

NIGERIA SITUATION

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KEY FIGURES

2,233,506 IDPs in Nigeria

(NEMA/IOM DTM Report, October 2015)

220,304

Total number of Nigerian refugees in neighbouring countries

FUNDING

USD 114,530,270

Requested for the situation for January-December 2015

Gap
55%



Funded
45%

IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES

Nigeria

Advocate that IDP camp security be strengthened.

Niger

Register IDPs, and provide emergency assistance and protection at new spontaneous sites.

Cameroon

Expedite the installation of the Mokolo-Minawao water adduction system.

Chad

Prepare family latrines for use and construct communal latrines.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The security situation in north-eastern **Nigeria** and particularly in Borno State is volatile as suicide bombings against civilians and military installations continue to occur on a regular basis. Sweeping operations carried out by the Nigerian military have an equally disruptive effect on every-day life and further disrupt humanitarian actors' activities in the region.
- There have been seven attacks in **Niger's** Diffa department over the past month, which have resulted in 43 civilian deaths. In their wake, the populations of numerous villages have been forced to flee while others have left pre-emptively.
- In **Cameroon**, the security situation has deteriorated during the reporting period due to an increasing amount of kamikaze incursions that have resulted in 56 civilian deaths. The insurgent group is being targeted on multiple fronts by the Nigerian and Cameroonian MJTF forces and is increasingly resorting to guerrilla warfare as a result.
- Attacks continue to take place in **Chad's** Lake region. On 5 December, three suicides bombers detonated their explosives at a local market in Kelfoua, a town located 60 Km from Bagasola, killing 30 and wounding 200. In response to the growing climate of insecurity, the Chadian Government had placed the Lake Region under a state of emergency on 9 November, which is planned to end on 22 March 2016.

A total of **2,648,789** people of concern as of 17 December

IDPs in Nigeria	2,233,506 ¹
Refugees in Niger	138,321 ²
IDPs in Niger	50,000 ³
Refugees in Cameroon	67,092 ⁴
IDPs in Cameroon	92,658 ⁴
Refugees in Chad	14,163 ⁵
IDPs in Chad	52,321 ⁵

¹ NEMA/IOM DTM Report, October 2015

² DREC/MISP/UNHCR- Nigerian refugees, displaced people from Nigeria claiming to be Niger nationals but lacking documents

³ Government estimation

⁴ UNHCR/IOM – including 51,000+ in the Minawao/Gawar camp

⁵ UNHCR/IOM

⁶ IOM

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Operational Context

NIGERIA – The security situation in north-eastern Nigeria and particularly in Borno State is volatile as suicide bombings against civilians and military installations continue to occur on a regular basis. Sweeping operations carried out by the Nigerian military have an equally disruptive effect on every-day life and further disrupt humanitarian actors' activities in the region. IDP camps in the city of Maiduguri where UNHCR staff members and partners carry out occasional NFI distributions are becoming increasingly unsafe. The UNHCR field security and protection teams continue to examine ways of minimizing staff exposure. In the meantime, recommendations issued in the Protection Sector Working Group's position paper on improving safety within the camps are followed.

NIGER – There have been seven attacks in the Diffa department over the past month, which have resulted in 43 civilian deaths. In their wake, the populations of numerous villages have been forced to flee while others have left pre-emptively to settle within communities, camps or spontaneous sites. The curfew and restrictions on traffic imposed by the state of emergency have been widened by an hour each to start earlier.

CAMEROON – The security situation has deteriorated due to an increasing amount of kamikaze incursions that have resulted in 56 civilian deaths over the past month. The insurgent group is being targeted on multiple fronts by the Nigerian and Cameroonian MJTF forces and is increasingly resorting to guerrilla warfare. According to governmental sources, sweep operations undertaken by Cameroonian defence forces have led to the liberation of 900 hostages in the border communities and the apprehension of large quantities of weapons and ammunition.

CHAD – Attacks continue to take place in the Lake region. On 5 December, three suicides bombers detonated their bombs at a local market in Kelfoua, a town located 60 Km from Bagasola, killing 30 and wounding 200. In response to the growing climate of insecurity, the Chadian Government had placed the Lake Region under a state of emergency on 9 November, which is planned to end on 22 March 2016.

Protection

NIGERIA - The latest IOM and Nigerian Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) report indicates that there are 2.23 million insurgency-related IDPs in Nigeria.

