



# NIGERIA

## FACT SHEET

February 2016

### HIGHLIGHTS

**8,440** vulnerable persons/at risk provided with material assistance in Maiduguri, Borno State.

**450** individuals trained on skills acquisition in Yola North, Adamawa

**1,328** vulnerable persons provided with psychosocial support in Adamawa, Borno, Gombe, Bauchi, and Yobe states.

### Population of concern

as of end February 2016

**2,241,484**

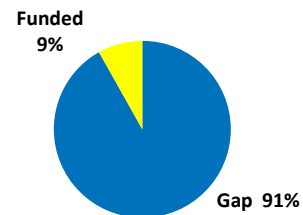
*IDPs identified in Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, Yobe, Nasarawa states and Abuja through the IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) as of February 2016*

**1,387** Refugees

**439** Asylum seekers

### Funding

**USD 29,723,448** requested



### UNHCR Presence

#### Staff:

45 National Staff  
12 International Staff

#### Offices:

01 Branch Office in Abuja | 06 Field Offices in Lagos, Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, Taraba and Benue  
01 Sub Office in Bauchi



## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) works closely with government partners, including the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), State Emergency Management Agencies (SEMAs), the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), and other UN agencies to ensure the protection of persons of concern and to coordinate their assistance, as well as contribute to inter-agency efforts to protect and assist Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).
- The agency also works with the following implementing partners: the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Family Health Initiative (FHI 360), Benue State NGO Network (BENGONET), Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC), Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), and RHEMA Care. In addition to co-leading the Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) both at the national and sub-national levels, UNHCR actively participates in the Shelter/NFI/Camp Coordination and Camp Management Working Group, Child Protection Sub-Working Group, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Sub-Working Group, Inter-Sector Working Group and Humanitarian Country Team.
- UNHCR further collaborates with ECOWAS through the framework of a 2001 Memorandum of Understanding.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### PROTECTION

- In the past few months there has been an intensification of terrorist attacks by Boko Haram in Nigeria and Cameroon, including directly in IDP camps. Measures have been taken to reinforce security in and around IDP camps.
- A total of 21,998 Nigerian returnees were officially registered at the Sahuda border post by UNHCR and partners.
- UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, Volker Turk, visited Nigeria from 18-22 February 2016, focusing on the insurgency-ravaged northeast. During his meetings with federal and state authorities, Mr. Türk stressed the necessity for Nigeria to further address the protection needs of IDPs particularly with respect to the voluntary character of returns and relocations. He also expressed the availability of UNHCR to work with the States in the facilitation of tripartite framework for the return and reintegration processes.
- UNHCR worked with IOM in Borno to prepare for biometric registration in ATC, in advance of their relocating IDPs from this camp to Bakassi on 1 March 2015.
- UNHCR provided 35 communal tents to SEMA in Gubio IDP camp in response to shelter demands perpetuated by the influx of displaced families from liberated areas, mainly Mafa into Maiduguri. The tents provided shelter to over 3,000 individuals who were initially sleeping in the open and living in dire conditions.
- UNHCR launched the planned shelter project in Adamawa state (Maiha) which includes the provision of 12 hectares of land for which compensation has been paid by the state government. The project was well received and lauded as a pilot which can be used as a model by the Early Recovery Working Group and the sector will support resource mobilization for the project.

## REFUGEE OPERATION

### REGISTRATION

- 11 asylum seekers were registered this month, including 6 Central Africans, 3 Congolese (DR), 1 Syrian and 1 Gambian.
- Asylum seekers-439
- Refugees-1387
- Total-1826

## REPATRIATION

- From 10 – 15 February 2016, UNHCR and the NCFRMI completed the voluntary repatriation of the last group of 165 Cameroonian rural refugees to their country of origin thus bringing to an end the Cameroonian caseload. This brings the total number so far repatriated to 617.

## RESETTLEMENT

- The office facilitated the resettlement of three cases of eleven refugees to the United States of America during the period of review.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 131 refugee children in primary school and 92 refugee children in secondary school were assisted with education allowance for the second term of 2015/2016 academic year.

## EXTERNAL / DONORS RELATIONS

- UNHCR is grateful for the generous contributions of donors who have given unremarked funding to UNHCR worldwide as well as donors who have contributed directly to UNHCR's programs in Nigeria: Australia | Belgium | Brazil | Canada | Denmark | European Union | Finland | France | Germany | Holy See | Italy | Japan | Liechtenstein | Luxemburg | Netherland | Nigeria | Norway | Republic of Korea | Saudi Arabia | Spain | Switzerland | United Kingdom | United States of America

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