



Nigeria: Adamawa State

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The spontaneous return of Nigerian refugees from Cameroon climbs to over 10,000 according to UNHCR tracking; partners planning major assessments to identify and address needs.
- The State Government orders the closure of a camp in Guyuk LGA hosting populations displaced due to recent inter-communal clashes
- The Federal Government issues alert on possible influx of refugees from neighboring Chad Republic.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Spontaneous return of over 10,000 Nigerian refugees from Cameroon

Nigerian refugees continue to arrive from different parts of Cameroon, setting up spontaneous settlements and sites across border LGAs, especially Mubi South and Mubi North. The returns were voluntary, not led or coordinated by either Nigerian or Cameroonian authorities. UNHCR has tracked an estimated 10,140 among the refugee returnees across informal settlements. Protection sector partners are finalizing plans for a major assessment in all identified settlements and sites hosting the returnees to collate information on critical needs to guide commensurate response efforts.

Government closes Guyuk IDP camp hosting populations displaced in recent inter-communal clashes

On 22 June, the state government closed an IDP camp in Guyuk LGA that was opened in mid-April following the displacement of over 2,600 people during inter-communal clashes between Waja and Lundude towns in neighboring Gombe State. Adamawa and Gombe governments had provided IDPs with cash assistance so they could return to their original communities where additional security measures had been implemented to ensure safety. Although most IDPs left the camp over the past weeks, an unspecified number remained when the camp was closed citing unresolved safety concerns in their original communities. OCHA and partners are following up on the situation to ensure those affected by the closure receive necessary assistance and services.

Federal Government issues alert on possible refugee influx from neighboring Chad Republic

The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) this week shared information regarding an alert from the Federal Government (FG) requesting all north-east states, including Adamawa, to implement protocols and modalities to handle the potential influx of refugees from neighboring Chad Republic in the event that the security situation there deteriorates, forcing people to flee towards Nigeria. A planning meeting between SEMA and partners advised the State government to initiate discussions at the federal level to build consensus and ensure strategic decision-making as humanitarian actors at the State level are unable to commit the ample resources needed to ensure a large-scale response to this issue.

Preparedness

Following a flooding alert issued by the Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET) listing Adamawa among the 17 states at risk of severe flooding as the rainy season gathers momentum, partners continue to work with the Government to ensure that contingency plans developed at the State level are aligned with the one currently being developed by the Federal Government.

Gaps

Lack of essential drugs across camp clinics run by the State primary health care service remains a major gap in the health response. UNICEF was providing essential drugs to camp clinics until recently when this responsibility was transferred to the State Ministry of Health (SMoH). The UNHCR Country Representative, during a camp visit raised this concern and partners and SMoH are in process to jointly assess the situation and prioritize immediate response as health services, including the availability of medicines, will be crucial during the rainy season which is now underway.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE



Camp Coordination and Camp Management / Non-Food Items

Needs:

- With the rainy season now underway, IDPs across locations, especially at the Mubi transit center, are in urgent need of WASH and NFI assistance including hygiene kits, soaps, sanitation materials and dignity kits.
- There is need to replace/repair IDP shelters and WASH facilities that were destroyed/damaged by windstorm in the Mubi transit center

Response:

- Sector partners led by IOM during the week conducted six awareness sessions on COVID-19 risks and mitigation measures across four LGAs, reaching some 15,983 people.
- IOM conducted 12 hygiene promotion campaign sessions across 7 IDPs camps, reaching some 9,568 people with messaging on proper use and maintenance of sanitation facilities and proper waste management among others. Seven fire sensitization sessions were also facilitated across 13 IDP camps in Yola South, Yola North, Girei and Fufore LGAs during the week reaching over 8,500 beneficiaries
- IOM has increased the stockpile of critical supplies, including sandbags, across IDP camps in four LGAs to push back floodwaters that may arise during heavy downpours.



Early Recovery

Needs:

- There is a need for the scale-up of cash-for-work programme to encourage youth engagement and promotion of social cohesion across return areas

Response:

- Plan International distributed livestock to 98 beneficiaries of a conditional cash transfer programme as part of efforts to improve agricultural activities in Michika LGA
- NFIs including buckets, jerry-cans, and soap were distributed by CARITAS to some 470 people in Garta-Ghumci ward, Michika LGA during the week.



Education

Needs:

- There is a shortage of funding currently impeding the procurement of education supplies, including chairs and desks for pupils across schools and informal learning facilities. This is a major concern for sector partners.

Response:

- Plan International continued the implementation of the “teaching at the right level (TaRL)” programme across 139 schools in Fufore and Guyuk LGA, to ensure children have access to quality education. The implementation is being monitored by LGA’s education officials, community mobilizers and the project team.



Food Security

Response:

- Sector partners provided conditional cash grants to 210 households in Mubi, empowering them to purchase nutritious food, while another 100 households received inputs for backyard gardening activities in order to plant food.



Health

Needs:

- There is an urgent need to scale-up delivery of supplementary drugs for children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) across the state
- Frontline health care workers are facing shortages of essential PPE kits, especially in remote areas where their services are most critical.

