

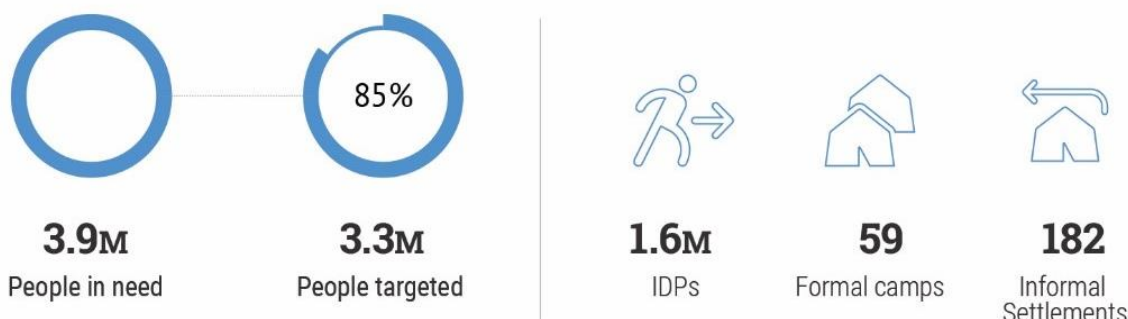


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HIGHLIGHTS

- The relocation of IDPs from Maiduguri camps to Mafa Local Government Area (LGA) is ongoing.
- Two civilians, including one internally displaced person (IDP) were wounded in crossfire during an armed clash in Mafa town.
- A fatal stampede during food distribution triggered violent IDP protests in Monguno LGA.
- Partners resume critical child protection services in Damasak border town and scale-up operations in Mafa.
- Ongoing shelter and non-food item (NFI) assistance to over 4,000 households in Monguno LGA, including new arrivals and those affected by recent fire incidents.
- Partners reach over 100,000 people with vital food and nutrition assistance in Bama LGA, as government commences major food distribution targeting 170,000 across camps and host communities in Maiduguri.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Government commences relocation of IDPs from Farm Center camp in Maiduguri

On 13 July the Borno State Government (BSG) commenced the relocation of IDPs from Farm Center, Muna Garage and Custom House II camps in Maiduguri, the state capital, to Mafa LGA, some 40 kilometers to the north-east. As of 16 July, over 6,000 IDPs had been moved with many settling in Ajiri village (where some damaged houses were recently renovated by BSG), Mafa IDP camp and the host community. Partners are mobilizing initial multi-sectoral assistance to support the new arrivals. The suspension by BSG since late June of a major INGO partner which runs the largest operations for emergency shelter (ES), NFI and camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) services in the LGA will likely impact the scale-up of response. Operational partners will conduct a rapid assessment of needs in the coming week. The relocation to Mafa LGA is coming a few days after two civilians, including an IDP, were hit by bullets during an armed clash between non-state armed group (NSAG) operatives and government forces in Mafa town, the LGA capital. Over 60,000 IDPs across Dalori 2, Stadium and Gubio camps in Maiduguri were also registered in recent weeks for possible relocations. OCHA continues to follow up with BSG lead agencies to collate information and ensure a multistakeholder approach that guarantees civilian safety, dignity and continued access to critical services and assistance.

Fatal stampede during food distribution sparks violent protests in Monguno LGA

A stampede during a humanitarian distribution left at least five female IDPs dead and several others wounded in Monguno LGA on 15 July, according to field reports. Following the incident, youth in the LGA staged a protest that turned violent with operational vehicles and offices of aid agencies vandalized. Security personnel were deployed to the area to restore calm. As a safety precaution, all operations were temporarily suspended in the LGA pending the return of normalcy. All staff are safe while additional information on the impacts and damages are being collated. Monguno LGA has one of the largest aid operations in Borno State, hosting nearly 200,000 people including IDPs and members of the host community population.

