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Cumulative number of individuals reached from Jan – May 2016

219,104

Girls 62,809
Boys 53,040
Women 58,329
Men 44,927

Objectives Reached

- Quality of registration and profiling improved or maintained: 152,255
- Population has sufficient basic and domestic items: 58,890
- Shelter and infrastructure established, improved and maintained: 1,739
- Services for persons with specific needs strengthened: 1,510
- Community mobilization strengthened and expanded: 1,510
- Risk of SGBV is reduced and quality of response improved: 1,328
- Operations management, coordination and support strengthened and optimized: 1,265
- Coordination and partnerships strengthened: 175
- Potential for voluntary return realized: 149
- Population has optimal access to education: 227
- Potential for resettlement realized: 14
- Self-reliance and livelihoods improved: 42

Beneficiary Reached by Type

- IDPs in Camps and Host Communities: 198,074
- Returning Nigerians from Neighboring Countries: 17,293
- Stakeholders: 1,464
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers: 534

Beneficiaries Reached by State

- Borno: 108,224
- Adamawa: 47,464
- Yobe: 25,179
- Taraba: 19,723
- Gombe: 11,418
- Bauchi: 6,562
- Lagos: 534
UNHCR Nigeria in collaboration with the UNHCR regional office in Dakar and in partnership with the Nigerian Ministry of Interior held the first Regional Protection Dialogue on the Lake Chad Basin region on the 6-8th June 2016 in Abuja at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel. Participants at the dialogue included official government delegations from Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria and also included participants from UN agencies, embassies, INGOs and academics. The program structure entailed five technical sessions conducted by experts over the first two days. On the third day the session was chaired by the Vice President of Nigeria, His Excellency Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, and provided for the presentation of the main conclusions and the Action Statement and their adoptions by the assembled delegations.

Protection Monitoring and Response (in partnership with IRC) in Borno

14 protection monitoring visits were carried out to sites in Borno. Issues raised related to access to water and sanitation, shelter and free movement in and out of camps, limited access to medical care/assistance, the dire food shortage and lack of livelihood options available. In Bakassi camp, IDPs drew attention to the severe water shortage and lack of food. In Kushari host community, IDP’s reported limited access to food and means of livelihood especially for widows. 8 joint protection monitoring and SGBV visits were conducted. The protection team formed 10 Protection Action Groups (PAGs) in host communities, each composed of seven members, bringing the total to 25 PAGs in Borno. The membership of PAGs cuts across age groups, include both IDP and host community members, as well as minority groups and is gender sensitive.

Awareness raising: 5 Awareness raising sessions were conducted for (90 males and 150 females). The awareness raising sessions were on: Human rights; promoting access to health facilities services; promoting understanding and tolerance between IDPs and Host communities and creating an engaged community that is able to identify their problems, needs and take ownership of communal decision making processes for the development of their community. Further awareness sessions were jointly conducted with protection staff for 20 females in Shuwari host community. The awareness session was on basic hygiene and malaria prevention.
**Protection Coordination**

**Borno:** UNHCR together with the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) and International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) representatives made a follow up visit to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the Nigerian Police Borno State Command and the maximum security prison in Maiduguri to collect completed forms shared with them to register/record/filter cases of IDPs out of the general cases in detention facilities. The CID shared a list of 11 individuals constituting three female originating from Borno, Adamawa and Niger Republic. From the prison, some 35 individuals (8 women) were held (not charged) for de-radicalization programmes. These include individuals originating from neighboring Chad, Jere, Gamboru Ngala, Kaduna, Borno, Kano and Gombe States. Another group constituting 65 individuals including 3 females were listed as awaiting trial and have been charged with a range of Penal Code offences.

UNHCR updated the Borno State PSWG on the Rapid Protection Assessment report which was shared with the request that members provide feedback and recommendations with the established Task Force, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), and Training of Trainers (ToT) and proposed CCCM training for new Partner and Camp Management colleagues in the coming weeks.

