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*2 Month infant receiving polio vaccine in Medecin du Monde (MDM) clinic in Garba Buzu, Maiduguri Metropolitan council (MMC)*

## About the Nigeria INGO Forum

The Nigeria International NGO Forum (INGO Forum) is a civil society mechanism comprising of 21 members, 10 prospective members, and 4 observers active in the humanitarian and development fields in Nigeria.

The purpose of the Forum is to provide an inclusive and consistent space for INGOs to develop and employ collective strategies and approaches to enhance the overall effectiveness and efficiency of

humanitarian and development initiatives throughout Nigeria.

The Forum as a platform for International NGOs operating in North-eastern Nigeria creates a cluster for effective humanitarian response, information sharing, advocacy and collaborative work with the International Humanitarian Response team, Local partners and the Nigerian Government.

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## The INGO Forum continues in its effort to contribute to the North-East response.

*Yara S, displaced from Monguno to Maiduguri in Bakassi IDP camp, receiving counseling for family planning, after having delivered her 9th child in the camp. "With what I went through [fleeing her home with 8 children] and unsure of the future, and living in this situation in a camp, I need to make sure not to get pregnant soon again. It is time to take a rest!"*

**The Nigeria INGO Forum continues to strive for improved overall coordination of the humanitarian response in Nigeria's North East. In 2017, INGOs will continue to be at the forefront of providing assistance to people affected by the conflict, particularly through sector interventions in the sectors of food assistance, protection, nutrition, health, WASH, shelter. The INGO Forum also aims to increase engagement and collaboration with government at both the Federal and State level, as well as members of the humanitarian community, especially local actors. The INGO forum also intends to work on expanding the members of the forum by reaching out to partner organizations that are not yet operational in the country, providing them with the necessary support with relevant information and facilitation of scoping missions.**

As part of its activities outlined for 2017, the INGO Forum has expanded its capacity to enable it better respond to the challenges of coordination. The staff capacity is expected to increase; with a permanent presence in Maiduguri where the North-East response and coordination hubs are centered.

The secretariat will be transitioning from Oxfam to Mercy Corps and the duration has been extended to a longer period of two (2) years to ensure stability. This practice reflects majority of the practices in INGO Forums across the globe.

Further changes have been made to the structure of the Executive Committee. It is now a 4-member committee comprised of the Chair (Yannick Pouchalan - ACF), Co-Chair (Raj Mulmi - Search for Common Ground) and 2 Executive Committee members (Atef Fawaz - EHealth and Mercy Corps as host and Treasurer - Iveta Ouvry)

Building upon the achievements of last year and recognizing the needs for this year requires commensurate

investment in building human resource capacity for an improved response. The INGO Forum therefore intends to continue increasing partnership with local actors by building their capacity, particularly in ensuring accountability to affected population, reporting procedures and program implementation.

The INGO Forum welcomes partnership initiatives for improved transparency and effectiveness of the humanitarian response. In responding to a request by the Borno State Government (Accreditation Committee), the INGO Forum has submitted registration documents for its members with the Borno State Government. Subsequently, as government involvement in the humanitarian response is expected to increase, the INGO Forum has begun taking measures to ensure successful collaboration for positive impact in the lives of affected people in the Northeast.

## IN-FOCUS:

## Health in Emergencies

# Action Aid and IRC's response in partnership with UNFPA and SMoH in Borno

### INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC)

In response to the emergency in NE Nigeria, the IRC took lead to implement the Minimum Initial Services Package for Reproductive Health in Maiduguri. In Bakassi IDP camp, the IRC established a reproductive health (RH) clinic, offering ante-natal care (ANC), post-natal care (PNC), emergency delivery services and family planning counseling, and community outreach activities. In December 2016, the clinic attended to 443 ANC visits and 14 deliveries, while 67 women received family planning services. By the end of the year, an additional maternity ward with 6 beds capacity opened for safe and skilled attendance at delivery and which will be operational 24/7 within the coming month. Clinical management of sexual assault is also provided by trained nurses and midwives, while a referral pathway established to the nearby IRC's Women's Centre for psychosocial care and case management.

Additionally, IRC is supporting five PHC facilities within MMC and Jere Local government areas (LGA), with on-the-job coaching, rehabilitation and provision of medical supplies and supervision while further expanding into the newly accessible LGAs of Konduga and soon in Monguno.

December 2016	ANC	Deliveries	FP clients	CRM
Bakassi IDP camp	443	14	67	10
MMC-Jere 5 HFs	2,208	198	795	3
Konduga mobile	70	0	67	14

### ACTION AID

ActionAid Nigeria in December 2016, introduced and carried out Mobile Mental and Medical Outreach (3MO) interventions in two of the most affected and hard to reach towns of Bama and Konduga in Borno State. The 3MO interventions complement already existing psychosocial support services and a well-coordinated referral system for individuals and survivors of Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV). During the outreach in Bama, a total of 37 patients received treatment and over 20 were referred for further care, which could not be provided in the field.



