



# NIGERIA

## FACTSHEET

September 2015

### HIGHLIGHTS

**05**

Additional Field Offices established in Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, Taraba and Benue to scale up UNHCR's humanitarian footprint in the North East and North Central Regions.

**1157**

individuals trained in various activities between January and August 2015 by UNHCR and Partners.

**100**

family tents were distributed to the most vulnerable IDPs in Borno and Adamawa states, as well as 3,500 plastic sheeting in both states.

### Population of concern

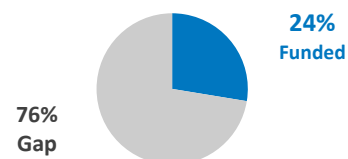
**2,150,451**

IDPs in Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, Yobe, Nasarawa states and Abuja through the Displacement Tracking Matrix DTM as of August 31 2015

Refugees/ Asylum seekers **2,192**

### Funding

**USD29,611,512** requested



### UNHCR Presence

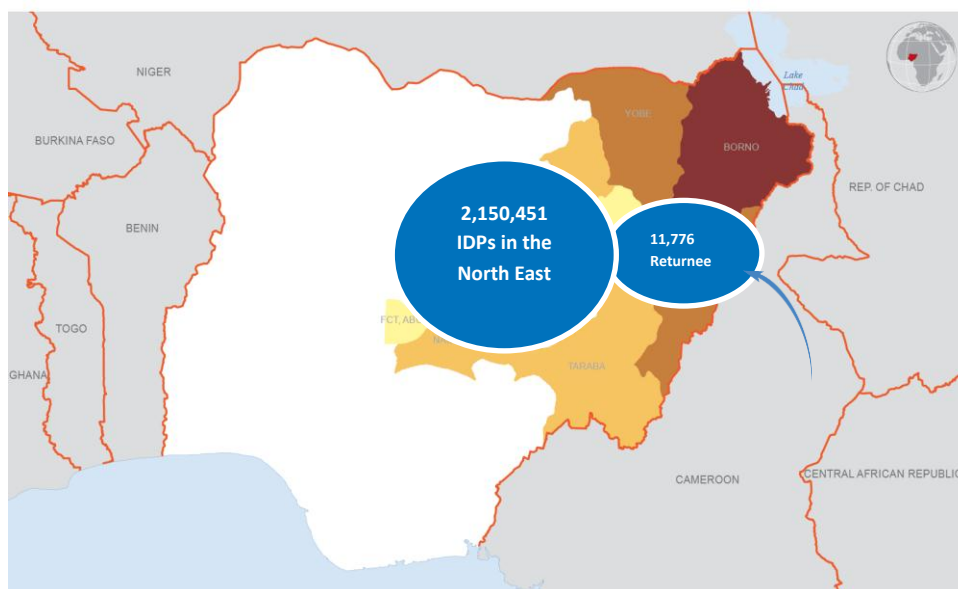
#### Staff:

47 National Staff  
12 International Staff

#### Offices:

01 Branch Office in Abuja | 06 Field Offices in Lagos, Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, Taraba and Benue  
01 Sub Office in Bauchi

MAP OF NIGERIA SHOWING THE MOST AFFECTED STATES  
2,150,451 IDPs as of August 31, 2015



## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

To ensure the protection of persons of concern and coordinate their assistance, as well as contribute to the inter-agency efforts to protect and assist Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) works closely with governmental partners, including National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), State Emergency Management Agencies (SEMAs), the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), and other UN Agencies.

The agency also works with the following implementing partners: Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Benue State NGO Network (BENGONET), Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC), Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), and RHEMA Care. In addition to co-leading the Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) both at the national and sub-national levels, UNHCR actively works with other bodies like the Emergency Preparedness and Response Working Group (EPRWG), Shelter/NFI Working Group, and Camp Coordination and Camp Management Working Group (CCCMWG). UNHCR further collaborates with ECOWAS through the framework of an MoU signed in 2001.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### PROTECTION

