

Nigeria Situation Chad

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The conflict with Boko Haram in northern Nigeria, which has spread to the Lake Chad Basin region since 2014, continues to cause forced displacement and a complex humanitarian crisis in Cameroon,

Chad and Niger. **In Chad, the violence has displaced more than 426,260 people, including refugees, returnees, and internally displaced persons in the Lac province.**

UNHCR supports government efforts to **save lives, protect the rights of forcibly displaced people and help them build a better future.**

KEY FIGURES

21 073

Refugees registered as of 31 May 2023

23 901

Returned to Chad on 31 May 2023

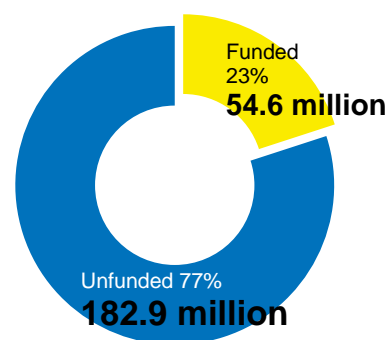
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Internal Displaced Persons

FUNDING ON 19 JUN

USD 237.7 million

Requested for Chad operation



Distribution of dignity kits to women/girls of childbearing age at the Baboul site (Lac Province), 7/4/2023, ©UNHCR Chad

Operational context

- UNHCR has assisted and protected 21,073 Nigerian refugees and 381,289 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Lac province since 2014. UNHCR coordinates **humanitarian interventions with the government through the *Commission Nationale d'Accueil et Réinsertion des Réfugiés (CNARR)***.
- Security, environmental and operational constraints make protection and humanitarian assistance for displaced people difficult.
- **The Lac province has almost 253 IDP sites, according to IOM DTM 17th Round.**
- Seven humanitarian clusters have been activated and are all operational in Lac to coordinate humanitarian action. **UNHCR leads the Protection, CCCM and Shelter/NFI clusters.**

Main achievements



PROTECTION

- *Agence Nationale des Titres Sécurisés (ANATS)*, with the support of UNHCR, is implementing the project to support citizenship, prevent statelessness and issue identity documents to IDPs. Since the project began, it has produced 11,320 national identity cards and 11,194 birth certificates for IDPs. **ANATS has started the biometric registration of IDPs to produce and distribute 3,100 national identity cards by 2023.**
- The **Chadian government adopted and promulgated the law on assistance and protection for internally displaced persons in May 2023**, establishing a framework for finding solutions in their interests.
- UNHCR is also assisting around 2,464 refugees, or 12.5% of the total refugee population, living in 11 host villages in the departments of Mamdi (56.3%), Kaya (20%) and Liwa (23.7%).
- Promoting the peaceful coexistence of refugee communities, IDPs, and the host population is a major activity in the Lac province. **Fourteen joint conflict management and resolution committees and continued** community awareness-raising activities help promote peaceful coexistence.
- **UNHCR and its partners also implement prevention and response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and child protection, including** awareness-raising activities and specialized protection services.



EDUCATION

- **Refugees follow the Chadian curriculum, and the average primary school pass rate is 82%.**
- The Dar Es Salam camp has two primary schools with 4,087 pupils (2,186 boys and 1,901 girls), including 3,294 refugees (1,556 boys and 1,728 girls). Some 194 pupils attend high school, including 106 girls and 98 boys; 97 are refugee children (58 girls and 39 boys).
- The camp also has a 3-classroom lower secondary school, with 194 pupils, including 106 girls and 98 boys. Of these, 97 pupils (58 girls and 39 boys) are refugee children, with a net enrolment rate of 26%.

**HEALTH**

- **UNHCR works with district health offices and partners to ensure access to health care, including mental health and psychosocial support services.** UNHCR's support of the national health system helps to improve the delivery of primary health services for refugees and host communities.
- UNHCR supports Baga Sola health district with logistical services such as repairing ambulances to facilitate patient referrals and a generator to supply power to the hospital.
- **Health partners collaborate with the Ministry of Public Health to ensure the availability of medicines to treat malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV, as well as vaccines.**
- In Dar es Salam camp, UNHCR partners with IRC and ADES, and collaborates closely with UNFPA, UNDP and the NGO IHDL to provide health services.
- In May 2023, Partners led a measles vaccination campaign.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

- UNHCR partners with the UN World Food Programme to distribute food assistance to the most vulnerable refugees to ensure they have enough to meet their basic needs.

**WATER AND SANITATION**

- UNHCR and its partners **provide access to clean and safe water to refugees and host communities through 42 boreholes and six mini-stations.** On average, Dar Es Salam Camp refugees have access to 24 litres of potable water per person per day (l/p/d), above the standard of 20 l/p/d for stable situations.

**SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS**

- Refugees received support from shelters, but access to decent shelters remains challenging with the influx of asylum seekers. **About half of refugee families live in durable (44%) or transitional shelters (5%).** Half of the refugee families continue to live in emergency shelters.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

- Dar Es Salam camp hosts Nigerian refugees in the Lake province. Internally displaced persons live across 253 sites in the Lake province. UNHCR, CNARR and CRT jointly manage and coordinate the camp and sites with the support of refugees and IDP committees.



ENERGY ACCESS

- **Firewood is the primary energy source for cooking in the Dar Es Salam camp. Many households do not have access to improved stoves.**
- Women and children often collect firewood from miles away from their homes, exposing them to multiple protection risks such as physical assault, rape, and abduction. **UNHCR and partners work with the communities to produce improved stoves and briquettes to make cooking easier.**
- UNHCR and partners lead efforts to raise awareness of desertification, abusive logging, and global warming in the camp and other sites. **In 2023, over 360 households received a tree to plant near their shelter. UNHCR and partners also planted some 100 fruit and non-fruit trees in the camp**



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY

- In 2023, UNHCR officially handed over a fish market to two mixed groups of 20 people, including eight refugees, four IDPs and eight Chadian from the host communities, to **facilitate the socio-economic inclusion of Nigerian refugees and peaceful cohabitation between refugees, IDPs and the host population.** The groups also received about USD 3 350 for managing the fishery. The fishery sells its production to Lac province localities and even N'Djamena.
- UNHCR also helped refugees in Dar Es Salam camp set up a goat farm. **Participants received six small ruminants for breeding, including five females and one male.**
- UNHCR works with authorities and local communities to negotiate arable lands for mixed groups of forcibly displaced persons and hosts to conduct market gardening and rain-fed farming. **UNHCR advocacy efforts have already resulted in securing 18 hectares of arable land.**

DURABLES SOLUTIONS

- The lack of a stable security/political situation in the refugees' areas of origin in Nigeria has prevented the implementation of voluntary repatriation activities. UNHCR has set up cross-border mechanisms with Nigeria to share information on the security situation and the protection environment to prepare a future voluntary repatriation programme.
- In March 2023, the Government of Nigeria announced its decision to facilitate the voluntary repatriation of refugees to Nigeria. UNHCR is working with the governments of Chad and Nigeria to develop the framework of the voluntary repatriation programme.

- UNHCR also facilitates resettlement to third countries of Nigerian refugees, heightening protection risks.

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