

Nigeria Situation

01-30 September 2017

1,757,288*

IDPs in Nigeria

*1.69 million **displaced by the insurgency**

(NEMA/IOM DTM Report, Round XVIII, August 2017)

203,967

Nigerian refugees **displaced by the insurgency** in

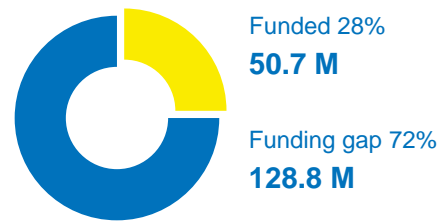
Cameroon, Chad and Niger as of 30 September 2017

(or latest figures available).

FUNDING

USD 179.5 M

requested for the Nigeria situation



HIGHLIGHTS AND OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- On 18 September, in Abuja, **Nigeria**, UNHCR announced Mr. Zannah Mustapha as this year's Nansen Refugee Award winner, two weeks ahead of the 2 October award ceremony in Geneva. The Nigerian lawyer, mediator and humanitarian actor was recognized for his work in Borno State, where he provides access to education for some 1,000 orphaned and displaced boys and girls including children of Boko Haram insurgents. In addition to assisting vulnerable women and children affected by the insurgency, Mr. Mustapha also helped to negotiate the release of more than 100 of the 270 Chibok school girls captured by Boko Haram in 2014.
- In the wake of numerous and continued [attacks on IDP camps](#) and civilian infrastructure in Borno State, UNHCR called for appropriate action to ensure that the physical protection of IDPs and civilian character of the camps are not compromised further. In September alone, nearly 50 civilians (mainly IDPs) were killed and dozens more injured in suicide bombings. The army's dual role of fighting non-state armed groups, on the one hand, and managing civilian-related administrative issues in IDP camps and newly accessible areas, on the other, presents challenges. These have contributed to making the humanitarian environment increasingly less predictable for civilians fleeing their homes in the country's north-east. Some of the areas attacked in September included Banki, Konduga, Maiduguri and Ngala, where IDPs and refugee returnees were settled. For his part, the UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria [urged the Government of Nigeria to increase efforts to protect civilians](#), noting that women, children and men were facing grave human rights violations and sexual and gender-based violence, including rape.
- Since the cholera outbreak was announced in August in Borno State, more than 1,200 suspected cases had been confirmed across three IDP camps in the Dikwa, Maiduguri and Monguno localities as of 15 September. In addition, a total of 35 people had been confirmed dead across the three locations. The Ministry of Health in Borno State continues to lead a coordinated humanitarian response with support from aid agencies including MSF, UNICEF, and WHO. The Government is reported to having increased epidemiological surveillance in other camps and host community areas to prevent the disease from spreading further.
- In **Cameroon's** Minawao camp, UNHCR and its partners reinforced measures to prevent cholera. A response plan and standard operational procedures (SOPs), in case of an outbreak, were put in place; a site was identified for the construction of a cholera treatment centre and mass awareness-raising campaigns are underway. All WASH actors were mobilized and involved in the prevention activities.
- Awareness-raising activities continued to take place in Minawao camp on the current security and living conditions in Bama, Banki, Gwoza and Pulka in Nigeria. No new spontaneous return movements from Minawao camp to Nigeria were reported during the month.

Update on achievements

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- UNHCR began the distribution of non-food items to vulnerable IDPs living in camps affected by the cholera outbreak, and dispatched NFIs to Dikwa, one of the areas that has been most hardly hit by the epidemic to cover the needs of 5,000 beneficiaries. The agency is increasing its advocacy for more resources to address challenges caused by over-crowdedness and insufficient water and sanitation facilities in camps and newly accessible areas.

CAMEROON

- UNHCR organized a workshop in Maroua, Far North region, on 7 and 8 September on the prevention and risks of statelessness as a follow up to a previous mission undertaken in July (see [July update](#)). The objective of the training was to strengthen the capacities of some 30 participants including judicial, administrative and police authorities in efforts to avoid protracted statelessness and prevent new cases as well as to disseminate practical information (legal instruments, tools) and good practices on status determination.
- The registration of out of camp refugees was concluded in two departments with a total number of 21,189 refugees registered: 16,848 in Logone-Et-Chari and 4,341 in Mayo Tsanaga. The registration of out of camp refugees in the Mayo Sava department is to begin in October.
- In Maroua on 13 and 14 September, as part of the 2018 response planning for refugees, UNHCR organized a consultative workshop on the [Regional Response Plan](#) for Nigerian Refugees for 150 participants (administrative, judicial and traditional authorities, members of the Joint Protection Committees, representatives of UN agencies and national and international NGOs, as well as civil society actors). The objective of the workshop was to determine and validate planning parameters and strategic objectives, as well as to review and validate sectoral response plans with contributions from all key actors.