- UNHCR has initiated a livelihoods training program for female IDPs in Yola, Adamawa State. In collaboration with the American University of Nigeria (AUN), UNHCR has trained 300 women in knitting skills. In Abuja, FCT, female IDPs have been trained by the National Centre for Women's Development (NCWD), in basic computer use, business plan development, hairdressing, dress making, catering, tie-dye, knitting, household hygiene products confection, and jewellery production.
- On 10 December, UNHCR in collaboration with the Taraba State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) distributed NFIs to 1,000 IDP households in the Mallum II, Jouro Yinu, Road Block and Nukkai IDP locations in the Jalingo LGA of Taraba State, making it the fifth distribution of its kind in the state.
- UNHCR handed over 3,150 sheets of tarpaulins to NRC for the construction of 350 shelters in Borno State, that are planned to be completed by the end of December 2015. In Adamawa State, 38 shelter construction bids have been received and are being processed.
- In the context of the *16 Days of Activism* (25 November-10 December) commemoration, UNHCR and its partners campaigned at state level through the organization and coordination of various activities aimed at reducing violence against women. Among other activities, in Maiduguri, UNHCR and the Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) carried awareness-raising and advocacy through the Peace FM radio station. In Damaturu UNHCR and PSWG staff visited the Emir of Damaturu to solicit his support for children and women's rights. The latter also carried out an advocacy visit to the Tarmuwa Local Government Area (LGA) to engage

with traditional leaders and school communities. In Gombe, PSWG members, IDPs, religious leaders and women's rights groups participated in a range of SGBV prevention activities. In Taraba, UNHCR and PSWG members visited the General Manager of Taraba Television to secure the corporation's buy-in for the campaign.

NIGER - The Government of Niger has estimated that the insurgency-related population of Nigerian refugees and returned Niger nationals who had been living in Nigeria has reached 138,000. It also estimates the IDP population at 50,000 persons.

Achievements and impact: In order to provide legal assistance to persons in custody on suspicion of involvement in terrorist activities, UNHCR, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and the *Agence Nationale d'Assistance Juridique et Judiciaire* (ANAJJ) have signed a tri-partite agreement outlining the strategy and partnership modalities of this collaboration.

- IRC held awareness-raising activities to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in the village of Sabon Carre, Diffa department. The theme of the session was 'the community protection of persons with specific needs (PWSN)', which benefited some 247 participants. An additional awareness-raising session on human rights with a focus on women's rights and their importance towards promoting a less violent society was held and there were 121 participants.
- In commemoration of the *16 Days of Activism* campaign (25 November-10 December) IRC organised activities in Kabélawa, Diffa town, Mainé-Soroa and N'Guigmi. These included discussion groups with girls and boys focusing on the disadvantages of early marriage, protection against SGBV, a theatre performance, the impact of SGBV on health, awareness-raising activities and providing support to survivors. IRC held four discussion groups with 113 women in the Sayam Forage camp focusing on the causes and consequences of GBV as well the services and referral networks available to them. The same topics were covered at a session held at the Djalori IDP site for 178 persons. Other sessions were held in Garin Dogo, where 48 persons participated, Sayam Forage camp where 73 women participated, and in Kabélawa where 85 women participated.

CAMEROON - UNHCR and IOM have registered 67,092 refugees and 92,658 IDPs in the Far North. The majority of refugees live in the Minawao/Gawar site (51,240), while IDPs live with host families.

Achievements and impact: On 12 and 14 December, UNHCR organised a child protection workshop for administrative and judiciary authorities, the police and humanitarian partners. In total 34 persons participated in the activity, which aimed to reinforce the technical capacities of operational partners in the child protection sector in order to better evaluate and determine children's best interests.

- On 10 and 11 December, INTERSOS and UNHCR organised a workshop on the international protection of refugees and IDPs in Maroua for administrative, judiciary, military and traditional authorities as well as humanitarian partners from the Mayo-Sava department. In total, 56 persons participated in the event.
- The Bishop of Maiduguri visited Minawao on 8 December and chaired a religious meeting that regrouped Christian and Muslim populations. The Bishop thanked Cameroonian authorities, UNHCR and all the organisations in Minawao committed protecting the refugees and improving their quality of life. He urged refugees to live in a dignified manner and respect one another regardless of faith, gender or age and to closely follow the laws and regulations of Cameroon. The Bishop made a donation of 650 cases of soap and stock that were received by IEDA Relief warehouse staff.
- In the context of the *16 Days of Activism* campaign, educational discussions and presentations took place within refugee and host communities. The following themes were touched upon: education as a comprehensive protection strategy, especially for children, ensuring discrimination between girls and boys is reduced; the consequences of SGBV and the importance of child education; the different types of SGBV; early and forced marriage: origins, causes and consequences; violence at school. The campaign ended on 10 December on International Human Rights Day.
- On 16, 17 and 20 November, UNHCR organised training for the defence and security forces deployed to secure Minawao camp, high ranking officers, and police from the Far North region on international protection and the Cameroonian judiciary system. In total 32 persons took part in the training.

