

KEY FIGURES

1,385,298

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

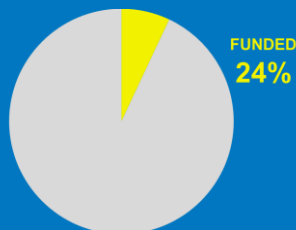
**2,188 refugees/
asylum seekers**

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

FUNDING

USD 29,611,512

Requested for the situation



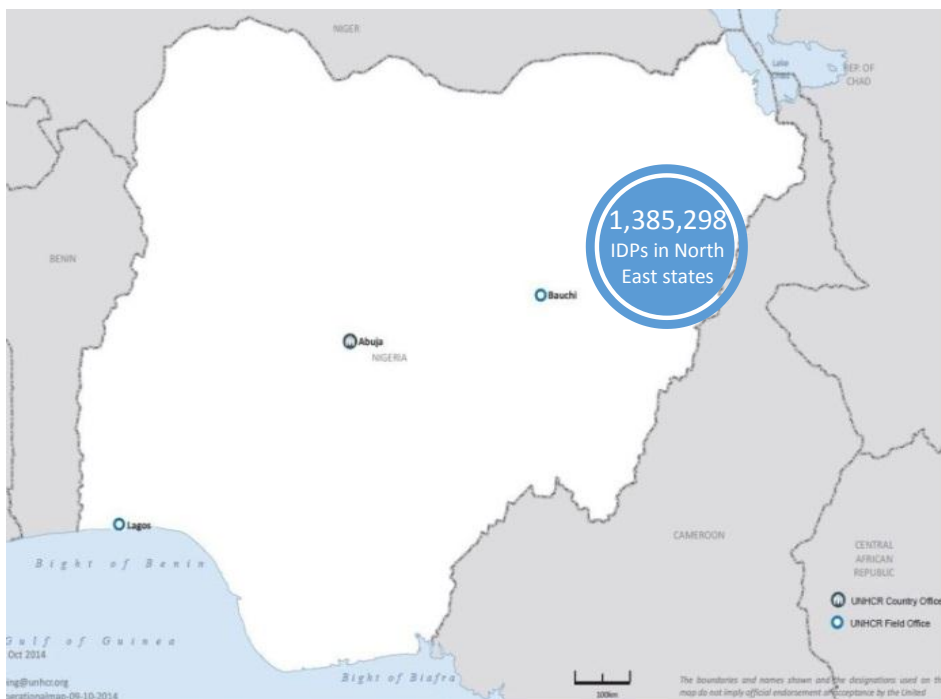
PRIORITIES

- 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



Cultural animation during the official inauguration of the UNHCR-funded Tunga Dam Small Hydro Power project in Kakara, **PHOTO: GARRIBA@UNHCR 13 August, 2015**

- On 13 August, 2015, Taraba State Governor Darius Dickson Ishaku officially inaugurated a 400KW Small Hydro Power project funded by UNHCR to serve the people of Kakara Village and its adjoining neighbors.
- The Deputy Governor of Borno State, Alhaji Zanna Mustapha has urged Borno refugees returning from Cameroon to “identify and expose” any terror suspects among them. Mustapha gave the advice, while addressing some 10,200 returnees at the Mubi IDP camp during the period under review.



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- Though the Borno state police command has said terrorists in the Northeast are on the run following massive bombardment by the military, insurgents have continued to attack and loot villages as they retreat from sustained military onslaught in Konduga and Biu LGAs in the state, thereby causing generalized fear across the Northeastern states in particular, and across the entire nation. The Nigerian Army on 9 August confirmed the arrest of several insurgents in Lagos and Ogun states. The outgoing General Officer Commanding (GOC) 81 Division, Major General Tamunomiebi Dibi, said suspected terrorists were rounded up during several raids conducted in both states.
- The Nigerian military concentrated their operations in Konduga and Bama LGAs in Borno State where the terrorists reportedly suffered major casualties and losses. Seventeen members of the terrorist group were also killed by youth vigilance group in Lahou village, Borno state. As a result of this, the Army thought that these local government areas recaptured from terrorists are now free to be inhabited by fleeing residents.
- Unfortunately, Insurgents reportedly killed several people, including members of the sect and the civilian population. They also attacked Kadangana and Tumbulwa villages in Fika LGA, and Furi village in Damaturu LGA, killing 9 people.
- Members of the Islamist sect on 9 August ambushed motorists along the Maiduguri-Damboa-Biu highway, killing four persons and injuring three others. They also kidnapped two people, including a member of the youth vigilance group. Also about 50 persons were on 10 August killed when a bomb allegedly planted by members of the Islamist sect exploded at a village market in Borno State.
- In an effort to defeat the terrorists continuously ravaging communities in the Northeast, the Chief of Army Staff, Lt-Gen Tukur Buratai, whose home was attacked twice shortly after his appointment by President Buhari, has called for collaboration between the army and the Department of State Service.
- Shortly after the call by the security chief for collaboration, the National Security Adviser (NSA), Major-General Babagana Monguno (rtd) and four other Service Chiefs for Defence, Nigerian Army, Air Force and Police have declared to end insurgency that has claimed many lives and properties in the sub-region of the country.
- The resolve by the security chiefs followed an order by President Muhammadu Buhari given the military chiefs to bring the insurgency to an end within three months. The president gave the marching order at the State House in Abuja while decorating recently appointed service chiefs with their new ranks.
- Cameroon has pledged to send about 2,500 soldiers to join West African regional force to fight the Islamist sect of about 8,700 men, according to the Cameroonian defence minister.
- The Adamawa Government also announced that it had earmarked about \$1.1 million to engage Prayer Warriors seek divine intervention toward ending the state's lingering security challenges. Adamawa remains one of the complex and volatile states in the Northeast, overwhelmed by IDPs and returnees.
- Meanwhile, the Government, through the military, continued to deploy resources and map out strategies to confront the terrorists head-on in a bid to curtail their activities in the Northeast and in other parts of the country where they were reported to have now been spreading their tentacles.

