NIGERIA SITUATION

UNHCR REGIONAL UPDATE N°18

17 October – 18 November 2015

KEY FIGURES

2,233,506 IDPs in Nigeria
(NEMA/IOM DTM Report, October 2015)

216,937
Total number of Nigerian refugees in neighbouring countries

FUNDING

USD 114,530,270
Requested for the situation

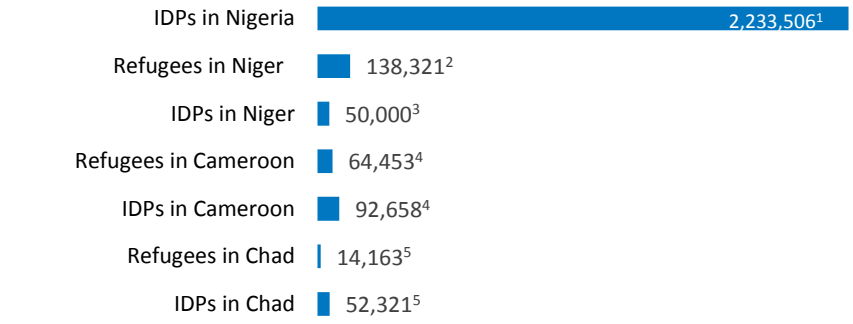
IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES

Nigeria
Strengthen capacity in protection and coordination
Niger
Provide protection, shelter and NFIs, WASH and health care to the newly displaced population following the Sept-Oct attacks.
Cameroon
Construct family shelters and provide water to refugees in Minawao camp.
Chad
Implement livelihood and subsistence activities for refugees in the Dar Es Salam camp.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In **Nigeria**, the security situation in the north-east is volatile as fighting continues between the insurgents and the Multinational Joint Task Force. The insurgents continue to sack communities, worship centres and other public structures in the north-east. The Nigerian Government recently unfolded a 'North-East Marshall Plan' (NEMAP) aimed at assisting those internally displaced by the insurgency.
- In **Niger**, there have been numerous attacks in the Bosso department over the last month. At least 25 people have died, villages have been burnt to the ground and populations forced to flee from their homes. UN agencies have not been able to access Bosso since February 2015 but local authorities have returned to providing escorts to humanitarians in order for interventions to take place.
- In **Cameroon**, the security situation remains precarious and volatile. During the reporting period, clashes between the Cameroonian army and the insurgents resulted in 27 civilian deaths and many torched homes. Spontaneous arrivals originating from the affected border villages continue to be registered at the Gourounguel transit centre.
- In **Chad**, a state of emergency was declared on 11 November in the Lake Region following the 10 attacks that took place during the month of October. Vehicle and foot traffic are forbidden, security zones have been established, public gatherings are forbidden, and raids authorized at any time of day; furthermore, the press and radio are under state control.

A total of 2,645,422 people of concern



[1] NEMA/IOM DTM Report, October 2015
[2] DREC/MISP/UNHCR- Nigerian refugees, displaced people from Nigeria claiming to be Niger nationals but lacking documents
[3] Government estimation
[4] UNHCR/IOM – including 48,000+ in the Minawao/Gawar camp
[5] UNHCR/IOM
[6] IOM

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Operational Context

NIGERIA – The security situation in the north-east is volatile as fighting continues between the insurgents and the Multinational Joint Task Force. The insurgents continued to sack communities, worship centres and other public structures. The Nigerian Government recently unfolded a 'North-East Marshall Plan' (NEMAP) aimed at assisting those internally displaced by the insurgency. Over USD 450 million have been allocated for this purpose. Further provisions will be made in the long term to address the needs of IDPs that are unable to return home.

