

NIGERIA

UNHCR WEEKLY UPDATE

30 August - 14 September, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

KEY FIGURES

2,150,451

IDPs in Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, Yobe, Nasarawa states and Abuja (IOM DTM as of 31 August 2015).

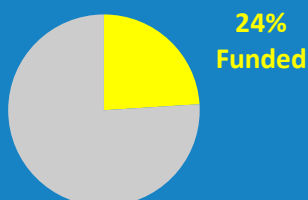
**2,333 refugees/
asylum seekers**

Refugees and asylum seekers as of 31 August 2015 (UNHCR)

FUNDING

USD 29,611,512

Requested for the situation



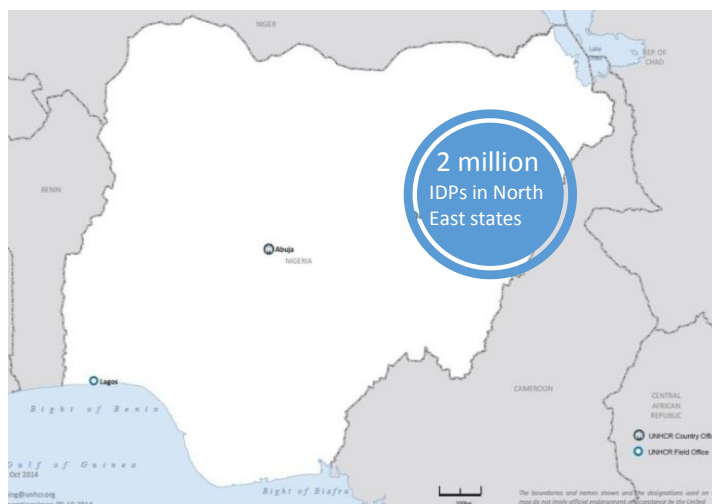
PRIORITIES

- Identifying 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



IDP pupils in Maiduguri studying under unfavorable conditions PHOTO: GARRIBA@UNHCR 26 August, 2015.

- On 6 September 2015 armed Boko Haram suspects on motorcycles attacked neighboring villages of Muktum and Difhi (Ngarbuwa ward) in Gujba LGA of Yobe state. Four persons were killed; several houses were burnt while unspecified numbers of cattle were rustled in Difhi villages.
- On Friday 11 September 2015 at about 11:15 am, two female suicide bombers detonated PDIEDs strapped on their bodies at Malkohi IDP camp in Yola, Adamawa State. 7 people were killed and about 20 injured including a NEMA staff who was airlifted to Abuja for further medical treatment. Elsewhere on the same day in Madagali also in Adamawa State, a young man detonated a PBIED killing him and 4 other persons. This attack represents a major development where an IDP camp has been specifically targeted. All UNHCR staff are accounted for and the office is working with UNDSS to monitoring and evaluate the situation.



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- NEMA and IOM reported that there were 2,150,451 internally displaced persons in several states in Nigeria including in Borno, Adamawa, Yobe, Gombe, Bauchi, Taraba, Nassarawa States and the Federal Capital Territory (Abuja). Children constitute 58 per cent of the internally displaced population, women constitute 28 per cent, and men the remainder. Through a joint protection monitoring exercise UNHCR and the National Human Rights Commission report that vulnerable groups include elderly heads of households, single elderly, child heads of household, pregnant/nursing mothers and female heads of household.
- UNHCR continued to work with authorities in strengthening registration of Nigerian returnees from Cameroon, improving reception conditions and providing emergency assistance. UNHCR and protection actors also monitor inward movement of Nigerian returnees once they have arrived in Nigeria. As of 13 September 2015 the total number of Nigerian returnees from Cameroon is 10,943.
- UNHCR conducted Community Based Protection and Community Engagement sensitization session in Teacher's Village camp in Borno, involving IDP leaders and authorities.
- UNHCR provided non-food items to 43,000 IDPs located in various camps in Jalingo, capital of Taraba State. According to ongoing UNHCR-NHRC joint protection monitoring exercise, the State of Taraba in recent weeks experience inter-communal violence and attacks against IDP returnees.
- More than 2.1 million people – about 300,000 households – have been uprooted in the region since the sect launched its uprising in 2009, according to the Displacement Tracking Matrix.
- On 6 September 2015, four unarmed terrorist suspects were arrested by youth at Geidam town, Geidam LGA of Yobe State and handed over to the military, even as other armed Islamist suspects, on motorcycles, attacked neighbouring villages of Muktum and Difhi (Ngarbuwa ward) in Gujba LGA. Meanwhile, 4 persons were killed, several houses burnt, and a pickup vehicle set ablaze in Muktum village, and an unspecified number of cows were rustled in Difhi villages.

Achievements

IDP OPERATION

- The Protection Sector Working group is actively contributing to the planning of the Humanitarian Needs Overview. PSWG members have decided that the HNO will focus on four states which will include Borno, Adamawa, Gombe and Yobe. The group has also outlined the protection indicators for the exercise and has initiated the preparation of a protection analysis.
- UNHCR participated in an Information management working group meeting on 4 September, 2015. Update was given on the HNO process and required action from sectors to finalize the documents. Members were also informed on the activated a situation room to monitor the flood situation in Northern Adamawa and informed that the number of IDPs according to the newly published DTM Round IV report is now 2.150,451 million IDPs in 7 states plus FCT.
- A CCCM training began in Yola on 8 September 2015, with participants drawn from NEMA, SEMA, NRCS and NIS. The training was officially opened by NEMA Director and SEMA Permanent Secretary in Adamawa.

- Following an assessment of the most vulnerable IPDs conducted in Pompomari camp, 135 lactating women were registered as beneficiaries of 100 mattresses donated by UNHCR. In view of the limited number available, Yobe FU contacted SEMA/NEMA to supplement and the Executive Secretary of SEMA pledged to give 35 mattresses to make up for the required number.
- UNHCR conducted Community Based Protection and Community Engagement sensitization session in Teacher's Village camp in Borno, with 18 IDP leaders (6 females & 12 males) and 1 SEMA representative in attendance.

REFUGEE OPERATION

Resettlement

- 122 asylum seekers were registered in the month under review. They were made up of 111 Togolese, 5 Central Africans, 2 Congolese (DR), 3 Syrians and 1 Ivorian.

RSD

- An emergency eligibility committee meeting was convoked to consider 58 cases of 218 Togolese persons. The report that was released promptly shows all the cases were rejected for presenting manifestly unfounded claims.

Registration

- USCIS circuit ride was conducted in Lagos between 4 and 5 August, 2015. A total of 10 cases of 25 persons were interviewed while 6 cases of 14 persons were approved, 3 cases of 10 persons were on hold and 1 case of 1 person was denied.
- 13 refugees departed on resettlement to Canada during the month. They comprised 9 Liberians and 4 Congolese (DR).

ID cards

- During the month of August, 16 ID cards were renewed while 1 was issued.

Community services

- UNHCR conducted HIV sensitization for refugees in Lagos, facilitated by a medical doctor from World Health Organization. Sanitary items, including sanitizers, detergents and soaps, were distributed to the participants at the end of the programme, attended by 51 refugees.
- 18 persons with specific needs were assisted with monthly allowance, while 8 persons on skill training were assisted with monthly transportation allowance.

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<http://data.unhcr.org/SahelSituation/country.php?id=502>

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