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IOM REGIONAL RESPONSE

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IDPs in Adamawa
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FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

(Based on current SRP figures, which will be revised)

USD **3.2 million** received **requested 31.9 million**

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Nigeria:** Assessments were carried out by IOM's psychosocial support team in an effort to support the development of a referral pathway in Adamawa.
- **Chad:** 2,010 returnees have been registered to date.
- **Niger:** 1,500 transitional shelter kits were received for upcoming distribution.
- **Cameroon:** Streamlining of displacement data collection approach in consultation with UNHCR.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Nigeria and neighboring Chad, Cameroon and Niger continue to face the challenges posed by large scale displacements caused by Boko Haram's activities. Whilst the security situation has stabilized in the region, it remains volatile with continued Boko Haram attacks in the North East and ongoing military operations. The majority of incidents over the last two weeks were recorded in Nigeria's Yobe and Borno states. Concerns over the threat of Boko Haram attacks still persist in neighboring countries. In Niger, for example, curfews and a ban on motorcycles continue to be enforced.

In this context, IOM's emergency programming focuses on psychosocial assistance, displacement tracking and shelter/NFI interventions to address the needs of the displaced as well as host communities, who continue to accommodate the large majority of displaced people.

Some return movements have been observed in parts of Nigeria's North East, particularly Adamawa. SEMA is conducting family registration and damage assessment in the seven most affected local government areas in Adamawa state, namely Maiha, Gombi, Hong, Mubi South, Mubi North, Michikan and Madagali and has reported damage to critical infrastructure. Access to adequate shelter is the most immediate need reported, followed by food, health and education, with homes, schools and markets having suffered destruction. Based on consultations with the local authorities, state security officials, the military and the police, OCHA and UNDSS have declared that

Gombi and Hong LGAs are now safe for delivery of humanitarian and early recovery assistance, while the delivery of assistance to returnees in Mubi LGA will be restricted to Mubi city for the time being.

DISPLACEMENT PATTERNS

The second round of DTM is still the most up-to-date information currently available on the displacement situation in Nigeria. The third round of DTM is underway and IDP registration is ongoing in camps and camp-like settings.

Return movements have been observed at state level most especially in Adamawa where the security situation has improved and some IDPs have reportedly returned. IOM is looking into capturing those movements through the third round of DTM. A large number of spontaneous returns were observed in Gombi and Hong, whilst population movements in Mubi, Michika and Madagali are mostly perceived to be "go and see" visits. Local authorities have started to provide assistance to returnees in their areas of origin, in particular in Mubi, Maiha, Gombi and Hong through the President Initiative For the North East (PINE).

Some 28 households returning from Cameroon have arrived in a camp located in Adamawa and received assistance from NEMA/SEMA. There are also reports of IDPs arriving from areas newly liberated as a result of Nigerian military operations.

According to information received from SEMA, these newcomers are weak and present serious medical conditions.

In Niger, returns of local administration (Prefet, Mayor and Traditional Leader) and the displaced population to Bosso have commenced. The governorate estimates that 80% of the population has returned. Before the Boko Haram attack on Bosso, the town also hosted displaced persons (refugees and returnees) who fled the conflict from Nigeria. Reports indicate that the local population is no longer willing to accommodate these displaced populations in the host community. IDPs continue to lack documentation and access to basic services, including shelter, NFIs and education.

There is still no accurate data on the overall number and locations of IDPs, returnees and TCNs. A military official at the border reported to an IOM program manager that on 16th April, around 800 displaced persons crossed the border post from Nigeria to enter Niger. IRC also reported some cross-border movement in the context of the Nigerian election. Some displaced individuals returned to Nigeria for the election and returned back to camps in Niger afterwards. IRC estimates that there were more than 3,500 new arrivals from Nigeria between 4 and 10 April, whilst close to 400 displaced persons moved internally in the same time period.

IOM Response

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Assessments of public structures, such as state level psychiatric unit and children's homes were carried out by IOM's psychosocial support team in an effort to support the development of a referral pathway in Adamawa. A psychosocial needs assessment was implemented in formal and informal IDP camps and host communities.

Registration is being conducted in camps, camp-like sites and host communities in Adamawa and Borno. The collected information is expected to support the development of a well targeted ES/NFI sector strategy.

The ES/NFI sector working group held its first meeting in Yola, chaired by SEMA and co-chaired by IOM. Eight agencies became active members of the ES/NFI sector working group, which has developed a joint work plan and a 4W matrix to capture activities carried out by sector members.

A stakeholder analysis related to Trafficking in Persons (TIP) was conducted with the support of two IOM staff deployed from

Liberia and RO Pretoria. This is the first step of a larger assessment on TIP and IDP exploitation and abuses planned following the report released by the International Centre for Investigative Reporting.

A needs assessment to support transition and recovery efforts in North East Nigeria is being conducted in Adamawa by an IOM staff deployed from HQ.

CAMEROON

IOM has secured a warehouse space, prepared trucks and undertaken other distribution planning for upcoming Shelter/NFI interventions with funds committed by Italy during the reporting period.

IOM has been conducting a pilot round of displacement data collection in four departments of Cameroon's Far North. In an effort to further refine the approach to data collection, extensive consultations took place with UNHCR to streamline efforts.

CHAD

As of 21 April, IOM has registered 2,010 returnees, including 541 new registrations during the reporting period.

With the support of a DTM expert from the IOM Dakar Regional Office, the team has been consolidating and modifying displacement tracking tools and methodologies. A new location assessment form and revised profiling/registration form have been developed.

A NFI distribution protocol was created during a coordination meeting among agencies conducting NFI distributions in the Lac region to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure targeted assistance.

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The IOM office in Diffa received 1,500 transitional shelter kits, which are currently secured in warehouses until transport and distribution, planned for the coming week.

Within the PCCN ("Programme de Cohésion Communautaire au Niger") framework, IOM is implementing community cohesion activities in the region. Focusing on the Diffa youth, especially young men whom Boko Haram might target for recruitment, grants monitored by the PCCN enabled the Diffa municipality in equipping a gym room, in order to increase positive interactions between different youth groups and their engagement in the community. Furthermore, an Internet Café located inside Diffa's city hall is being rehabilitated to increase access to information for Diffa youth.



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