

Nigeria Situation

01-30 November 2017

1,713,771*

IDPs in Nigeria

*1.65 million **displaced by the insurgency**

(NEMA/IOM DTM Report, Round XIX, October 2017)

206,597

Nigerian refugees **displaced by the insurgency** in

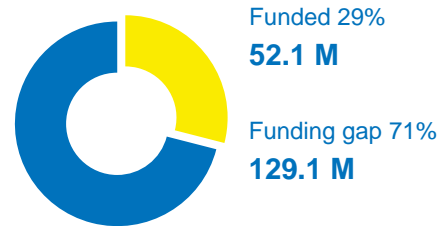
Cameroon, Chad and Niger as of 30 November 2017

(or latest figures available).

FUNDING

USD 179.5 M

requested for the Nigeria situation



HIGHLIGHTS AND OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- Security** - In Nigeria, renewed Boko Haram (BH) activity was recorded in north-western Borno and north-eastern Yobe States, where the al-Barnawi faction is believed to be operating. These developments are seen as result of the withdrawal of Chadian forces from the Multinational Joint Taskforce (MNJTF) factions posted along Lake Chad. Over the month, the insurgents carried out two attacks on Nigerian military and government forces, dislodging them from their positions in two of Borno's local government areas (LGAs). The Nigerian Senate has launched an investigation into these worsening security conditions to deal with this issue as one that affects the entire country. In Cameroon, the security situation remained fluid and a decrease in the number of civilian casualties and attacks was recorded. Military counter-insurgency operations took place along the border near the end of the month. In Chad, with the end of the rainy season and the drop in water levels, several small scale attacks and skirmishes were recorded in the Lake region, some of which were suspected to have been carried out by BH. In Niger, the general atmosphere is reported to be calmer with fear around kidnappings decreasing. However, the number of criminal incidents rose slightly in comparison to October but no terrorism-related activities were reported.
- In Nigeria**, the Adamawa State Technical Working Group (TWG) visited several areas including the Sahuda border entry point, and met with civilian and military officials as well as IDPs, refugee returnees and host communities, within the context of the Tripartite Agreement for the voluntary repatriation of Nigerian refugees. Following these visits, the TWG recommended that the return of Nigerian refugees from Cameroon start in February 2018 to areas assessed as secure enough to allow for voluntary return.
- In Cameroon**, the number of arrivals at Goronguel transit centre rose over the month, to an average of 100 persons/week. They cited insecurity in the vicinities of Maiduguri and Mubi as the main reason for their departure. Goronguel has also been receiving arrivals from the Far North region of Cameroon, seeking protection, assistance and family reunification. In addition, a total 1,126 Nigerian refugees have returned from Nigeria to date after spontaneously leaving Minawao refugee camp over the past few months, mainly due to insecurity and the absence of adequate infrastructure in their areas of origin. Additional refugees could have returned without having initially declared their departure.
- In Chad**, following visits by authorities of the Kaya Department, in the west and north-west vicinities of Baga Sola, population movements were reported (2,500 persons). Authorities are reported to have requested their departure for security reasons. This group finds itself in precarious conditions as its members were not able to take any of their belongings with them in the rush. A multisector assessment mission is planned for December.
- In Niger**, following the first phase of biometric registration (BIMS) in Sayam Forage refugee camp, completed in October, the second phase of the project, which aims to biometrically register the entire out-of-camp displaced population (refugees, IDPs and returnees) began on 20 November. This exercise will cover all spontaneous sites hosting displaced persons along the region's three main axes: Rosso, Toumour and Châtimari

Update on achievements

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- On 17 November, 800 IDPs graduated from a livelihood programme managed by UNHCR and the American University of Nigeria. Its beneficiaries acquire skills in tailoring, agriculture, fishing, blacksmithing, and IT, among others. To date, a total of 11,652 individuals have graduated from the programme, which is in place in Adamawa, Borno, Gombe and Yobe States. Beneficiaries are also provided with starter kits to help them sustain their businesses. In order to ensure the programme is expanded to reach as many people as possible, UNHCR has established 4 Skills Acquisition centres in Borno State. In the same vein, UNHCR provided equipment and resources to 426 IDPs, refugee returnees and host community members across 40 cooperative business groups in Yobe to assist them with becoming self-reliant.
- November saw the conclusion of a birth certificate delivery exercise, which lasted five months, in Borno State. More than 102,000 persons have been registered and issued with certificates in Bama, Banki, Damasak, Gamboru Ngala and Mungono LGAs.

