

Nigeria Situation

01-31 August 2017

1,825,321*

IDPs in Nigeria

*1.75 million **displaced by the insurgency**

(NEMA/IOM DTM Report, Round XVII, June 2017)

202,787

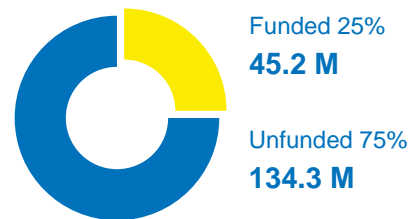
Nigerian refugees **displaced by the insurgency** in

Cameroon, Chad and Niger as of 31 August 2017 (or latest figures available).

FUNDING

USD 179.5 M

requested for the Nigeria situation



HIGHLIGHTS AND OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- On 10 August, the meeting of the Tripartite Commission for the voluntary repatriation of Nigerian refugees living in Cameroon was held in Abuja. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the practical arrangements for the voluntary repatriation of Nigerian refugees under the Tripartite Agreement signed on 2 March 2017 between Cameroon, Nigeria and UNHCR. The Commission reaffirmed its commitment, through a [joint communiqué](#), to the provisions of the Agreement, to ensure that the return of Nigerians from Cameroon is properly managed, voluntary, and conducted in conditions of safety and dignity. The Tripartite Commission meeting was followed by a two-day meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG), which has been charged with the responsibility of implementing of the Agreement.
- From 16-18 August, the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) for Nigeria, visited the north-east to hold discussions with Government officials in Borno State on the need to ensure humanitarian staff are able to operate without being intimidated or harassed. The HC's visit followed an incident that took place on 11 August during which the Nigerian military forcibly entered a UN accommodation facility in Maiduguri for what officials described as being part of a routine cordon and search operation in the area. The UN described the action as 'unauthorized' and ordered the temporary suspension of staff movement in and out Maiduguri until circumstances surrounding the actions of the military were established. Following the incident, the Government issued a statement and reaffirmed its commitment to ensure the safety of humanitarian workers and residents of Nigeria's north-east. The HC was accompanied from Abuja by the heads of IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP.
- On 19 August, Nigerian activist and UNHCR partner, Dr. Rebecca Dali, received the prestigious [Sergio Vieira de Mello Award](#) in Geneva. Ms. Dali won the 2017 nomination for her work in reintegrating women and children affected by the insurgency in north-eastern Nigeria's crisis-affected communities. In Nigeria, Dr. Dali met with the UNHCR Representative on 24 August. During the meeting, she expressed gratitude and dedicated the award to UNHCR for supporting her efforts in assisting the women and children that have been affected by the insurgency. Through her NGO, the [Center for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiative](#) (CCEPI), Dr. Dali plans to build a trauma centre in the Plateau State capital of Jos, to handle returning IDP and refugee cases, most of whom are still deeply traumatized by their experiences.
- As of 18 August, according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project ([ACLED](#)), 34 suicide attacks had been reported across Nigeria's Borno State since January, resulting in over 170 deaths. Although the number of reported attacks has been the highest during this period in Borno State since 2013, the number of fatalities has been the lowest. Despite being less deadly, the disruptive nature of these attacks has heavily impacted security conditions and hampered humanitarian response. On 31 August, the UNHCR-led Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) issued a statement in respect of the alarming number of attacks on IDP camps that took place in Borno State during the month of July. The PSWG noted that Boko Haram may be more actively targeting soft targets as their general strength has seemed to decline.

Update on achievements

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- The meeting of the Tripartite Commission was attended by high-level governmental officials, UNHCR Representatives from Nigeria, Cameroon and the Regional Office in Dakar, as well as the other members of the Commission. The Commission noted the need to strengthen cooperation in the management of the voluntary repatriation process and to ensure the protection of the human rights of returnees and compliance with all international conventions on asylum and durable solutions. It also noted that reintegration requires a holistic and community-based approach to improve the absorption capacity and increase access to basic social services and self-sufficiency for returnees, and the local populations in Nigeria.
- During the TWG meeting in Abuja, the Governments of Nigeria and Cameroon, and UNHCR approved Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and a joint-work plan to operationalize the decisions of the Tripartite Commission. Among the initial procedures that have been planned between now and the end of the year are the organization of 'Come and See Visits' to Nigeria, and 'Go and See Tell Visits' to Cameroon, to enable refugees to make informed decisions about their potential return.

