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COI QUERY RESPONSE

NIGERIA – HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

In August 2024 the *UNHCR* states that: “The number of internally displaced people (IDPs) has been gradually increasing and many continue to rely heavily on humanitarian assistance.”¹

In August 2024 the *Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations* points out that: “Conflict continues to drive acute food insecurity in the country’s North-East, North-West and North-Central zones, with the first half of 2024 witnessing a significant increase in the number of violent events and fatalities compared to the same period in 2023. Insecurity has severely disrupted markets and livelihoods and has caused large population displacements. In June 2024, about 3.4 million people were estimated to be internally displaced. Humanitarian access constraints remain very high, in particular in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states...”²

This document also states that: “...nearly 31.8 million people are estimated to face acute food Insecurity...”³

In August 2024 a report issued by *CCCM Cluster/International Organization for Migration\Shelter Cluster\UNHCR* notes that: “The situation in the BAY states of North-East Nigeria is critical, with 115,289 people across 24,463 households severely impacted by flooding. This disaster further strains the already challenging humanitarian efforts in a region struggling with over a decade of conflict.”⁴

A publication issued in August 2024 by the *Famine Early Warning System Network* states that: “Households across the country continue to face substantial increase in prices for basic necessities,

¹ UNHCR (16 August 2024) UNHCR commits to sustainable solutions to Nigeria's forgotten displacement crisis

² Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (14 August 2024) GIEWS Country Brief: Nigeria 14-August-2024, p.1

³ *ibid*, p.1

⁴ CCCM Cluster/International Organization for Migration\Shelter Cluster\UNHCR (8 August 2024) Shelter, DMS/CCCM Sector: Advocacy Note - 2024 Rain season - Northeast Nigeria, p.3

including staple foods, driving widespread Stressed...outcomes. Vulnerable households, including IDPs, who are facing multiple shocks, including conflict and the macroeconomic crisis, are worst affected...”⁵

In July 2024 ECOWAS states that: “The March 2024 food and nutrition situation analysis indicates that almost 50 million people of the region including 31.7 million living in Nigeria, representing 16% of the whole population are food insecure and need assistance to cover their basic food needs in the current lean period.”⁶

In July 2024 the *World Food Programme* states that: “Nigeria is Africa’s most populous and the sixth most populated country globally. Over half of the people in Nigeria are multidimensionally poor, and 65 percent of them live in the North. Nigeria’s northern states – once surplus food production areas now grapple with poverty, recurring conflicts and a widescale humanitarian crisis resulting from the internal displacement of over 2.3 million people in the north-east in addition to 1.09 million people in the north-west and north-central states. Disruption of traditional agricultural livelihoods and surging cost of food, fuel, and other essential items exacerbate the situation.”⁷

In July 2024 the *International Federation of Red Cross And Red Crescent Societies* states that: “The BAY (Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe) states in Nigeria are facing a severe nutrition crisis characterized by high levels of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). This crisis is driven by a combination of socio-economic factors, including food insecurity, displacement, poor healthcare infrastructure, and inadequate nutrition services.”⁸

A report published in July 2024 by the *International Rescue Committee* states that: “...Food security in Nigeria is severely challenged by rising prices and attacks by non-state armed groups hindering humanitarian efforts...”⁹

The *United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs* states that: “...the number of people in need of food assistance has increased by half a million people in the last year to 4.8 million people. Food inflation is the highest in 28 years, the price of some staple foods has doubled.”¹⁰

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⁵ Famine Early Warning System Network (2 August 2024) Nigeria Key Message Update: Persisting high staple food prices and conflict continue to drive high needs (July 2024)

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⁷ World Food Programme (22 July 2024) WFP Nigeria Country Brief, May 2024

⁸ International Federation of Red Cross And Red Crescent Societies (18 July 2024) Nigeria: Severe Acute Malnutrition DREF Operation (MDRNG039), p.2)

⁹ International Rescue Committee (18 July 2024) Displacement caused by insecurity and economic shocks in Nigeria is leading to alarming levels of acute malnutrition, warns IRC

¹⁰ United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (5 July 2024) Lean Season Response: Sector Update (June 2024), p.2

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