

# PEACE CORPS TOGO STAFF BIOGRAPHIES



Carolina Cardona

## Carolina Cardona | Country Director (CD)

As Country Director Carolina is the senior Peace Corps official in Togo. She has full authority and responsibility for the management and direction of all aspects of the Peace Corps program. Carolina is no stranger to Peace Corps. Prior to being named country director, she was the sub-regional programming and training coordinator, covering 13 countries in West Africa. She has held a variety of positions within the agency, including health project manager in Uzbekistan and programming and training officer and volunteer in Honduras. Outside of the Peace Corps Carolina taught fifth grade at a bilingual school in San Salvador and managed a reproductive health project for the International Rescue Committee in Azerbaijan. In charge of an occupational safety and health project at Farmworkers' Legal Services in NC, she promoted workers' rights. In 1995 she was the recipient of a fellowship from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in which she explored the use of theater, dance, and music as community organizing tools. Carolina received a bachelor's degree in English and a teaching certificate from the University of Michigan and a master's of public health from the University of North Carolina. She speaks English, Spanish, and French.

**The Associate Peace Corps Directors (APCDs)** are responsible for programming and administration. They provide Volunteers with support for their projects. This includes assuring that Volunteers have suitable work and adequate living arrangements and collaborating with other agencies and individuals involved in Volunteer assignments and projects.



Alex Anani

## Alex Anani | Small Enterprise Development (SED APCD)

Alex became the SED APCD project in 2007. Prior to that, he was the project assistant and the SED Pre-Service Training (PST) Technical Coordinator. Recently, Alex took assignments as a peer consultant for Peace Corps in Uganda and Cape Verde. Before joining Peace Corps, he worked as a management consultant in the small business and micro-finance sectors of Togo including assignments in the larger business and financial areas. As such, he conducted audits and reviews of microfinance institutions and programs as well as designed and implemented business skills and management training curricula for small business owners and staff of microfinance and financial service institutions. Alex received his undergraduate degree at the University of Lome in Togo. He pursued graduate studies in Europe and the United States. He holds a graduate degree in international development from the University of Geneva, Switzerland, and a MA in international political economy from American University in Washington, DC. He speaks fluent English, French, and Ewe.



Ismaël Morou

## Ismaël Morou | Community Health and AIDS Prevention (CHAP APCD)

In 1995 Ismaël began his career with Peace Corps as a language and cross culture facilitator. Since then he has held the following positions: assistant language coordinator, Girls' Education and Empowerment (GEE) technical coordinator, assistant CHAP technical coordinator, and program assistant. In 2011, he became the CHAP APCD. He holds a degree in geography from the University of Lome. He speaks French, English, Cotokoli, Haussa, Bassar, Konkomba and Mina.



Rose  
Kpombrekou-Nabine

## Rose Kpombrekou-Nabine | Girls' Education and Empowerment (GEE APCD)

Prior to her current position, Rose worked for Peace Corps as a language facilitator and as a program assistant. Before joining Peace Corps, Rose was an administrative assistant at the Ministry of Agriculture. In 2010 the US embassy selected her as the Foreign Service National of the year. She speaks English, French, and Ewe. Rose holds a law degree from the University of Lome.



Paul Sinandja

## Paul Sinandja | Environmental Action and Food Security (EAFS APCD)

Paul Sinandja was the Pre-Service Training (PST) technical trainer before being hired as the EAFS-APCD in July 2009. A former student of IDR / *Institut de Developpement Rural* of the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso from 1986 to 1988, APCD Paul holds many training and course certificates. He has made many trips within Africa as well as to Europe and the United States in order to examine the interrelationships between economic development, sustainable agriculture, watershed management, environmental protection and poverty alleviation in developing communities.

Formerly the director of *ASPAD / Association pour la Promotion de l'Agriculture Durable* and of "Won-Manu," an agroecology training center in Northern Togo, APCD Paul has also worked with the *Association Francaise des Volontaires de Progres* as the trainer in its water and environment program. From 2003 to 2006, he served as the local expert in community development in the Savannah Region, for DED, a German NGO. Paul is a founding member of the Dapaong Rotary Club in the northern part of Togo, and a Paul Harris Fellow. He is fluent in English, French, Moba, Gourma, Haoussa, Anoufo, and Mina.



