

Highlights

- On 19 January, 15 patients were airlifted from Rann to Maiduguri, bringing to 89 the total number of people evacuated following the military airstrike on Rann on 17 January.
- Surgical teams in four hospitals – two public and two military – in Maiduguri continue to perform operations and treat the injured.
- Medical assistance is also ongoing in Rann, a locality in the far-north of Nigeria bordering Cameroon and Chad.

Situation overview

Medical evacuations are ongoing since the 17 January aerial bombardment. The humanitarian community is working on ways to improve assistance to those wounded in Rann. Additional medical supplies and doctors have been deployed to Rann and hospitals in Maiduguri are providing treatments to the dozens of patients already evacuated.

Rann is one of the localities in north-eastern Nigeria that have recently become accessible to humanitarian organizations. Tens of thousands of displaced people in Rann are struggling with severe food shortages and high levels of malnutrition.

Aid organizations have expressed shock over the airstrike on Rann, where they are assisting families and communities left destitute by conflict. Humanitarian partners have been deploying gradually to areas of Nigeria's north-east that were previously unreachable to provide assistance to civilians grappling with hunger, malnutrition, lack of medical assistance, water and other basic services owing to the protracted Boko Haram-related violence.

The long-running conflict has left some 8.5 million people in need of assistance in the north-eastern states of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe. This year, humanitarian organizations plan to assist 6.9 million people in dire need of nutrition, food, shelter, health, education, protection and water and sanitation. A projected 5.1 million people will face serious food shortages as the conflict and risk of unexploded improvised devices have hampered farming for a third year in a row, causing a major food crisis.

Further updates will be provided once more information becomes available