IDP OPERATION

- As at 9 August 2015, some 8,697 Nigerian refugees returned from Cameroon and were accommodated in four different locations, with Sahuda immigration site hosting 5,164 individuals; Mubi brick transit center hosting 1,864 persons; Malkohi camp hosting 680 people; and NYSC camp hosting 989 individuals. Saad Bello, NEMA Coordinator in Adamawa State pledged that the sick among the IDPs would be given proper medical attention. Meanwhile, the Adamawa State government promised to make the camp habitable for the IDPs by meeting up with their social needs.

- After two staff attended a PSWG visioning and strategic retreat in Abuja, a similar meeting was scheduled to hold with state level actors in Borno and Adamawa states, while a team of protection staff (registration, community services, shelter) were in Mubi to ensure protection response and coordination of humanitarian actions to the Nigerian returnees from Cameroon.
- The Adamawa Field Unit was fully engaged in operations regarding returnees, as various teams visited the borders, carried out coordination with government interlocutors, and received NFIs from the SO Bauchi office for distribution to the various camps. This also set the ground for vulnerability screening and the conducting of PSWG coordination meeting whereby the Senior Protection Officer (Global Protection WG) engaged the members of the PSWG on a discussion of pertinent protection issues.
- In Yobe, UNHCR and 29 NHRC monitors met on 15 August, 2015 to review the implementation of monitoring activities in the state, following a similar meeting at Bauchi. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in obtaining, sharing and referring timely protection information to enable timely assistance to the people of concern.
- UNHCR Field Unit office in Maiduguri, in conjunction with SEMA and other humanitarian actors, received 680 returning Nigerians initially hosted in the Malkohi Camp in Yola, Adamawa State. They were amongst the group of returnees from Cameroon and Chad that are indigenes of Borno State. All families of such returnees were allocated shelter and they received both FIs and NFIs from SEMA, MSF and ICRC, like blankets, buckets, mats, cups, plates, bar soap and detergents.
- UNHCR visited a newly established IDP camp, “250 Housing Estate,” along the Bama road within the Jere LGA. The purpose was to continue assessment of the recently received caseload of IDPs rescued by the military from terrorists in villages within the Bama LGA. There were various concerns related to food, security, health, NFIs, and WASH, and that prompted UNHCR to urge responsible sector leaders to take appropriate and immediate action.
- UNHCR visited Dalori IDP camp to collect bill of quantity (BOQ) for shelter support, and equally attended a community watch group's session on awareness, prevention and response to human rights abuses by NRCS. The agency also visited Gubio road IDP camp and worked with partners to establish WASH, food, shelter, sanitation and health committees.
- UNHCR's CCCM officer met with ICRC on health and shelter interventions within the Borno camps, and ICRC shared their plan on provision of additional 30 shelters in the ongoing FTC camp. ICRC confirmed that it could provide maintenance for existing facilities, including roofing, hence UNHCR CCCM advocated for the roofing of existing facilities in the FTC camp.
- UNHCR FU Maiduguri received the first batch of a consignment of NFI's from SO Bauchi, including 100 mattress, 4,500 pieces (plates, cups, spoons) and 4,500 blankets, which stored at the NEMA warehouse, targeting vulnerable families identified in camps and communities.
- The President of the Nigerian Senate paid an official visit to Maiduguri, Borno State, accompanied by the Governor and Deputy Governor, to Dalori IDP camp, where they made spot checks to facilities, including brief talks with the IDP community, state officials and some members of the humanitarian community.
- The Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria held a meeting with humanitarian actors in Borno, intimating that there was more to do regarding standardization of the camps, especially the hygiene and sanitation component. Also discussed were activity plans for the next three months as well as reduction in the number of working group meetings saving more time for actual implementation of activities.
- An indigenous charity organization known as Madonna International Charity Peace Award Foundation (MICPA) has donated the sum of \$100, 000 to support the activities and humanitarian services of UNICEF in IDP camps, especially of rescued victims of insurgency. Similarly, the Nigeria Red Cross Society (NRCS) resumed a training programme to equip people to provide psychological support and address cases of trauma among IDPs in Borno State.
- During the reporting period, IDPs taking refuge at the International Christian Centre Home for the Needy, at Uhogua, Ovia Northeast council of Edo State, resisted attempts by security operatives to evacuate them from the camp. Reacting, the Edo State Government said it was its intervention that ended the attempted forceful relocation of the IDPs in the state. The Special Adviser to the Governor on Media and Public Affairs, Kassim Afegbua, told journalists that those who attempted the relocation of the IDPs did so without informing the State Government.

