



# NIGERIA SITUATION

## UNHCR REGIONAL UPDATE

01 – 30 June 2017

### OPERATIONAL CONTEXT & HIGHLIGHTS

### KEY FIGURES

**1,884,331**  
**IDPs\*** in Nigeria

\* 1.83 million displaced by the insurgency

(NEMA/IOM DTM Report, Round XVI, May 2017)

**205,815**

Total number of Nigerian refugees in neighboring countries as of **30 June 2017** (or latest figures available)

### FUNDING

**USD 179.4 million**

UNHCR requirements for the Nigeria situation in 2017



Gap  
79%

- Some 30 suicide bombings and attacks were carried out by Boko Haram insurgents over the month in the region, predominantly on the Cameroonian border and inside Nigeria's Borno State. More than half of these attacks occurred in Cameroon's Far North alone. According to analysts, the number of reported incidents in Borno State in the first half of 2017 is more than double the number recorded in the same time frame in 2016, causing authorities to tighten security measures at the border.
- In Cameroon, after more than a dozen consecutive explosions during the month, the latest suicide attack occurred in Kolofata on 29 June, prompting Cameroonian authorities to harden their position towards the presence of Nigerian refugees in the border area. Indeed, on 27 June, 887 refugees were forcefully returned to Banki in Nigeria by Cameroonian authorities. Appreciating fully the considerations of national security and Cameroon's imperative to protect its citizens and territory, UNHCR continues to request that the Cameroonian Government respect its commitment to the conventions to which it is party. As of 30 June, more than 19,000 spontaneous and forced refugee returnees (including 12,000 who returned in April and May) had been registered in Banki by Nigeria's National Immigration Service (NIS).
- In Niger, the Protection Working Group, jointly led by the Government and UNHCR, published the final results of the broad Protection Baseline Survey (see [May 2017 regional update](#)), carried out in partnership with REACH, across 142 sites in the Diffa region. The results can be downloaded [here](#).
- On the night of 28 June, two suicide bombers entered Kabelawa IDP camp in Niger and detonated their explosives, killing two IDPs and injuring 11 others in the process. Kabelawa hosts approximately 10,000 persons and is the only formal IDP camp in the Diffa region that is managed by UNHCR. This is the [first attack against the camp](#) and the first of its kind in the region in the past 12 months. On 29 June, UNHCR field staff visited the camp to pay their respects to the victims' families. During the visit, they team held discussions with the population to better understand the attack and how to prevent future cases, in collaboration with national security and defense forces. As a first measure, UNHCR is relocating the small refugee population of Kabelawa to Sayam Forage camp and is in discussions with the Government with a view to relocating IDPs to a safer location.
- World Refugee Day was celebrated across the world on 20 June. In Cameroon and Chad, populations of concern as well as local authorities and humanitarian staff participated in the celebrations and performances. Among the events organized in the run-up to the event in Chad were a photo exposition illustrating the socio-professional activities in which populations of concern are engaged and a football match between refugees and humanitarian staff in Dar Es Salam camp. In Niger, WRD celebrations were preceded by those of the [Day of the African Child](#) on 16 June, followed by events such as a TV debate, various performances by refugees but also voluntary HIV/AIDS screenings and leisure activities. In Nigeria, pop singer 2Baba released a new song to mark the occasion. The track 'Hold My Hand' features vocals from an 8 year old IDP from Borno State. 2Baba has pledged to donate 60 per cent of the song's proceeds to UNHCR for IDP assistance in Nigeria.

# UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Forced and voluntary returns from Cameroon continued to take place during the month, in line with the trend observed since April. On 27 June, 887 refugees who had been living with host communities in the Kolofata vicinity, close to the Nigerian border, were forcibly removed from their settlements and returned to Banki, Nigeria, in six trucks provided by the Nigerian military and Cameroonian police. Several dozen refugees, fearing that they would be returned against their will, escaped and went into hiding. This latest incident happened after Cameroon gave the refugees seven days' notice on June 19 to return. UNHCR has renewed its call on Cameroon and Nigeria to refrain from further forced returns. Both countries have submitted their nominations for the membership of the Tripartite Commission and Technical Committee but there have been delays in convening the first meeting.

