



NIGERIA FACTSHEET

October 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

427

Asylum seekers have been registered since January 2014, including 21 asylum seekers in October.

120

Persons departed on resettlement since January 2014 including 9 persons in October.

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Security officers attended training on International Refugee Protection at Ijebu-Ode in October

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Refugees were assisted with start-up kits, (Sewing machines, generator and motorcycle) in October.

Population of concern

A total of **2,482** people of concern

By country of origin

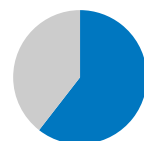
Nigeria	Refugees	Asylum Seekers	Total PoC
Congo DRC	540	331	871
Cameroon	547	11	558
Mali	102	245	347
Cote d'Ivoire	107	53	160
Chad	77	30	107
Others	201	238	439
Total	1574	908	2482

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) **650,000**

Funding

USD 6,088,647.67 million requested

Gap
39%



Funded
61%

UNHCR Presence

Staffing:

20 National Staff 02 International Staff

Offices:

01 Branch Office in Abuja 02 Field Offices in Lagos and Bauchi



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

In order to ensure the protection of refugees and coordinate their assistance, UNHCR works closely with **governmental partners**: National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) as well as other **UN Agencies**. UNHCR also works with **implementing partners**: Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) National Red Cross Society (NRCS), Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC); **NGOs**: CARITAS, Jama'atul Nasarul Islam (JNI), Action Aid and IDP-related **working groups**, namely the Emergency Preparedness and Response Working Group (EPRWG) the Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) and the Camp Coordination Camp Management Working Group (CCCM). UNHCR collaborates with **ECOWAS** through the framework of a MoU signed in 2001.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- **Asylum seekers**: A total of 427 asylum seekers have been registered since January 2014, including 21 asylum seekers in the month of October 2014.
- **Durable solutions**: 9 persons departed on resettlement in October thus making a total of 120 departed persons on resettlement in 2014.

Education

- UNHCR educational support to refugees is in progress. 276 children (85%) between 6 and 11 years attending primary school, 65 refugees under secondary education sponsorship and 8 students under DAFI scholarship programme for university in Nigeria have benefited from this support. A total of 117 primary school students and 40 secondary school students were assisted with education allowance for the third term of 2013/2014 academic session.

Health

- UNHCR Nigeria procured sanitizers and hygiene material for staff, refugees, asylum seekers and IDPs in Lagos, Ijebu Ode (Ogun State), Ituav (Benue State) and Gombe as a preventive measure for Ebola outbreak in Nigeria.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- The monitoring of the livelihood support program for urban refugees continues. The team has so far administered questionnaires to 37 beneficiaries out of planned 50 beneficiaries, who have received livelihood support. The objective of the exercise is to evaluate the impact of the support provided to refugees. The exercise is jointly carried out by NCFRMI, JDPC and UNHCR.
- Five persons were assisted with startup kits namely; sewing machines, generator and motorcycle.

Operation management:

- UNHCR Nigeria received \$550,063 under the CERF underfunded emergencies window. The CERF project is targeting protection activities in Borno and Yobe States for 1,350 vulnerable IDP households made up of 8,100 individuals.

Collaboration with ECOWAS Commission

- Adoption by ECOWAS Commission of the Joint UNHCR-ECOWAS Action Plan for 2014-2017 and the follow up mechanism on the progress made in the implementation of the joint Action Plan.
- Ongoing consultations between the Office and the ECOWAS Commission on preparation of the Regional Ministerial Conference on Statelessness in West Africa which were to be organized by UNHCR and ECOWAS Commission initially in October 2014 in Cote d'Ivoire. Due to Ebola outbreak in West Africa, the Conference was postponed to the first quarter of 2015.
- On-going consultations between the Office and the ECOWAS Commission on preparation of UNHCR-All ECOWAS Departments Retreat to take place in November 2014.
- On-going consultations between the Office and ECOWAS Parliament for joint activities and long term partnership.

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