NIGER – There have been numerous attacks in the Bosso department over the last month. At least 25 people have died, villages have been burnt to the ground and populations forced to flee from their homes. UN agencies have not been able to access this part of the region since February 2015 but local authorities are providing escorts in order for interventions to take place once again. The reason behind this development is primarily linked to the need of populations in the area to be relocated to safety. Authorities will therefore be providing escorts and support to the humanitarian community in order for profiling, and assistance to take place. While the Red Cross and MSF have been physically present throughout the year, UNHCR has provided basic health services through *Action Pour le Bien-Etre* (APBE) under its remote management framework. There are urgent needs in the shelter, food, WASH, and education sectors and the Bosso Prefect has planned to hold monthly meetings with humanitarian actors to monitor the situation. The security situation in the Diffa region as whole remains volatile and the state of emergency has been extended until January 2016.

CAMEROON – Ms. Annick Girardin, the French secretary of State for Development and Francophonie visited Maroua on 3 November to take stock of the situation in the Far North, in company of the French Ambassador to Cameroon and the Director of the French Red Cross. She was informed of the coordination and humanitarian intervention activities that have taken place to date and made aware of existing gaps. From 20 to 22 October the UNHCR Representative in Cameroon visited the Far North region. During this mission, he showed solidarity to the local authorities and humanitarian colleagues. He met with administrative and traditional authorities and discussed Minawao's water shortage issue, and plans to supply water through a river near Mokolo as advocating that a new camp be provided by the authorities has not yielded results. Alternative solutions are being looked into, to find a durable solution for the gaps in water provision, which are currently being covered through water trucking. On the same occasion, he presented two pickup vehicles (to reinforce escorts), school supplies, three newly constructed classrooms and a security post to the authorities, in support of their efforts in favour of the refugees.

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CHAD – A state of emergency was declared on 11 November in the Lake Region following the 10 attacks that took place during the month of October. Vehicle and foot traffic are forbidden, security zones have been established, public gatherings forbidden, and raids authorised at any time of day; furthermore, the press and radio are under state control. Local authorities in the Mamdi department have proposed to relocate Kafia and Kousseri IDP sites and Dar Es Salam refugee camp. Since authorities voiced this idea a number of population movements have been reported. The Kousseri site is reportedly empty and UNHCR is following up on the whereabouts of its former inhabitants. The IDPs are thought to have departed from Kousseri between 20 and 27 October in a spontaneous manner, following the Government's decision and for pre-emptive reasons, should there be another insurgent attack. Part of the Kafia site population is also reported to have left. On 28 October, the humanitarian country team (HCT) called on humanitarian actors to carry on with their activities, while it awaits further information on these recent movements, the needs that may derive from them, and the eventual relocation by the Government. UNHCR voiced its preference for the local integration of refugees into the local community instead of relocation. Discussions are underway with Chadian authorities to this effect.

Protection

NIGERIA - The latest IOM and Nigerian Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) report indicates that there are 2.23 million insurgency-related IDPs in Nigeria.

NIGER - The Government of Niger has estimated that the insurgency-related population of Nigerian refugees and Niger nationals who had been living in Nigeria (Niger returned migrants) has reached 138,000. It also estimates the IDP population at 50,000 persons.

Achievements and impact: The International Rescue Committee (IRC) carried out awareness-raising activities regarding SGBV protection in Diffa town. These included a discussion with community groups in the 'Château' area of Diffa.

- A large scale verification operation was carried out in Kablewa camp to update the data on its inhabitants.
- UNHCR undertook a monitoring and rapid needs assessment mission to the sites for the displaced in Baroua and a number of other sites along the national road between Diffa and N'Gagam, which continue to receive displaced persons from the region. According to Municipal authorities in Baroua and Bosso, it is estimated that 6,000 individuals have left Baroua.
- 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.

CAMEROON - UNHCR and IOM have registered 64,453 refugees and 92,658 IDPs in the Far North. The majority of refugees live in the Minawao/Gawar site (48,255), while IDPs live with host families.

Achievements and impact: UNHCR organised a training workshop on international refugee protection and the Cameroonian Judiciary system for administrative, judiciary, military and traditional authorities in the Mokolo, Bourrah, Koza, Mogode, Mayo-Mokota, Hina and Soulede-Roua lolcalities. This training aimed to capacitate authorities in dealing with refugee and IDP protection issues but also to improve collaboration with UNHCR and humanitarian organisations, given the high number of protection incidents reported in their respective localities.

