



# WFP Nigeria Situation Report #7

15 February 2017

## In Numbers

**1.9 m** people displaced, of which 1.5 million in Borno and 0.11 million in Yobe States

*(IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix, January 2017)*

**4.4 m** people food insecure in Borno and Yobe States

*(Phases 3, 4 & 5 Cadre Harmonisé, October 2016)*

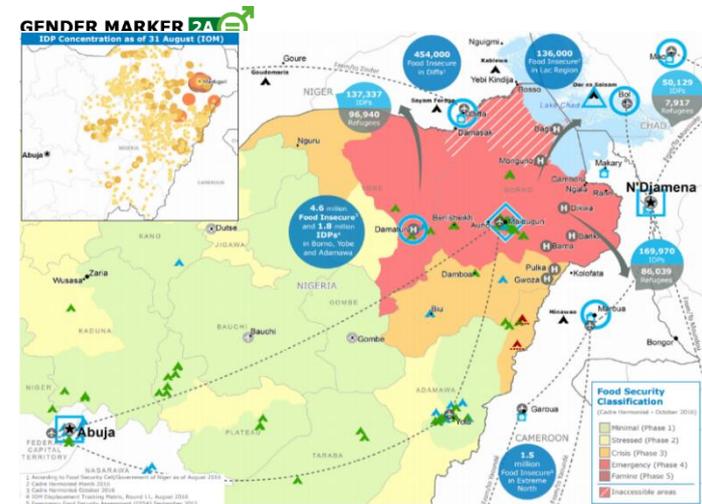
## Highlights

- In February, WFP, both directly and through partnerships is targeting a total of 1.3 million beneficiaries in Borno and Yobe States. As of February 15, WFP had reached a total of 692,400 beneficiaries through cash-based transfers (CBT), in-kind food distributions and provision of nutritious food to children 6 to 59 months and pregnant and nursing women.
- WFP is reviewing the expansion of its CBT coverage and, exploring alternative methodologies for cash assistance. On 08 February, the first distribution of e-vouchers and their redemption at retail shops took place in Maiduguri.

## People assisted as of 15 February 2017

- ➔ Cash Based Transfers: **33,900**
- ➔ Supplementary Nutritious Food: **164,000**
- ➔ Food Distributions: **617,350**

*Figures are not to be added to avoid double counting.*



## Situation Update

- The crisis induced by the Boko Haram insurgency remains the main driving factor of instability in north-east Nigeria and has the potential to cause further displacements and increase food insecurity.
- Challenges to reaching people in need remain, due to high levels of insecurity and hence restricted access. A recent trend of ambushes on military and police convoys along the main road axis outside Maiduguri is currently limiting road missions.
- The International Airport in Abuja is due to close from 8 March to 18 April, for a total period of 6 weeks, in order to conduct urgently required repairs. Most international flights are planned to be diverted through alternate airports.

## WFP response

- WFP has stepped up to meet the immense challenges in northeast Nigeria, and successfully achieved the rapid scale up of food assistance to over one million conflict-affected people in Borno and Yobe States.
- WFP assistance through cash-based transfers, in-kind food assistance, and specialized nutritious food distributions has been significantly scaling up - from 160,000 people reached in October to over 1 million in December and January.
- Efforts will continue throughout 2017 and WFP plans to reach 1.3 million people amongst the most vulnerable in February, while a budget revision is underway to reach even a larger number of beneficiaries.
- Due to the multidimensional nature of the crisis, WFP has adopted an agile response, using the most appropriate and context-specific transfer modalities and delivery mechanisms to address the needs.
- WFP uses either food- or cash-based transfers to support displaced people living in camps or with host communities, as well as vulnerable host populations.



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- As of 15 February, across Borno and Yobe States, 617,350 beneficiaries - most of them internally displaced, in camps or in host communities - benefited from food distributions, and close to 34,000 people were assisted with cash in areas with viable market conditions. Nutritious food has also been distributed to 153,500 children aged 6 to 59 months and to over 11,000 pregnant and nursing women.
- In implementing its food assistance programmes, particularly for in-kind and nutritious food assistance, WFP ensures that complementarity of assistance with SEMA and other partners (both national and international NGOs) operating on the ground in order to maximize resources and improve

operational efficiency.

