroprevalence and Behavioral Epidemiology Risk Survey*. In 2013, the [DHAPP](#) coordinating board opted to fund a HIV seroprevalence / risk behavior study in Togo.

In January 2014, the SABERS Team visited Togo and the US Embassy and met with Togolese military physicians to discuss and agree upon a formal implementation plan for the upcoming study that will be conducted in military bases throughout Togo later this year.

The study, the first of its kind since 2009, will serve as a great opportunity to better understand HIV prevalence among the Togolese military and other groups, such as military spouses.



Future Updates Will Include...

- Latest developments on the DHRF Prisoner's Rights Project
- Progress reports and pictures on ongoing HA construction projects
- Updates on SABERS and much more!

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