

KEY FIGURES

1,385,298

Internally Displaced Persons
in North East (IOM and NEMA,
June 2015 DTM)

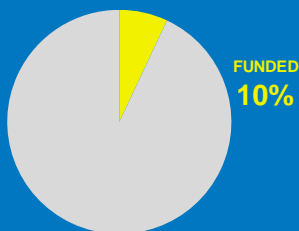
**2,188 refugees/
asylum seekers**

Refugees and Asylum seekers as of 31
May 2015 (UNHCR)

FUNDING

USD 29,611,512

Requested for the situation



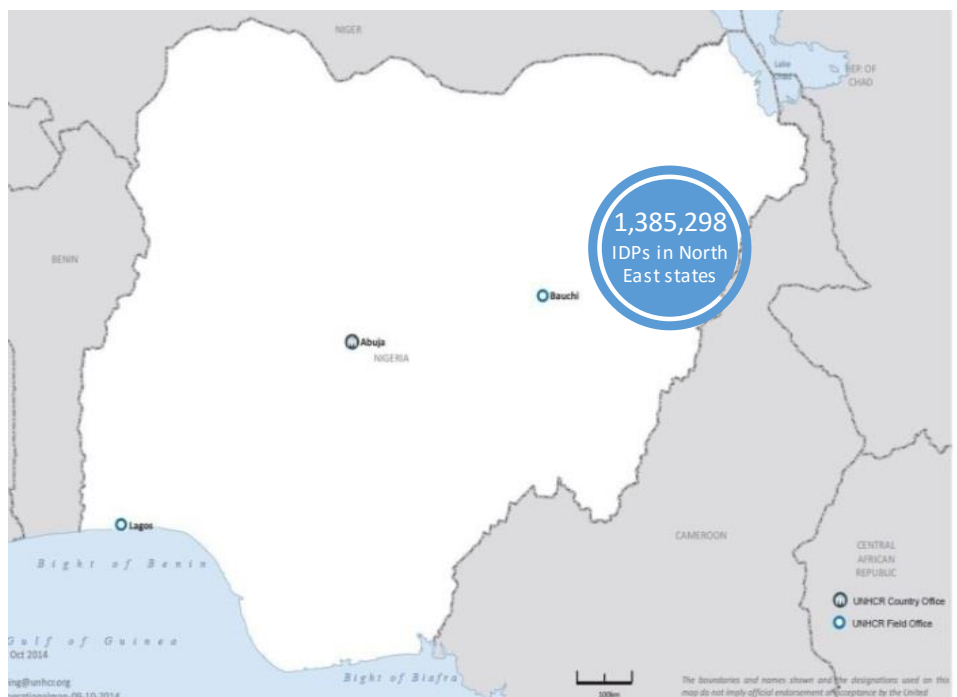
PRIORITIES

- Profiling of vulnerable groups
- Protection monitoring
- Advocating for and implementing targeted services
- Capacity strengthening in protection and coordination
- Advocacy for policy and legal framework
- Advocating for comprehensive durable solutions for IDPs and refugees



Accompanied by Head of Office Bauchi, UNHCR Representative to Nigeria and ECOWAS, Mrs Angele Dikongue-Atangana signs visitors' book when staff visited Benue State Governor on 22 July in the sidelines of All Staff Retreat 2015. **PHOTO: GARRIBA © UNHCR 22 July 2015**

- Staff of UNHCR Nigeria met in Makurdi, capital of Benue State, from 19 to 23 July for their All Staff 2015 Retreat. Coordinated by UNHCR Representative to Nigeria and ECOWAS, Ms. Angele Dikongue-Atangana, the staff brainstormed on the work of the office so far, and charted the way forward.
- 9,924 Nigerians, who fled insurgency attacks on their communities to Cameroon, have returned to Nigeria. UNHCR is closely monitoring the movement; improving registration, conditions at the reception center and developing a contingency plan.



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- The insecurity in the Northeast is far from abating, even as there are fears of a resurgence of militancy in the Niger Delta by some leaders of the equally dreaded Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND). This has prompted the Commandant of Nigerian Army School of Education (NASE)) Sobi Barracks Ilorin, Brig-Gen L. Abdullahi, to deplore the present state of insecurity in the Northeast and other parts of the country, stressing the need for collective fight against the sect.
- On 26 July, 20 people were killed and 14 others injured when a bomb blast went off in a crowded Sunday market in Damaturu, Yobe State. According to Chief Medical Director of Sani Abacha Specialist Hospital, Damaturu, Yobe State capital, Dr Garba Musa Fika, several persons suffered excessive bleeding and compound fractures.
- A gang of suspected insurgents in a convoy of Toyota Hilux vehicles and motorcycles laden with explosives and petrol bombs, at about midnight on 27 July attacked the village of Dille and three other communities in Borno State, killing 32 people and injuring 25 others. This occurred as President Buhari planned to visit Cameroon on 29 July to discuss how to tackle the security issue in the region with his Cameroonian counterpart, President Paul Biya.
- Some 29 people were killed following renewed attacks on 27 July by a large number of terrorists on Dille, the home of army chief, Major-Gen Tukur Buratai, and other parts of the troubled State of Borno, Northeast Nigeria. A member of the House of Representatives from the constituency, Hon Jubrin Satumariclarified that the insurgents also destroyed prayer centres and razed shops and residential homes. The terrorists equally stormed the village at about 1:00 pm, armed with AK47 rifles and petrol bombs.

