



NIGER : DIFFA OFFICE

UNHCR MONTHLY UPDATE

17 October – 16 November 2015

KEY FIGURES

100,000

Nigerian refugees and displaced people from Nigeria claiming to be Niger nationals lacking identification documents – according to Niger authorities.

50,000

IDPs according to Niger authorities

FUNDING

USD 30,203,773

Requested for the operation



PRIORITIES

- Provision of emergency assistance to newly displaced populations at various sites, including N’Gagam, Boudoum, Koublé and others.
- Provision of shelter, NFIs, food and WASH

HIGHLIGHTS

Diffa Security Context

- From 17 October to 16 November 2015, there were eight violent attacks within the Diffa region, mainly within the Department of Bosso.
- On the night of 15-16 of October, insurgents attacked the village of Tchoukougjoni in the Department of Bosso. Two civilians were killed, while the village market was burned down.
- On 21 October, attacks took place in the village of Blangouri, 10 Km East of Diffa. The military were directly attacked by the insurgents resulting in the deaths of two Niger military, and the injury of many others. All UN missions were suspended for 24 hours following the attacks.
- On the night of 27-28 October, the villages of Alla and Dewa, 25 Km and 30 Km from Diffa in the commune of Gueskerou, Department of Bosso, were attacked simultaneously. In total, 13 civilians were killed, while the village of Alla was burned.
- On 29 October, an armed suspected insurgent was apprehended and arrested in a community health centre in Chétimari by members of the Niger military who had been alerted by local residents.
- On 31 October a woman was kidnapped by her husband, a suspected member of the insurgent group in the village of Baroua close to Lake Chad. The entire population of the village has now fled to N’Gagam, 40 Km North of Diffa town.
- On 2 November a Niger military vehicle exploded on a mine planted by the insurgents in an ambush. This occurred in the village of Dagaya, 70 Km south-east of Diffa. One member of the military was killed, while eight were injured. This is not the first attack of this nature. Three similar attacks took place in February/March of this year.
- On 4 November, an unidentified vehicle opened fire on a Niger military position in Bosso but was neutralized shortly afterwards. Following the attack against the military on 4 November, extensive ground and air strikes were launched by the Niger military in the Department of Bosso. Military command has discouraged any humanitarian movements within the area.
- On the night of 15-16 November, insurgents attacked the village of Tchessa Bassa, Bosso Department. At least 5 civilians have been confirmed dead.
- The State of Emergency has been extended for an additional three months from the end of October until the end of January 2016.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- On 21 October, IRC carried out awareness-raising activities on SGBV protection in Diffa town. This included a discussion with community groups in the *Château* area. Additionally, one unaccompanied minor was identified and documented in Gagamari.
- On 22 October, IRC carried out an identification exercise for persons with specific needs (PWSN), and awareness-raising activities aimed at promoting access to basic services in the Kablewa Camp. In collaboration with UNICEF and the Directorate for the Promotion of Women and the Protection of Children, the NGO also carried out training sessions on child protection for 50 foster families in Diffa.
- In the last week of October, a meeting with humanitarian partners was held to discuss the Remote Management Framework. The possibility of a specific contingency plan for the areas surrounding Lake Chad was proposed, which would be incorporated into the overall contingency plan for the Diffa region.
- On 2 November, UNHCR undertook a monitoring mission to the sites for the displaced in Baroua and a number of others located along the national road between Diffa and N’Gagam. The mission included a rapid needs assessment. Displaced people continue to arrive at the sites.
- The UNHCR team estimates that 150 households in N’Gagam are hosting displaced persons from Baroua. According to the Municipal authorities of Baroua and Bosso, an estimated 1,000 households (6,000 individuals) have left Baroua.
- Additionally, an estimated 800 IDP households (5,000 individuals) have been living in the site for at least four months. These people are in immediate need of water, food, NFIs, shelter and healthcare.
- A large scale verification operation was carried out in Kablewa to update the population lists of inhabitants and allow for disaggregation of data and the production of statistics.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Following a UNHCR mission to Kablewa camp, recommendations have been made to install an additional military post at the North-West of the camp to better protect the population, but also to monitor movements, and to create a vigilance committee.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- On the 5 November, ACTED completed the construction of a Distance Education Centre (CED) in Bosso. The official opening was held on 12 November, and was attended by humanitarian actors, the Regional Department of Education, the Mayor and the Prefect of Bosso.
- Two CED are in the final stages of construction in Diffa and Kablewa. Each centre is comprised of three classrooms, one office and two blocks of toilets with four units each.
- At the beginning of November, students in the Sayam Issari, Chetimari, N’Guel Kolo and Boulangou Yaskou schools planted 50 saplings, which contributed to environmental protection and their education.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The unstable security situation in the Diffa region presents particular problems for education, and many schools have been closed since the beginning of the violence in February. The Diffa Regional Council has suggested that a school consolidation programme be implemented, however this too may cause problems.



Health

Achievements and Impact

- APBE's mobile health clinic continues to provide services in Yébi under the Remote Management project, with continued human resource support from UNHCR. Complicated cases were referred by the mobile clinic to other health centres. During the first week of November, the mobile clinic held 40 preventative consultations, 30 curative consultations, and vaccinated 70 children.
- APBE continue to treat the populations within the two camps in the Diffa region. Cumulatively, 579 people had been treated in both camps by 27 October.
- ACTED carried out awareness-raising activities for approximately 3,081 persons in Kablewa on the following topics: optimal breastfeeding, revitalization of the complaints committee, conflict management, community health centres attendance, danger signs in a pregnant women and open air defecation.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

Sayam Forgae: ACTED completed the construction of 9 blocks of 4 semi-durable latrines (36) to cover the emergency needs of 1,800 persons. An additional 9 blocks of 4 shower units (36) were completed. All are operational.