A major INGO partner providing food assistance in the LGA (and several other IDP locations in the state) was suspended by the state government in late June, contributing to food shortages across vulnerable locations.

Increasing violence across LGAs

Multiple clashes between NSAG and government forces were recorded across various locations during the week, including Mafa, Gwoza, Damboa, Konduga and Pulka towns. Crossfires during the clashes triggered panic across nearby civilian locations with two people sustaining gunshot wounds in Mafa, while movement restrictions were imposed and telecoms services also temporarily disrupted. In Damboa LGA, NSAGs mounted illegal vehicle checkpoints (IVCPs) along Damboa-Biu road, a major supply route, with civilian commuters routinely stopped and asked to show identity documents. The spate of violence is raising safety and security concerns for civilian populations who are venturing out to farming areas for wet season agricultural activities.

Scale-up of child protection services across hard-to-reach areas

Protection partners including FHI 360, Plan International HERWA and Street Child have resumed child protection services including case management, peer education sessions, positive parenting skills sessions, psychosocial support (PSS) activities and community awareness programmes in Damasak town, near the border with Niger Republic, where an upsurge of violence prompted a temporary scale-down of operations in mid-April. Nearly half of the over 70,000 people in the town (including IDPs, refugee returnees and host community members) are children, many of whom have experienced multiple displacements, including across country borders, and some are unaccompanied. In Mafa LGA, sector partners are also ramping up services, including PSS and life-skill acquisition programmes for some 650 adolescents. Mentorship sessions and educational support for children previously out-of-school are also ongoing by Education in Emergency (EiE) partners across the LGA. In Bama LGA, some 6,000 children and adolescents were supported by UNHCR and other partners to obtain legal documents including birth certificates which are vital for accessing critical services, including those provided by government.

Shelter and NFI assistance for over 4,000 households in Monguno LGA

Partners led by ICRC, NRC and INTERSOS are ramping up delivery of vital shelter and NFI kits to support over 4,000 IDP and other vulnerable households across camps and host communities in Monguno LGA as part of efforts to minimize the impacts of flooding and windstorms during the ongoing rainy season. The beneficiaries include new arrivals and also households directly affected by multiple fire outbreaks across Water Board, Kuya and Government Girls Secondary School (GGSS) camps in April and May.

Food and nutrition assistance to over 270,000 in Maiduguri and Bama LGAs

The lean season is now fully underway and plunging over 1.2 million people (mostly in Borno State) into extreme levels of food insecurity. Food security sector (FSS) partners and government continue to ramp up assistance including in high-risk/hard-to-reach locations where the impacts are most severe. FSS partners including WFP and INTERSOS reached over 100,000 people in Bama LGA with general food distribution (GFD) and cash-based transfers (CBT). About 127 metric tons of food including beans, sorghum, corn soya blend (CSB) and cooking condiments were distributed to 9,418 IDP households at the Government Science Secondary School (GSSS) camp and host communities, while another 13,358 households received cash to purchase food items of choice to last four weeks. The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) also commenced a major food distribution on 13 July, targeting over 34,000 households across camps and host communities in MMC and Jere LGAs.

Gaps

The continued suspension of ACTED, a major INGO partner, by BSG is affecting aid operations across several locations, including in hard-to-reach/high-risk areas where needs are most acute and services limited. The organization ran vital programmes and services covering food and livelihoods, NFIs, shelter, and CCCM among others across camps and host communities in Maiduguri and hard-to-reach areas such as Mafa, Damasak and Monguno LGAs. These have been suspended since late June. With the lean and rainy seasons underway and the ongoing influx and relocation of IDPs across hard-to-reach locations, sustaining the scale-up of operations of all partners will be critical to mitigate the impacts of acute food insecurity and flooding, including the risks of disease outbreaks such as cholera. The humanitarian community continues to engage with the BSG at the highest levels to resolve the situation.

Funding Overview

Out of \$1.0 billion required for the 2021 humanitarian response in north-east Nigeria, \$503 million is required for Borno State.



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