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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BSF Blanket Supplementary Feeding

CARI Consolidated Approach for Reporting Indicators of Food Security

CBT Cash-Based Transfer

CFSVA Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis

CRCDHS Center for Research and Capacity Development on Humanitarian Studies

CSI Coping Strategies Index

DTM Displacement Tracking Matrix

EFSA Emergency Food Security Assessment FAO Food and Agriculture Organization

FCS Food Consumption Score

FEWS NET Famine Early Warning System Network

GAM Global Acute Malnutrition IDP Internally Displaced Person

IOM International Organization for Migration
IPC Integrated Food Security Phase Classification

LGA Local Government Area

MUAC Mid-Upper Arm Circumference

mVAM mobile Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping NEMA National Emergency Management Agency

NGN Nigerian Naira

OCHA United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

ODK Open Data Kit

rCSI reduced Coping Strategy Index SAM Severe Acute Malnutrition

SEMA State Emergency Management Agency SPSS Statistical Package for Social Science

UN United Nations

UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund VAM Vulnerability, Analysis and Mapping

WFP World Food Programme
WHO World Health Organization

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

How many people are food-insecure?

It is estimated that in the assessed LGAs of Gujba and Gulani 74 percent of the population is food insecure, 20 percent of which in a severe way. This prevalence translates into more than 245,000¹ food insecure people, 67,000 of which severely food insecure.

Who are the food insecure people?

Food insecure households belong more frequently to the displaced community (78 percent compared to 70 percent respectively), have precarious livelihoods, they are women-headed, have limited or no access to land, and have seen their land size decreasing. These households are consuming small quantities and few varieties of food. They are eating little nutritious food. They are spending high proportion of their limited incomes on food. They are resorting to negative livelihood and food-related coping strategies.

Where do the food-insecure people live?

The severely food insecure households are evenly distributed in Gulani and Gujba (50 percent in each LGA), however, marginally food secure households are more frequent in Gulani LGA (56 percent), than in Gujba (44 percent). Similarly, the food secure households are more numerous in Gulani LGA (63 percent) than in Gujba LGA (37 percent). Food insecure is estimated to affect 140.000 people in Gujba and 106.000 in Gulani.

Why are they food insecure?

These high levels of food insecurity, hitting IDPs the hardest, are due to the prolonged conflict and displacement that have destroyed livelihoods (in particular the rural ones), to the increased food prices (between 36 and 91 percent) and to the devaluation of the Naira against the dollar.

How can we support the households?

At this stage of the food security crisis it is important to assist most vulnerable IDPs and host population in the assessed LGAs through:

- 1) free in-kind food distributions where markets are disrupted and food not available or
- 2) CBT, being aware of the security risks and of the inflationary effects on the CBT assistance modality.
- 3) distribution of seeds to assist farmers in rebuilding their livelihood in collaboration with FAO.

It is important that the assistance delivery points be in secure conditions, in order to allow beneficiaries to obtain the assistance.

¹ Estimated figure which takes into consideration both IDP and host populations.

1. CONTEXT AND JUSTIFICATION

Yobe State is situated at the border with Niger and surrounded by Borno, Gombe, Bauchi and Jigawa States. Its economy is largely based on agriculture, mainly on gum Arabic, groundnuts, beans and cotton production. The State has also one of the largest cattle markets in West Africa located in Potiskum as well as rich fishing grounds and mineral deposits of gypsum, kaolin and quartz. However, the north-eastern States of Nigeria, such as Yobe, are considered fragile economies and poverty is higher than the national average². Chronic under-development, food insecurity as well as general poverty, illiteracy and unemployment characterise the social and economical fabric of this State.

Furthermore, violence perpetreted by the extremist group Boko Haram has severely affected Yobe as well as the northeast Nigeria for the last six years. This has resulted in widespread displacement and a growing humanitarian emergency, in particular in Yobe, Adamawa and Borno States. On 14 May 2013, former Nigerian President Jonathan Goodluck declared a state of emergency in Yobe State along with neighbouring Borno and Adamawa States, due to the activities of the terrorist network Boko Haram. Boko Haram's threat is preventing people's movements, restricting agricultural activities and is causing major displacement of people. The group even perpetrates attacks on schools, abducts people and has increased its use of children as suicide bombers.

The International Organization for Migration's (IOM) Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) estimates more than 112,600 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Yobe State, 55 percent of which are children. About 17,000 IDPs are reported to have returned to their areas of origin in Gujba and Gulani Local Government Areas (LGAs), which are still difficult to reach for humanitarian actors (OCHA Nigeria: Humanitarian Snapshot -as of 24 June 2016).