- Seven IDPs were killed and 13 others including staff members of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in an explosion that occurred at the Malkohi Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp in Yola, capital of the Adamawa State on 11 September 2015. UNHCR and partners are alarmed by the **increasing incidents of insecurity around and inside IDP sites**, which underscores the risks associated with the deteriorating security situation around IDP sites and raises the long-feared prospect of BH targeting of humanitarian targets.
- The **Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG)**, in its meeting held on 22 September 2015, discussed the nature and implications of the deteriorating security situation around and inside IDP camps in general as well as in host communities. It was noted that PSWG will need to take steps to sensitize ISWG and HCT partners on protection and operational issues, including emerging issues around security, safety and dignity in IDP sites. As agreed by PSWG, the topic was discussed at ISWG meeting of 29/09/15.
- Military and security actors have introduced enhanced “**security and vigilance measures**” in IDP camps since 11/09/15, though these have been coordinated with humanitarian actors on only an ad hoc basis. These measures, at times assisted by groups such as CJTF and vigilantes, include: (a) IDPs, returnees, etc. will now be ferried during the day so as to allow adequate time for screening at the destination point; (b) the use of military escort; (c) body searches; and (d) deployment of anti-bomb squad to conduct sweeps in government managed or official IDP camps.
- UNHCR and the Norwegian Refugee Council have concluded a partnership in **emergency shelter**. For this last quarter of the year, the shelter project will be focusing on **supporting to the ongoing relocation** process in Borno State by providing individual shelters to an initial 300 households.
- During the reported period, assessments have shown that extreme tensions exist in host communities, due to alleged security risk of IDPs attracting retaliation activities by Boko Haram and inability or unwillingness to continue to offer support to IDPs. **Peace-building activities** are urgently necessary to halt further imminent violent communal clashes.
- Women and children being released from areas recaptured by government and allied forces have critical needs for a strong **psychosocial response** with appropriate expertise for their rehabilitation and reintegration within the

communities. UNHCR and Nigerian Red Cross project on delivery of psychosocial support will assist in addressing this problem. It is to be noted that IOM has also begun a similar project to support victims of insurgency in Borno and Adamawa States.

- On 17 September, UNHCR organized protection training for 27 immigration officers, 5 military officers and 1 DSS officer receiving Nigerian returnees at several border entry points in Adamawa State. The objective of the training was to address sensitize participants on international protection standards as well as to practical challenges in the coordination and registration issues in the management of the returnee response.
- UNHCR provided non-food items (NFIs) to 43,000 IDPs located in various camps in Jalingo, capital of Taraba State. According to ongoing UNHCR-NHRC joint protection monitoring exercise, the State of Taraba in recent weeks experienced inter-communal violence and attacks against IDP returnees.
- UNHCR and the National Centre for Women Development shot a video clip of the IDP song “Not Alone” at the NYSC orientation camp in Yola. The song by the Nigerian ace Singer Lady Onyeka Onwenu will help to increase awareness on the plight of the IDPs and will also be used in raising funds for their assistance and protection.

### **Coordination**

- Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) is actively contributing to the planning of the Humanitarian Needs Overview, while members have decided that the HNO will focus on four states, including Borno, Adamawa, Gombe and Yobe. The group has also outlined protection indicators for the exercise and has initiated the preparation of a protection analysis.
- UNHCR participated in the Inter Sector Working Group (ISWG) on behalf of the PSWG on 29 September. Key discussions included sectoral responses to the cholera outbreak, planning for the HNO/HRP and a discussion on the issues of enhanced security at IDP sites.
- UNHCR participated in the Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CP SWG) meeting on the 30th of September. Discussions focused on the finalization of the child protection case management system and the need to coordinate the system with the gender-based violence information management system, as well as the CP SWG’s contributions to the sector’s draft recommendations on enhancing security and protection at IDP sites and the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO). UNHCR trained a total of 14 paramilitary officers, immigration officers and NRCS staff members at Sahuda border on protection standards and principles.

### **REGISTRATION:**

- The number of Nigerian returnees from Cameroon stands at **11,776**.
- 16 asylum seekers were registered in the month under review. They were made up of 6 Central Africans5 Congolese (DR), 3 Syrians, 1 Malian and 1 Ivorian.

### **STATISTICS**

- Refugees- 1331
- Asylum seekers-861

### **ID CARDS**

- During the month of September 39 ID cards were issued while 11 were renewed

**External / Donors relations:**

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- UNHCR is grateful for the generous contributions of donors who have given unremarked funding to UNHCR worldwide as well as donors who have contributed directly to UNHCR's programs in Nigeria in 2014 - 2015: Australia| Belgium| Brazil| Canada| Denmark| European Union| Finland| France| Germany| Holy See| Italy| Japan| Liechtenstein| Luxemburg| Netherland| Nigeria| Norway| Republic of Korea| Saudi Arabia| Spain| Switzerland| United Kingdom| United States of America|

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