

## NIGERIA SITUATION

### UNHCR REGIONAL UPDATE N°9

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#### KEY FIGURES

## 1,491,706 IDPs in Nigeria

(NEMA/IOM DTM Report, April 2015)

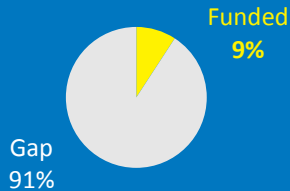
## 167,789

Total number of Nigerian refugees in neighbouring countries

#### FUNDING

## USD 114,530,270

Requested for the situation



#### IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES

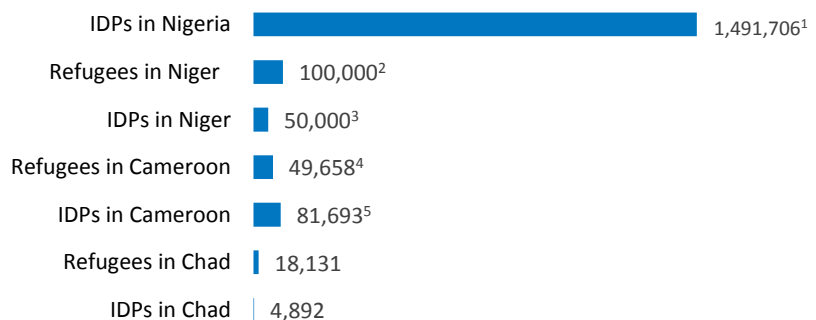
- **Nigeria:**
  - Protection and assistance to most vulnerable groups among the IDPs and host communities
- **Niger:**
  - Relocation from hosting communities in Diffa region to Sayam Forage camp
- **Cameroon:**
  - Transfer of refugees from insecure border areas to Minawao camp
- **Chad:**
  - Relocation of refugees from Lake Chad islands to Dar Es Salam site

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The Governor of Adamawa State Mr. Bala Ngilari recently stated that efforts undertaken to stifle the terrorist threat are far from over. IDP camps are now facing a significant threat, and the Governor has sounded the alarm. Most sites, he says, have been infiltrated by members of the sect disguised as IDPs, making it difficult to differentiate them from persons of concern. These occurrences also have been reported in other locations such as Maiduguri in Borno State.
- General Muhammadu Buhari was inaugurated as the fifth President of the fourth Nigerian Republic on 29 May.
- According to Chadian authorities, the security situation in Baga Sola, including in surrounding areas, has remained calm this week. The deployment of Nigerian, Niger and Chadian armed forces to remote areas of the lake is complete, and will enable the latter to launch an offensive against insurgents. Moreover, the Chadian National Assembly has voted in favour of extending the mandate of Chadian armed forces in Cameroon and Nigeria.

#### Populations of concern

A total of **1,796,080** people of concern



<sup>1</sup> NEMA/IOM DTM Report, April 2015

<sup>2</sup> Government estimates (refugees and returnees)

<sup>3</sup> Government estimates

<sup>4</sup> UNHCR/IOM – including 37,171 in the Minawao/Gawar camp

<sup>5</sup> UNHCR/IOM

## NIGERIA: Operational Context

- In the ongoing raid on Sambisa Forest in Borno State, the Nigerian army continues to liberate captives from the insurgents. Major Chris Olukolade said on 24 May that another 20 women and children had been freed from the stronghold. In parallel however, the security situation in the North East remains unsafe. On 23 May, an attack in Gubio, Borno State, claimed the lives of approximately 40 persons according to local security sources and residents. Nigeria's National Intelligence Agency has, in collaboration with national and international counterparts, intensified its efforts in tracking the financing activities of the insurgent group, within and outside Nigeria. This was announced by Chief of Defence, Rear Admiral Okoi in a press briefing to journalists the end of the Deputy Defence Advisers/Attaches/Librarians 2015 Training Conference in Abuja.
- UNICEF has raised an alarm on the increasing use of children and women used for suicide bombings. The fund has warned that the trend is likely going to increase. John Gough, UNICEF's representative in Nigeria said that as insurgents are fighting with little recourse, children have become an easy target because they are often ignorant of the threats facing them. The number of reported suicide attacks in the first five months of 2015 stands at 27 as opposed to 26 in 2014 overall.

