



TOLON*

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Tolon is a district in Ghana's Northern Region. It shares boundaries to the north with Kumbungu, North Gonja to the west, Central Gonja to the south and Sagnarigu Districts to the east.

The district has a total population of 80,193, out of which 40,245 are females and 39,948 males. The average household size in the district is 6.4 persons. The boxes below reveal the level of important development indicators measured by the Population Based Survey in 2015.

Poverty Prevalence 14.0 %

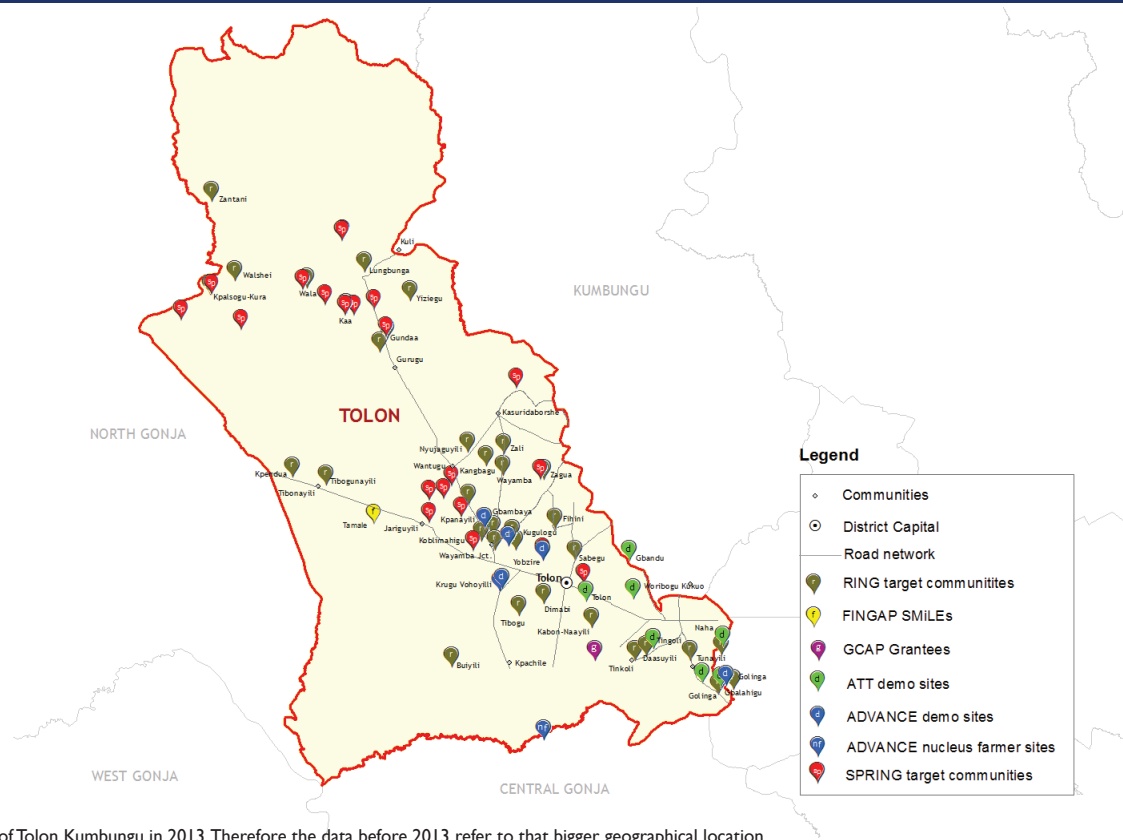
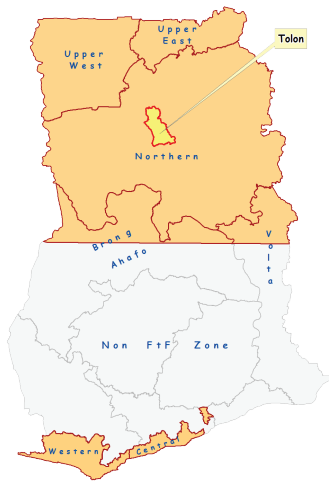
Households with moderate or severe hunger 12.2%

Poverty Depth 3.9%

Daily per capita expenditure 4.24 USD

Household Size 6.4 members

Total Population of the Poor 11,227



*Tolon is a district that was created by the split of Tolon Kumbungu in 2013. Therefore the data before 2013 refer to that bigger geographical location

*This section contains data and information related to USAID sponsored interventions in Tolon**

