

KEY FIGURES

2,233,506

IDPs in Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, Yobe, Nasarawa states and Abuja through DTM as of 31 October 2015

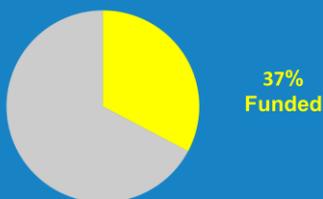
2,192 refugees/ asylum seekers

Refugees and Asylum as of 28 October 2015 (UNHCR)

FUNDING

USD 27,836,290

Requested for the situation



PRIORITIES

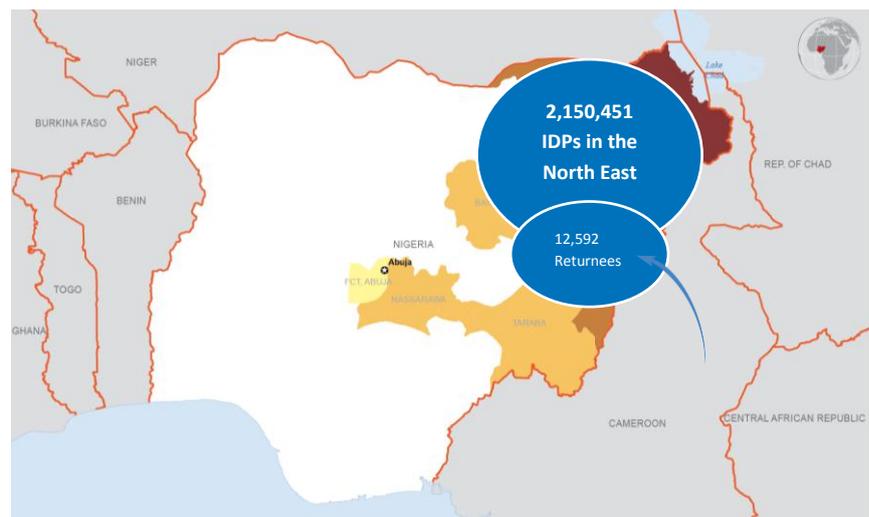
- Identifying vulnerable groups
- Protection monitoring
- Advocating for and implementing targeted services
- Capacity strengthening in protection and coordination
- Advocacy for policy and legal framework
- Advocating for comprehensive durable solutions for IDPs and refugees



UNHCR Rep meets with the Chairman of the first Ad-hoc Committee on IDPs Refugees and NE Initiatives Sani Zorro. Discussions focused on strengthening the role of MPs in the protection of IDPs and other persons of concern in Nigeria. **PHOTO: Tamfu @UNHCR, 2 November, 2015.**

HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of IDPs now stands at **2,233,506**. According to the latest figure by the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) jointly conducted by IOM and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the figure which constitutes 318,937 households were identified in Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, Yobe, Nasarawa, Plateau, Kaduna states and Abuja through DTM.
- As of 1 November 2015, a total number of Nigerian returnees has attained **12,592**. The figure includes some returnees from Chad who came on 9 and 11 July 2015. Most the returnees have been in Chad and Cameroon for approximately eight months to three years. Recent returns have been mainly from Cameroon. Significant protection concerns were raised over the circumstance of their return and mistreatment of returnees by allied security forces in Cameroon.



