

NIGER: DIFFA OFFICE

UNHCR WEEKLY UPDATE

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SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

KEY FIGURES

100,000

Nigerian refugees and displaced people from Nigeria claiming to be Niger nationals lacking identification documents

50,000

IDPs according to Niger authorities. It is estimated that an additional 3,000 people were recently displaced following the attacks on the Chétimari commune on 25 September.

FUNDING

USD 30,203,773

Requested for the operation



PRIORITIES

- Following the attack in the village of N’Gourtoua in the commune of Chétimari on 25 September, there is an urgent need to provide protection, shelter and NFIs, water and sanitation and health care to the newly displaced population.

Diffa, Security Context:

- On 25 September at about 2 a.m., insurgent elements attacked the village of N’Gourtoua in the commune of Chétimari (27km south west of the town of Diffa). The attack was carried out by approximately 40 armed men. The attack resulted in 15 deaths, 11 Nigeriens – including the Chief of the Village, and 4 Nigerians. Two others were shot and injured and transferred to the hospital in Diffa. Additionally, 22 houses, 6 shops, 1 vehicle and 1 mill were burned. The newly displaced populations are mainly from the village of N’Gourtoua and surrounding villages, including: Balari, Katiridi, Malam Kolori and Méléri, all in the rural commune of Chétimari.
- Military Authorities are establishing a security post to secure the village and its surroundings. The populations have left and are fleeing north (to Chétimari, Gagamari and Koublé Ardo Seydou). Traditional authorities and the affected population are searching for a site within the commune of Chétimari where they can be secure and also have the opportunity to be close to their fields. The probable location is the village of Briboulwa, 9km west of Chétimari. A meeting was held between the Village Chiefs on 27 September. After they accept a proposition for a site, the request will be transmitted to the administrative authorities.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS



Protection

- Trainings on child protection were organized during the week by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in the Kabelawa camp, and the towns of Bosso, Chétmari and Goudoumaria. IRC will carry out monitoring of 3 Child Educator Committees, composed of 10 educators per committee - 30 people in total.
- Preparations are underway for 'tea-debates' on child protection in the different camps and sites for displaced persons beginning on 30 September.
- On 29 September, community radio stations began disseminating sensitization messages on child protection in the areas of Goudoumaria, Chétmari, Kabléwa and Diffa (regional radio).
- The training and organization of host families on child protection in the various sites will begin in the first week of October.
- As regards the monitoring of the newly displaced, a visit to the site of Koublé on 26 September by the UNHCR team noted that a large part of the population was in a state of shock following the attack and the fact that they had to flee. Many families were separated while fleeing, but many had been reunited and others hope to be reunited soon.
- Regarding the urgent necessity of assistance at the site of Koublé, the UNHCR team have shared their conclusions with the humanitarian community. Meanwhile, arrangements are being made with the partners Care, Croix Rouge Luxembourg and *Action Pour le Bien-Etre* (APBE) to respond to the urgent needs for shelter, NFIs, water and sanitation and healthcare.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Many households are positioned out in the open in Koublé, this may cause protection problems, particularly for women and girls. Efforts are being made to provide a coordinated response.



Health

- At the new IDP site at N'Gourtoua, numerous cases of shock and also malaria with vomiting have been identified. The mobile health unit managed by APBE who are currently operating in Gagamari and Chétmari will extend its services to manage the cases at the new site.
- A monitoring mission was carried out by UNHCR on 22 September at Maïné Soroa, where UNHCR assisted 109 visually impaired Nigerians with receiving ophthalmologic consultations in 2014 - 31 of these beneficiaries also received surgery. A number of the 31 beneficiaries were interviewed and confirmed a positive impact on their lives following the operations. Additional visually impaired individuals were identified who require treatment.



Water and Sanitation

- The village of Koublé (host site for the newly displaced from N'Gourtoua) requires a rapid response. With only one cemented well to provide water to the population, and due to the fact that the ponds dry up at the end of the winter season, immediate action is required to cater to the needs of the people.

- Additionally, the increase in numbers has resulted in an insufficient number of latrines available, which has resulted in many people defecating in the open air, which brings with it a lot of related problems. The provision of emergency latrines is prioritized.
- At the Sayam Forage camp, water provision works are ongoing. The well and pump which was provided by World Vision is already dry. Therefore water is being trucked to the camp by Care. The cistern in the camp has a capacity of 10,000 litres, with just one rotation per day due to the state of the roads. An additional two vans are transporting around 350 20L cans of water daily to the camp.



Shelter and NFIs

Shelter :

- There is an urgent need for shelter and NFIs at the new IDP site at Koublé, which is hosting approximately 800 households. 1,000 shelter kits are being transported from Niamey to Diffa by the Croix Rouge Luxembourg, UNHCR's partner. The kits will be provided to the populations at Koublé camp and also at Djalori, where there are 357 households who have not yet received shelter kits.

NFIs:

- At the new site of Koublé, there is an urgent need for NFIs. The majority of people are sleeping under trees, and very few are staying with host families, as the number of displaced exceeds the number of host population. On 1 October, UNHCR and the development partners will carry out a mission to Koublé to identify the needs of the population as regards to emergency NFIs.
- On 1 October, Care will begin the distribution of NFI kits to 265 households at Djalori, including covers, sheets, food kits, jerry cans, mosquito nets, mats and buckets.



Access to Energy

- The installation of solar panels in the health centre at Sayam Forage was launched on 29 September. This will allow for the provision of electricity at all times and facilitate procedures at night time, which require adequate lighting. The health centres at N'Gaewa, Sayam town, Goudoumaria, N'Guigmi will also be equipped with solar panels in the coming weeks.



Durable Solutions

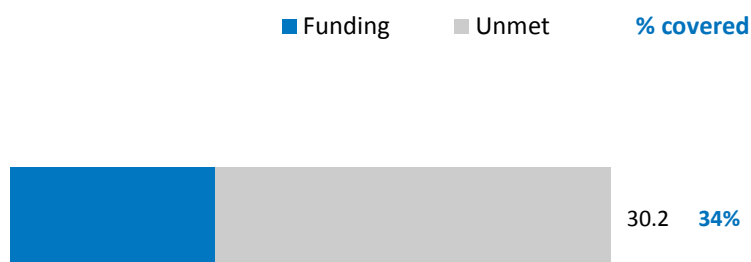
- UNHCR's partner, the *Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli* (CISP), working on the implementation of the urbanization project have completed the land acquisition in the commune of N'Guigmi and have begun lifting the topsoil in the commune. At Chétimari, they are in the final stages of acquiring legal approval for the acquisition of land.
- Exchanges with local authorities regarding the displaced population in Assaga are ongoing. The possibility of extending the UNHCR urbanization project to include Assaga is still under discussion.
- Construction work on a Distance Learning Centre in Diffa town is underway since 17 September.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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