## Achievements

There are an estimated 1.49 million insurgency-related IDPs in Nigeria, the majority of whom live in the north-eastern States.

### IDPs

- The UNHCR Regional Representative for West Africa, Ms. Liz Ahua, has promised support to IDPs and an intensification of UNHCR presence in Nigeria. Ms. Ahua rounded her one week maiden mission to Nigeria since assuming the role of the agency's regional Representative in Dakar with a press conference on 28 May 2015 at BO Abuja. During the mission, she met with Government partners, the UN Country Team (UNCT), representatives of over 2,000 residual refugees in Lagos and UNHCR staff. Addressing IDPs in Gombe and Bauchi States, she promised more support in NFIs, Shelter and CCCM within the limits of UNHCR's means. Ms. Ahua praised the efforts of the Nigerian Government for providing support to its people. She appealed to the IDPs to work toward peace and unity for the country to recover from the current displacement crises.



*Nigeria/Ten year old IDP orphan weeping. With Ms. Liz Ahua (right) and UNHCR's Representative for Nigeria, Ms. Angèle Atangana (left)*  
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- The Presidential Initiative for the North East (PINE) has announced that the Federal Government has developed a comprehensive redevelopment marshal plan for the north-eastern sub region, especially as regards IDPs.
- The National Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) met in Abuja on 26 May at the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR). Highlights of the meeting included planning for the inter-agency assessment in the Northeast, starting mid-June, and coordination of discussions on activities being implemented in the most affected States.
- The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has said that just under 60 per cent of persons rescued from Sambisa Forest are sick. In disclosing this, NEMA Director-General, Mallam Sani Sidi told reporters in Abuja on 22 May that the victims were suffering from gunshot and bomb blast wound infections, as well as from malaria. All are suffering from dehydration and malnutrition but those with the most serious ailments have been transferred to the Federal Medical Centre in Yola for treatment.

## NIGER: Operational Context

- The security situation in the Diffa region is calm but tense and unpredictable. Insurgent movements have been reported in the south-eastern part of the Bosso area. Despite the prevailing angst which remains in the area, a certain amount of civilian activity can be seen in Diffa. With the state of emergency still activated, circulation restrictions on motor vehicles are still in effect from 8 pm to 6 am.

## Achievements

### Protection

The Government of Niger has estimated that the insurgency-related population of Nigerian refugees and returnees from Niger has reached 100,000. It also estimates the IDP population to be some 50,000.

- IRC continues to undertake protection monitoring with UNHCR funding in N'Guigmi to identify unaccompanied children, and child protection and SGBV cases.

**Challenges, identified needs and remaining gaps:** Protection monitoring in the South East is difficult for security reasons and due to the ban on motor vehicle use.

### Health

- Action Pour le Bien Etre (APBE) continues to provide sanitary assistance and essential drugs at the Kime Gana transit site in N'Guigmi. Some 400 consultations were held this week and revealed that predominant pathologies include: parasitic diseases, dermatitis, eye infections and acute respiratory infections. Of those consulted, 46 children aged between 6-59 months were diagnosed with moderate acute malnutrition and three with severe acute malnutrition. Three cases were referred to the Centre de Récupération Nutritionnel Intensif (CRENI).

### Water and Sanitation

- In the Goudoumaria, Kablewa, and Sayam Forage camps, construction work has started to establish a water supply system. In the Kablewa and Sayam Forage camps, existing hydraulic infrastructures are being improved. Water continues to be provided to the Sayam Forage camp through water trucking.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Management

- Close to 60 refugees who had received vocational training and passed a professional certification have been provided with a support kits to begin practicing their respective professions. The kits were composed of the tools necessary for each craft (plumbing, mechanical work, welding, and carpentry). Initially these refugees will be supervised to facilitate their integration into the Diffa labour market.