CAMEROON

- On 4 August, a training session was held in Minawao refugee camp on the international protection of refugees, the asylum system in Cameroon and security in the camp. The objective of the training was to equip the 20 participants, mainly the camp's security personnel, with knowledge regarding the protection of refugees in order to prevent refugee rights violations and improve collaboration between refugee committees and the camp's security staff. Particular emphasis was placed on the principle of *non-refoulement*, the rights and duties of refugees, the UNHCR Code of Conduct and the rules of procedure in criminally-related matters.

CHAD

- UNHCR and partners provided emergency assistance to the newly arrived population from Niger (see [July update](#)), at the 'Dar el Kheir' site, located 14km from Baga Sola. An inter-agency team accompanied by the head of the Chadian Refugee Commission (CNARR) met with local authorities, humanitarian staff, and new arrivals to gather additional information. In addition, a Multi-Functional Team assessed the situation, with particular focus on protection needs. On 8 August, a high-level mission led by the Governor of the Lac region travelled to Niger to meet with counterparts in Diffa to gain a common understanding of the situation.
- UNHCR and WFP respectively distributed NFIs to 6,912 people and food to 7,248 people from the newly arrived group. In collaboration with UNHCR, the CNARR ended its registration exercise in Dar el Kheir on 14 August and recorded the presence of 4,686 individuals. For its part, UNHCR has deployed 17 additional staff from offices across the country to support the local team in dealing with the situation.

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- The Protection Working Group published the results of an evaluation of accountability mechanisms carried out in the Diffa region, in collaboration with REACH. The evaluation covered 416 communities across 147 sites (181 [refugee communities](#) and 235 [IDP communities](#)). The results will be used as a basis to improve existing mechanisms and to establish new ones where necessary.
- Through funding received by Luxembourg's [emergency.lu](#) program, Sayam Forage refugee camp was provided with internet access. As a result, all partners operating in the refugee camp now benefit from a reliable connection, which will massively improve communication and existing programs such as UNHCR's education interventions. For more information please visit UNHCR Niger's [blog](#).
- In the Sayam Forage camp, a new project focusing on agricultural activities and fish production and farming was launched. The project will be carried out by the University of Diffa. This new initiative is highly appreciated by authorities in the region, who see this project as a materialization of the Regional Development Plan. In the months to come, authorities in Diffa intend to invite the Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research, as well as those of Agriculture and Community Development to take stock of progress and identify ways in which their respective ministries might participate.

Financial Information

In total, for refugee response in asylum countries as well as response for IDPs in Nigeria, UNHCR's requirements amount to USD **179.5 million in 2017**. UNHCR is very grateful for the financial support provided by donors, particularly those who have contributed to UNHCR activities with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds, as well as for those who have contributed to the Nigeria Situation as a whole.

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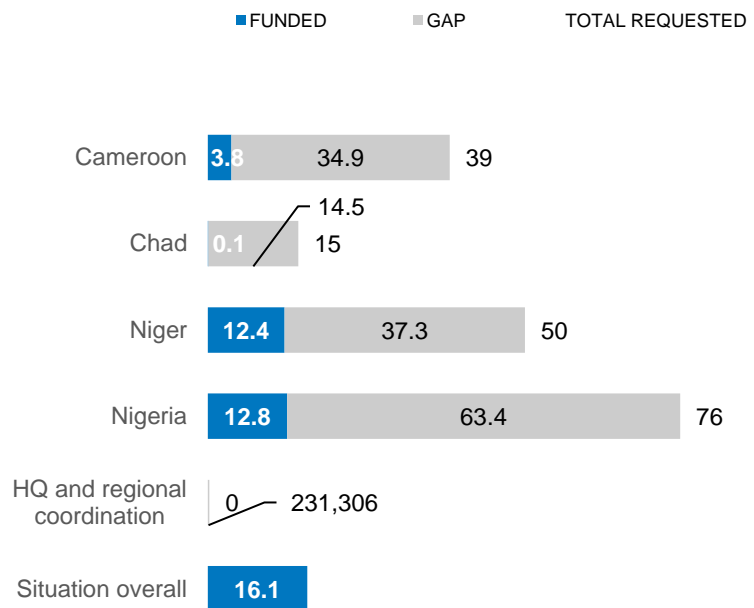
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Populations forcibly displaced by the insurgency in the Lake Chad Basin Region