The Protection team, CCCM, Humanitarian Principles and PSEA held discussions held with Military Officers in Damboa.

UNHCR led the Protection Sector coordination of a rapid response proposal to the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and has submitted a request for 1 million USD for immediate response in the newly accessible areas, to set up a remote protection monitoring and response system, as well as delivering critical psychosocial support.

A delegation of FAO representatives led by their Emergency and Rehabilitation/Strategic Adviser paid a courtesy call to UNHCR. FAO intends to scale up its presence in the North East especially on vulnerability reduction. UNHCR protection officers provided a contextual analysis of protection operations emphasizing the fluid context of displacement and the need to take into consideration the multiple displacements faced by families either returning from neighboring countries or from within the State.

**Yobe:** UNHCR with other Humanitarian actors in Yobe State received the Canadian High Commissioner – Mr. Perry John Calderwood and the Head of Development Cooperation – Ms Linda Ehrichs in Damaturu. At the meeting, UNHCR briefed the High Commissioner on UNHCR’s presence in Yobe, its work in the area of Protection, collaboration with the State and the interventions in the areas of Shelter and NFI. He was also briefed on UNHCR’s efforts to reach out to areas that are now being opened up to humanitarian actors such as Geidam, Gulani and Gujba. The need to address the protection concerns of returnees and IDPs in places like Geidam and other locations that have been made inaccessible to humanitarian actors as a result of insecurity were also highlighted.

**Adamawa:** As PSWG coordinator, UNHCR led the PSWG launch of an awareness raising campaign on available services, service providers and referral systems in Adamawa State, Yola to facilitate referrals and response. In the reporting period, two locations namely Damare and Sangere Futi were targeted with the active participation of UNHCR, DRC, FHI360 and NEMA. The sensitization targeted IDPs and service providers. The session highlighted the available services, service providers, referrals, and the role of IDP leaders to flag protection concerns and support IDPs by providing protection information. The forum was also used to update the mapping of services sheet. The discussion was effective and community leaders also aired their concerns on the distribution methods humanitarian agencies are using to distribute food and non-food assistance and on the need to target host community members as they are stretching their resources to support IDPs.

**Capacity Building**

UNHCR in collaboration with FHI360 held a Community Dialogue session on SGBV with community leaders in Jalingo and Ardo Kola LGAs, Taraba State under the project on delivery of Protection support to IDPs through the provision of psycho-social and other support to SGBV survivors in North East Nigeria by FHI360. Initial plans for the profiling of the IDP households has commenced under the project with FHI360. Locations and volunteers have been identified for the activity.

**Borno:** UNHCR participated in the launching of the Skills acquisition training program for 100 selected IDP women and girls held at the safe space in Bakassi IDP camp, Borno State. The training was the second phase of the UNFPA and the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development sponsored program targeting survivors of violence. Series of goodwill messages were delivered at the event, UNHCR highlighted the fact that skills acquisition forms part of the response in the protection of survivors and economic empowerment. The SEMA chairman urged them to use their skills to support other women and encouraged them to consider exploring other skills. The trainings included cake baking, incense making, knitting, pastry, local dumpling, cap making, tailoring, reproductive health and home economics.

**Benue:** Following the recent clashes between farmers and herdsmen in Benue State, UNHCR in collaboration with the Benue State Non-Governmental Organisation Network (BENGONET) organised a one day Peace Building training for Community leaders, Youths and Civilian Joint Taskforce (CJTF) with the theme, Strengthening Mechanisms for Sustainable Peace between Pastoralists and farmers in Nigeria. The training was followed by a UNHCR – BENGONET 2016 Joint Monitoring of Projects and Direct Implementation in the State, which saw UNHCR monitoring distribution of Non-Food Items, like mattresses, lanterns, blankets and pots to individual households in Alia Camp in Agatu, Benue State with BENGONET and SEDA