## CAMEROON: Operational Context

- The security situation remains volatile and uncertain but there has been relative calm during the week.
- Certain refugees, who had chosen to remain at the border with a view to returning to their areas of origin have been arriving spontaneously at the Minawao/Gawar camp. Some 1,145 new arrivals were pre-registered this week. These individuals come mainly from Banki, Borno State and Gwoza, Adamawa State, in Nigeria. In almost its entirety, the group had fled Nigeria in June 2014 to settle in border villages in Cameroon's Far North region but has made its way to the Minawao/Gawar camp to seek assistance.

## Achievements

### Protection

UNHCR and IOM have registered 49,658 refugees and 81,693 IDPs. The majority of refugees live in the Minawao/Gawar site (37,171), while IDPs live with host families; both groups live in Cameroon's Far North.

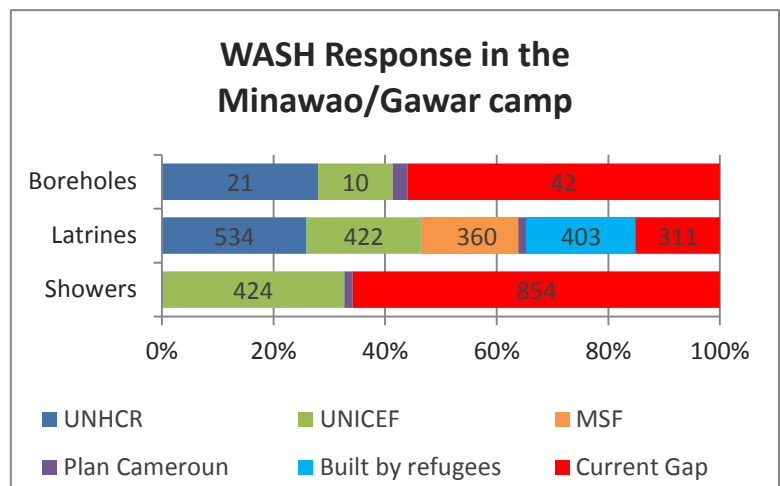
- To reinforce security in the Minawao/Gawar camp, army, police and constabulary forces in Maroua and Mokolo inspected the camp on 22 May. According to the head of security, there were no incidents and no weapons were found.

### Health

- UNICEF and WHO assisted the Regional Delegation of Public Health for the Far North Region with organising response against measles in the Mokolo District, including the refugee camp. A 103 per cent vaccination success rate was recorded for children aged 6 months to 15 years, including 16,400 refugees and 3,362 IDPs.
- A routine vaccination exercise was initiated in the Minawao/Gawar camp health post. During the week, 30 refugees received a tuberculosis vaccination and 14 received a yellow fever vaccination.
- A total of 1,477 consultations took place (920 by IMC and 557 by MSF), including 35 per cent for children under the age of 5. Acute respiratory infections remain the dominant pathology in the Minawao/Gawar camp.

### Water and Sanitation

- During the week under review, the daily quantity of water available in the camp decreased from 12 to 10 litres per person. This can be attributed to the Mayo Louti river drying up and because of Mokolo water network failure, compounded with increasing arrivals.
- UNHCR continues to carry out tests its 10 newly constructed boreholes. One of the boreholes currently provides 1,600 litres per hour. When completed, the amount of water available to refugees in the camp should reach 20L per person per day. To further increase water availability through water trucking, Public Concern gave two submersible water pumps that had been provided by UNHCR, to MSF.
- In the villages neighbouring the camp, UNHCR has continued to construct 10 additional boreholes to provide host populations with water.
- IEDA Relief organised an educational activity on hand washing for about 2,000 refugees and an awareness raising session on hygiene, WASH and cholera prevention in the Minawao/Gawar camp, and in the neighbouring villages of Zamai, Gadala and Zawae. More than 40,000 persons benefited from this session.
- An additional 30 hygiene promoters have been recruited by Plan Cameroun bringing the total to 75 and the ratio to 520 refugees per promoter.



