



Lake Chad Region

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SITUATION									
<p>Four countries (Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon and Chad) in the Lake Chad region are affected by the on-going, Boko Haram conflict. As the needs continue to increase, this slow-onset “forgotten” crisis is urgently requiring attention to save lives and maintain human dignity. Approximately 21 million people live in the conflict-affected areas, of which 2.6 million are displaced and in dire need of support.</p> <p>The conflict has had devastating effects on the region; visible not only through the widespread destruction of homes, livelihoods, infrastructure and large-scale displacements, but also in the conflict-induced trauma and fear in the affected communities. The already grim situation is further compounded by climate change, as the Lake Chad – the peoples’ principle source of income and livelihoods – is receding at an alarming rate.</p> <p>In some of the affected areas, humanitarian access is often hampered by insecurity. Access may also be limited due to the rainy season (June - August). Moreover, social and political institutions in the region are fragile or underdeveloped and corruption is widespread.</p>									
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<p>The situation in the region is deteriorating as humanitarian funding is decreasing as result of donor fatigue and States are unable to provide adequate services to the affected communities. Although humanitarian actors are present in the Lake Chad basin, the needs are very high as there are several gaps in service provision. ACT members have carried out an assessment and have cross-checked the results with the information received while participating in different humanitarian coordination platforms (UN clusters, technical working groups, etc.); and determined that the priority sectors are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food security 2. WASH 3. GBV/Protection 4. Livelihoods/early recovery <p>The dire situation is further compounded for the conflict affected people with vulnerabilities. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.</p>									
ACT Alliance presence in region									
<p>The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Nigeria</td> <td>Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) Christian Aid (CA)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Niger</td> <td>Lutheran World Relief (LWR)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Cameroon</td> <td>Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Evangelical Lutheran Brethren Church (EFLC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Chad</td> <td>The Lutheran World Federation (LWF)</td> </tr> </table> <p>To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, ACT members will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.</p>		Nigeria	Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) Christian Aid (CA)	Niger	Lutheran World Relief (LWR)	Cameroon	Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Evangelical Lutheran Brethren Church (EFLC)	Chad	The Lutheran World Federation (LWF)
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ACT Alliance Activities
<p>ACT Alliance members are currently present and providing assistance to the affected communities in 4 countries of the Lake Chad region. Through assessments and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT members have identified gaps in several sectors and have resolved that if funded, they will have the capacity to properly respond to the identified gaps.</p> <p>ACT members are planning on submitting a funding proposal for a regional response to the crisis. Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the conflict are amplified.</p>

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