**Gombe:** UNHCR in collaboration with IOM organized and facilitated a CCCM ToT in Gombe from May 30 to June 3, 2016 for 18 participants drawn from UN agencies, NGOs and government agencies (UNHCR, IOM, NEMA, SEMA and other line ministries).
World Refugee Day

National: UNHCR, the Federal and State governments of Nigeria and the American University of Nigeria (AUN) commemorated this year’s World Refugee Day (WRD) in Adamawa, Lagos and Sokoto States on the 20th of June, 2016. The event in Yola, Adamawa State included a ‘Walking for Humanity’ March with the Adamawa Police Band joined by the Deputy Governor of Adamawa, UNHCR Representative to Nigeria and ECOWAS and other key figures. There were speeches by the Deputy Governor of Adamawa and the UNHCR Representative to Nigeria and ECOWAS, good will messages by an IDP representative, SEMA, NEMA, NCFRMI, UNOCHA and AUN; cultural dance display by Adamawa cultural troupes; poems and songs by IDP children, award to IDP leaders with outstanding voluntary service to their communities and others.

In a separate event, the Nigerian Immigration Service, Sokoto State Command marked this year WRD in Sokoto State with a rally at the Government House and lectures for traditional leaders on the role of communities in refugee protection.

In Lagos, the event was remarkable by a huge turnout of refugees for events at the UNHCR premises at Ikoyi.

In Adamawa, the week was marked with Prayers for the Displaced in Police Barak Central Mosque and Adamawa State Government House Chapel, Yola, Adamawa State. The prayers were attended by SEMA, the Deputy/Acting governor of Adamawa State and UNHCR Head of Sub Office Maiduguri and other team members.

Abuja: As part of activities to mark this year’s World Refugee Day which held on the 20th of June 2016, UNHCR in collaboration with the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI) and Etisalat Telecom organized a quiz competition for pupils from 5 randomly selected schools in Abuja to raise awareness on the plight of refugees and IDPs amongst school children.

Livelihood Intervention

Adamawa: The American University of Nigeria has started implementation of the 2016 UNHCR ‘Protect through livelihood’ project with financial literacy training for past IDP and host community women graduates of AUN-UNHCR skills acquisition training. In the reporting period, two sessions of the two-day training targeted the first batch of 80 women. Topics included introduction to banking, saving and investment. The project facilitators were from Standard Microfinance Bank.

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Intervention in Borno (in partnership with IRC)

An advocacy visit was paid to the authorities of both NYSC and Bakassi Camps to advocate for an allocation of space for “safe spaces” for women and girls to be constructed to allow a private and secure area for case management and psychosocial support. The visit aimed to strengthen the relationship between IRC and camp management as well as the stakeholders. The camp chairman acknowledged IRC activities and pledged full support. The team were able to identify the different IDPs from different communities residing in Bakassi and NYSC camps, and their various community heads and focal persons. 10 contact persons were identified to represent each of these communities. A visit was also made to Women Day College in order to establish a relationship with the school management with regards to the identification of Peer educators in schools.
Borno: UNHCR undertook a rapid situation analysis of the 368 households comprising of 1,128 individual evacuated IDPs from Bama Local Government Area (LGA) to Maiduguri and currently camped at the Doctor’s Quarters, a housing estate behind the Federal Secretariat complex within the Maiduguri Metropolis. Most of the IDPs are with medical needs. At the time of the visit, 5 women were referred to Umoru Shehu specialist hospital and 2 fatalities were noted. The main causes of fatality are reported to be severe malnutrition and anemia compounded with acute diarrhea. UNHCR in collaboration with SEMA, organized a rapid NFI distribution to this group.

UNHCR visited Bama LGA on 21st June, 2016 to conduct a rapid shelter and general protection assessment for a better understanding of the current situation of IDPs in Bama for a need-based intervention plan and action. The mission was jointly organized with UNWFP, UNOCHA, IOM, MSF-F and SEMA. Some of the key concerns and gaps came up in the assessment findings include the increased mortality rate amongst IDP men, women and children resulting from severe acute malnutrition and mild outbreak of gastroenteritis (Diarrhea and vomiting) which the mission attributed to poor hygiene practices which have claimed about 188 lives as at the time of the visit. 57 serious cases were referred to Maiduguri through this mission using the 2 SEMA ambulances. UNICEF in collaboration with the state primary health care department is supporting with community-based management of acute malnutrition, while UNHCR is organizing hygiene material kit targeting 500 families.

