

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

Proposal #: **67**

Assignment: **A**

Country: **Togo**

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Title: **An act to install water treatment plants in Togo.**

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Justification Clause: In Togo, diseases and poor health conditions run wild in the rural areas. Only 43% people living in rural communities have access to clean water. With a low life expectancy (around 60 on average for men and women) and a relatively high infant mortality rate (50 per 1000 births), Togo is in dire need of a better quality of life. Also, the most common infectious diseases are waterborne, such as typhoid, hepatitis, and other intestinal infections. The quality of life can be improved and the diseases can be prevented with cleaner water.

Section 1: Our proposal will install water treatment plants in Togo to supply clean water to the residents of the more rural area.

Section 2: The water treatment plants will only supply the small city or village that it is assigned to (possibly to two different villages if they are close enough). Togo does not have the financial ability to support a huge water treatment plant.

Section 3: The cost of one water treatment plant is approximately 1 million dollars for a small city and about \$10,000 for an average village. There will be approximately 1000 water treatment plants. These are simple water treatment plants for 100-20,000 people (the size of average villages to small cities in Togo).

Section 4: Funds needed to construct the treatment plants will be partially funded through the UN's UN-HABITAT. They will fund a large portion of the money necessary (60%) in order to build the plants and maintain them initially. Donations, matching funds (by Togo's government), and contributions will be raised to cover the remaining costs. Eventually, local officials will take over the maintenance and operation of the plant.

Section 5: The proposal will be put into effect 3 years after the passing. This will give Togo's government and the UN-HABITAT time to build, get running, and obtain the necessary money for the project. UN-HABITAT will have workers help train construction workers and managers (of Togo) to build and maintain the facilities.