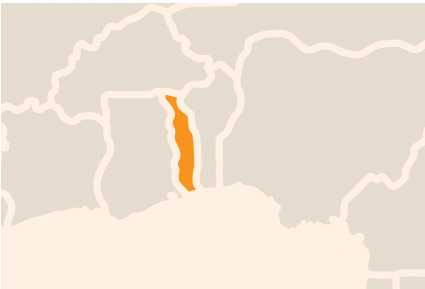


Partner Profile: Assilassime



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In Togo, an estimated 61 percent of low-income adults and 56 percent of women lack access to formal financial services.¹

Assilassimé Solidarité (Assilassime) is a Togolese social enterprise and a partner in Global Partnerships' Women-Centered Finance with Education initiative.²

WHO IS SERVED

As of December 31, 2024, Assilassime currently serves over 27,000 borrowers, 87 percent of whom are women,³ and seeks to further support marginalized communities, including people living with HIV or disabilities.

WHAT IS DELIVERED

Assilassime offers small group loans to help borrowers grow their small businesses. Specific loan types are designed to serve different borrowers depending on their circumstances and

needs, for example loans financing specific agricultural activities or for purchasing energy-efficient products that will reduce their household energy consumption.

Each borrower receives training on a wide variety of topics from their credit officers. This can include skills related to the financial management of their loan (such as know-your-credit training), training related to running a small business (such as stock management, cash flow management, and customer relations), health and safety (including training and support on gender based-violence and family planning), and even navigating local social obligations that could interfere with their ability to plan finances well (such as weddings, baptisms, and funerals).

WHY IT IS IMPACTFUL

Assilassime's borrowers can use their loans and financial education to make more informed business decisions and invest in opportunities to sustain or grow their income. This can enable greater economic resilience, food security, and well-being for them and their families.

One such borrower, Georgette credits Assilassime with critical lessons that allow her to support her family:

"I learned inventory management, how to promote my products, and how to retain my customers. I made regular savings my priority, and despite rising prices, my income-generating activity has survived."⁴

1. "The Global Findex Database." The World Bank, 2021. <https://globalfindex.worldbank.org>.
2. Assilassime was a current borrower of Global Partnerships Impact-First Development Fund, LLC as of December 31, 2024.
3. Data as of December 31, 2024, as reported by Assilassime.
4. "Fiche programme." Assilassime, 2023. https://www.assilassime.org/?page_id=1454.