Adamawa: UNHCR and DRC Yola visited the 18 year old pregnant IDP who was rescued a month ago. Since it was identified that there was no proper follow up including on health care and registration in the hospital, advocacy was made for adequate attention including through the PSWG meeting. ADSEMA provided food and beverage assistance, WYEAHI supported with medical checkup and NFI, DRC supported with cash assistance and women’s kit’s.

Nigerian Returnees

Borno: Following the collection of forms from the Nigerian Immigration Services registering returnees in Gamboru Ngala, Borno State, UNHCR is currently in the process of completing data entry for further analysis.

UNHCR in collaboration with the Commissioner of the Ministry of Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Resettlement for Borno State, organized the deployment of 50 trained Nigerian Immigration Service Officers to Gamboru Ngala border area to commence the registration of returnees in the area under the directive of the Comptroller, Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) Borno State. The Commissioner also assisted with logistical support, providing 4 vehicles with fuel and the maintenance and fueling of the two NIS vehicles and registry books. UNHCR took responsibility for the DSA, the training of the team, production of copies of the registration forms and other items, including basic non-food items like camp beds, soap, solar lanterns, and mosquito nets. The team also visited Dikwa and arranged for escort further on to Gamboru Ngala. The initial deployment was for a fortnight and feedback obtained from Cameroon confirms that work is progressing smoothly and 15,628 individuals are registered. This is the first mission of the NIS in this area.

UNHCR coordinated with relevant partners – UNICEF, FHI360 and UNFPA and also provided NFI items. UNHCR Yola under the umbrella of PSWG will be monitoring for further follow up.

Yobe: UNHCR briefed the Executive Secretary of Yobe State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) on the rapid protection assessment of the returning IDPs in Geidam and Gashua LGAs. Protection, NFIs, Shelter, Food security, Health and WASH were highlighted, in terms of gaps and observations on the way forward. It was agreed that the gaps should be addressed in a coordinated manner and by all concerned stakeholders through direct and indirect assistance and referrals.

Through the monitoring visit to Kukareta camp, Yobe State, UNHCR identified a situation involving 13 female IDPs (out of an initial number of 22) who were brought to Kukareta from Gorgore Damboa LGA about 2 months ago by the military, and are now staying at the Kukareta primary school. The female IDPs with about 33 children, informed UNHCR that their husbands and male counterparts -16 in number have been detained by the military for the last 2 months. During the site visit to Kukareta camp, Yobe State, IDPs indicated lack of food intervention in the last two months as well as low water supply. From an initial number of 8 water tankers assigned to the camp, only 2 water tankers have been made available to the camp on a daily basis since 30th May 2016. The camp has only 4 functional boreholes - 2 solar and 2 generator powered. Shelter challenges are pressing as the majority of the huts, tents and mud houses the POCs are occupying are in a deplorable condition. Information sharing and advocacy is on-going for actions by all concerned bodies.

Adamawa: UNHCR Representative to Nigeria and ECOWAS, Angele Dikongue-Atangana visited Sahuda Border Post, Adamawa State which has been an entry point for the returned Iranians from neighboring countries. During the visit, which saw the Representative inspecting facilities in the location, discussions were also conducted with Immigration Officers managing the post.