- The NGO *Action Locale pour un Développement Participatif et Autogéré* (ALDEPA) organised door to door awareness-raising sessions for 723 parents. They were provided with information on violence prevention, the importance of peace in ensuring cultural diversity, the necessity of issuing birth certificates, the negative impacts of early marriage and situations that put children at risk.
- ALDEPA and UNHCR organised a workshop to reinforce the capacity of child protection actors in the camp. The training was carried out by UNHCR and UNICEF with the participation of Plan Cameroun, MSF, International Medical Corps (IMC), Public Concern, IEDA Relief, the Cameroonian Red Cross, law and order personnel and teachers from the camp schools.

CHAD - The humanitarian community estimates that there are about 14,163 refugees currently living in the Lake Region, of which 9,510 have been registered by UNHCR and IOM. Out of these, 7,868 refugees are currently living in Dar Es Salam refugee camp. The remainder chose to undertake economic activities in the surrounding villages. IOM have profiled 52,321 IDPs in accessible areas of the Lake region.

Education

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Achievements and impact: On 24 November, 85 children were enrolled in the Sayam Forage camp primary school and classes started the week after. The school has been equipped with books and teaching materials, and three teachers have been assigned to it. The Sayam Forage camp is home to 333 children between the ages of 5 and 12, who are eligible for primary school.

- On 30 November, 250 students were enrolled in the three Distance Education Centres (CEDs) in Diffa, Maïné-Soroa and Kabélawa and provided with clothes. A parent-teacher meeting was held the week after in the Diffa CED. The centres are being managed, supervised and monitored by implementing partner *Cooperazione Internazionale* (COOPI). Inspection visits will be carried out in each of the three centres.

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Achievements and impact: The recruitment of new teachers for secondary school was organised in the Minawao camp from 30 November to 6 December by inspectors from the Far North Regional Delegation for Secondary Education.

- Results of the recruitment test for primary and pre-school teachers in the camp were published by the Ministry of Basic Education. A total of 25 positions were created (8 for pre-school and 17 for primary).
- A total of 9 refugees were chosen for the DAFI scholarship, by the tertiary education committee (DAFI/ADRA/UNHCR) for the 2016 academic year. Since 1992, the German Government finances the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI), which enables refugees across the globe to pursue higher education. The programme provides scholarships to refugees in hosting countries.

CHAD

Achievements and impact: The Ministry of National Education and Professional Training assigned 12 state trained teachers to the two schools in Dar Es Salam.

- The Chadian Red Cross distributed school kits (funded by UNHCR) to 804 children.
- UNICEF have started to renovate classrooms in camp schools and are distributing learning materials, school equipment and play kits in the camp.



Health

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Achievements and impact: UNHCR conducted visits to the Diffa hospital to monitor the condition of those injured in the various attacks that have taken place in the region over the past weeks, and who are being supported by the ICRC. The 16 displaced persons who had been shot have recovered and have been discharged.

- In the Sayam Forage Camp, *Action Pour le Bien-Etre* (APBE) carried out health assistance activities including the distribution of rations for 325 children aged between 6 and 59 months and 338 malnutrition screenings. In the Kabélawa camp, APBE distributed rations to 585 children aged between 6 and 59 months.
- Through its mobile clinic in Yébi (Bosso area), APBE held a broad malnutrition screening exercise for 3,729 children. Out of these, 588 were found to be suffering from moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 168 from severe acute malnutrition (SAM). All were referred to the health centre in Bosso for support.

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Achievements and impact: UNICEF and WHO are providing support to the Far North cholera and rubella prevention campaign. Results from the second round indicate that 57% of the children targeted (out of 1,721,201) have been vaccinated. This campaign was initiated on 25 November in Maroua and will ensure vaccinations are carried out across the entire region. In Minawao camp, 19,065 children aged 9 months to 14 years have been vaccinated; this figure represents 75% of the entire population in this age group registered by UNHCR.

- To commemorate World Aids Day on 1 December, an educational activity was organised by IMC followed by a voluntary screening exercise. A total of 67 persons underwent screening.
- A total of 40 hand washing stations were set up in the camp schools to prevent waterborne illnesses. UNHCR's community services team met with IEDA Relief and Public Concern to discuss the topic of hygiene and cleanliness in the school context. The aim of the meeting was to empower students through the establishment of child parliaments.