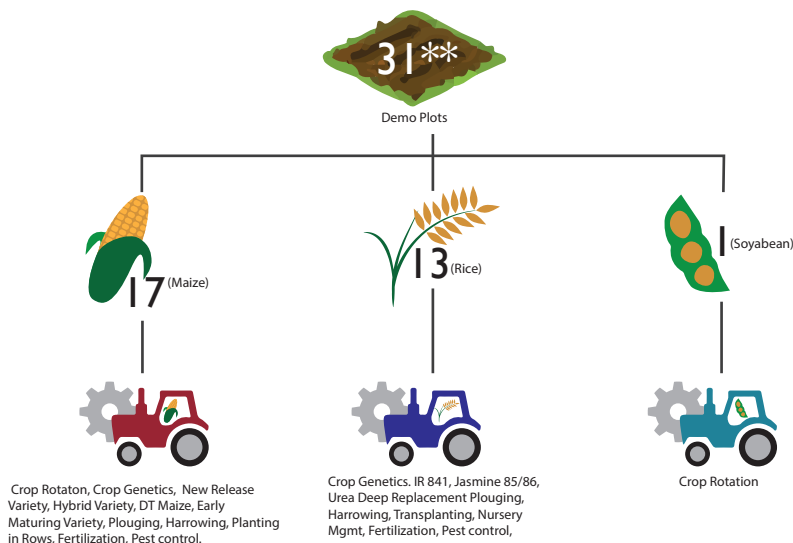
Table I: USAID Projects Info, Tolon, 2014-2016

Beneficiaries Data	2014*	2015	2016
Direct Beneficiaries	3439	2,680	5,538
Male	1747	1,365	2,489
Female	798	1,315	3,049
Undefined	894	0	0
Nucleus Farmers	0	-	-
Male			
Female	-	-	-
Undefined			
Demoplots	6	24	n/a
Male	5	2	
Female		17	
Undefined	1	5	n/a
Production			
Maize Gross Margin USD/ha	n/a	571.77	n/a
Maize Yield MT/ha	n/a	3.02	n/a
Rice Gross Margin USD/ha	n/a	1,418.57	n/a
Rice Yield MT/ha	n/a	7.40	n/a
Soybean Gross Margin USD/ha	n/a	n/a	n/a
Soybean Yield MT/ha	n/a	n/a	n/a
Investment and Impact			
Ag. Rural loans*	103,096	387,927	44,764
USAID Projects Present			7
Beneficiaries Score	4	3	3
Presence Score 2014-2016			3.4
District Flag 2014-2016			Green

Source: USAID Project Reporting, 2014 - 2016

A large number of beneficiaries were reported in 2014. But that number decreased in 2015 after the district was split into two. However, in 2016, there was a resurgence in the number of beneficiaries, which has now reached a satisfactory level. The large number of beneficiaries is accompanied by a large number of demonstration plots. The value of agricultural loans distributed in 2014 and 2015 is also shown on the table. Due to these interventions, the presence score*** of USAID development work is 3.4 out of 4, which means that the intervention in Tolon is high when compared to other districts. When the presence score is combined with progress/regress of impact indicators, the district is flagged **GREEN****** indicating that the impact indicators values (poverty prevalence and per capita expenditure) have improved in an area where intervention has been present. Find more details on USAID Presence v. Impact scoring on page 8.

Infographic I: Demo Plots in Tolon, 2014-2015



Source: USAID Project Reporting, 2014, 2015

The presence calculation is provisional and only includes the number of direct beneficiaries and Agricultural Rural loans.

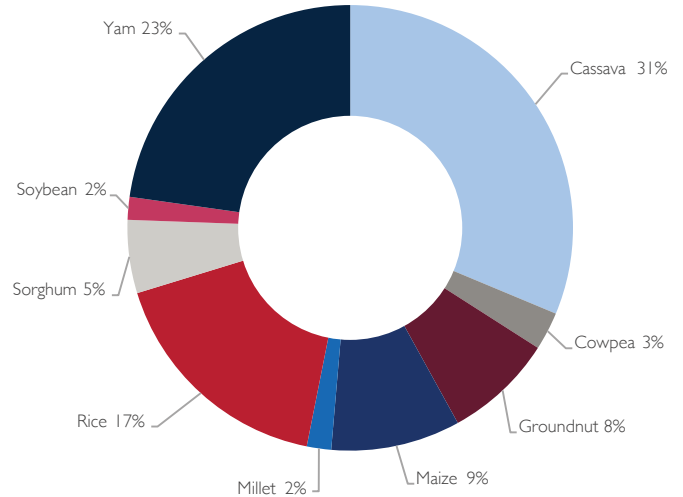
Direct Beneficiary, an individual who comes in direct contact with a set of interventions" FTF Handbook, 2016 , *number of direct beneficiaries and loans reported in 2014 correspond to Tolon Kumbungu**and*See page 7 for more detail on presence score ranges and district flag ranges .The value of poverty prevalence and Per Capita expenditure in 2012 corresponds to Tolon Kumbungu

This section contains agricultural data for Tolon* such as production by commodity, gross margins and yields.