- UNICEF have begun building three new child friendly spaces (CFS) in the Minawao camp.
- UN Women and UNHCR organised a workshop for 30 humanitarian actors in the Minawao camp on menstrual hygiene to increase the capacity of community volunteers and hygiene promoters.
- UN Women organised 12 educational talks in various villages of the Mayo Tsanaga department on topics such as measures to mitigate the risks of rape, systemic factors prohibiting young women from attending school, and the consequences of early marriage. The talks benefited 4,214 persons (758 men, 1,305 women, 664 boys, and 1,487 girls).

CHAD - The humanitarian community estimates that there are about 14,163 refugees currently living in the Lake Region, of which 9,510 have been registered by UNHCR and IOM. Out of these, 7,868 refugees are currently living in Dar Es Salam refugee camp. The remainder chose to undertake economic activities in the surrounding villages. IOM have profiled 52,321 IDPs in accessible areas of the Lake region.

Achievements and impact: The profiling and registration exercise for IDPs has continued in the Lake Region and in the villages surrounding the town of Bol. The exercise recently took place in the localities of Melia and Yiga, Koudouboul, and Yakoua. IOM began profiling IDPs in the Dar Nahim 3 and 4 sites and in Melia. A registration exercise that was due to take place in Daboua was postponed until further notice for security reasons.

- The SGBV working group was initiated by the Regional Delegate for Social Action. Meetings have been planned to launch the WG's activities but the need for urgent action is already pronounced in the area of SGBV and more specifically with regards to early marriage.

Education

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Achievements and impact: ACTED completed the construction of a Distance Education Centre in Bosso. The opening ceremony was held on 12 November, and was attended by humanitarian actors, the Regional Department of Education, the Mayor and the Prefect of Bosso.

CAMEROON

Achievements and impact: UNHCR and Public Concern in collaboration with the Mayo Tsanaga Departmental Ministry of Basic Education, organised a recruitment test for primary and pre-school teachers. A total of 177 candidates including 139 refugees sat the test and 25 were selected by the organizers.

- Public Concern distributed 3,267 school uniforms to primary school students and 656 to pre-school students. PLAN International presented 100 sleeping mats to Public Concern to improve reception conditions for pre-school children.

CHAD

Achievements and impact: A total of ten teachers hired by the Chadian Government have been assigned to the two schools in Baga Sola and they are currently settling in. UNHCR has provided them with supplies (mats, soap, sheeting, buckets).

Challenges, needs and remaining gaps: Classes are suspended until the beginning of November in both schools of the Dar Es Salam camp, due to the recent attacks. The number of children enrolled has not changed but attendance has decreased by more than 50 percent since the beginning of the year. Reasons cited for this decrease are the number of classrooms available (four available out of eight) and insecurity.

Health

CAMEROON

Achievements and impact: UNICEF assisted with the vaccination exercise against measles which benefited 166,810 persons aged 6 months to 15 years. Among these, 54,763 IDPs were treated.

- UNICEF provided the Regional Directorate for Public Health with 125 motorbikes to assist with the H4+ poliomyelitis prevention project. Out of this lot, one motorbike was presented to the Minawao health centre.
- UNHCR provided the Regional Health Delegation for the Far North with mosquito nets, bleach, buckets, cups, and blankets.
- In both of Minawao health posts, managed by MSF and IMC, some 4,409 consultations were carried out during the reporting period. The most common pathologies are malaria, respiratory infections, and diarrhoeal diseases.

Challenges, needs and remaining gaps: There were 47 cases of measles including one death recorded during the reporting period.

Food Security and Nutrition

CAMEROON

Achievements and impact: WFP is pre-positioning high energy biscuit stocks in Minawao camp to respond to the urgent needs of some 2,200 newly arrived refugees at the border areas, who will be relocated to the camp.

