



OCHA

NIGERIA

73 killed and more than 1,000 displaced by inter-communal clashes in

Adamawa State

Last updated: 19 May 2020

FLASH UPDATE (19 May 2020)

73 killed and more than 1,000 displaced by inter-communal clashes in Adamawa State

- Inter-communal clashes in Lamurde Local Government Area (LGA) in Adamawa State, north-east Nigeria **claimed at least 73 lives** on 15 and 16 May. Some 75 people were injured in the clashes and are hospitalized. Homes, businesses and livestock were burned or destroyed
- Nearly **1,200 people were displaced by the clashes**. The displaced populations are temporarily staying in school facilities, while the State Government is establishing a camp to house them. The State Emergency Agency started delivered food assistance to the displaced on 17 May
- The first clash on 15 May near Tingno town involved the Hausa and Chibo ethnic groups. Additional clashes broke out later on the evening of 15 May in Sabon Layi and Bagashi communities and lasted until around noon on 16 May. The **root causes of the clashes are still being determined**.
- The Adamawa State Government imposed an **indefinite curfew** from dusk to dawn across the entire LGA to prevent further violence. Security forces intervened to stop the clashes. The police reported to have arrested 30 suspects and confiscated weapons.
- **OCHA is convening an emergency meeting with partners** to mobilize immediate support for displaced populations and plan for a joint needs assessment. The Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency conducted a rapid assessment on 17 May identifying food, shelter, medicine, health care and non-food items (e.g. buckets, plates, mats, blankets) as the main needs.
- Lamurde LGA a major flashpoint for perennial herder-farmer clashes and flooding. Currently more than 81,110 people are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance in Lamurde LGA with three partners providing health and nutrition assistance
- As of 19 May, there are 21 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and zero deaths in Adamawa State, of which two cases were recorded in Lamurde LGA

<https://unocha.org/nigeria>

<https://reliefweb.int/country/nga>

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/nigeria>

[About](#) [Terms of Use](#) [Privacy policy](#) [Copyright notice](#)

