

A photograph of a water tower with two large metal tanks on top, situated in a settlement. In the foreground, several people are visible: a man in a white shirt and brown pants, a woman in an orange headscarf carrying a yellow water container, and two children. The background shows a fenced-in area with several small buildings.

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New Year; New Beginnings... The Coordination Upsurge - Facilitating The Scale-up

18th of December 2016

- Marked the arrival of the second consignment of materials for the construction of Humanitarian hubs, enabling accommodation for over 100 staff of International Non-Governmental organizations and UN agencies currently in Maiduguri, the epicenter of the crisis. The benefits of the hubs supersede accommodation, as it possesses several facilities, which include storage spaces for relief aid, conference room and a medical center for the community. The hubs are a key enabler in scaling up of 2017 operations.



(Arrival of Humanitarian Hub Materials)

19th of December 2016

- The ECC team visited the presidential committee on the North -East Initiative Nigeria for an interactive social media

session, the Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Ayoade Alakija spoke both on the significance of bridging the nexus between Humanitarian and Development, which can only be achieved through the admixture of humanitarian actors on state, federal and international levels.



(Head of Program, Presidential Committee on the North East Initiative Mohammed Danjuma Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Ayoade Alakija)

- Inter-ministerial Task Force meeting at the Ministry of Budget and National Planning, whose purpose is to support and align the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) with the 2017 Humanitarian response plan. The attendees, including Ministers, federal level actors and sector focal points reviewed progress on detailed humanitarian actions plans.



(Executive Director, Sahara Energy Mr. Tonye Cole, Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Ayoade Alakija, Minister of Communication Mr. Adebayo Shittu, Honorable Minister of State Mrs. Zainab Ahmed, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Mr. Audu Ogbah)



(Unloading of Humanitarian Hubs by Swedish Officials)

20th of December 2016

- The ECC and Humanitarian partners saw the Arrival of the Third 90 Metric Ton consignments of humanitarian hubs in Maiduguri.
- Visit and tour of the ECC by the CEO, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Mrs. Yewande Sadiku, and was left impassioned by the NE Situation.



(CEO Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Mrs. Yewande Sadiku)

21st of December 2016

- Visit to ECC Nigeria by Mr. Tolu Ogulensi the Special assistant of Digital New Media to His Excellency President Muhammadu Buhari. Who applauded the ECC on the excellent

work being carried out as a part of the humanitarian Response, with a strong Nigerian following on the right platform, the Media can be used as a form of education and aid.



(ECC's Humanitarian Affairs Officer Mr. Ismail Bukar and Special assistant of digital new media Mr. Tolu Ogulensi)

27th of December 2016

- The ECC in partnership with the UN World Food Programme (WFP) oversaw the significant scale up of food response in general food distribution, including an increment from targeting approximately 160,000 people in September to targeting over 1 million in December.
- The ECC team converged for a Briefing and discussion on the development of 2017 plans and execution strategies focusing on efficiency, effectiveness and rapid responses.

1st of January 2017

- The ECC started off the year propitious, with a feature in the Leadership newspaper with the Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Alakija providing an overview of the humanitarian crisis and details on how to further execute a response plan for the region. The importance of educating the Nigerian People cannot be stressed enough.



(Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Ayoade Alakija, Leadership Newspaper)

- The Interview identified and highlighted accomplishments such as feeding over 1million people in Borno and how this was possible due to commitment and dedication.

3rd of January 2017

- A Feature in The Nation newspaper saw the very important message being passed on to Nigerians following an in depth interview with the Chief Humanitarian Coordinator. The interview provided clarity to Nigerians on the reality of the humanitarian crisis, the progress of the response in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states, what still needs to be done and roles they need to play as Nigerians to tackle this issue plaguing the country.



(Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Ayoade Alakija, The Nation Newspaper)

5th of January 2017

- The ECC saw Visit from Military Hero Major O.N Sadiku (rtd) who discussed strategies for a better civil-military coordination in Nigeria, which is a key aspect in the Humanitarian Response.
- Commendations from Mr. Sadiku, as he referred to the ECC as a tactical operating center, similar to a war room, with informative maps and figures covering the walls, which is bound to produce solutions to the problems being faced not just in the north east, but Nigeria as a whole.



(Rtd. Major O.N Sadiku & Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Ayoade Alakija)

- Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Alakija, speaking on the Humanitarian Situation on Radio Nigeria Network

News Live. Stating that it is impossible to describe the suffering entire communities and states have had to endure. Initially this was seen as an IDP crisis, but Nigeria is not facing an IDP crisis instead we have a humanitarian crisis that spans all aspects of life. Of 14 million people calculated to need humanitarian aid, only about 2.5 million are IDPs.



(Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Ayoade Alakija, On Air Personality Chioma Bassey, On Air Personality James Chukwuka)

6th of January 2017

- TV Interview with Arise TV Channel 416 Dr. Alakija, Chief Humanitarian coordinator speaking on the humanitarian crisis and accountability by humanitarian actors in Nigeria.



(Arise TV News Anchor Mr. Charles Anaigolu & Chief Humanitarian Coordinator, Dr. Ayoade Alakija)

- Strategy Development Meeting with United Nations RHC Mr. Edward Kallon, Honorable Minister of State Zainab Ahmed & Chief Humanitarian

Coordinator, The meeting saw a very fruitful discussion on opportunities for support and partnership.



(Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Ayoade Alakija, United Nations Resident Humanitarian Coordinator Mr. Edward Kallon, Honorable Minister of State Mrs. Zainab Ahmed)

13th of January 2017

- TV interview on the This Day Live morning segment, updating, discussing and further educating the general public on the on-going humanitarian crisis and efforts being made by all humanitarian actors to better coordinate and save lives of the affected population in the North-East.

15th of January 2017

- The ECC was honored to host a Royal visit from the Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye, who imparted ancient traditional wisdom to a modern day humanitarian crisis. He proposed the involvement of all traditional rulers in the country. As culture and tradition are a huge part of whom Nigeria is as a people.



(Ooni of Ife Ojaja II, UNICEF Nigerian Representative Mr. Mohammed Fall, Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Ayoade Alakija).

17th of January 2017

- Following a devastating series of events and monumental loss that took place at Rann, Kala Bagle, Borno state involving the accidental bombing of an IDP camp by the Nigerian Air force. The ECC in collaboration with humanitarian Actors and Communities, for the provision of urgent evacuation and Aid to the affected community.



(Former First Special Adviser to the United Nations Mr. Ibrahim Gambari)

- The ECC hosted the convergence of the Abuja Global shapers, who joined the world Economic Forum discussion in Davos through a live video linkage system, with over 100 attendees, the Chief Humanitarian Coordinator spoke on radicalization and the rural urban divide.



(Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Ayode Alakija, World Economic forum Panel)

18th of January 2017

- The ECC hosted an early meeting the Regional Director of the World Food Program to discuss and plan next level advocacy and food scale up.



(Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Dr. Ayode Alakija, Special Assistant to the Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Ms. Rahima Aminu, World Food Program Regional Director for West & Central Africa)

19th of January 2017

- The Boston Consulting Group Delegation visited the ECC to get an understanding of the North-East Situation , processes being put in place to tackle the Crises. Furthermore the discussion stressed the importance of the involvement of the private sector and the role that will need to be played to aid efforts already being made by Humanitarian Actors.



(Special Adviser to the Chief Humanitarian Coordinator Rahima Aminu, Senior Partner Boston Consulting Group Mr. Luis Gravito)