No returns were reported through Sahuda border post-Adamawa State in the reporting period, the total number of returned Nigerians through Sahuda border remains at 22,098.
UNHCR has concluded and shared the report of Round II of the Vulnerability Screening conducted in the six Northeastern States with the Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG). The exercise was conducted by UNHCR in partnership with State Emergency Management Agencies (SEMsAs), Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (MoWASD) and other humanitarian partners at field level in order to expand on the profiling of most vulnerable households conducted in Round I and further reach vulnerable households, particularly those in host communities, in most affected areas of the six North East States. Round II of the report compiles and analyses data from 133,294 IDPs with specific protection needs and vulnerabilities (from 50,706 households) to give a comprehensive assessment of the protection environment in the North East to enable effective humanitarian planning and targeted assistance.

**Breakdown per State**

- Borno: 51,474 (39%)
- Adamawa: 39,455 (29%)
- Yobe: 23,387 (18%)
- Taraba: 8,071 (6%)
- Bauchi: 6,030 (5%)
- Gombe: 5,868 (4%)

**Other findings of the report include:**

- 72% of vulnerable households (HHs) lack sufficient livelihood.
- 56% of vulnerable households lack legal documentation.
- 22% of vulnerable HHs report discrimination in access to basic services, based upon IDP status, religion, disability, ethnicity or gender.
- 14% of vulnerable HHs report imminent fears for their safety, including fears of destruction of property, killing of civilians, abduction, presence of armed actors and/or illegal detention.

**Key findings of the report include:**

- **33%** of vulnerable IDPs are children with specific protection needs, including 7,223 unaccompanied and separated children.
- **27%** of vulnerable IDPs report a serious medical condition or disability.
- **25%** of vulnerable IDPs are women and girls with specific protection needs, including 6,535 SGBV survivors (3,823 early/forced marriage, 1,538 engaging in survival sex and 1,174 rape or other sexual assault).
- **8%** of vulnerable IDPs are elderly with protection needs.
- **7%** of vulnerable IDPs with other protection risks and needs.
Shelter Intervention

**Borno:** A total of 500 skeleton structure are ongoing on site, in Bakasi camp (main works being timber trusses fabrications). The first 140 shelters out of the 500 skeletons, are at an advanced completion stage. 100 foundation works were completed during this reporting period. The shelter construction at Biafra and new prison through INTERSOS is progressing.

- In Biafra site, 1st phase of 5 blocks accommodating 20 households was completed during the reporting period and IDPs have moved in. 2nd phase of 5 blocks is ongoing and timber skeleton works is at advanced stage.
- New prison – Construction of 4 blocks of 16 households is at advanced stage

UNHCR has developed and shared the Concept Note for the construction of emergency shelter in Dikwa.

**Adamawa:** UNHCR Yola advocated for shelter material and food assistance support for an IDP pregnant woman from Marite LGA of Borno state who arrived on Wednesday 25th May, 2016 at Malkohi Community. Oxfam/Ciscope provided her with a plastic sheet and NFIs. A space has been allocated to her by the IDP chairman in the community and the community has gathered materials and supported in the construction of her shelter. NEMA provided food items.

**Yobe:** Through a monitoring visit conducted to Pompamari camp, Yobe State, it was identified that a rain storm destroyed about 7 tents. A survey indicated that about 167 shelters in the camp require covering with tarpaulin/plastic sheets. In addition, surveillance across the camp indicated the need for toilet evacuation and improved shelter conditions. Gaps in the clinic structures were also noticed. Information has been shared with all concerned bodies/agencies for appropriate action.

Legal Assistance

**Borno:** Discussions were held between UNHCR, the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) and FIDA representatives in Borno on developing procedures to obtain accurate information on the number and status of IDPs detained throughout Borno State. UNHCR shared a user friendly template developed to track the cases with an on spot training on data inputting. A following up visit and meeting was conducted where completed forms were delivered and further discussions conducted. The Deputy Comptroller of Prison thanked UNHCR for the support rendered to the inmates with the Non-Food Items (NFIs) supplies. He further reported that the prison with capacity for 1,600 now houses 1,261 inmates. He recently received 773 individuals from Sambisa surroundings some surrendered and others are reportedly Boko Haram affiliates. They are yet to be charged and remain in custody as a preventive measure.