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and impact: In Minawao, from 4 to 9 December, a total of 49,968 refugees received food rations from WFP. As regards the blanket feeding exercise, 93% of children (aged 6-23 months) targeted were assisted.

- As of 30 November, 134 children aged 6-59 months and 39 pregnant women were being assisted in the moderate acute malnutrition programme managed by IMC. Indicators for the month of November are very encouraging: the drop-out rate decreased from 7% to 2% (< 15% standard); the healing rate increased from 93% to 98% (≥ 75% standard) and the death rate remained at 0 (> 3% standard).



Water and Sanitation

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Achievements and impact: In Minawao, the average daily water provision rate stands at 18 L per person. A total of 2,115 latrines are functional for a ratio 24 persons/latrine and 1,692 showers for a ratio of 30 persons/shower. The number of hygiene promoters stands at 105 for a ratio 483 refugees/promoter.

- On 4 December the water conveyance project was initiated by the Mokolo Mayor, Camwater Director General, UNHCR's Africa Bureau Director and the Far North Governor. The project aims to transport water from Mokolo to Minawao through the town of Zamay.

Challenges, needs and remaining gaps: The camp's water trucking capacity is decreasing because the Mayo-Louti river is drying up. UNHCR and MSF staff are conducting surveys upstream to install a new pumping station but this would only provide a short term solution (1 month). In the long term it will be necessary to expedite the water adduction project, which involves establishing a water conveyance system that will transport water from the town of Mokolo to Minawao.

Shelter and NFIs

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Achievements and impact: In the Sayam Forage camp, the construction of transitional shelters is ongoing to replace emergency shelters. A group of 20 refugees have been trained with UNHCR funds by IEDA Relief in the Diffa Professional and Technical Training Centre, and hired by *Cooperazione Internazionale* (COOPI) to perform welding work for the constructions of the shelters in the context of the *Cash for Work* programme. Another 20 refugees are in charge of constructing the shelters and earn a living through the same programme. As of 17 December, 150 transitional shelters had been built in Sayam Forage and 50 are currently underway in Kabélawa. UNHCR and COOPI intend to facilitate the construction of 1,000 shelters across both camps, enough to host their entire populations.

CAMEROON

Achievements and impact: The NGO *Action pour le Développement Economique et Social* (ADES), distributed NFIs to 16,543 IDPs in the Waza, Maltam, Blangoua, Ilé Alifa and Macari localities in the Logone et Chari department. Prior to this distribution, 15,667 IDP had been assisted in other localities, bringing to 32,210 those assisted out of a planned 38,680. Out of this group, 5,525 persons with specific needs were provided with NFIs.

- In Minawao, 30 new light posts were set up by IEDA Relief to increase camp security during the night.



Cameroon/Nigerian refugee woman rests beside water bladder in Minawao camp ©UNHCR/Leo Dobbs/December 2015