CHAD

- From 18-25 September, a team from Chad's Direction of Political Affairs and Civil Status (DAPEC) issued civil status documents (birth, death and marriage certificates) to IDPs and refugees in the Lake region. The team also organized awareness-raising sessions for community leaders and traditional chiefs on the civil registration system and the importance of communicating with the local administration to ensure the civil registry is up to date. There were also sessions covering the links between the civil registry and statelessness, aimed at members of the local administration, NGOs and other actors from Baga Sola and Ngouboua. Material support was provided to civil status centres in Baga Sola town and sub-prefecture including Dar Es Salam refugee camp, and the sub-prefecture of Ngouboua. The project is being implemented by the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Local Governance through DAPEC who will ensure follow-up, with UNHCR's material, technical and financial support. It will also benefit 500 refugee children born in Dar es Salam camp since 2015, when the camp was set up.

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- On 20 September, the General Directorate of Civil Status Registration, Migration and Refugees (DGECEM/R), with the support of the UNHCR, launched a biometric registration operation (commonly called BIMS or Biometric Identity Management System) targeting all the displaced persons in the Diffa region. The first phase of the operation took place in Sayam Forage camp because it allowed staff involved to operate in a relatively stable environment and familiarize themselves with the tools before moving out of camp. BIMS will lay the groundwork for the [NADRA project](#) (see [April update](#)) and will continue until the end of 2017.
- The distance education centre in Bosso reopened on 22 September after having been closed for two years. A total of 50 students have been enrolled. Please follow this [link](#) to find out more.
- September marked the end of the gas distribution project in Diffa, bringing to 25,000 (160,000 persons) the number of households who benefited from out-of-camp distributions overall. Stemming from successful partnerships with private sector partners seeking to establish themselves permanently in the region, this project has made Diffa the region with the highest access to gas in all of Niger.

Financial Information

In total, for refugee response in asylum countries as well as response for IDPs in Nigeria, UNHCR's requirements amount to USD **179.5 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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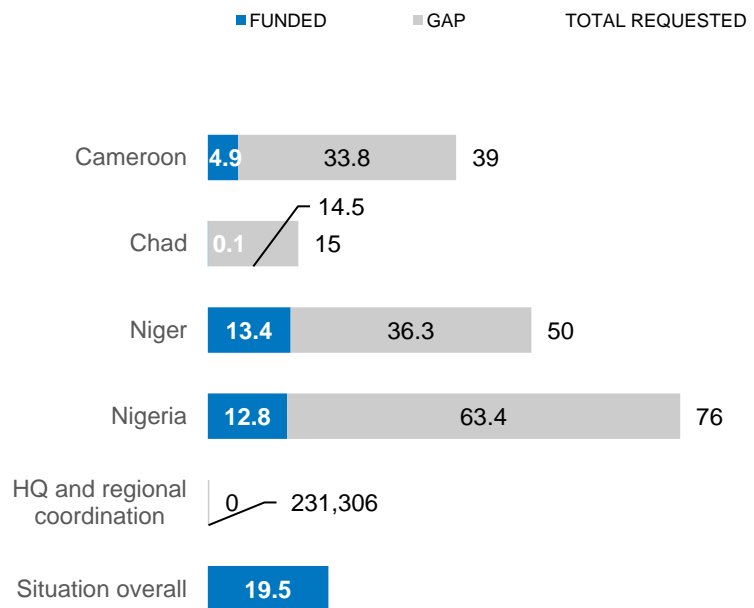
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NIGERIA SITUATION

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

As of 30 September or latest figures available

NIGERIA

IDPs **1,686,997***

CAMEROON

IDPs **235,913**

Refugees **88,672***

CHAD

IDPs **90,911***

Refugees **9,149**

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IDPs **127,299***

Refugees **106,146**

* Figures represent the number of people displaced by the Boko Haram-related insurgency.