Blandine Samani-Zozo

## Blandine Samani-Zozo | Training Manager (TM)

As the training manager, Blandine has overall responsibility for designing, managing, and evaluating all of Peace Corps' training activities. Prior to becoming training manager, Blandine served as a language facilitator, language and cross-culture coordinator, training site coordinator, and a technical trainer. She began her Peace Corps career in 1995. Blandine majored in African literature at the University of Lome, and she has a training certificate from the *Institut National des Science et l'Education* at the University of Lome. She speaks Ewe, French, and English.



Jean B. Kpadenou

## Jean B. Kpadenou | Program Secretary/ Information Resource Center (IRC) Manager

Jean is responsible for all programming secretarial duties including (posting information on Sharepoint, preparing documents, scanning, etc.) and managing the IRC. He is also responsible for the management of volunteers' offsite leave. Before joining Peace Corps in 1984, he was a French teacher in Accra, Ghana. At Peace Corps he served as training secretary for 25 years, before joining the Lome team in 2009. In addition to English Jean speaks Ewe, Mina, and French. He graduated from the Ghana Institute of Languages and Accra Workers College.



Peter Agbavon

## Peter Agbavon | Safety and Security Coordinator (SSC)

Peter is the main communication link with the Volunteer Emergency Communication Network. He designs and carries out most of the safety and security training. He speaks English, French, and Ewe. Peter graduated from the *Ecole Normale Superieure* in Atakpamé with a degree in education. Prior to coming to PC, he served in the armed forces for a year, taught English and Science in junior and senior high schools for 15 years, served as teacher trainer with the District Education Office in Plateaux, and worked with various non-governmental organizations (NGO) to promote Gender equity and youth development in Togo. Peter served as a counterpart to many PCVs, and he became SSC in 2010.



Rachel Lihoussou

## Rachel Lihoussou | Executive Assistant

Rachel was trained at the High Secretarial School at the University of Lomé. Graduating as an office management specialist in 2002, she worked in many enterprises in Lomé before joining Peace Corps in 2010. Rachel supports the entire staff with program documents, administrative services, and mail delivery. She edits the monthly Togo Volunteer Information Newsletter (VIN) and manages the Peace Corps Partnership Project (PCPP) and Small Projects Assistance (SPA) programs. She speaks French, English, Ewe, and Fon.



Delphine Hunlede

## Delphine Hunlede

| Volunteer Liaison Specialist

Delphine was trained at the Government Secretarial School in Accra as a stenographer secretary in 1979. She worked as a secretary to the executive director and held other positions at the Ghana Commercial Bank-Togo branch before joining Peace Corps. Prior to her current position, she worked as a temporary receptionist secretary from late 1997 until becoming a full time employee in 2002. She is responsible for matters that involve volunteer personal records and finances, such as living and settling-in-allowances, PCV ID cards, official visas, and reimbursements. She also prepares all PCV official travel. Delphine speaks Ewe, English and French and is from Aneho, Togo.



Stanley Attipoe

## Attipoe Stanley

| Deputy Director of Management and Operations

Stan worked for eight years with the Togo's main brewery (Brasserie BB Lome S.A.) as financial accountant before joining Peace Corps in 1997. Stanley works closely with the Director of Management and Operations to maintain contracts, budget and financial systems. Stanley graduated in 1989 from the University of Lomé with a master's degree in finance/management. Hailing from Tsevie/Zio Togo, he speaks Ewe, French, and English.



Agbeko Dogba

## Agbeko Dogba

| IT Specialist

Agbeko is the primary contact for technical support at Peace Corps Togo. He provides training for Peace Corps staff, administers the local information and technology (IT) systems, and ensures all IT systems adhere to Peace Corps and US government policy. He joined Peace Corps in 2008. Agbeko is a graduate of the University of Lome with a degree in computer systems administration and networking. He speaks English, French, Ewe, and Ada.



