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KEY FIGURES

1.5 million IDPs

Internally Displaced People

981,416 IDPs

officially registered IDPs (NEMA)

2,120 Persons of concern

Refugees and Asylum seekers of mixed nationalities as of 17 January 2015

FUNDING

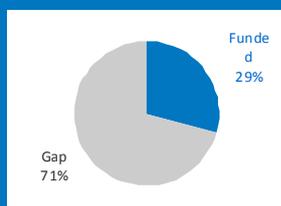
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Refugees and Asylum seekers of mixed nationalities as of 31 January 2015

USD 23,024,553.00

For 2015 Operation (Including the additional requirements for Nigeria Situation)

29% FUNDED



PRIORITIES

- Profiling of IDPs
- Protection monitoring
- Capacity building in CCCM and protection
- Advocacy for policy and legal framework
- Implementation of comprehensive durable solutions for refugees
- Support for RSD

NIGERIA

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HIGHLIGHTS



(Photo: IDPs stranded in Abuja February 2015 ©NEMA)

- As a result of the ongoing reinforced offensive against the insurgents in North East in the next six weeks, the ASMT in Bauchi has recommended that there should be no movement in and out of Yobe and Borno. Travel to the remaining states (Bauchi, Gombe, Adamawa, Plateau and Taraba) will be on a case by case basis.
- The likelihood of sacking the chairman of the Independent National Elections Commission (INEC) Professor Attahiru Jega is likely to provoke more violence and exasperate the already tense political atmosphere.
- UNHCR has procured the initial NFIs stocks have been and warehoused in Gombe ready for distribution.

Operational Context

- The Inter-Agency Consultative Committee on Election Security has emphasized the need for a strong military presence, particularly in the North-East, during the elections. The committee met in Abuja last week, to specifically assess the security situation in the North-East in view of recent successes recorded by the military against the insurgents and argued in favour of deployment of the military for the elections.
- In the last few weeks, the Multinational Joint Task Force has regained several towns captured by the militants in North-Eastern Nigeria. Now, the regional chiefs are preparing for a major ground and air offensive due to start next month - and are meeting in Chad last week to set out the command structure.
- A defeat of the insurgents will enable relative liberty for the populations in the North East to vote and preempt a potential void for eventual conflict after the election; second, the military will avail itself to play the supposed role it claimed not to be able to play in the face of menacing insurgents. But even then, the role of the military during elections is currently a focus of the national debate and conflict.
- The generalized insecurity in the country was discernible within the week by the abduction of a female American missionary in Nigeria's populous Kogi State where abductions are increasingly common. Rev. Phyllis Sortor, a Washington state native, had just returned from a trip to Emiwo town and was standing inside the compound of Hope Academy with two female students.
- For the meantime, it is difficult to say with exactitude if the military will defeat the insurgent and clear the mess including landmines for elections to be conducted in the North East.
- Currently, there is an attempt to stop INEC from using the new electronic PVC-card readers intended to detect fraud. The government's argument could be that INEC has not tested the card reader in any previous local election and should not use the crucial presidential and National Assembly as pilot.

IDP Operation

- The first UNHCT Nigeria meeting since the beginning of 2015 held within the week. During the meeting, it was resolved that UNHCT will present its new coordination structure to the Nigerian Government, UN agencies and other humanitarian actors should ensure effective presence in the North East and that NEMA should be encouraged to ensure its presence in the various states.
- UNHCR is reviewing all relevant requirements for the IDP operation including staffing and logistics in all areas of its work. Request for 8 staff has been submitted to the Emergency Service at HQ.
- UNHCR provided inputs to the CERF Rapid Response allocation. In place of the three months proposal, UNHCR proposed the six months implementation for protection monitoring, Capacity building Shelter/NFIs.
- A Planning meeting by the HCT for the forthcoming IASC Emergency Directors' Group mission to Nigeria held within the week. Participants provided inputs to the mission agenda.

- The final Draft of IDP Protection Strategy for 2015 has been shared with the PSWG for review before validation by the HCT. Nevertheless, UNHCR has begun implementing the strategy. In a related development, the PSWG, through the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) has started advocacy to ensure the adoption of the draft IDP policy.
- Within the week, UNHCR participated at the UNDAF 3 JAWP for the Cross River State in the capital, Calabar. Twelve UN agencies including UNHCR proposed activities for implementation in the State while only 7 (including UNHCR) indicated their implementation budgets.
- Within the reporting period, partnership agreements between the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) for IDPs have been recorded into the MSRP for signature. The NGOs include BENGONET and Rhema Care. The file of NEMA is still being awaited.
- At the UNDAF 111 annual review in Abuja within the week, the Nigeria Government acknowledged encouraging results emanating from its partnership with the UNCT through its agency the National planning Commission (NPC).
- UNHCR Bauchi has been conducting field visits to meet IDPs in SabonKaura, Gwallaga Ward, Kobi Street, Awallah Hotel Ward, and Yakubu Wanka, and Guddum Hausawa settlements in view of the distribution of used clothes next. The visits are aimed at ascertaining the existence of profiled IDPs and sensitization of the concerned on the certainty of the distribution.
- As concerns continue to be expressed on the election situation of IDPs, the Governor of Nasarawa State, Tanko Al-Makura, has assured the people of the state that security measures will be put in place to ensure that internally displaced persons participate in the 2015 general elections in their communities. Nasarawa has been embroiled in communal crisis which was heralded by the killing of 84 security operatives in Alakyo village May 7, 2013. Mr. Al-Makura distributed relief materials through traditional rulers to over 100 communities affected by the recent crisis in the state. Similar concerns are being expressed by IDPs in the hard hit North East region.

Refugee Operation

Registration:

- Four asylum seekers were registered during the week: 3 Syrians and 1 Congolese.
- UNHCR Field Office has been getting the refugees in Ijebu Ode to familiarize them on the gradual handover process of UNHCR activities to Partners and also to encourage them to get used to approaching the Partners more often when they have issues.

External Relations

- NTR:

Funding Requirements

UNHCR Nigeria has submitted revised OL of \$20,793,182.29 (operation = \$15,650,000, ABOD = \$2,435,000 and staffing = \$2,708,182.29). OP is also revised to \$ 41,063,083 (operation = \$15,650,000, ABOD = \$ 3,550,000 and staffing = \$ 5,194,494). The revision will be submitted to the budget committee for approval.

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