- ACTED carried out awareness-raising activities in for 1,280 people on the following topics: household hygiene, environmental protection and malaria prevention.
- **Kablewa:** A total of 20 blocks of 4 semi-durable latrines (80), have been completed to cover the emergency needs of 4,000 people. An additional 2 blocks of 5 shower units (10) were completed. All are operational.
- ACTED carried out WASH awareness-raising activities in Kablewa camp for 3,081 people on the following topics: proper usage of latrines and hygiene, hand washing, hygiene in transport, household hygiene and water conservation.
- CARE international are providing approximately 48m³ of water per day through water trucking to the camp Kablewa.
- ACTED, jointly with the DRSP and the DREP have installed 10 blocks of latrines; 5 in local health centres (Sayam Forgae, Sayam CMB, N'Galawa, Goudoumaria and N'Guigmi) and 5 in schools (Sayam CMB, Issari MD, Chetimari and N'Guel Kolo and Boulangou Yaskou).
- On 3 November, Care International installed a bladder with a 10,000 litre capacity and a van of 21,000 litre capacity to ensure water supply to the displaced population from Baroua at the N'Gagam site. ACTED have also installed 2 bladders at the same site to ensure access to potable water for the population.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- A UNHCR mission to the N’Gagam site for displaced persons from Baroua identified a lack of WASH facilities. Currently, the following infrastructure is available:
 - One cement well for more than 11,000 people
 - One large borehole at N’Galwa, 5 Km East of N’Gagam
 - One borehole for agricultural purposes in N’Galwa
 - One health centre in the village of N’Gagam
- In Kagare, a site for displaced populations from Alla and Dewa, there are only two cement wells but no WASH infrastructure.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Shelter

- The first transitional shelters – metallic structures which are more durable than emergency shelters (4.2mx5.2m) were constructed in both camps starting from 20 October. During the reporting period, a total of 120 transitional shelters were constructed across both camps. Feedback on this pilot project has been gathered from beneficiaries. The shelters are being constructed in a workshop run by *Cooperazione Internazionale* (COOPI) with UNHCR funds.
- Between the 16 October and 3 November, the Luxembourg Red Cross distributed 205 emergency shelters at the site of Boudoum, 300 shelters at the site of Kouble – both for the displaced populations from N’Gourtoua; 47 at the site of Abounga for displaced from Tam village; 150 at Djalori; 58 at Elhadji Mainari for the displaced populations from Dewa and Alla; and 7 at Kablewa camp, for new arrivals.
- On 26 October, APBE began the collection of GPS data for shelters distributed in Yébi under the Remote Management Project. By 2 November, GPS data for the 500 shelters distributed in Yébi had been collected and shared by APBE.

Urbanisation

- The urbanisation project is underway in the communes of Chétimari and N’Guigmi. Each commune has already selected 50 hectares of land to this effect and completed a topographic survey. Both communes are now in the final stages of the urbanization planning, which is being developed with ‘Univers Consult’. This is the final stage before the completed files are transmitted to the Ministry of Urban Development for final approval.

NFIs

- Care International distributed 600 NFI kits to households at the site of N’Gagam for the displaced population from Baroua. The NGO intends to distribute kits to 1,000 households in the coming weeks.
- At the site of Boudoum, Care International distributed 341 NFI kits on 3 November. On 4 November, they distributed kits to 541 households at the site of Koublé, and 124 kits at the sites of Doutsy in Diffa, Elhadji Mainari, Chetimari and Gagamari.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- In N’Gagam, additional emergency shelters are required..

 Access to Energy

Achievements and Impact

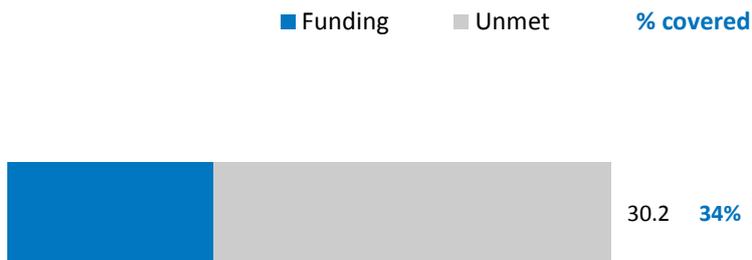
- The SEED project (*Soutien Energétique et Environnemental à la région de Diffa*) which is being funded by UNHCR, working in partnership with SONIHY - a national fuel distribution company, have installed the central fuel depository in Diffa town. It is operational and supplying gas for domestic use to the town, through the sale at private selling points.
- On 16 October, 3,600 gas bottles were delivered to the central depot, for distribution to refugees in Sayam Forage and Kablewa camps. An additional 1,400 will soon be delivered soon reaching the target of 5,000. Additionally, 6,078 'foyers' and 6,000 burners were also received for the same project.
- Regarding the installation of solar panels in the 5 public health centres (Goudoumaria, N'Galewa, N'Guigmi, Sayam Forage camp and Sayam Forage town), all personnel and have been trained on the use of the panels, and provided with a maintenance kit.
- ACTED distributed 10 gas bottles and accessories for use in school canteens in the context of a pilot project during the first weeks of November.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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