Dihadadjore Bola

## Dihadadjore Bola

| Guard Force Commander

Bola functions as the senior uniformed officer. He provides overall supervision and control of all guards. He also ensures that all guards and supervisors have carried out their responsibilities and that all guard posts have all the necessary equipment to perform local guard duties. He completed two years of military service and was the guards' supervisor for the Baptist Convention for four years. He joined Peace Corps in 2009. He is from Niamtougou/Doufelgou, Togo and speaks Losso, Kotokoli, Ewe, and French.



Neyou Ago

## Neyou Ago

| General Service Manager (GSM)

Neyou started with Peace Corps in 2006 as the executive assistant. Before Peace Corps Neyou worked as a bilingual Executive Assistant with a coffee and cocoa company for three years and with Education International (an International NGO based in Brussels) for 5 years. Neyou graduated in 1999 in secretarial studies from the University of Lomé. In 2005 he also received a professional bachelor's in design and management of cyber services from the University of Limoges (France).



Wilson Fianyeku

## Wilson Fianyeku

| General Services Assistant (GSA) /

Motorpool

Wilson was the assistant logistics coordinator at the Peace Corps' training center from 1986 -1990. The following year he became responsible for supplies and started to coordinate the drivers' travel. Wilson is a Ghanaian from Mafi Sasekpe in the Volta region. He speaks English, French, Ashanti, and Ewe.



Kossi Wola

## Kossi Wola

| Logistician

Kossi joined Peace Corps in 1987. He started as a guard, becoming messenger/janitor, and advancing to messenger/ storekeeper. Since 2005 Kossi has been Peace Corps' logistician, responsible for office supplies, Volunteers' bicycles, and official visas. He is also in charge of protocol at the airport. He hails from Defale/Doufelgou, Togo. He speaks Lamba (Losso), Kabye, Kotokoli, Ewe, and French. Kossi is also able to defend himself in English.



Issa laoubila

## Issa laoubila

| Janitor/Copy Clerk

Issa joined Peace Corps in 1986 as cook/server. In 1997 he advanced to his current position and is responsible for making photocopies and keeping the main office clean. Issa hails from Baga (Niamtougou) and speaks Losso, Ewe and French.



Chiquita K'Medehouto

## Chiquita K'Medehouto | Receptionist

Chiquita supports the entire staff with program documents, administrative services, mail delivery, and travel arrangements. She speaks English, French, Ewe, and Mina. Graduating from the Alliance Francaise d'ACCRA, after three years of training in office management, she worked at the Ministry of Human Rights and Democracy; after a stint at Ecobank Transnational Incorporated she joined Peace Corps in 2008.



Jason Coleman

## Jason Coleman / Director of Management & Operations

As the Director of Management and Operations, Jason oversees the everyday administrative and management duties of running the Peace Corps Togo office. Before coming to Togo, Jason worked at Peace Corps headquarters in Washington, DC as a budget analyst in the office of the Chief Financial Officer. While there he did a temporary deployment as an administrative officer to China and to Togo. Jason was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Gabon (01-03) and a PC Response Volunteer in Namibia (04-05). After returning from Namibia, Jason went to graduate school at Clark University where he received his MA in international development and social change, focusing on anti-corruption efforts in West Africa.



Maguy Sikou

## Maguy Sikou / Human Resources Specialist (HRS)

Maguy became the HRS in January of Peace Corps in 2011. Prior to Peace Corps she worked first as a bilingual administrative assistant for 4 years with the *Education International (EI)* an international organization working for Education For All, and then with the *English Language Center (ELC)* as a financial and administrative assistant for three years.

Maguy completed her university studies with a Master (BAC + 5) in human resources management from *Institut Africain d'Administration et d'Etudes Commerciales (IAEC)*, a private university in Lomé. She also holds a master's degree in English linguistics from the University of Lome. Maguy is from Kabou (Bassar) and speaks Bassar, Kotokoli, Mina, French and English.