Several commodities are produced in Tolon Kumbungu, with the share distributed more evenly among them. Cassava and Yam accounted for only 54% of agricultural production during 2010-2015. Other commodities produced during this period include rice (17%), groundnut (8%), maize (9%), and other commodities as shown in Figure 1. In terms of agricultural production, Tolon Kumbungu accounted for only 5% of the total agricultural production of the Northern Region in 2015. It is, however, ranked second in maize production, accounting for 10.5% of the commodity's production in the Northern Region. Again, the district reported the highest production of rice in 2015, accounting for 24% of the production in the Northern Region. The average gross margin calculations from USAID project reporting (2015) for maize and rice are higher than gross margins from the Agriculture Production Survey (K-State, APS 2013) for the same commodities.

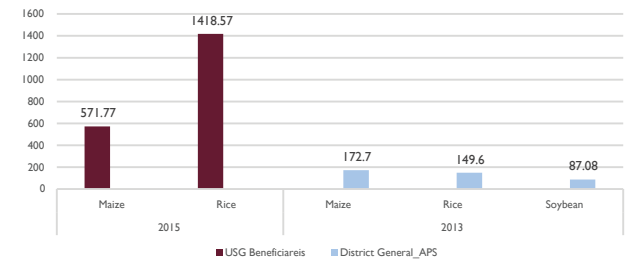
Figure 3 contains yield values from 3 sources: USAID projects, MOFA and APS for the period 2013-2015 for three commodities: maize, rice and soybean. Beneficiaries yields for maize and rice were higher than the district averages reported by MOFA in 2015. Figure 4 below focuses on sources of income in the district. It shows that the majority of households in Tolon rely on the agricultural sector: farming, poultry and livestock as 68.4 percent of household income comes from the sale of crop production, 57.4% from poultry and 33.6% from livestock.

Figure 1: Share of Agricultural Production by Commodity in Tolon Kumbungu, 2010 - 2015



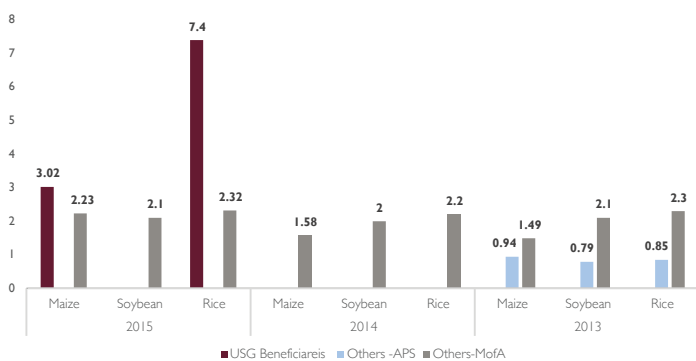
Source: Agriculture Production Reports 2010- 2015, MOFA

Figure 2: Gross Margin by Commodity, USAID beneficiaries and district average, 2013 - 2015, USD/ha



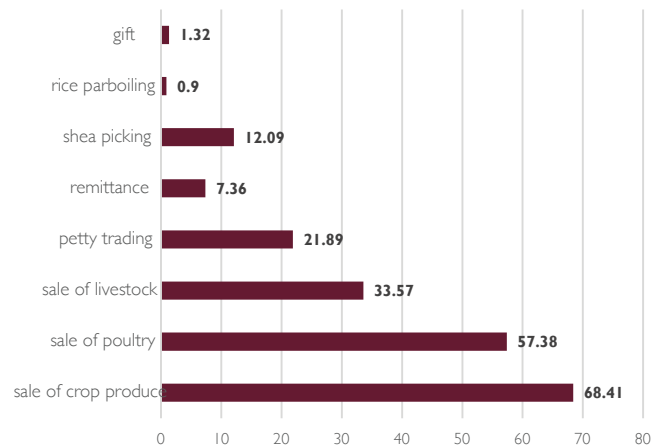
Source: Agriculture Report 2013-2015, Agriculture Production Survey, K-State, 2013

Figure 3: Yields of Maize, Rice and Soybean, beneficiaries and district general, MT/ha, 2013 - 2015



Source: Ring & Spring Survey, 2015 USAID METSS Project

Figure 4: Income Source in Tolon, 2015, in %



Source: Agriculture Report 2013-2015, MOFA Production Data 2013-2015, Agriculture Production Survey, K-State, 2013

*Values of agriculture production reported from MOFA and APS 2013 in all graphs correspond to the greater area of Tolon Kumbungu. Data from other sources refers to Tolon.