CAMEROON

- Within the framework of the Tripartite Agreement, and following the last assessment mission to Nigeria during the month of August, meetings and interviews were conducted with refugees in Minawao camp in order to prepare for future "Go and see" and "come and tell" visits. The next mission that had been planned within this context is currently underway in Adamawa and was informed by these discussions. Their purpose was to provide clarifications to refugees on the voluntary repatriation process and to convey available information on their areas of origin.
- From 2-3 November, a return intention survey was carried out in Minwao camp. A total of 40 staff interviewed 4,000 households. Data processing is underway. This is the second return intention survey carried out this year. Results from the previous one in May had indicated a sharp drop in comparison to 2016 (from 70% to 44%) of persons wishing to return home in the near future.
- In preparation for the registration of out of camp refugees in the Mayo-Sava department, a series of training workshops on the "International Protection of Refugees and IDPs" was organized for 120 traditional, administrative and military authorities, and religious leaders in the department from 21-23 November.

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- During the month of November, UNHCR in Baga Sola was engaged in the preparation of court hearings to establish declaratory judgements for refugee children born on Chadian soil who have missed the birth declaration deadline. The hearings will take place in early December and in total, an estimated 600 children will benefit from this exercise.

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- A workshop was held in the Diffa region from 14-15 November to launch the second phase of the Urbanization Project. The first phase, which began in 2015, enabled local authorities to provide legal access to land to over 2,000 vulnerable households, while increasing their internal revenue. This second phase is funded by the EU Trust Fund and aims to improve the living conditions of the displaced population in the region, including refugees, returnees, and vulnerable host populations. A total of 4,000 houses made from durable materials will be constructed, and 6,000 land parcels will be allocated to the populations of at least 7 communes during the next 3 years.
- On 27 November, a training on the use of Cash Transfers was carried out in Diffa by the CaLP (Cash and Learning Programme). The training focused on cash as a transversal tool in protection and assistance for vulnerable persons, and was carried out with the Protection Working Group and all protection actors working in the region.

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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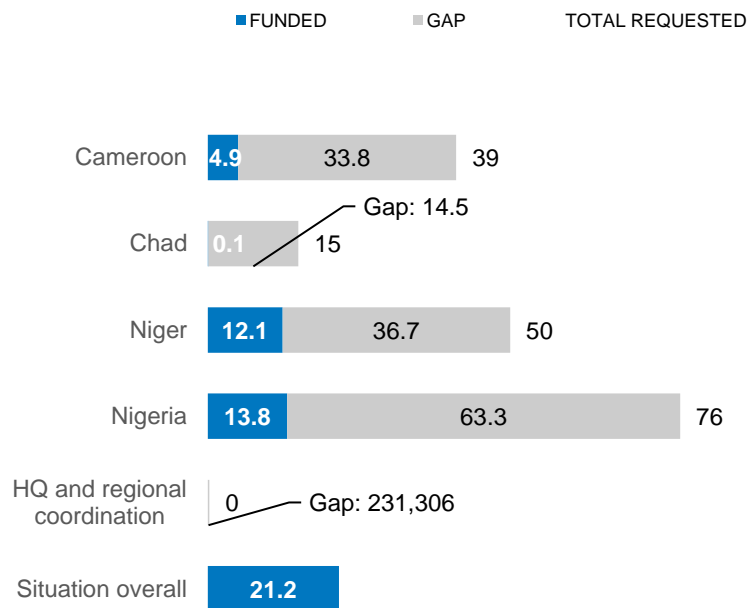
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NIGERIA SITUATION