- To overcome the access challenges and reach those most in need in unsecure and difficult-to-reach areas, WFP and UNICEF implemented a Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM). The RRM sends staff to the sites by either helicopter, either armoured vehicles (AV), while all food and other cargo is transported overland. All interventions are closely coordinated with Nigerian communities and the Government. WFP focuses on general distributions and blanket supplementary feeding for under-five children and pregnant and lactating women, while UNICEF supports a range of sectors, including treatment of severe acute malnutrition, water, sanitation, and health. Since the beginning of February RRM teams reached 240,000 beneficiaries with General Food Distributions and 23,700 children with Plumpy'Sup in Ngala and Dikwa LGAs.
- The food security situation in the next months running up to the lean season needs to be carefully monitored and calls for comprehensive support of food, nutrition water and health assistance.
- WFP and FAO submitted a concept note to donors and partners with the aim to address the emergency needs of vulnerable groups during the lean season starting May to October 2017. The joint response will take an integrated two track emergency response approach; combining emergency food assistance provided by WFP through in-Kind Food or Cash Based Transfers (CBT), and FAO fast tracking of small holder agriculture inputs.



#### Cash-Based Transfers

- WFP is reviewing the expansion of its CBT coverage and, exploring alternative methodologies for cash assistance. On 08 February the first distribution of e-vouchers and redemption at retail shops took place in Maiduguri. The total transfer value of 23,550 naira (per month, per household), subject to revision based on prevailing market prices, includes: 21, 550 naira to be used for 20 different food items: (staple grains, vegetables, fruits, dairy, etc.) from WFP contracted shops and 2,000 naira multipurpose cash, cashed out by the same retailers.

### Sectors and Common Services

#### Food Security Sector

- Under the Government leadership, data collection for an Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) started on 06 February. The joint exercise is being conducted by CLISS, FAO, WFP, FEWSNET and the Government covering Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa States. The data collection is expected to be finalized by 15 February and will provide evidence-based food security information to support the March Cadre Harmonisé analysis.

#### Logistics Sector

- The Logistics Sector, currently supporting 31 humanitarian organizations, is responsible for logistics coordination and information management, augmentation of storage capacities in Borno state and coordination of cargo movements for the humanitarian community.
- Premiere Urgence on behalf of the Sector manages an inter-agency warehouse in Maiduguri.
- Two Mobile Storage Units were set up in Dikwa for Christian Aid and Mercy Corps respectively.



#### Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)

- The ETS deployed a satellite kit at the International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP) base camp, known as 'Red Roof', in Maiduguri to provide reliable internet services to the humanitarian community. Equipment was donated by Ericsson Response and the Government of Luxembourg.
- The ETS is actively seeking funds to successfully implement its project in northeast Nigeria.



#### UN Humanitarian Air Service

- Since commencement of operations on 17 August 2015 and as of 31 January 2017, the UNHAS fixed wing fleet transported a total on 14,374 passengers and 46,145 kg of cargo; a further 4,795 passengers and 31,019 kg of cargo have been transported on UNHAS helicopters throughout the North-East since July 2016.
- Due to the announced closure of Abuja airport, UNHAS is currently finalizing interim operational plans and a potential flight schedule from 8 March to 19 April 2017.

#### Resourcing

- Without an immediate and full response to the acute needs within the coming year, the situation may further deteriorate into a chronic crisis that could result in protracted assistance requirements from the humanitarian community. It is therefore essential that sufficient resources are made available to stabilize the food security and nutrition crisis.
- For its food assistance operation, WFP requires USD 219 million until July 2017.

#### WFP Nigeria Resourcing Situation

Project	Requirements in 2017	6-month net funding requirements*	Shortfall (percent)*
<b>EMOP 200777</b> (Jan 2015-Dec 2017)	USD 352 million*	USD 219 million	90%
<b>SO 200834</b> (Aug 2015-Dec 2017)	USD 19 million	USD 11 million	19%
<b>SO 201032</b> (Nov 2016-Dec 2017)	USD 9 million	USD 2.3 million	53%

\* February – July 2017. EMOP requirements have increased as per Budget Revision 9

#### Donors

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