SECURITY AND POLITICAL CONTEXT

- The security situation in Northeast Nigeria is still volatile as fighting continues between the insurgents and the multi-national joint task force (MNJTF). The group has continued to sack many communities, worship centres and other public places in the Northeast despite persistent efforts by the armed forces to root them out.
- The Nigerian Government has announced the North East Marshall Plan (NEMAP) on the short, intermediate and long terms interventions in economic reconstruction, development and emergency assistance at projected total budgetary expenditures of 97.2 billion for the area.
- This was the outcome of a two day North-East Humanitarian Multi-Stakeholders Engagement in Maiduguri. The Government also revealed that it needs N 233 billion to reconstruct and rehabilitate the states of the North-East ravaged by the activities of the insurgency. Speaking during the occasion, Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, declared that many of the insurgents are victims of evil manipulations, adding that the country should work hard at correcting their misconception of world view.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT AND HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR, within the framework of its leadership of the Protection Sector Working Group, is contributing to the development of the Humanitarian Response Plan. The sector's Conflict and Protection Analysis has been used to draft the Humanitarian Needs Overview and the Humanitarian Response plan. UNHCR has also successfully coordinated the validation of projects submitted for 2016.
- UNHCR is currently conducting training on Protection through the community-based approach in Bauchi for Borno PSWG members and other key stakeholders. Participants at the training include IDPs, NEMA, SEMA, WINN, NHRC, FIDA, FOMWAN, CAN, and MOWA. Others are the Nigerian Police, Nigerian Prison Service, IRC, NP, SCJ, MWASD, CPN, JIBWIS, NIS, NRCS and FH1360. UNFPA is in attendance in a facilitation role.
- UNHCR is delivery training to build the capacity of female investigators scheduled to be deployed to IDP camps on behalf of the Gender/Women and Child Protection Unit to improve the response to incidents of SGBV and management of female IDPs.
- UNHCR and INTERSOS held a meeting on 7 October to discuss the possibility of partnership on emergency shelter/NFIs in the Northeast. **INTEROS** is a non-profit humanitarian aid organization that works to assist victims of natural disasters and armed conflict. It is currently implementing a lifesaving project in Northern Cameroon, Chad and Niger. INTERSOS is on a one-month mission to Nigeria to set up an office and to assess needs and possible interventions in the country.
- UNHCR held a meeting with the Permanent Secretary, Adamawa State Ministry of Women affairs and Social Development to plan for an advocacy visit to Gurin village in Fufore LGA where a case of SGBV (domestic violence) was reported to FIDA and a court case instituted. It was agreed that PSWG members should undertake an advocacy visit to the District Head and sensitize the public to the grave harm inflicted by gender based violence.
- UNHCR, DRC and IRC met to plan a joint training for 160 Security Personnel from four different groups in Yola and Mubi, Adamawa State. The results will be consolidated into a proposal for consideration by senior management. Concurrently, UNHCR also had a meeting with ADSEMA to finalize the Return Contingency Plan, which will be adopted for implementation once the inputs of SEMA and NEMA are included in the document.
- UNHCR continued assessment visits to IDP host communities in Taraba state including Saminaka, Dorowa and Jouro Votto IDP settlement sites in Jalingo LGA. The major challenges facing the communities are their inability to secure access to education for their children, feed their families or access health facilities. Consequently, UNHCR is looking to develop a number of livelihood projects to provide sustainable support to affected communities of IDPs.
- UNHCR in collaboration with SEMA, and the Nigerian Red Cross on are undertaking the household registration of IDPs in Murtaï IDP settlement site in Jalingo LGA. The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), assisted with six volunteers for the while SEMA provided two volunteers and a 4X4 vehicle for the exercise. UNHCR will fuel the vehicle. The registration started on 13 October 2015.
- UNHCR met with the Taraba State Police Command to discuss the absence of police officials during key protection-related activities, a situation which increases the vulnerability of UNHCR staff and other partners in the field to insecurity and risk to life.
- In view of the precarious security situation in Northeast Nigeria, UNHCR has called on the Nigerian National Assembly for concerted efforts to ameliorate the hardship and provide a holistic solution to the challenges facing IDPs in particular and persons of concern in general nationwide. The call, made recently, followed a courtesy visit by UNHCR and some of its partners to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on advocacy for institutional and legal framework on internal displacement in Nigeria. UNHCR acknowledged and commended the Nigerian Government for ratifying the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, as well as the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness in 2011, while expressing its readiness to support the Government on delivering on its pledge to domesticate these conventions.
- On his part, the Speaker of the Nigerian House of Representatives lauded UNHCR for its work on behalf of internally displaced people, noting that the issue of internal displacement is important because the plight represents a crisis of

humanity. He welcomed UNHCR's proposal to organize an advocacy event for Members of Parliament in November and promised to facilitate the participation of House Members.

