



Muna Garage informal site, Maiduguri, Borno © UNHCR

Protection Assessments

The result of the rapid protection assessment conducted from May 10-14, 2016 by UNHCR and protection partners in Maiduguri and newly accessible areas of Damboa and Dikwa in Borno State, has been shared with HCT members on 25 May 2015. Following the HCT briefing the Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator (DHC) organized an urgent meeting involving UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, OCHA and IOM. The meeting discussed the findings of the assessment and agree on measures to be taken, collectively and individually, to address serious protection issues raised by the assessment. UNHCR prepared an advocacy note which was shared with members of the HCT.

UNHCR participated in a joint security assessment mission to Michika and Madagali its Field Safety Officer 19 – 20 May. This will result in the opening up of both Local Government Areas (LGAs) for UN staff to access the areas.

Following the report on the reported ‘evacuation’ of Cameroonians from Banki to Cameroon (Mora), UNHCR conducted an assessment in Sahuda border post. Nigerian army ‘evacuated’ the group from Banki and handed them to Cameroon authorities in Mora. On May 19, 2016 Cameroon authorities brought them to Sahuda border post in Nigeria on May 18, 2016 and took them back to the border area within Cameroon (which is 2 km away from Sahuda border post). According to Nigerian immigration officials, the number of individuals involved is 421. While the majority claimed to be Cameroonians, 66 claimed to be Nigerians. The group is composed of Arabic, Hausa, Kanuri and Fufude speakers.

UNHCR has also conducted a shelter assessment in Muna garage host community, in Borno State. The assessment has revealed a gap in shelter which can expose persons of concern to health hazard and protection risks. The findings of the assessment is being shared with partners to improve programing and response.

Protection Coordination

UNHCR, as the lead of the Protection Sector, supported the preparation of the monthly note on protection for the Humanitarian Country Team. The note covered key strategic issues which arose during the month of May. It highlights the increasing presence in IDP camps of newly rescued civilians; protection related outcome of the Abuja Security Summit held on 17 May 2016, key summary of the rapid protection assessment in Maiduguri and newly accessible areas and new development regarding Nigerian returnees from neighboring countries and ongoing preparation of the regional protection dialogue.

UNHCR led the completion and finalization of the Adamawa Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) Community Mobilization Strategy and Action Plan which would cover the sectors activities in the State.

UNHCR is currently discussing with the International Committee on the Red Cross (ICRC) with a view to harmonizing activities on detention monitoring and create a link between the activities conducted by members of the Protection Sector Working Group and ICRC for family tracing and reunification.

Returnees

A total of **22,098** Nigerians have so far returned through Sahuda Border Post of Adamawa.

In order to assess a reported return trend of IDPs, UNHCR visited Kasaisa camp, in Adamawa State. The Bulama (village head) informed UNHCR that there are no records of departures and returns of IDPs from Kasaisa camp back to homes in Manjum, Kiriberi, Majari villages. UNHCR also visited Bukar Abba camp of IDPs from Goniri in Gujba LGA. The persons of concern informed UNHCR that they did not return home because after a joint visits they realized that their houses have been burnt down, or destroyed. They have not received adequate information on the security situation back home.

Material Protection-based Assistance

Material Protection-based assistance was conducted by UNHCR in Maimusari, Muna Garage and Musari host communities, Borno State reaching 1,948 households 9,090 Individuals. 448 HH/2,788 individuals, 800 HH/2,946 and 700HH/3356 individuals were reached in Maimusari, Muna Garage and Musari host communities respectively. The State Commissioner, Ministry of Rehabilitation and Reconstruction supported the distribution by providing trucks with trucks and security.

Livelihood

Following the signing of the partnership agreement between the American University of Nigeria (AUN) and UNHCR in 2016, AUN and UNHCR inaugurated the 2016 Protect Project on skills training and income generation on May 19, 2016. The project will target 600 IDPs and host community women and men from Yola North, Yola South, Michika and Mubi LGAs. The project launch ceremony was attended by the trainers and trainees who participated in a similar training in 2015, UNHCR, AUN, NEMA, traditional leaders, religious leaders and others. The president of AUN, Margee Eugene presented on the background and impact of the 2015 project. The importance of the project to empower women to protect themselves, and support them to claim their human rights was emphasized. UNHCR Head of Field Office, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Operation Head, representative of the Lamido of Adamawa State and a trainer delivered speeches highlighting the impact of the 2015 project, the rationale and the importance of the 2015 and current project and the required commitment for the implementation of the 2016 project to positively impact the lives of the internally displaced persons.

Peace Building and Capacity Building

Following the successful UNHCR- Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) trainings conducted in Adamawa, Benue and Borno States, UNHCR is discussing the prospect of arranging a training on Peace Building for 150 Peace Volunteers with the Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution.

UNHCR in partnership with Crudan/Tearfund organized a training on 'Protection, Gender and Psychosocial Support in Humanitarian Context' in Borno State.

Following the increasing number of Nigerian returnees from Cameroon, UNHCR facilitated a refresher training for 50 Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) staff on basic international protection and returnee registration/profiling.

Refugee Operations

2 asylum seekers were registered during the period under review. They consist of **1** Togolese and **1** Congolese (DR)



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