



# NIGERIA SITUATION: Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP)

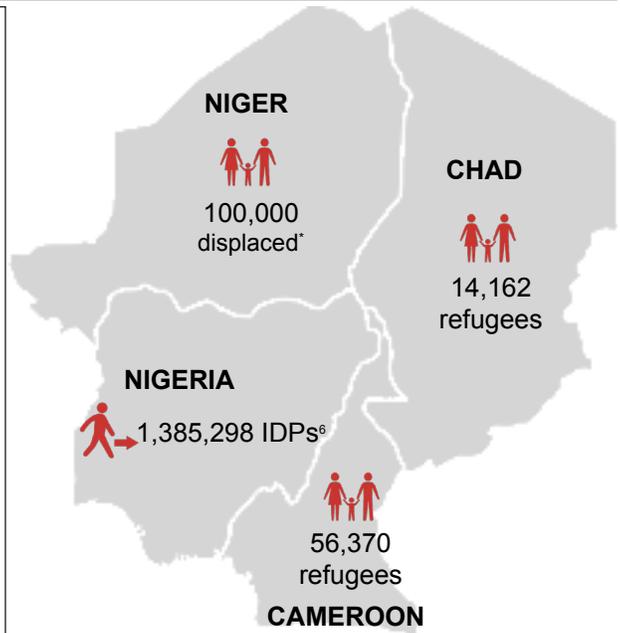
Monthly Regional Overview - July 2015



## REGIONAL SITUATION ANALYSIS

In the month of July, large scale displacement persisted in Nigeria (about 1.5 million IDPs) and in the neighbouring countries Chad, Cameroon and Niger (170,532)<sup>1</sup>. In July, the security situation got worse and saw the highest number of deadly attacks in neighbouring countries (about 650 people killed reaching a total of 4,500<sup>2</sup> in 2015 and 15,000 since 2009<sup>3</sup>). In North-eastern Nigeria, insurgents have resumed attacks on worship centers – churches and mosques – and reports by security and government officials indicate that there might be attacks on in major cities, including the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. There has been a rapid increase in suicide bombings also in neighbouring countries. At the beginning of the month BH claimed their involvement in the three terroristic attacks in N'Djamena and on two islands in the Lake Chad. On 13 July BH also launched their first suicide bomb attack in Fotokol, Cameroon, whereby two women blew themselves up killing 15 people. One week after, the city of Maroua witnessed five barbaric suicide attacks on civilian targets, allegedly committed by BH. The Government has reinforced security measures on all fronts and started to register Nigerian refugees in the immediate border area, provoking fear among some refugees that they might be returned to Nigeria against their will<sup>4</sup>. In this context, several incidents of forced expulsions of Nigerian nationals from border areas back to Nigeria have been reported. UNHCR works closely with the authorities advocating for full compliance with international protection standards for refugees when it comes to return movements.

In southern Niger's Diffa region, authorities reported the arrival of some 2,500 people from Nigeria following an attack by BH in Damassak (Nigeria). Most new arrivals refer to stay along the border rather than in Sayam Forage refugee camp, as they hope to be able to return home soon<sup>4</sup>.

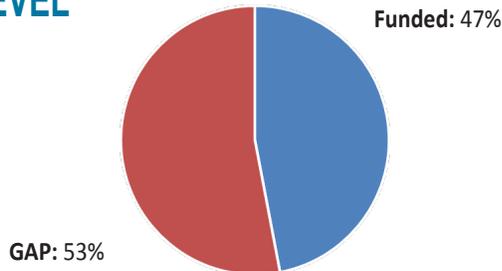


TOTAL REFUGEE POPULATION: **170,532**  
 TOTAL NUMBER OF IDPS IN NIGERIA: **1,385,298**

<sup>1</sup> Government estimation - 100,000 displaced of which 30% refugees, 70% returnees and 50,000 IDPs

## FUNDING LEVEL

**USD 174,409,924**  
RRRP requirements  
**USD 81,153,101**  
Funding received<sup>7</sup>



## PRIORITIES in the neighboring countries

- CAMEROON: An influx of about 100 Nigerian refugees every day has been reported. Minawao camp, has increased from about 30,000 late last year to 43,883 and is overcrowded.
- CHAD: Respond to the need of the 26,000 newly identified IDPs in the Lake region. The response has started for about 2,000 people in three sites<sup>5</sup>.
- NIGER: In Kabelawa camp, hosting 2,035 refugees, the transportation to the Health center needs to be improved as well as the sensitization over SGBV.

## MAIN CHALLENGES

**CAMEROON**  
 Several incidents of forced expulsions of Nigerian nationals from border areas back to Nigeria have been reported after the five barbaric suicide attacks. UNHCR works closely with the authorities advocating for full compliance of return movements within international protection standards.

**CHAD**  
 Significant spontaneous displacements due to the threat of BH and/or military operations and clashes have been reported in the lake region, bringing the number of new IDPs to nearly 26,000. Their most important needs are shelter, food, WASH, and health<sup>5</sup>

**NIGER**  
 After an assessment in the local market of Diffa, WFP recommends to continue the in-kind food distribution in the East, despite the security problems and the restriction of movements, and to explore the possibility of cash assistance in the south-west of the region

**NIGERIA**  
 A total of 16,221 new IDPs living in host communities have been identified following a joint participatory assessment with SEMA and UNHCR in Damaturu, Yobe state. IDPs are in need of basic assistance and protection.

Source: <sup>1</sup> UNHCR; <sup>2</sup> ACLED; <sup>3</sup> France24; <sup>4</sup> UNHCR; <sup>5</sup> UNOCHA; <sup>6</sup> IOM; <sup>7</sup> UNHCR

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