## CAMEROON

- As part of the implementation of the Tripartite Agreement, an awareness-raising strategy to prevent spontaneous departures<sup>1</sup> was developed for refugees in Minawao camp. To carry out the campaign, a timetable and awareness-raising methods were adopted and key messages prepared. A multisectoral team sensitized refugees in the camp on the provisions of the Tripartite Agreement and the difficult conditions prevailing in the localities of return, mainly Bama, Pulka, Gwoza and Banki in Nigeria. No spontaneous returns were registered from Minawao camp to Nigeria during the first five days of the campaign. The campaign is to continue and expand in scale with the assistance of an NGO partner throughout the coming months until conditions for return are deemed conducive by the Tripartite Commission.
- The registration of out of camp refugees began in the Logone-et-Chari and Mayo Tsanaga departments. By the end of the month a total of 5,598 individuals were registered in the Logone-et-Chari department. In the Mayo-Tsanaga department, a total of 1,271 households were registered. For administrative reasons, the registration has been postponed and is due to resume in July. In the Mayo Sava department, registration is currently not taking place for security reasons.

## CHAD

- In the Dar Es Salam camp, the school year ended on 8 June. The 1,965 students in the Espoir 1 and 2 schools obtained encouraging results with a 91 per cent success rate – three per cent higher than in 2016. In order to maintain and improve on these results, human and material resources are required in a sustained manner. UNHCR finances the school canteen and the salaries of 21 teachers, 15 community leaders and 6 auxiliary refugee staff. In addition the Chadian Government has provided 10 teachers. For its part, UNICEF provides school materials and books. Next year, a class will be opened for students in their fifth year of primary school who will sit their secondary school entrance exams in June and July 2018.
- From 7-9 June, a multi-agency (FAO; HELP-Tchad; IRC; OCHA; UNICEF; WFP) team including UNHCR undertook a multisector assessment of IDPs returning to their areas of origin on the Lake Chad islands (see [May 2017 regional update](#)). The team visited five villages on islands in the Kagalom vicinity, south of Baga Sola, which had been evacuated in 2015 during clearance operations to make way for the military. The assessment found that the five villages had a population of 11,000 people who are extremely vulnerable, especially with regards to education, food security, health and WASH. As a priority, the mission made recommendations for the construction of a school, of a health centre and of a well for drinking water. In addition, self-reliance activities and civil status documentation as well as the identification of separated children were also put forward as key gaps.

## NIGER

- As of 29 May and throughout the month of June, UNHCR supported the voluntary relocation of refugees from the vicinities of Diffa, Kabelawa and Toumour. They had requested assistance to relocate to the Sayam Forage camp, to obtain basic assistance and protection. Over 521 refugees were assisted with relocating to the camp. Since February 2017, the camp's population has increased by 25 per cent to almost 10,000 people.
- Throughout the months of April and June, a total of 163 secondary school Nigerian refugee students (131 boys and 32 girls) were assisted, through the UNHCR Distance Education Programme, to travel to Kano, Nigeria, to sit their final exams. Some 72 junior cycle students and 91 senior cycle students undertook the journey, accompanied by UNHCR. It is planned to establish an official Examination Centre in the Diffa region prior to the end of the 2017 – 2018 school year, to facilitate the examinations process.

<sup>1</sup> Until conditions in Nigeria's north-east are conducive to return

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In total, for refugee response in asylum countries as well as response for IDPs in Nigeria, UNHCR's requirements amount to USD **179.4 million in 2017**. UNHCR is very grateful for the financial support provided by donors, particularly those who have contributed to UNHCR activities with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds, as well as for those who have contributed to the Nigeria situation as a whole.

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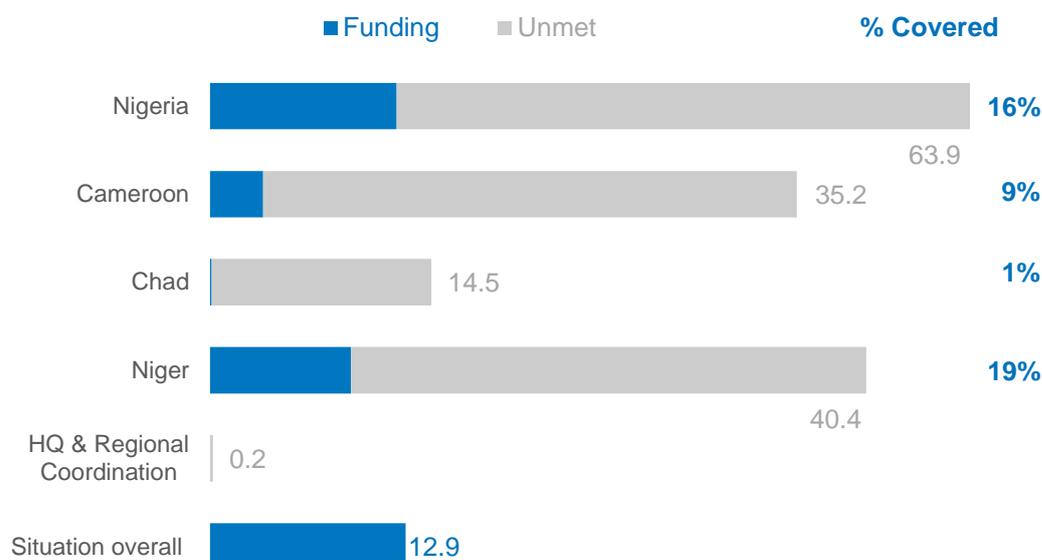
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### Funding:

A total of **USD 38.1 million** has been received out of USD 179.4 million requested by UNHCR, representing 21% of funding needs.