*At Dala Primary health care center in MMC, the IRC community mobilizer and community volunteers conduct sensitization on RH*

Furthermore, 74% of the patients attended to in Bama suffer from acute Schizophrenia (a form of mental disorder) and there is little or no effort for treatment except from this mobile intervention. Both males and females affected with this disorder are at risk.

In Konduga, about 35 patients received treatment for several types of ailments and 15 patients were referred to other hospitals specialized care. In Konduga, most of the issues are physical ailment with only one case of Schizophrenia. However, the IDP camp there has a clinic without personnel or drugs, so it was a welcome development for the Camp Official and the IDP to see the Mobile Team on this visit.

Government should look into the continuous provision of healthcare services through the 3MO initiative, which will be beneficial to the people and drastically reduce healthcare challenges. Taking healthcare services to the doors of the affected has been shown to improve the health of the affected in a number of ways. This method mitigates the effect of stigmatization resulting from seeking mental health service, cost barriers and reaches those unable to physically access services.



## EVENTS IN JANUARY

### MEETING WITH BORNO STATE ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

17th January

### INGO PLENARY ASSEMBLY

24th January

### HUMAN RESOURCES WORKING GROUP

26th January

### INGO/OCHA MEETING WITH HEADS OF CSO NETWORKS ON OSLO CONFERENCE

27th January

### INGO FORUM/ DHC MEETING WITH IMMIGRATION

20th January

### ADVOCACY WORKING GROUP MEETING

3rd February

### LOGISTICS WORKING GROUP

25th January

### FINANCE MANAGERS MEETING

30th January

## Did You Know?



5.9 million people out of 6.9 million in need will be targeted for health assistance in 2017

SOURCE: HRP 2017

Over 54 people died and over 120 injured - civilians and humanitarian aid workers - in an airstrike incident in an IDP Camp in Rann, Kala/Balge LGA, Borno state

Source: Premium Times: January 20, 2017



CAMP ZERO the last known stronghold of Boko Haram has been overrun by the Nigerian Armed forces

(Premium Times, December 29, 2016)

Inflation in NIGERIA has reached 18.5% (National Bureau of Statistics), risen prices of commodities and purchasing power, mostly impacting on people affected by the conflict



US\$22 million of CERF Funding has been released to be accessed by the humanitarian community in Nigeria for rapid intervention in priority sectors.

23 school girls out of 200 abducted have been found so far, the latest being Rakiya Abubakar, with her six-month-old baby during an arrest and investigation of suspected Boko Haram members in the Alagarno area of Damboa Local Council of Borno State.



### FORUM MEMBERS' PRODUCTS

ACAPS THEMATIC REPORT: NE NIGERIA, FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION  
[https://www.acaps.org/sites/acaps/files/products/files/161221\\_acaps\\_thematic\\_report\\_northeast\\_nigeria\\_food\\_security\\_and\\_nutrition.pdf](https://www.acaps.org/sites/acaps/files/products/files/161221_acaps_thematic_report_northeast_nigeria_food_security_and_nutrition.pdf)

ALIMA: DISPLACED CHILDREN CONTINUE TO SUFFER FROM MALNUTRITION  
<http://alima-ngo.org/nigeria- displaced-children- continue-suffer-malnutrition/>

CHRISTIAN AID: RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT: KAGA AND KONUGA  
[http://fsccluster.org/sites/default/files/documents/christianaids\\_rapid\\_need\\_assessment\\_december2016.pdf](http://fsccluster.org/sites/default/files/documents/christianaids_rapid_need_assessment_december2016.pdf)

MSF SWISS SNAPSHOT ON OCG OPERATIONS IN BORNO STATE, NOVEMBER 2016  
[https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/system/files/documents/files/nga\\_borno\\_msf\\_swiss\\_snapshot\\_ocg\\_operations\\_november\\_2016.pdf](https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/system/files/documents/files/nga_borno_msf_swiss_snapshot_ocg_operations_november_2016.pdf)

FEWSNET SPECIAL REPORT ON NIGERIA'S FAMINE  
[http://www.fews.net/sites/default/files/documents/reports/FEWS%20NET%20Borno%20%20Analysis\\_20161213release.pdf](http://www.fews.net/sites/default/files/documents/reports/FEWS%20NET%20Borno%20%20Analysis_20161213release.pdf)

SECOURS ISLAMIQUE FRANCE QUICK ASSESSMENT: NGALA IDP CAMP  
[https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/system/files/documents/files/sif\\_ngala\\_quick\\_assessment\\_external\\_170106.pdf](https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/system/files/documents/files/sif_ngala_quick_assessment_external_170106.pdf)

NIGERIA INGO FORUM: STATEMENT: RANN AIR ATTACK INCIDENT REGRETTABLE, CALL ON GOVERNMENT TO STEP UP EFFORTS TO PROTECT CIVILIANS  
<http://reliefweb.int/report/nigeria/nigeria-ingo-forum-statement-rann-air-attack-incident-regrettable-call-government>

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