## Education

- Minwao/Gawar camp students in their last year of primary school sat exams to obtain their Primary School Certificates (CEPE). A total of 16 students are candidates for the CEPE exam.
- During the week, students in the Minwao bilingual high school sat their final exams.

## Shelter and NFIs

- During the week, Public Concern finalised the construction of tents provided by Plan Cameroun. A total of 1,605 tents have been constructed.

## IDPs

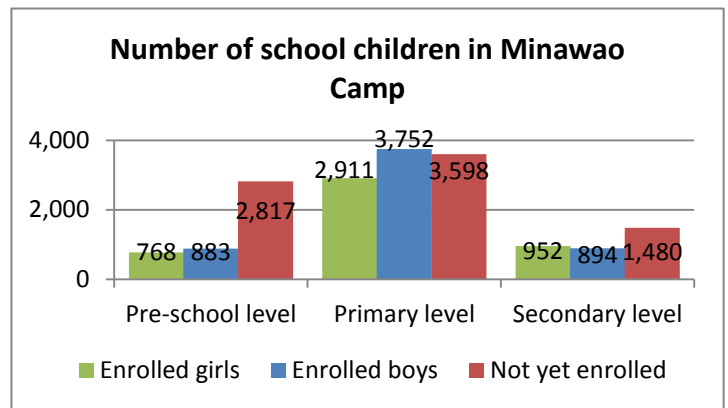
- The second round of food distribution is in preparation. Some 68,890 beneficiaries benefited from the exercise last month in the Logone-et-Chari and Mayo Sava departments. A verification and validation programme for the Mayo Tsanaga department lists has been established. Over 11,000 IDPs are targeted in the Mayo Tsanaga department and more specifically in Mokolo.
- The Government of Italy has shipped 150,000 Euros worth of NFIs to Maroua. These were received and pre-positioned by Intersos in Mora and will be distributed to IDPs in the Mayo-Sava department.

## CHAD: Operational Context

### Protection

There are just over 18,000 Nigerian refugees in Chad, with 3,000 arrivals registered prior to the emergency. Some 9,300 have been registered by the Commission Nationale d'Accueil, de Réinsertion des Réfugiés et des Repatriés (CNARR), and 6,140 of these refugees live in the Dar Es Salam site (Baga Sola), with the remainder living in communities or areas such as Mayo Kebbi East. The Government has estimated that another 7,000 are living in remote areas. UNHCR, IOM and CNARR have jointly registered 4,892 IDPs – 3,398 of whom are in Baga Sola and 1,494 in Bol – and 1,712 returnees. Profiling is ongoing for IDPs and returnees to obtain additional data from areas that have not yet been surveyed.

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- To respond to the influx of 2,000 Niger nationals who had arrived at Karama on 15 May, after being asked to evacuate by the Niger army, UNHCR has continued to provide transfers to the Dar Es Salam camp.
- The Dar Es Salam camp also welcomed women and children from Ngouboua and Tchoukoutalia, who had arrived spontaneously in the camp to reunite with their husbands, contrary to previous trends. More women than men were registered (184 versus 143) during the week under review.
- **Challenges, identified needs and remaining gaps:**
- Community services and child protection partners
- Lack of participation from various refugee committees in the community life



## Education

- Since the establishment of a school canteen in both of Baga Sola's schools on 22 May, a net increase in school attendance has been reported with over 800 children attending both institutions.

## Shelter and NFIs

In the Dar Es Salam site, the construction of shelter, water points, latrines and showers is provided by UNHCR and its partners CRT, APSELPA (Action pour la Protection de la Santé de l'Environnement et de Lutte contre la Pénurie Alimentaire), UNICEF and ADERBA (Association pour le Développement de la Région de Bagasola). To date, a total of 1,054 family shelters have been constructed with the use of plastic sheeting. Additional shelters are now under construction.

- In the Dar Es Salam transit centre, the registration, 'waiting space' (or waiting room) and welcome hangars were rehabilitated. An additional 'waiting space' hangar was constructed in the distribution centre.

