

NIGER : DIFFA OFFICE

UNHCR TWO WEEK UPDATE

17 – 30 November 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

Diffa Security Context

- The security situation has remained unstable. Despite aerial strikes and search operations by the Niger military, continued attacks - including suicide bombings – continue to be reported across the region.
- The curfew and restrictions on traffic imposed by the state of emergency have been extended by an hour each.
- On the night of 25-26 November, insurgents attacked the village of Gogne in the Bosso Department. According to local sources, 18 civilians were killed, 11 others were injured while 100 houses were burned, causing large amounts of the population to flee.
- Since these attacks, the populations of Sandari, Abbari and Ari Affounori have left their villages and settled in Koublé Iguir, 18 Km east of Maïné-Soroa. The number of IDPs living in the area has risen by 321 percent (to 455 households) as a result.
- On the night of the 28-29 November, insurgents attacked the village of Boulagrimé, situated south of the town of Chétimari. Seven civilians were killed and many more injured.

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

- Registration of newly displaced persons in the region – both within and outside of the camps
- Registration of IDPs, and provision of emergency assistance and protection at new spontaneous sites.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS



Protection

Achievements and Impact

- Joint Assessment Mission (JAM): A JAM was jointly conducted by the local authorities, WFP and UNHCR in the two refugee camps of Sayam Forage and Kablewa and at the Chétimari and Gagamari IDPs sites in order to evaluate the level of protection and other assistance provided to the displaced populations. The recommendations will be incorporated into the 2016-2017 action plan.
- Diffa Prison Visit: On 18 November, a joint visit to the Diffa prison took place in order to assess the conditions of displaced persons held in custody on suspicion of association with terrorist groups. There are currently 329 persons in custody, and these include 5 women – 2 breastfeeding and 1 pregnant, 11 boys and 1 girl, while the prison is fit to accommodate just 150 people. Out of the total, 30 percent are in custody in relation to suspicion of association with terrorist groups. These individuals would normally be transferred to Niamey but this has not happened to date. Prison authorities noted that it is very difficult to know the difference between the local population, refugees and returnees due to a lack of documentation.
- Child Protection: IRC identified 3 unaccompanied children, 1 girl and 1 boy who were orphaned and 1 separated girl in Diffa; a 12 year old unaccompanied refugee child was placed with a host family in the spontaneous site at Gagamari, while in Maïné-Soroa 4 new babies were born to displaced persons and 38 children benefitted from socio-recreational activities (15 boys, 23 girls).
- Persons with Specific Needs (PWSN): In Samsouram and Maïné-Soroa, 6 PWSN were identified including 5 handicapped men with children under their care; they were provided with support.
- SGBV: On 25 and 26 November, IRC launched the *16 Days of Activism* campaign in Kablewa, Diffa town, Maïné-Soroa and N'Guigmi. Activities organised to celebrate this campaign included: discussion groups with girls and boys focusing on the disadvantages of early marriage, protection against SGBV, a theatre performance, the impact of SGBV on health, awareness-raising activities and support to survivors.
- IRC held four discussion groups with 113 women in the Sayam Forage camp focusing on the causes and consequences of GBV as well the services and referral networks available to them in this respect. An awareness-raising session was held at the Djalori IDP site for 178 persons (71 men, 105 women) on the causes and consequences of SGBV and the available services. Other sessions were held in Garin Dogo, where 48 persons participated (43 women and 5 girls); Sayam Forage camp where 73 women participated, and in Kablewa where 85 women participated.
- From 25-27 November, ECHO undertook a mission to Diffa to visit the spontaneous IDP site in Koublé and the Kablewa IDP camp and held focus group discussions on protection needs.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

The JAM mission identified a number of key priority protection needs:

- There is no reliable registration and documentation system to document the IDP population.
- The lack of out-of-camp coordination between humanitarian actors results in few PoC receiving assistance.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- On 24 November, 85 children were enrolled in the Sayam Forage camp primary school. Classes will begin next week. The school has been equipped with books and teaching materials, and three teachers have been assigned. The Sayam Forage camp is home to 333 children between the ages of 5 and 12, eligible for primary school.
- On 30 November, 250 students were enrolled in the three Distance Education Centres (CEDs) in Diffa, Maïné-Soroa and Kablewa and provided with clothes. The centres are being managed, supervised and monitored by implementing partner *Cooperazione Internazionale* (COOPI) and a parent-teacher meeting will be held next week in the Diffa CED. Furthermore, inspection visits will be held in each of the three centres.



Health

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR conducted visits to the Diffa hospital to monitor the condition of those injured in the various attacks that have taken place in the region over the past weeks, and who are being supported by the ICRC. Some 16 displaced persons who had been shot have recovered and have been discharged from the hospital.
- In the Sayam Forage Camp, *Action Pour le Bien-Etre* (APBE) provided health assistance activities including the distribution of rations for 325 aged between 6 and 59 months old and 338 malnutrition screenings. In the Kablewa camp, APBE distributed rations to 585 children aged between 6 and 59 months.
- Through a mobile clinic at Yebi, APBE held a broad malnutrition screening exercise for 3,729 children. Out of these, 588 were found to be suffering from moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 168 from severe acute malnutrition (SAM). All were referred to the health centre in Bosso for support.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- Equipment for the installation for a miniature water purification system arrived in the Goudoumaria site and the system will be installed in the coming weeks.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Shelter:

- As of 30 November, COOPI had constructed 100 transitional shelters in Sayam Forage and Kablewa.
- UNHCR distributed 6 emergency shelter kits to families who had been victims of a fire on 19 November.

NFIs:

- UNHCR updated the three population lists in Kablewa camp. Namely, those registered on the UNHCR database, those registered by the *Direction Régionale de l'Etat Civil et des Réfugiés* (DREC) and the *Commission Nationale d'Eligibilité* (CNE) but not yet on the UNHCR database, and those awaiting initial registration but accounted for by camp management. The camp contains 1,008 households (4,056

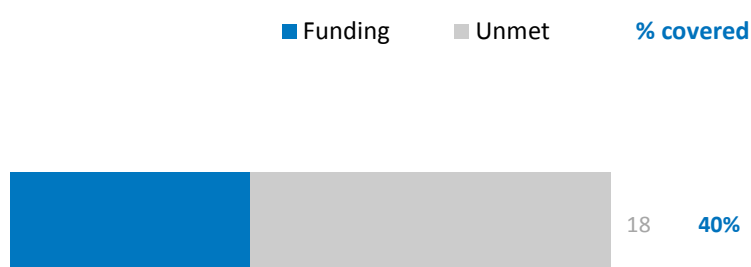
individuals). UNHCR and Care International distributed NFI kits to new arrivals in the camp, and 80 persons received clothes.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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