IDP OPERATION

- UNHCR participated in Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Sub-Working Group Meeting held at NEMA Headquarters on the 28th July, to discuss updates of each agency in the sector. At the meeting UNHCR reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring that stakeholders in the sector receive the required training, and further informed the group of the two forthcoming CCCM training for 10-12 and 24-26 August in Maiduguri.
- UNHCR organized an extraordinary meeting of the Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG) on 28 July. The meeting was convened to discuss the HNO process and determine geographical coverage (number of states) to be covered by the HNO. PSWG members agreed that both the HNO and HRP process should focus on the four North Eastern States of Borno, Adamawa, Gombe and Yobe. A field mission was conducted to Yola to sensitize field-based PSWGs about the retreat, provide guidance and support and identify potential participants at the retreat.
- UNHCR met with IOM on 30 July, to discuss projects and activities both agencies could jointly implement to discuss the need to update the joint UNHCR-IOM manual, *"Protecting Refugees and Other Persons on the Move in the ECOWAS Space,"* published in January 2011, which is in need of review due to changes in policy and legal framework. The discussion also aimed at working out a training package on the joint manual, need to have a joint Migration Data management between UNHCR, IOM and ECOWAS, as well as working on a joint plan of action on Trafficking in Persons between UNHCR, IOM and ECOWAS. In this regards, IOM plans a call for proposal for Non-State actors in matters of protection assistance activities, after receiving grants of about 100,000 Euros for the project for up to 18 months. UNHCR will disseminate the information among CSOs it works with to enable them receive funding for such protection assistance activities.
- UNHCR, on 4 August, 2015 received additional inputs to the Draft National IDP Policy from the GPC Task Team on Law and Policy to reflect the evolution of displacement in Nigeria. The draft with inputs has been shared with the Nigeria Task Force Meeting on IDP Policy/Legal Development. It is expected that these will be incorporated before the Draft IDP Policy is presented to the Federal Executive Council once it is inaugurated.
- The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has intensified the provision of free medical care to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. The Director of Medical Services, NAF, Saleh Shinkafisaid apart from discharging the role of fighting wars, NAF also has the duty of providing succor to persons displaced as a result of the insurgency and related crises in the Northeast.

REFUGEE OPERATION

Registration

- UNHCR conducted registration of new asylum seekers consisting of 13 families of 25 individuals on the 29th of July at the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI) in Abuja. Follow up is being done on issuance of asylum seekers certificate for the PoC.
- Twenty-five (25) asylum seekers were registered during the period under review, among them 3 Congolese (DR) and 22 Togolese.
- As part of efforts to build the capacity of our government partner in Refugee protection, UNHCR have setup proGres at the Protection Unit of NCFRMI on the 29 July, this enables the NCFRMI to gain access to the read only data of proGres.
- During the period under review 9 ID cards were renewed while 1 new one was issued.

Resettlement

- The US Circuit Ride officials arrived during the reporting period to conduct interviews for 10 cases of 25 individuals.

Asylum Seekers:

- The Refugee Eligibility Committee (EC) is meeting in Lagos to deliberate on the **Togolese Asylum seekers** who occupied premises of the UNHCR Sub Office in Lagos before being transferred to a temporary shelter at Igando by the Lagos state government. UNHCR has paid the group a one-time allowance. However, the initial 110 have not yet responded to the invitation of the EC. The Office has registered a second group of over 50 Togolese Asylum seekers who are temporary hosted within the precincts of the Office awaiting transfer by the authorities.

ECOWAS OPERATION

- The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has joined the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in pledging to help Nigeria's effort to reduce disaster risk in the country.

External Relations:

- On the 28 July, UNHCR had a meeting with a BPRM delegation comprising Mr. Skye Justice, the Regional Refugee Coordinator based in Dakar, on mission to Nigeria and Mr. Christian Torres, the Political Officer (also tasked with Human Rights Matters) at the USA Embassy in Abuja. During the meeting the Representative and some senior staff briefed the US delegation on the office operational priorities, implementation and challenges. The delegation was visibly satisfied and promised more imminent support for the office activities. The Representative expressed the gratitude of UNHCR to the constant support of the US government which has never failed in its promises.

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