## Food Security and Nutrition

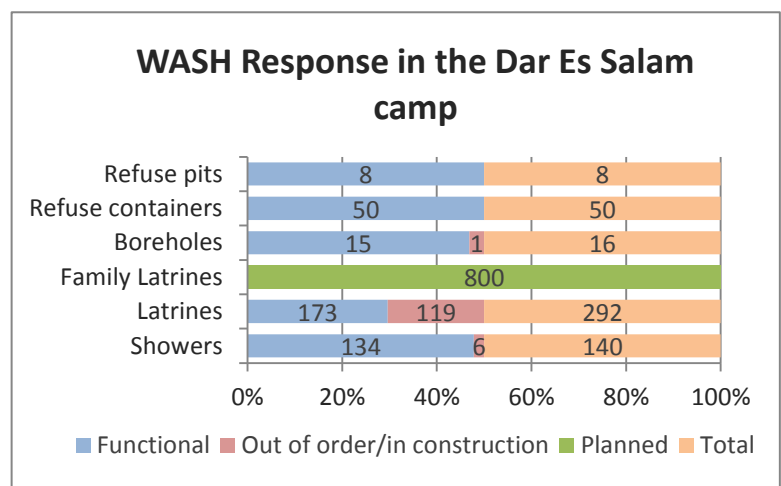
- Out of almost 5,000 individuals for whom WFP's general monthly food distribution was planned, 3,242 were assisted this week.

## Health

- IMC undertook 296 consultations in the Dar Es Salam camp and 56 in N'gouboua area this week.
- In the Dar Es Salam Camp, three awareness raising sessions were organised for over 2,000 people on the importance of giving birth in health centres, on voluntary and early HIV/AIDS screening, on the use of contraception for the prevention of sexually transmissible diseases and unwanted pregnancies.
- In N'gouboua area three awareness raising sessions were organised and benefited 640 persons on the precautions which need to be taken to avoid dehydration during the dry season.

## Water and Sanitation

- Some 215 persons benefited from an awareness raising session on the theme of 'water use in the household'.



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

UNHCR is very grateful for the financial support provided by donors, particularly those who have contributed to UNHCR activities with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds. Funding requirements for the refugee and IDP components of the Nigeria Situation now amount to USD 114.5 million, including USD 97.5 million in additional requirements for 2015.

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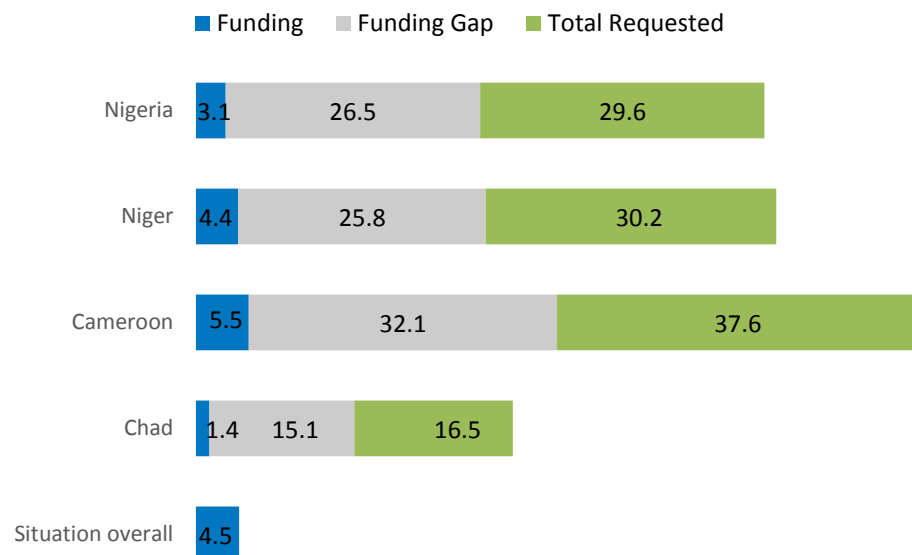
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