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### Links:

Nigeria regional web portal: <http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/nigeriasituation>

UNHCR Tracks: <http://tracks.unhcr.org>

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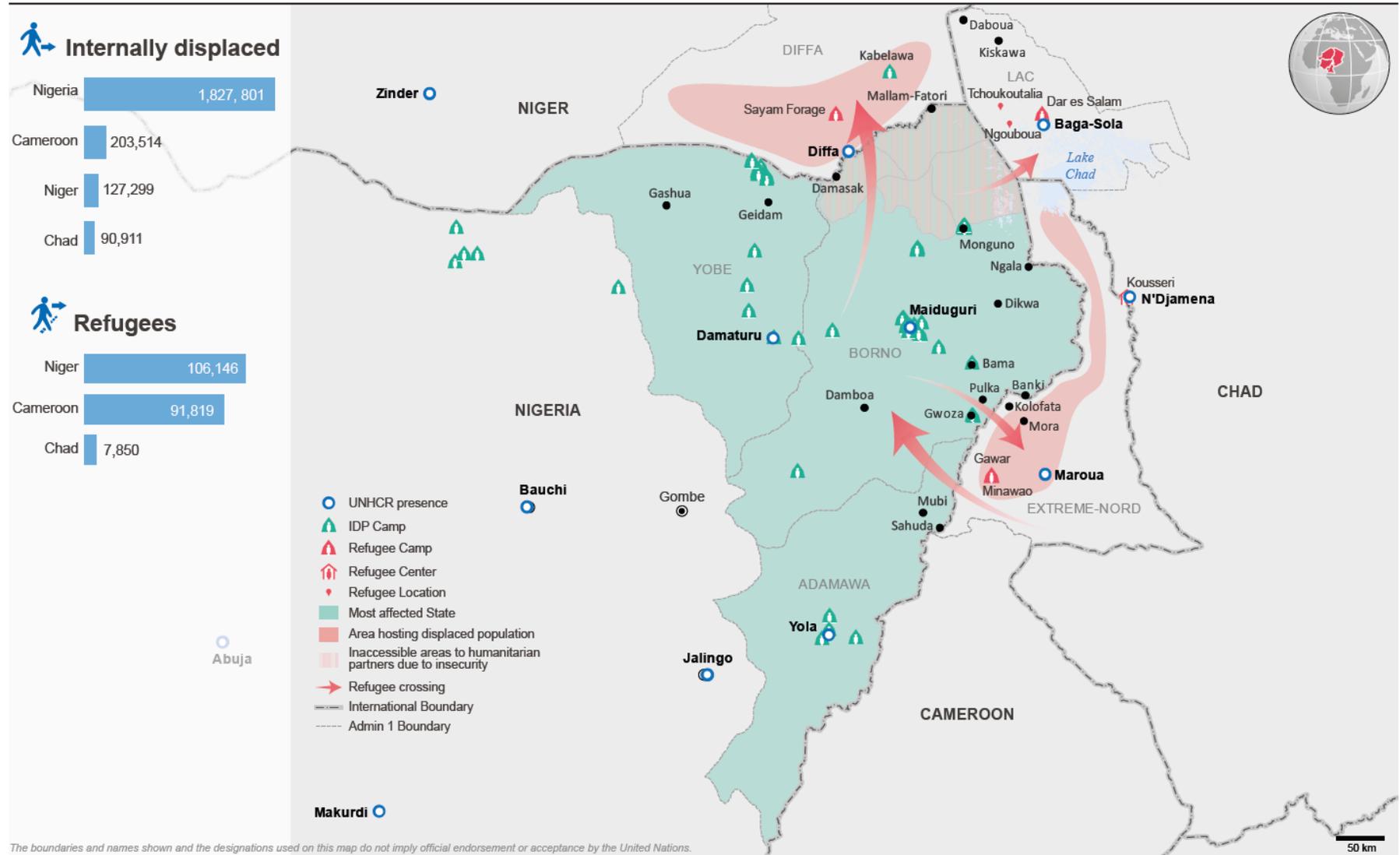
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## Populations forcibly displaced by the insurgency in the Lake Chad Basin Region

As of 30 June 2017 or latest figures available



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