This section contains agricultural data for Tolon including production by commodity (MT/ha), yields (MT/ha) and average land size.

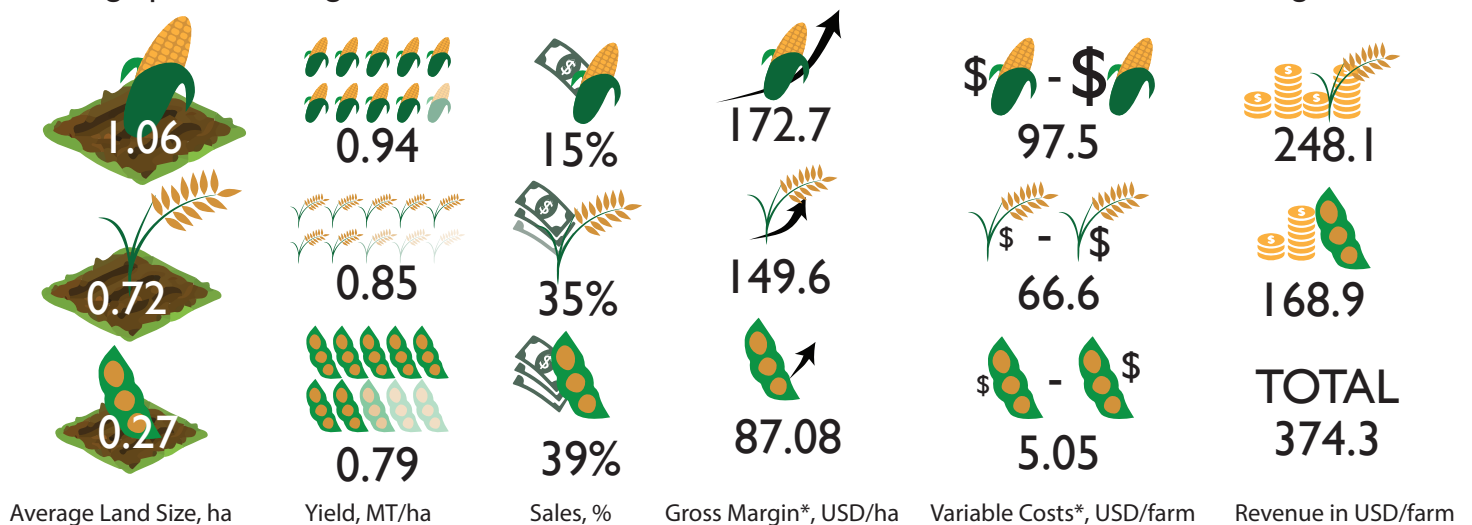
Table 2: Agricultural Production and Yields by commodity, in MT and MT/ha in Tolon Kumbungu, 2010-2015

Commodity	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	Total
Cassava	69,643	65,852	82,260	75,625	74,040	55,000	422,420
Cowpea	6,308	6,123	6,090	6,714	6,402	5,704	37,341
Groundnut	15,977	16,017	18,646	20,367	18,407	17,542	106,956
Maize	18,546	17,329	18,394	23,775	22,464	26,190	126,698
Millet	3,328	3,231	3,948	4,338	4,250	4,769	23,863
Rice	43,227	40,077	37,053	35,500	36,177	39,360	231,394
Sorghum	9,467	10,730	11,954	13,965	13,813	11,739	71,668
Soybean	3,583	3,418	3,780	4,027	4,075	3,420	22,303
Yam	55,793	54,141	44,919	56,835	54,827	40,920	307,435
Sweet Potato				140			
Yields in MT/Ha	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	
Cassava	11.79	11.15	13.71	12.50	12.34	10.00	
Cowpea	2.01	1.95	2.00	2.05	2.00	1.96	
Groundnut	1.69	1.70	1.60	1.86	1.82	1.96	
Maize	2.23	1.58	1.49	1.50	1.44	1.80	
Millet	1.47	1.43	1.68	1.70	1.70	1.90	
Rice	2.32	2.20	2.30	2.60	2.54	3.20	
Sorghum	1.59	1.81	1.89	1.90	1.90	1.82	
Soybean	2.10	2.00	2.10	2.15	2.06	1.90	
Yam	13.10	12.75	11.16	13.50	13.34	12.00	
Sweet Potato				11.67			

Source: Agriculture Report 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 MOFA

Table 2 above provides detailed information on specific commodities in regard to overall production in Tolon as well as average yields for the years 2010-2015. The infographic below shows a summary of agricultural statistics for Tolon Kumbungu.