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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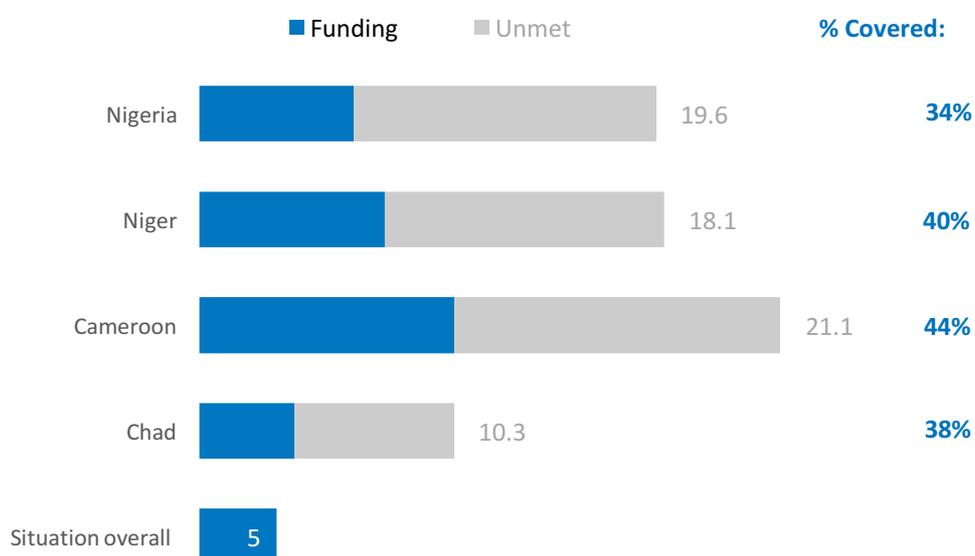
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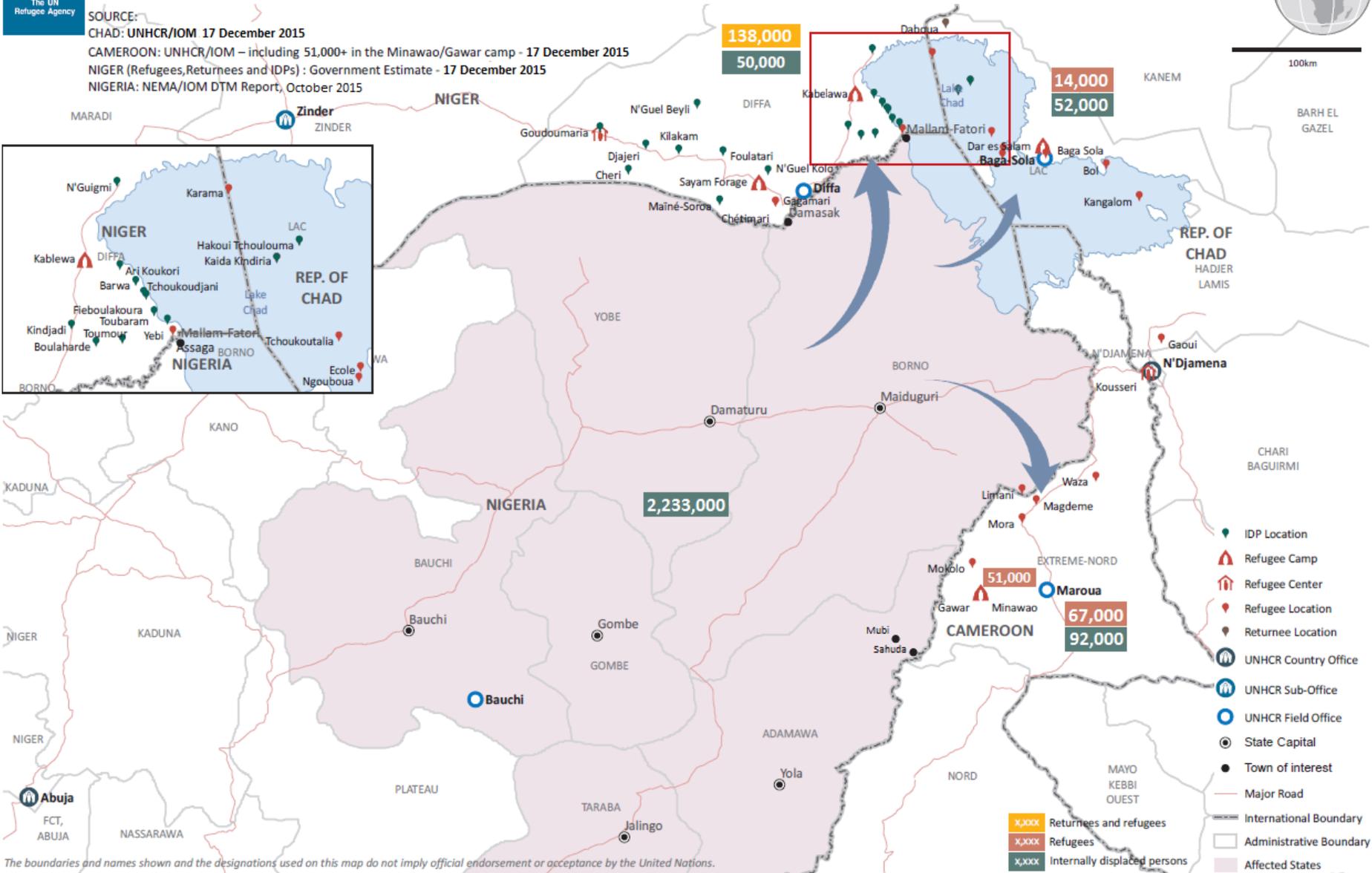
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Nigeria Situation: Operational context map

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SOURCE:
 CHAD: UNHCR/IOM 17 December 2015
 CAMEROON: UNHCR/IOM – including 51,000+ in the Minawao/Gawar camp - 17 December 2015
 NIGER (Refugees, Returnees and IDPs) : Government Estimate - 17 December 2015
 NIGERIA: NEMA/IOM DTM Report, October 2015



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