- Also, the group Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) sent an open letter to President Muhammadu Buhari, urging him to use his good offices and leadership to urgently intervene and stop the forceful eviction of IDPs in the WASU camp in Apo District of Abuja, and all other camps across the country.
- The President has directed the Ministry of Special Duties and Inter-Governmental Affairs to intensify efforts to re-unite families whose members are currently scattered in different camps for Internally Displaced Persons. Buhari, who expressed particular concern about the well-being of children in the camps, said that appropriate mechanisms must be put in place to ensure the proper up-bringing of the children so that they don't grow up to become another national problem.
- No fewer than seven new births were recorded at the Mubi transit camp of Nigerian returnees from the Republic of Cameroon, as the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) transported 5,762 returnees to the IDP camps in Yola, Adamawa State. Health workers assisted in the safe delivery of seven pregnant women of four girls and three boys, who all reportedly remain in stable conditions.
- UNHCR FU Makurdi met with the Benue Commissioner for Justice as per the latter's concern for an inclusive humanitarian legal framework for the State. The Commissioner suggested a formal courtesy call in the course of sharing guiding principles on displacement and other documents.
- The Makurdi Field Unit also met with 5 agro relief beneficiaries, who noted that a partial drought in course of the year affected seed germination. The office then visited selected farm sites in Gbajimba on 11 August to help get a pictorial assessment, so as to later follow up with the yields after cropping, even as it participated in a monthly meeting with IDP monitors.
- The Director of Federal Capital Territory, Department of Mass Education, Alhaji Musa Maikasuwa Yakubu, has said that education should be a yardstick for dealing with the psychological state of the victims of insurgency in the Northeast Nigeria and IDPs across the nation.
- The TY Danjuma Foundation has empowered 50 displaced Chibok women and men at their camp in Pegi village, Kuje, Abuja. The beneficiaries were presented with sewing machines, pressing irons and generators after receiving training in tailoring for some weeks.
- The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on its part distributed free delivery kits to 410 pregnant women displaced by insurgents in Borno State.

REFUGEE OPERATION

Resettlement

- As at 9 August 2015, some 8,697 Nigerian refugees returned from Cameroon and were accommodated in four different locations in Adamawa State, with Sahuda immigration site hosting 5,164 individuals; Mubi brick transit center hosting 1,864 persons; Malkohi camp hosting 680 people; and NYSC camp hosting 989 individuals. UNHCR set out to renovate the Fufore camp, making it ready for inauguration to receive some of the returnees.
- All Nigerian returnees were allowed entry into the country while all non-Nigerians were returned to Cameroon and handed over to Cameroonian government officials. Among such cases were 2 Guineans, 4 Cameroonians, 1 Malian and 2 Tanzanians. Unfortunately, UNHCR did not have access to this category of persons to assess their protection needs.
- Due to poor living conditions at the reception centre, UNHCR advocacy caused the government to speed up relocation of the returnees from Mubi to Yola, with a transfer of 989 individuals to the NYSC camp in the Adamawa capital. The transfer was conducted in dignity, as the returnees were moved mini buses instead of in army trucks as was the case before. It is worth noting that only UNHCR team visited the border area, with other agencies limiting their operations in Mubi.
- Meanwhile, several Nigerian deportees from Gabon lamented their losses and separation from their wives and children. Most of these people had left Nigeria, thinking that they would find greener pastures elsewhere. They felt they would certainly make it just anywhere outside Nigeria, but this turned out not to be the case.

Registration**ECOWAS OPERATION**

- On 14 August, the Board of Governors of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) renewed the tenure of the current president of the bank, Bashir Mamman Ifo, for another four-year term, with effect from October 10 this year.

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