Infographic 2: Average Land size, Yields, Sales and other Farm indicators in Tolon Kumbungu, 2013



Source: Agriculture Production Survey, Kansas State University, 2013 *Gross margin, variable cost and farm revenue captured from the APS in infographic 2 have been converted to USD using 2012 exchange rates (1.88 GHC to \$1 USD) to align with the 'farmer recall' survey methodology deployed. **Values of agriculture production reported from MOFA and APS 2013 in all graphs correspond to the greater area of Tolon Kumbungu.

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What is the Women Empowerment in Agriculture Index?

Women play a prominent role in agriculture. Yet they face persistent economic and social constraints. Women’s empowerment is a main focus of Feed the Future in order to achieve its objectives of inclusive agriculture sector growth and improved nutritional status. The WEAI is comprised of two weighted sub-indexes: Domains Empowerment Index (5DE) and Gender Parity Index (GPI). The 5DE index is a summation of the level of achievement in ten indicators grouped into five domains: production, resources, income, leadership and time. The GPI compares the empowerment of women to the empowerment of their male counterpart in the household. This section presents the results from these empowerment indicators of the 5DE for Tolon, part of a bigger survey conducted by Kansas State University.

The Domains: what do they represent?

The Production domain assesses the ability of individuals to provide input and autonomously make decisions about agricultural production. The Resources domain reflects individuals’ control over and access to productive resources. The Income domain monitors individuals’ ability to direct the financial resources derived from agricultural production or other sources. The Leadership domain reflects individuals’ social capital and comfort speaking in public within their community. The Time domain reflects individuals’ workload and satisfaction with leisure time.

Tolon WEAI Results

The results of both male and female respondents on the four (4) domains are displayed in Figure 5.

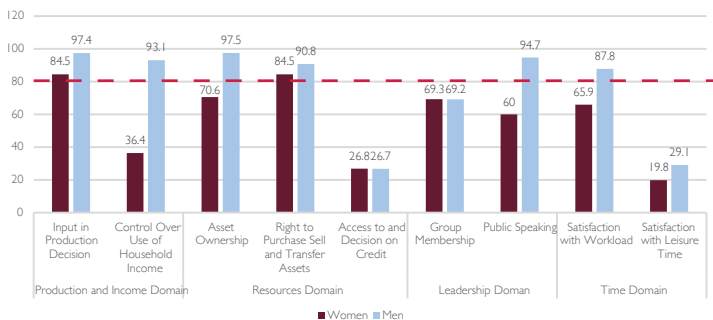
Production Domain: women feel comfortable with providing input related to production decisions, confirmed by 84.5% of the women of the survey sample. However, they have much less control over the use of household income than men- 36.4% of women versus 93.1% of male respondents.

Resource Domain: a majority of the women have the right to asset ownership and to purchase and move assets, 70.6% and 84.5% respectively; these figures are lower than the figures of the male respondents. Only 26.8% of women have the right to decide or have access to credit, followed by 26.7% of the male respondents. Access to credit is equally low for both genders.

Leadership Domain: 69.3% of women of the sample have the right to group membership. A thin majority, only 60%, get involved in public speaking as opposed to 94.7% of the male respondents.

Time Domain: 65.9 percent of the women and 87.8 percent of men in Tolon are satisfied with the workload in their everyday life. The percentages drop radically with respect to satisfaction with leisure time; only 19.8% of the women and 29.1% the men interviewed are happy with this aspect. These values are the lowest in the entire Northern Region.

Figure 5: Tolon Results on Domains of Empowerment of WEAI 2015, by gender, in %



Source: PBS 2015, Kansas State University

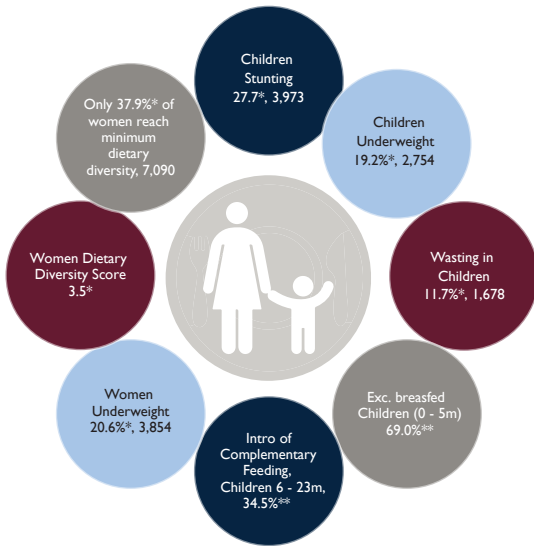
{ Adequacy & Differences }

Together men and women obtained an adequacy score (80% and above) in all indicators except for Access to and Decision on credit, group membership and satisfaction with leisure time. In addition, while men obtained adequacy in control over use of household income and asset ownership, public speaking and satisfaction with workload, women did not.