## Basile Koumi Financial Assistant/Cashier

Basile joined Peace Corps as a Financial Assistant and Cashier in April 2012. His first position with Peace Corps was as the Small Enterprise Development's Technical Coordinator in 2006-2008. In other assignments, Basile taught financial mathematics in a large vocational high school in Lomé from 2000-2008. In 2008, as a consultant, Basile helped launch Junior Achievement Worldwide in Togo and was subsequently appointed Executive Director where he spearheaded such

programs as youth financial literacy and entrepreneurship. His undergraduate degree is in economics and management from the University, Lomé. In 2009, Basile was awarded a Fulbright scholarship and earned his Master's Degree in International Economics and Finance from Brandeis University's International Business School. At this institution, Basile received the Brandeis University Global Leadership Award. He also took first place at the Fulbright Social Entrepreneurship Competition in New York in 2010. After completing his graduate education, Basile taught an entrepreneurial finance course at Salem State University. He speaks Fluent English, French, and Ewe.

**The Peace Corps Medical Officers (PCMOs)** take care of all of volunteers' health needs during their entire service



Tussa Aurelia

## Aurelia Tussa | Peace Corps Medical Officer (PCMO)

Before joining Peace Corps in 2007, Aurelia was first a biology teacher in a secondary school for a year and then worked as a nurse supervisor in a mission hospital for 14 years. Aurelia holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing with a concentration in nutrition and food science from the University of Ghana, Legon and is a registered nurse. Born in Togo, she grew up in Ghana and speaks English, French, Ewe and Twi.



Katherine Kyle

## Katherine Kyle | Peace Corps Medical Officer

Kate is a family nurse practitioner from New York who began working for the Peace Corps in January 2011. She graduated from Barnard College (B.A., Art History), Columbia University School of Nursing (B.S., Nursing) and Pace University (M.S., Family Primary Care).



Diana Womitso

## Diana Womitso-Mawulolo | Secretary

Diana provides variety of office management services to Peace Corps' health unit. She joined Peace Corps in June 2007. Prior to her current position, she worked as Peace Corps' receptionist. Diana has a bachelor of science degree in business administration with an emphasis in human resource management. She speaks English, French, and Ewe and hails from Kloto.



Rose Agban

## Rose Agban | Cook/Janitor

Rose is the health unit's cook and janitor. She provides meals to sick PCVs and ensures that the health unit stays clean. She graduated from Hotel Le Benin Cookery School in 1995. After her graduation, she served successively at Hotel Palm Beach, Hotel Sarakawa, Hotel 2 Février and Hotel de la Paix. She joined PC Togo in 1997. She speaks English, French and Ewe. Rose is from Tabligbo, a town in southeast Togo.

**DRIVERS**



**Joe k. AKOLOH**  
9 years



**Toussaint ATIFUFU**  
26 years



**Komi GADIGBE**  
9 years



**Thomas GBEKOU**  
15 years



**Baka Zizi NABEDE**  
3 years

## GUARDS



Adamto Yaovi  
21 years



Adje Tete Victor  
23 years



Agbekpornu James  
13 years



Ameteku Kokou  
13 years



Amouzou Kangni  
24 years



Amouzouvi-  
Kpongbe 2 years



Anikella Colette  
3 years



Ankrah Francis  
11 years



Anoumou Ame Adje  
3 years



Anyaye Kokou  
13 years



Atamana Atakoum  
4 years



Atikpo Ayao  
15 years



Attipoe Nestor  
15 years



Avokpo Komi  
3 years



Ayena Etse  
3 years



Djoua Napo  
17 years



Fiagbenyo Cyril  
13 years



Miwonouko Kokou  
13 years



Nagbewonou Koffi  
26 years



Nekou Edoh  
15 years



Nouwodou Komlan  
3 years



Orena Toba  
20 years



Pakoupate Seraphin  
15 years



Patassa Kokou  
26 years



Senou Komi  
3 years



Tsavo Atakouma  
13 years



Wagbe Kpandja  
17 years