- As a follow up to the meeting the UNHCR Representative visited the National Institute of Legislative studies (NILS) to finalise plans for a workshop for 60 MPs in November 2015. During the meeting, UNHCR was informed that the Bill on the domestication of Kampala Convention (African Union Convention on the Protection and Assistance of IDPs in Africa) will be tabled before the august House this month. The UNHCR Representative also agreed with the Director of NILS to fast-track the process by including the bill on the domestication of the 1954 and 1961 conventions on statelessness and the reduction of statelessness.
- Following the recent achievement by UNHCR in its advocacy for the passage of a national IDP legislation and the subsequent establishment of a House Committee on IDP, Refugees and North East Initiative, at the House of Representatives; UNHCR held a meeting with Honourable Mohammed Sani Zorro, Chairman of the newly established Committee on 2nd of November. The UNHCR Country briefed about UNHCR planned advocacy workshop for members of parliament and expressed UNHCR's commitment to provide support to the committee in its work. The Chairman expressed commitment to ensuring that Nigeria adopts an appropriate national legal framework for the protection of IDPs, and the readiness of Committee to participate in the UNHCR High Commissioner Dialogue next month in Geneva.
- UNHCR and communications focal points from UNICEF, WHO, OCHA, Save the Children held an HCWG meeting with highpoints including a presentation by WHO on Cholera to clarify participants on technical terminologies for uniformity in communication, as well as briefing by UNHCR on its IDP video documentary and IDP song which UNICEF and OCHA expressed interest to receive once finalized.

Achievements

- Construction work on the reception centre at Sahuda in Adamawa state is completed. The Construction of latrines is expected to commence soon.
- 40 stakeholders in CCCM were trained in Taraba state from the 28-30 October 2015. Participants were drawn from SEMA, the police force, the armed forces, Civil defence and the Nigerian Immigration Services.
- UNHCR Yola held a meeting with the Commissioner for Justice and the State Secretary in preparation for a final meeting with the Governor and his Deputy on allocation of land in Mubi North and South LGAs.
- NFIs were distributed in Kasesa and Pompamari camps in Yobe to 1000 households. UNHCR/ NHRC trained Protection monitors are assisting in the identification of the most vulnerable individuals and households. The exercise was however suspended as result of security concerns. Meantime, additional 1000 households have been targeted in Yobe state where a total of the most vulnerable households have been targeted.
- UNHCR and IOM in Borno state have agreed on a joint distribution NFI distribution to the 5 cholera affected camps in response to the epidemic outbreak in the camps since September this year. The affected camps are Farm centre, Goni Kachallari, Sanda Kyarimi, Gubio and GGSS Yerwa, all within the Maiduguri Metropolis. UNHCR is providing 1 Jerry-can and 5 bars of soap per household while IOM is distributing 1 food bucket with lid and 60 aqua tabs.

REFUGEE OPERATION

REGISTRATION

- Four asylum seekers were registered during the review period. They consist of 2 Central Africans, 1 Beninois and 1 Syrian.

RSD

- One-day refresher training was conducted for 2 NCFRMI RSD Officers in Lagos on the filling of the RSD Assessment form.

RESETTLEMENT

- Four cases of Sierra-Leonean nationality were referred to the review officer for resettlement consideration.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- UNHCR Bauchi has rounded off training on operationalizing protection through community-based approaches targeting Borno PSWG members and other key stakeholders.

REPATRIATION

- On 7 October, UNHCR facilitated a planning committee meeting with NCFRMI and the Embassy of Cameroon on the voluntary repatriation (VolReP) of the last batch of 165 Cameroonian refugees in Nigeria. The Committee agreed on the last week of November 2015 as tentative date for the repatriation. The first batch of 452 refugees was repatriated in January 2015.

COLLABORATION WITH ECOWAS

- The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has lamented over the low level of intra-regional trade within the sub-region, noting that several years after regionalism, intra-regional trade in ECOWAS is still consistently low at about 12 per cent. The Commissioner, Industry, and Private Sector Promotion, ECOWAS, Kalilou Traore, explained that ECOWAS adopted the protocol of free movement of people and goods since 2000 based on the regional trade and commerce, but stressed that the level of regional trade still remains low at 12 per cent of total trade.
- The President of the ECOWAS Court of Justice, Justice Maria Do Céu Silva Monteiro, has called for French support in strengthening the court towards the successful discharge of its mandate. She said the court is the last bastion for the defense of the human rights of citizens of West Africa. "We have been doing our best as the regional court responsible for the interpretation of community texts and the protection of the human rights of citizens but difficulties remain in the areas of enforcement of decisions of the court," she told visiting French Ambassador to Nigeria.

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