Response:

- IRC reached some 1,547 people with critical services including patient consultations and also provided support to 11 primary health care (PHC) facilities across communities in Michika LGA.

 **Nutrition**
Needs:

- There is an urgent need to increase the screening of children under-5 for the early identification of malnutrition cases across communities
- Critical services including nutrition counselling and sensitization on infant and young child feeding (IYCF) are required across LGAs
- Additional training and capacity building programmes are required for SMOH staff, community health volunteers (CHVs), mother-to-mother support groups (MTMSG) and SAM caregivers on mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) activities across the state.

Response:

- A total of 1,580 (792 males and 788 females) under-5 children were screened for malnutrition including 102 SAM cases that were admitted to various out-patient (OTP) sites across Michika and Askira Uba LGAs during the week
- Sector partners reached a total of 121 pregnant and lactating mothers with counselling services across two LGAs during the week as part of efforts to promote positive nutrition practices.

 **Protection**
Needs:

- Gaps in access to justice services, legal documentation, freedom of movement, referral services for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) remain major concerns for partners.
- Additional case management services are needed in Yola-North, Yola-South, Girei and Lamurde LGAs to support GBV survivors.

Response:

- Sector partners conducted sensitization sessions in Kankilia and Wasilla wards in Michika LGA reaching 67 people with messaging on available legal/access to justice services.
- Sector partners during the week organized 4 community awareness/sensitization sessions in Yola North and Yola South LGAs on the risks and prevention of sexual assault, sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), and GBV reaching some 132 people.
- 14 GBV case management programmes are ongoing across locations in Yola, the state capital, providing psychosocial support services including counselling.

GBV Sub-Working Group**Needs:**

- Scale-up of skills acquisition programmes and trainings are required as part of measures to empower young girls and women and reduce incidences of negative coping mechanisms and situations that could make them potential victims of gender-based violence.

Response:

- Under the UNFPA “spotlight initiative,” some 40 adolescents drawn from Yola and Mubi LGAs were supported with a 4-day peer to peer training programme on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) aimed at equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills on prevention and response to SGBV, female genital mutilation and child marriage.
- UNFPA facilitated training of 50 legal aid workers and security/law enforcement officers on response and handling of GBV cases and support services for survivors. The agency also conducted distribution of vital dignity kits and COVID-19 risk mitigation supplies to vulnerable women and girls across LGAs this week
- Sector partners are supporting some 25 women and adolescent girls with skills acquisition programmes including sewing and knitting.

Child Protection Sub/Working Group

Needs:

- Shortages of vital supplies including menstrual hygiene management kits are impacting critical services for adolescent girls across the state

Response:

- Partners this week identified and enrolled some 28 children for integrated case management services, while 103 adolescents participated in “supporting adolescents and their families in emergencies (SAFE)” sessions.
- Child protection screening activities were conducted across three out-patient facilities in Michika LGA during the week, with 17 cases identified for case management follow-up.

Housing, Land & Property Sub-Working Group

Needs:

- There is a need to raise general awareness on housing, land and property (HLP) rights with many vulnerable people facing risks of eviction and rights violation.

Response:

- Ongoing group information sessions on HLP rights reached some 213 beneficiaries across locations during the week.
- Some 186 persons were supported during the week to complete registration and obtain national identity card slips across locations in the State.

Shelter

Needs:

- Several households in Hong LGA whose shelters were damaged during attacks by non-state armed groups (NSAG) are in dire need of shelter repair kits and services as the rainy season gets underway.

Response:

- Emergency shelter reinforcement work is ongoing across camps, with some completed during the week. In Yola South and Fufore LGAs, sector partners completed some mudbrick shelter construction to mitigate impacts of flooding and windstorm. Vital NFI kits including household items were also distributed to displaced and vulnerable households in the two LGAs.
- Plans are underway to deliver some 200 sets of shelter repair kits to IDPs and vulnerable households across Hong and Girei LGAs.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Needs:

- There is an urgent need to improve access to clean water across the State through water trucking, the construction of new water points, rehabilitation and maintenance of broken water facilities to mitigate the risk of water-borne disease outbreaks as the rainy season continues to gather momentum.

Response:

- IOM conducted distribution of WASH supplies including washing and bathing soaps reaching some 2,723 individuals across three IDP camps. A cholera prevention awareness campaign was also implemented by IOM reaching over 1,500 IDPs and host community populations across four LGAs.
- Construction of additional sanitation facilities is ongoing across Rumde, Shamaki and Malkohi villages in the state capital.

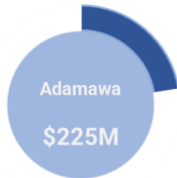
Coordination

- The State government hosted the Humanitarian Coordination Forum meeting this week. The meeting enabled partners and Government stakeholders to share information, analyze ongoing response efforts as well as corresponding gaps in order to improve programming, thereby increasing the quality of response and services. Ensuring a joint approach through the harmonization of contingency plans and preparedness actions is critical in mitigating the perceived risks

and impact of flooding, such as mass displacement and outbreaks of water-borne diseases including cholera, in the coming months.

Funding Overview

Out of \$1.0 billion required for the 2021 humanitarian response in north-east Nigeria, \$225 million is required for Adamawa State.



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