The highest difference between male and female respondents was observed with the production domain: the control over use of household income and in the leadership domain: public speaking.

This section contains facts and figures related to Health, Nutrition and Sanitation in Tolon

Infograph 3: Health and Nutrition Figures, Tolon, 2015



Sources: * from PBS 2015, Kansas State University, ** from RING & SPRING Survey, 2015,

Infograph 3 focuses on health and nutrition of women and children in the district. Percentages and absolute numbers are revealed in the respective circles for stunting, wasting in children, women and children underweight, Women Dietary Diversity and some other indicators. The Dietary diversity score of women in Tolon is 3.5, which means that women consume on average 3 to 4 types of foods out of 10. Less than half of the women (37.9%) reach the minimum dietary diversity of 5 food groups. The value of stunting in children is lower than that of many other districts.

Figure 6 displays specifics of household dwelling, evaluated based on sources of water, energy, waste disposal, cooking fuel source, and number of people per sleep room as measured from the PBS Survey 2015. As the figure shows, access to sanitation facilities is very low. Less than 1 person out of 10 have access to this type of facility. Access to improved water source is moderate.

Figure 7 and 8 provide details on the types of improved water source and sanitation used as measured by the RING & SPRING Survey in 2015.

Figure 6: Household Dwelling Characteristics, Tolon 2015

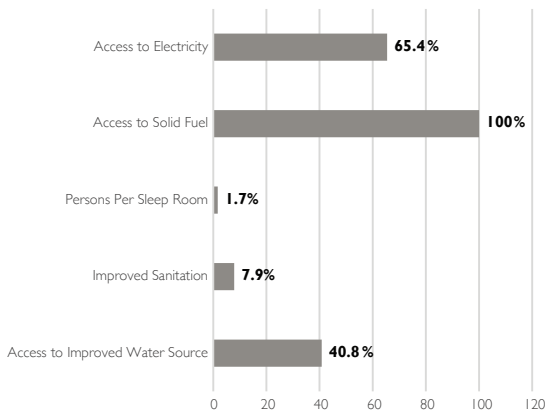


Figure 7: Types of Improved Water Source, Tolon, 2015

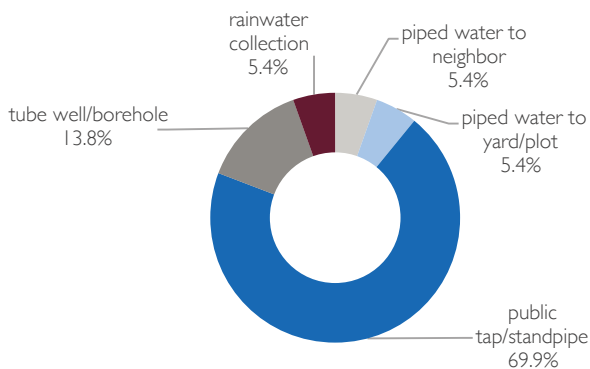
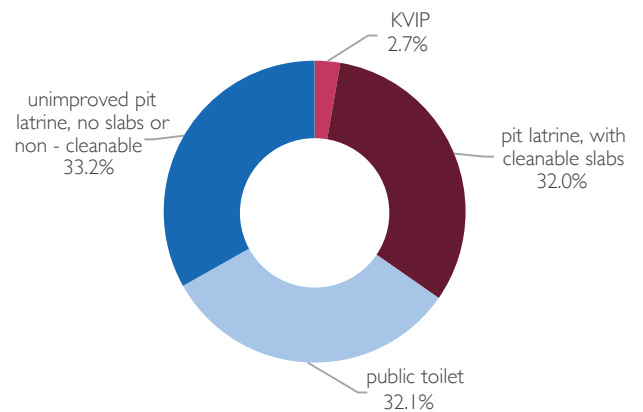


Figure 8: Types of improved sanitation, Tolon, 2015, in %



Sources: Figure 6: from PBS 2015, Kansas State University, Figure 7,8 from RING & SPRING Survey, 2015,

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This section provides an analysis of USAID presence vis-a-vis impact indicators in Tolon*

Presence vs. Impact reveals in more detail the presence of the Feed the Future Implementing Partners in the field, in combination with impact indicators measured by the Population Based Survey in 2012 and 2015: per capita expenditure & prevalence of poverty. This combination aims to show relevance of the presence of key indicators measuring progress/regress in the area. The following graphs are a print screen of the Presence vs. Impact Dashboard focusing on Tolon. Both key impact indicators, 'prevalence of poverty' and 'per capita expenditure', have improved, as observed in Figures 9 and 11.

