

A Letter to the President

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To His Excellency Faure Gnassingbé

President of the Togolese Republic

Palais de la Présidence, Lomé

Mr. President,

I am writing this not from a polished office, but from the streets where the real life of Togo happens. I am writing as a citizen who sees the growing gap between the shiny reports on your desk and the reality of the dust, the sweat, and the daily struggle on the ground.

We see the port in Lomé growing, and we know that brings in money. But look out your window—do you see the zémidjan riders who risk their lives every hour just to make a few coins? They aren't asking for handouts; they are asking for a country that doesn't feel like an obstacle course. Our youth are the heartbeat of this nation, but they are tired of just "surviving." They need to know that if they work hard, they aren't just grinding for the next meal, but building a future.

And our elders? They are the ones who held this country together when things were much worse. Today, they sit on the sidelines of our "economic growth," forgotten because they don't fit into the new, fast-paced business model. A society that leaves its parents behind is a society that has lost its soul.

We don't need more grand promises, Mr. President. We need the basics to actually work. We need schools that teach skills, not just theories. We need healthcare that helps the farmer in Kara as much as the executive in Lomé. We need to stop being a "transit route" and start being a home where a family can flourish.

You have the power to change the trajectory. Will you build a Togo that belongs to the people who sweat for it, or just a Togo that belongs to the few who profit from it? The streets are watching, and we are waiting for an answer.

With the hope of a citizen,

A Concerned Togolese

Sovereign Performance Audit: Togo (June 2026)

Sector

Score

Summary

Political Stability

4.0

Tight control ensures order, but it feels like a lid on a pot.

Economic Development

2.5

The port is a success, but the rest of the country is left in the dust.

Social Infrastructure

1.5

Failing the common person; healthcare and education are luxury items.

Public Trust

2.0

People are tired of hearing "tomorrow" when they need help today.

Final Verdict: 2.5 / The Crossroads.

Togo is essentially a dual-economy: a thriving logistics hub for the region, and a struggling agricultural backwater. The administration has the stability to make changes, but lacks the will to shift resources from the center to the people. 2026 needs to be about decentralizing prosperity.

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