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

As of 30 November or latest figures available



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CAMEROON

 IDPs 241,987

 Refugees 88,816*

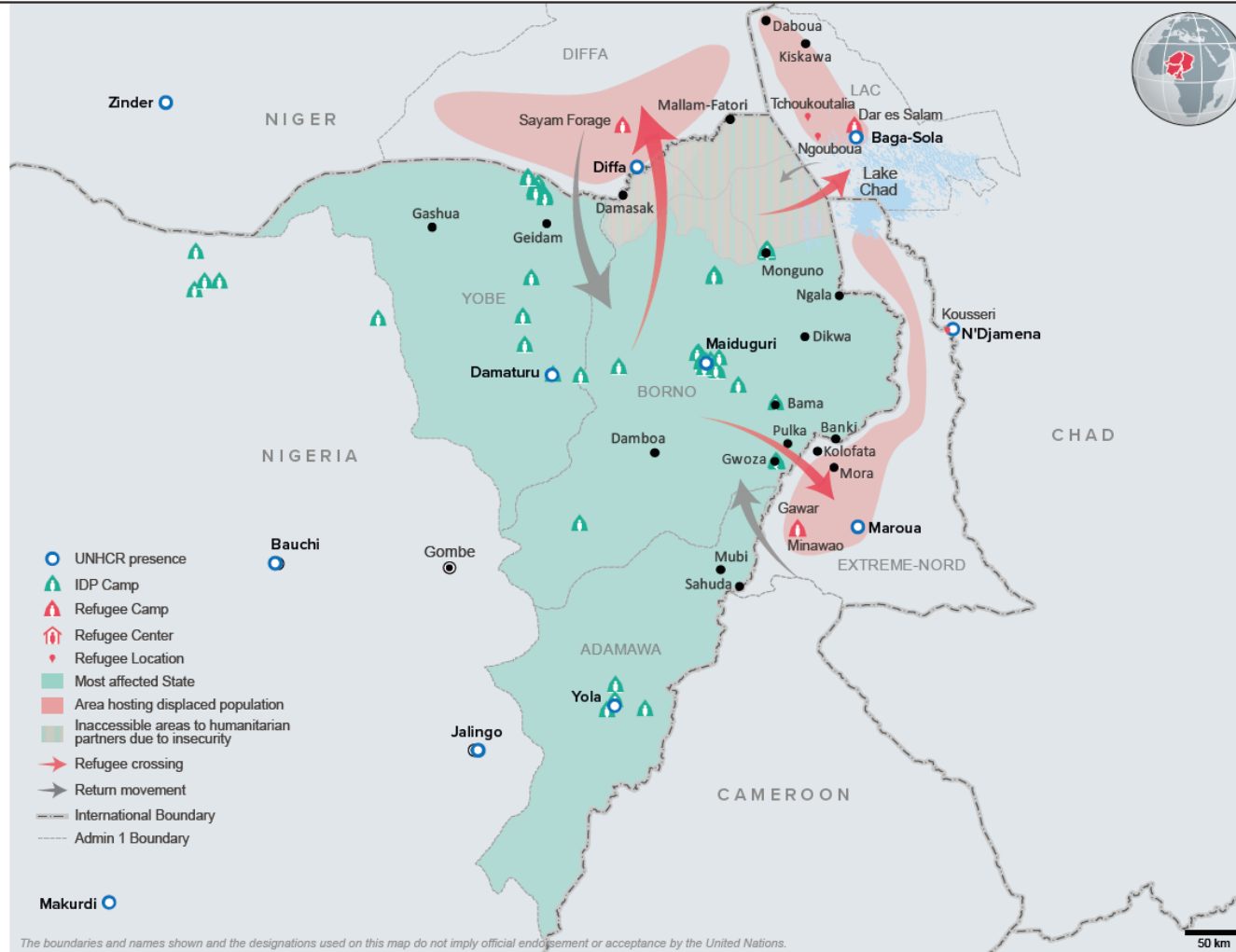
CHAD

 IDPs 152,905

 Refugees 9,311

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 IDPs 129,015*

 Refugees 108,470


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