In 2015, poverty decreased by 33.3 percentage points to 14.0% compared to the 2012 value. In addition, 2015 per capita expenditure increased by 55.9 percent to 4.24 USD. This means that the situation in this district has improved since 2012. Tolon's population calculated to be living under the \$1.25/day, per person poverty line is 11,227 persons. This development is accompanied by satisfactory USAID presence, scored with 3.4 points out of 4. This combination signifies characteristics of a **GREEN** district, one that accounts for progress of impact indicators and high project presence on the ground. That said, the presence of other development partners and GOG interventions have not been taken into account. Based on these results we believe that the district is another area where things are going well and the project intervention is aligned with the attempts of the whole community for a better life and better chances. The situation should be observed carefully to understand what is being done well in order to keep it this way.

USAID District Presence Score

- 0** NO USAID DISTRICT PRESENCE
- 0.1 - 1** LOW USAID DISTRICT PRESENCE
- 1.1 - 1.9** BELOW AVERAGE USAID DISTRICT PRESENCE
- 2** AVERAGE USAID DISTRICT PRESENCE
- 2.1 - 3** ABOVE AVERAGE USAID DISTRICT PRESENCE
- 3.1 - 4** HIGH USAID DISTRICT PRESENCE

USAID District Presence Vs. Impact Flag

- BELOW AVERAGE USAID DISTRICT PRESENCE AND CONTRADICTIONING IMPACT INDICATORS
- ABOVE AVERAGE USAID DISTRICT PRESENCE AND CONTRADICTIONING IMPACT INDICATORS
- BELOW AVERAGE USAID DISTRICT PRESENCE AND REGRESSING IMPACT INDICATORS
- ABOVE AVERAGE USAID DISTRICT PRESENCE AND IMPROVING IMPACT INDICATORS
- BELOW AVERAGE USAID DISTRICT PRESENCE AND IMPROVING IMPACT INDICATORS
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Figure 9: Poverty in % and Poverty Change in percentage points, 2012-2015, Tolon

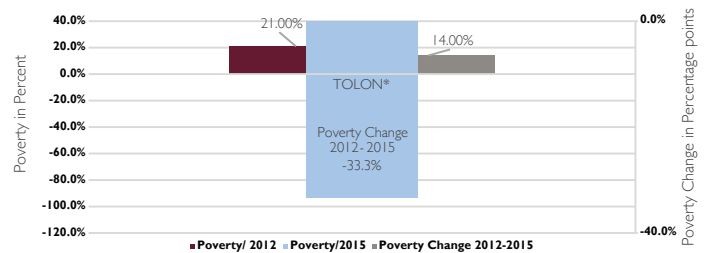


Figure 10: Population of Poor, Non - Poor Tolon, 2015

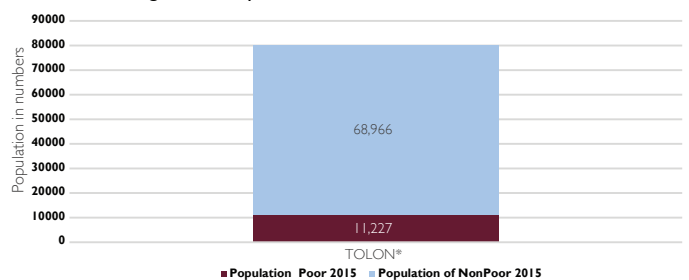
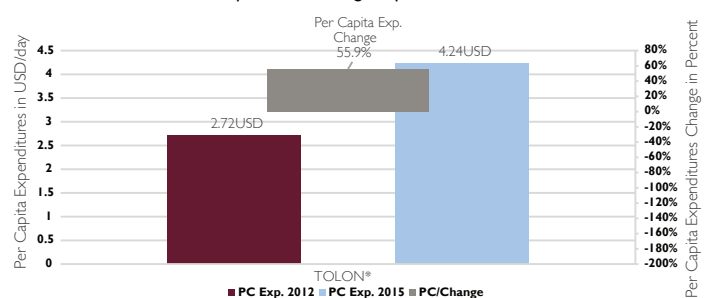


Figure 11: Per Capita Expenditure in 2012 and 2015, in USD/day; Per Capita Expenditure Change in percent, Tolon