The Nigerian Police Force provided a signed copy of an approval letter from the Commissioner of Police permitting the Nigerian Bar Association to conduct monitoring of Police detention facilities for the provision of legal aid services to detainees.

UNHCR held preliminary discussions with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Information Counselling and Legal Assistance team on the establishment and coordination of the HLP scheme project within the Borno State Protection Sector Working Group. UNHCR advised on the setting up of a Committee within the Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) that will be co-lead by NRC with clear Terms of Reference and a referral system that will include the NBA, FIDA, Police, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (MoWA&SD), Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and Local Government Area (LGA) Specific Authorities in the respective Areas of Return.
Refugee Operations (Lagos Field Unit)

Health
A list of persons of concern submitted by National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) service provider for payment of 20% of NHIS primary health care premium for the fifth and final year was verified. This is necessary to identify persons who are eligible for the assistance and to enable them have access to primary health care at various health institutions.

Livelihood
During the period of this report, the Livelihood Consultant embarked on familiarization meeting with the refugees in Ijebu-ode with 19 refugees in attendance. The meeting was interactive with the Consultant taking the lead. Issues raised included requests for cash grants. The Livelihood Consultant promised to visit their business centers to establish the type of intervention required by the refugees. The familiarization visit will continue in Lagos.

The Livelihood Consultant and Livelihood Assistant have commenced livelihood monitoring in Ijebu-ode and Lagos.

UNHCR Lagos office and the Justice, Development and Peace Commission, Ijebu-ode conducted Interviews for 27 refugees who indicated an interest. They requested start-up kits, skills training and grants. Some refugees were further recommended for assistance through the Micro Finance Bank so that they can expand their businesses and become more sustainable.

Following a noticeable interest by refugees that received Computer Training to step up their knowledge base in Information Communication Technology, UNHCR visited the Huawei Centre for Information Communication Technology for possible collaboration in Computer Technology.

A refugee from Congo Democratic Republic was discovered to possess enabling Diplomas in Laboratory Science and Technology but had difficulty in practicing in Nigeria because of his inability to register with the professional body in Nigeria. UNHCR advocated for payment by the Implementing Partner JDPC.

Assistance:
133 refugee children in primary school and 82 refugee children in secondary school were assisted with education allowance for the third term of 2015/2016 academic session. 6 refugees with specific needs in the category of older persons without family support, separated children, persons with chronic ailment and who cannot engage in any livelihood were assisted with monthly subsistence allowance. 6 refugees who are on skills training at the Lagos State Government vocational centre were assisted with transport allowance.

Capacity Building:
UNHCR conducted training on the use of the updated Heightened Risk Identification tool for 11 staff of NCFRMI and JDPC in Lagos and Ijebu-Ode. The training is targeted at improving their capacity in identifying persons at high risk, recommending interventions based on the risk areas and following up on the actions to prevent/mitigate the risks identified. Site visits: A joint visit to NCFRMI transit shelter was made by NCFRMI and UNHCR to meet with the persons of concern residing in the centre. Three refugees were identified for follow up based on the needs (health, livelihood and family tracing) they presented. The follow-up on the tracing of the dependents of one of the persons of concern is ongoing. The education partner – JDPC visited schools (9 primary schools and 2 secondary schools) on Lagos Island axis which most of the refugee children in Lagos attend. The aim was to monitor their class attendance and academic performance.

UNHCR conducted a one-day training for eight Protection, RSD and Review Officers of NCFRMI on Credibility Assessment in Refugee Status Determination. The training was targeted at improving their skills to properly analyze the different elements of credibility indicators under RSD assessment.

Resettlement:
A case of 3 Congolese was submitted to the Regional Resettlement Unit in Dakar for resettlement consideration under the Women at Risk criteria.

Voluntary Repatriation
A Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep) interview was conducted with a Malian refugee in order to ascertain the IC’s place of return and his relatives’ contact in Bamako pending a tracing request to UNHCR Bamako. Meanwhile the planning for the VolRep of a Congolese family of four persons is ongoing.

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