- WFP pre-positioned 480 tons of food in Minawao camp for the November distribution. Some 46,639 refugees received rations.
- During the month of October, WFP distributed food to 45,200 refugees in the Minawao camp.
- Food distributions for IDPs and host communities in the Mayo Sava, Mayo Tsanaga and Logone et Chari departments benefited 87,000 persons.
- Some 19 malnutrition cases were admitted to the mobile health clinic (ten new and nine from the hospital). There were 11 cases of recovery and five cases transferred to Mokolo hospital. From 19 to 25 October, 65 cases were assisted in total.

Challenges, needs and remaining gaps: Community level nutritional screening of 3,633 persons identified 10 cases of moderate acute malnutrition that were referred to the nutritional centre for follow-up.

- WFP distributed food under the blanket feeding programme in the camp. Screening carried out during the month of September revealed a global acute malnutrition rate of 9 percent in children aged 6-23 months.
- Some 1,033 children were assisted through the moderate acute malnutrition programme during the month of September. This marks an increase of 6.5 per cent in comparison to August. This trend is linked to the growing amount of refugees settling into the camp.
- The security situation in the Far North limits access to the IDP population, making it difficult for WFP to carry out food distributions.
- The food security evaluation carried out during the month of September by WFP revealed a sharp decrease in the level of food security for local populations in the Far North region, in comparison to the results of the evaluation carried out in June. This is particularly flagrant in the Logone et Chari, Mayo Sava and Mayo Tsanaga departments, on the border with Nigeria, where the rate of food insecurity went from 23 in June percent to 37.9 percent in September. There is also cause for concern in the three other departments of the Far North region, despite their distance from the insurgent activity. Indeed, the region has suffered from severe droughts and the effects of the insurgency have rippled across the region. These factors have been the cause of growing cereal deficits in recent years according to the Ministry of Agriculture (a deficit of 200,000 tonnes in 2015 vs 130,000 tonnes in 2014).

CHAD

Achievements and impact: NGO partner PADIESE provided NFIs and food (rice, oil, soap, mats, salt, buckets) to the Dar Es Salam vigilante committee.

- The Chadian Red Cross (CRT) distributed 575 tons of Plump Doz (nutritional supplement) to 463 children in Dar Es Salam camp.
- PADIESE organised food and NFI distribution for 49 unaccompanied minors (UAMs), who are currently housed by 35 families in the camp. Another 46 UAMs have been identified for a distribution that will take place from 2 to 6 November. PADIESE also distributed food and NFIs to 98 elderly refugees in the camp.
- Some 397 children were identified for assistance by the Chadian Red Cross and WFP's blanket feeding programme in the Dar Es Salam camp. Out of these, 56 were referred to the health centre.

Water and Sanitation

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Achievements and impact: To assist the displaced population from Baroua in the site of N'Gagam, Care International installed a 10,000 L capacity water container and provided a 21,000 L water truck. ACTED have also installed two water containers at the site.

- ACTED carried out WASH awareness-raising activities on the usage of latrines, hygiene, hand washing, and water conservation in the Kablewa camp 3,081 people.

Shelter and NFIs

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Achievements and impact:

- In the Kablewa and Sayam Forage camps, a total of 120 transitional shelters (that are more durable) have been built to date. The shelters are being constructed in the context of a workshop run by *Cooperazione Internazionale* (COOPI) with UNHCR funds.
- The urbanisation project is underway in the communes of Chétimari and N'Guigmi. Each commune has already selected 50 hectares of land for the project and completed a topographic survey. Both communes are now in the final stages of the urbanization planning, which is being developed with the Univers Consult firm. Once this stage is complete, the documents will be transmitted to the Ministry of Urban Development for final approval.

CAMEROON

Achievements and impact: During the reporting period, 300 family tents were installed by IEDA Relief and 40 family shelters are in the process of being finalised. Some 8,427 family shelters have been built in the camp to date. There are no more families living in community shelters as of end October.

Livelihoods and Environment

CAMEROON

Achievements and impact: During the reporting period, 1,000 trees were planted in the Minawao camp, bringing to 10,000 the total amount planted in 2015 by Plan International. Furthermore, 100 women were given training on shelter improvement.