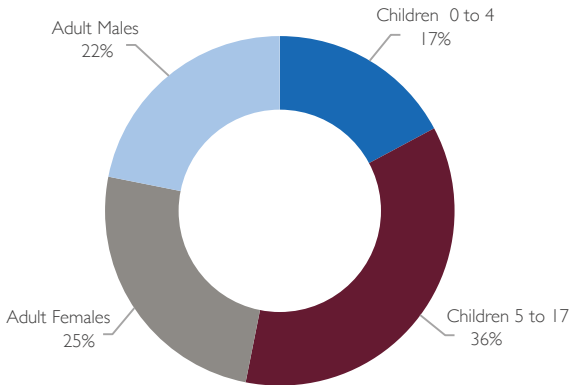


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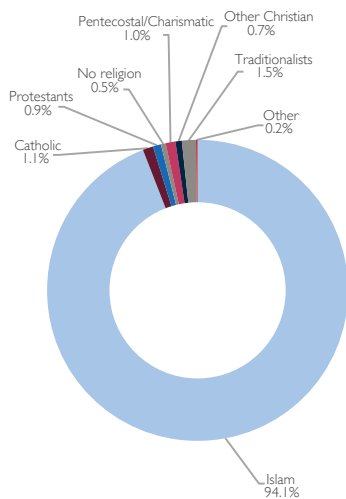
This section contains facts and figures related to Tolon demographics, religious affiliation, literacy and weather indicators.

Figure 12: Household Composition by groupage, Tolon 2015



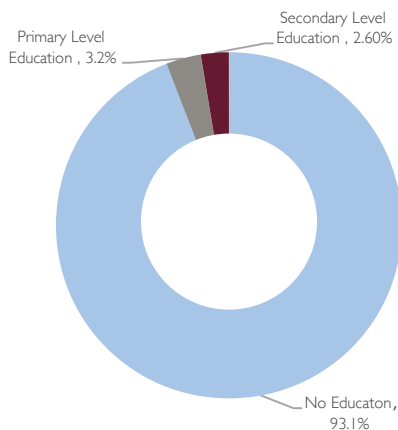
Source: PBS 2015, Kansas State University

Figure 13: Religious Affiliation, Tolon, 2010



Source: Tolon District Analytical Report, GSS, 2014

Figure 14: Adult Education Attainment in Tolon, 2015



Source: PBS 2015, Kansas State University

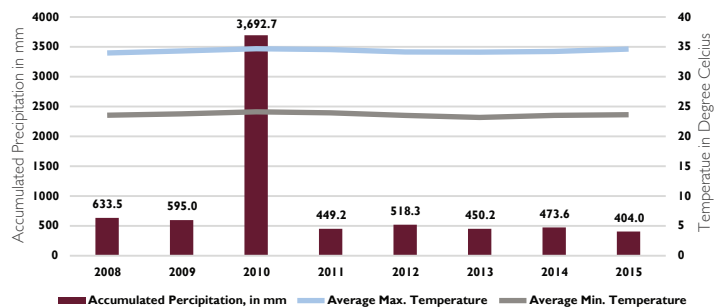
Tolon has a total population of 80,193, out of which 40,245 are females and 39,948 males. The average household size in the district is 6.8 persons. The district lies in the tropical continental climatic zone and experiences average annual precipitation relative to other districts in the Northern Region, see Figure 15. Note that in 2010, the entire Northern Ghana experienced significant rainfall and flooding.

In terms of religion, majority of the population- 94.1%- are Muslims followed by Christians (3.7%) as shown in Figure 13.

The district has a young population with 53% of the household members aged between 0 to 17 years, as Figure 12 shows.

Tolon just as the rest of the districts in the Northern Region accounts for a very low level of adult educational attainment as shown in Figure 14. A vast majority of the adults (93.1%) have received no education, while only 3.2% went through primary schools and only 2.6% of the sample through secondary school.

Figure 15: Average Cumulated Precipitation in mm and Temperature in Celcius Degree, Tolon*, 2008 - 2015



Source: awhere Weather Platform, AWhere, 2016

This section contains discussion questions and potential research topics as a result of the data and analysis presented on Tolon

QUESTION 1

What are the conditions that have contributed to Tolon being ranked second in terms of maize production in the Northern Region with its share being 10.5% of the total production and first in the production of rice (24% share)?

QUESTION 2

What other agricultural or nutrition focused development partners or GoG interventions have previously been implemented, are ongoing, and/or are in the pipeline that may impact Tolon's development?

QUESTION 3

A large percentage of households in Tolon rely on sales from poultry and livestock, which is not observed in other districts. Is this information taken into account to shape project intervention to cover and support these activities?

QUESTION 4

Given Tolon's agricultural production, health and sanitation figures, as well as results from the presence vs impact matrix, what should USAID development work focus on in the next two years? What future development assistance would be helpful for this district to keep the flag Green?

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