As of 31 August or latest figures available



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CAMEROON

 IDPs **219,305***

 Refugees **88,672***

CHAD

 IDPs **90,911***

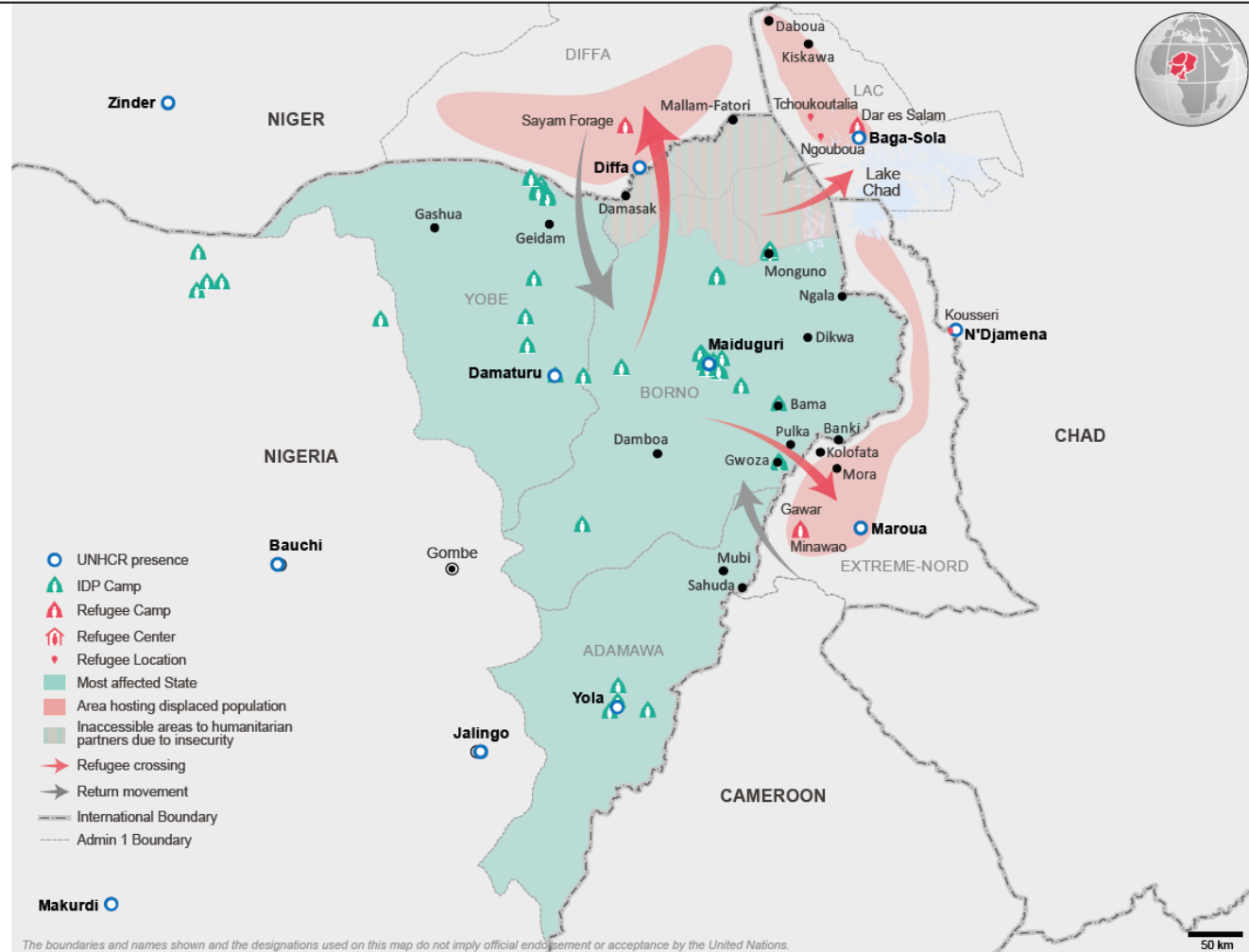
 Refugees **7,969**

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 IDPs **127,299***

 Refugees **106,146**

* Figures represent the number of people displaced by the Boko Haram-related insurgency.



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