CHAD

Achievements and impact: Refugee women chosen to receive permaculture supplies were given okra, groundnut, dock, and green bean seeds. Each of them received hoes, and they are currently preparing their garden for seeding.

- The number of irrigated crop beneficiaries has increased from 264 to 297. The latter have been given information on irrigated farming and organised into 11 groups to grow maize.
- Negotiations with the *Programme National de Sécurité Alimentaire* (PNSA) have concluded. A contract has been signed since 24 October and 10 hectares of land have already been ploughed.
- As of 2 November 20 hectares of land had been prepared for market farming activities, irrigation is complete, and borehole locations have been mapped. A drilling technician has been identified, who will also be setting up automated pumps once the boreholes are functional; works on the site started on 4 November.
- Ten pirogue and fishing equipment were presented to the refugee fishing groups on 4 November. The ceremony was organised by *Secours Catholique et Dévelopmment* (SECADEV). Training will take place for the 106 beneficiaries on the fishing regulations of Lake Chad.

Access to Energy

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Achievements and impact:

- Under the SEED project (*Soutien Energétique et Environnemental à la région de Diffa*) which is being funded by UNHCR in partnership with the national fuel distribution company SONIHY, a central fuel depository has been installed in Diffa town. It is operational and supplying gas for domestic use. In this context, some 3,600 gas bottles were delivered to the central depot, for distribution to refugees in the Sayam Forage and Kablewa camps. An additional 1,400 will be delivered, to reach the 5,000 target. Additionally, 6,078 gas-burning fireplaces and 6,000 burners were also received for the same project.
- Regarding the installation of solar panels in the five public health centres (Goudoumaria, N'Galewa, N'Guigmi, Sayam Forage camp and Sayam Forage town), all personnel have been trained on the use of the panels, and provided with a maintenance kit.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

UNHCR is very grateful for the financial support provided by donors, particularly those who have contributed to UNHCR activities with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds. Funding requirements for the refugee and IDP components of the Nigeria Situation now amount to USD 114.5 million, including USD 97.5 million in additional requirements for 2015.

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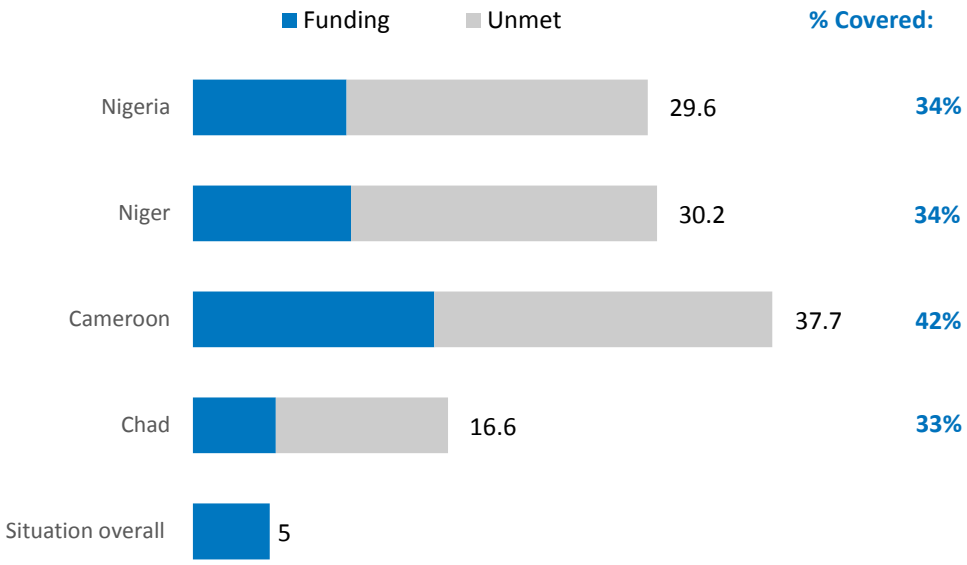
Funding:

A total of USD 46.8 million has been funded out of a USD 114.5 million requested



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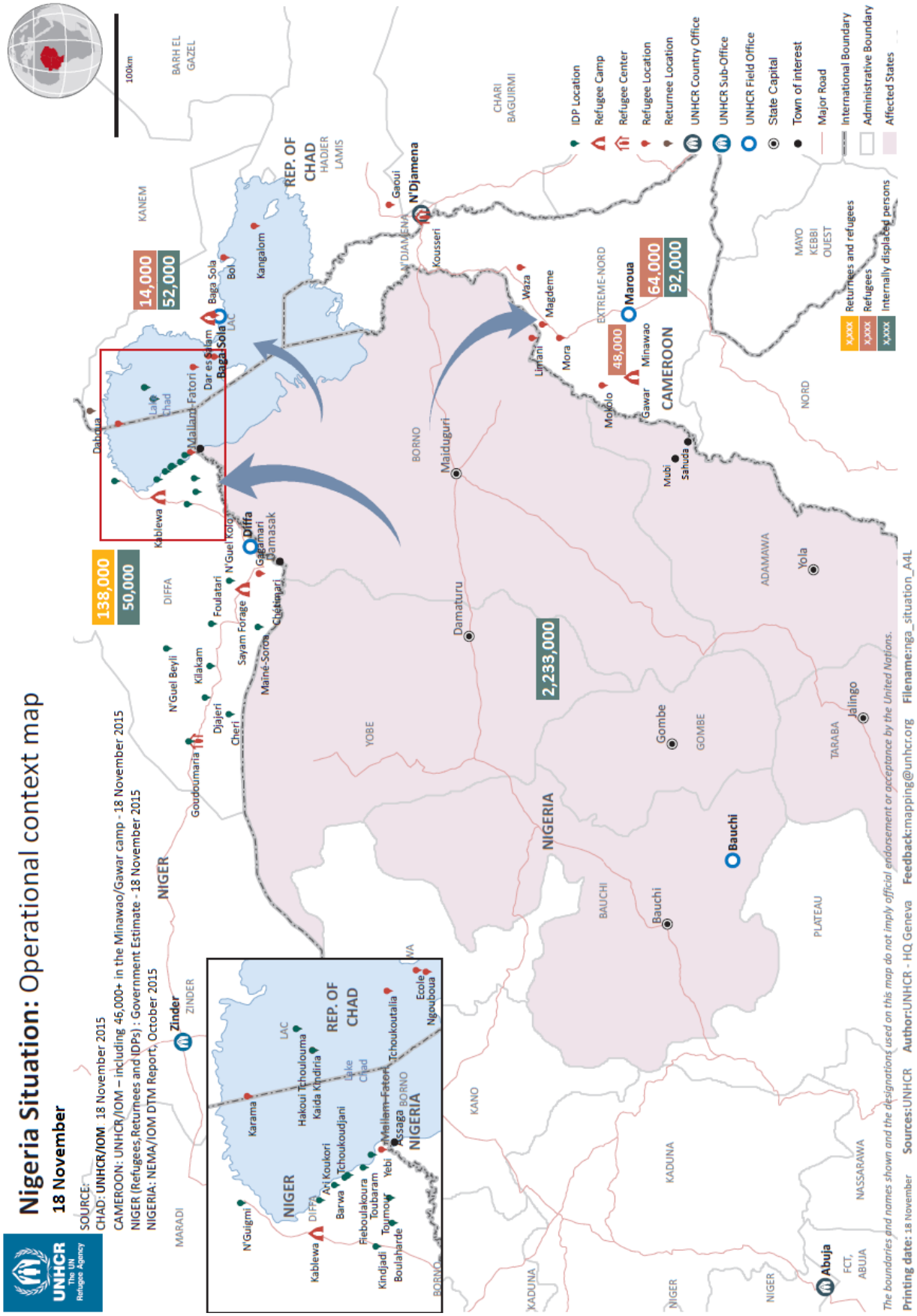
Nigeria Situation: Operational context map
18 November
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Refugee Camp
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Returnee Location
UNHCR Country Office
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State Capital
Town of interest
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Affected States
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