



Ambassador's Special Self Help Fund: Stats

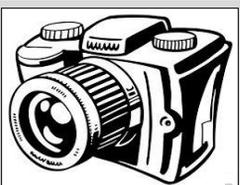
The FY2012 *Ambassador's Special Self Help Fund* (SSH) will support projects located in four of Togo's five regions. The 11 selected projects are distributed across the regions as listed below and updates and progress reports will be shared in future newsletters.

Savanes: 4 projects Kara: 2 projects Centrale: 1 project Maritime: 4 projects



Biotechnology Conference: Atakpamé & Lomé

The Development Office hosted Dr. Claude Fauquet, Director of the International Laboratory for Tropical Agricultural Biotechnology at the [Donald Danforth Plant Science Center](#) in St. Louis, Missouri. During his two-day stay in Togo, Dr. Fauquet delivered presentations in Atakpamé and in the Embassy about the merits of biotechnology and the results of his research on the cassava mosaic virus. Experts from the Ministry of Agriculture, teachers and researchers from the School of Agronomy, the School of Biological and Food Technology and members of NGOs and trade associations attended. Dr. Fauquet concluded his trip with a visit to the *Institut Togolais de Recherche Agronomique* (ITRA), Togo's largest agricultural research center.



Development Office Website: Photo Gallery!

Pictures and brief descriptions of recent Development Office events and activities have been added to the Development Office page of the US Embassy website. Curious? Intrigued? Click [here](#) to head to the web page. The Photo Gallery can be found on the right hand side.

Comic Book on Corruption: Kodjo's on NANA.fm

The ongoing effort to sensitize the Togolese population about corruption continues! In July, Lomé-based radio station NANA.fm broadcast a performance of the COPED-released comic book *Le Bon, La Bourse et Le Corrompu* in mina, one of the regional languages spoken in Togo. Listeners were encouraged to pick up a copy of the book, now available at the radio station.



Acronym of the Month: PwP

[Prevention with Positives](#) (PwP) is becoming an increasingly relevant strategy in the effort to combat HIV/AIDS in Togo. The adoption of healthy living and reduction in risk behaviors among HIV-positive people leads to a substantial improvement in the quality of life and a reduction in HIV transmission rates. These prevention efforts aim to mitigate the spread of HIV to sex partners, injecting drug use partners, and infants born to HIV-infected mothers, as well as protect the health of infected individuals.