Evidence collected from selected households in Yobe shows that a growing number of households are facing serious food consumption gaps. According to the Joint United Nations (UN) assessment in April 2016 there were **250,000 severely food insecure people in Yobe State**, which corresponds to 8.34 percent of the whole population. The Boko Haram insurgency has lead to a lower than expected 2015-16 harvest (both cash and staple crops), which contributed to the upsurge of food insecurity. In most areas across Yobe, cash and staple food crops production was well below average. The harvest has been particularly bad in the Gujba LGA, which historically produces 60 to 70 percent of the food for the whole State. Infrastructure destruction, including the Katarko bridge³, have also posed more challenges to resumption of food production in this LGA.

Food access gap will further increase during the lean season (June to August) as the prices of staple foods (cereals) in most of the markets have increased when compared to the previous five-year average prices (CILSS, FAO and Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, March 2016). Although the markets in the northeast are gradually picking up from the impact of the insurgency, many factors contributed to their disruption and still need to recover, including the devaluation in the value of Nigerian Naira against the US dollar, the high cost of transportation, the poor condition of roads, and the multiple taxation (FEWS NET/WFP Regional Markets report 2016).

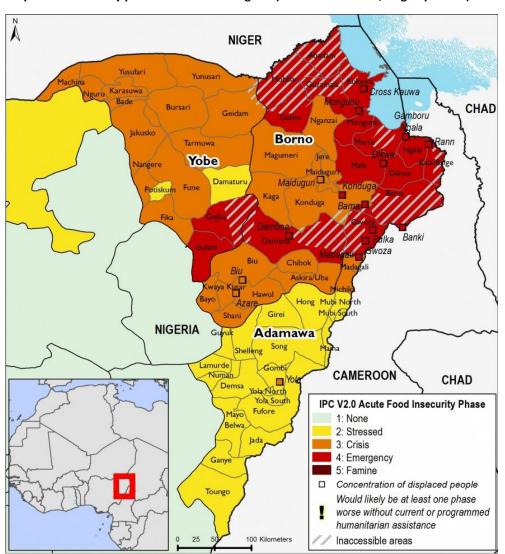
Moreover, cross border pastoral movement from Borno to Yobe has increased the stress on pasture and

² According to *The Harmonised Nigeria Living Standard Survey* of 2009/2010 while the average poverty rate is 61 percent at national level, it is 69 percent in Yobe LGA.

³ Boko Haram insurgents attacked the town of Katarko in July 2014 and blew up the Katarko Bridge that connects Damaturu to Buni Yadi, the capital of Gujba Local Government Area. The bridge connects Yobe and neighboring Borno and Adamawa States (source: https://www.channelstv.com/2014/07/29/boko-haram-kills-8-blows-bridge-yobe/).

water for livestock. This has gradually led to an abnormal seasonal trend in livestock body conditions, only expected to recover slightly with the arrival of the rainy season in June.

According to the National Nutritional and Health Survey of November 2015, the prevalence of Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM)4 for children under five is 10.9 in Yobe State compared to the national average of 7.2 percent, which is above the critical threshold of 10 percent established by the World Health Organization (WHO). The prevalence of the Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in Yobe State is 2 percent compared to the national prevalence of 1.8 percent (National Bureau of Statistics, 2015). However, evidence form the field indicates that the nutritional situation has dramatically deteriorated, in particular among the displaced population. Between May and July 2016 mass Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screenings in IDP camp health centres revealed a very high percentage of malnourished children in the majority of IDP camps, including a significant number of cases of SAM (FEWS NET, August 2016b). While health-screening data is not statistically representative, it provides evidence of extremely poor nutrition outcomes in northeast Nigeria. Conditions may be even worse in areas that remain inaccessible.



Map 1: Food security phase in Northeast Nigeria (source: FEWS NET, Aug-Sept 2016)

The crisis has exceeded Nigeria's ability to respond alone. Relevant UN agencies, such as WFP, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Office of the UN High

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⁴ GAM is expressed in z-scores, according to WHO 2006 growth standards.

Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)⁵ and the IOM have publically declared the crisis in Northeastern Nigeria **internal Level 3 emergencies**. This is the global humanitarian system's classification for the response to the most severe, large-scale humanitarian crises.

During the World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016, the UN aid chief Stephen O'Brien said West Africa's Lake Chad Basin is the world's most neglected humanitarian crisis, where poverty and desertification have been compounded by violence caused by Boko Haram.

Many of the areas in Yobe State are still inaccessible.

Information is fragmented, inadequate for providing responses and, in the best case, based on remote monitoring systems. Timely, reliable "Lake Chad Basin [..] is the most under reported, the most underfunded and the least addressed of the big crises we face," U.N. aid chief Stephen O'Brien said.

(Istanbul World Humanitarian Summit, May 2016).

and primary data is necessary in order to understand how best to respond to people's needs. This Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) was designed to provide elements to assess the food security and nutrition situation in the most vulnerable LGAs of Yobe State in a short period of time.

The assessment took place at the beginning of the lean season (July), a time when food stocks are usually depleted, food prices are higher than in normal time and income earning opportunities are fewer.

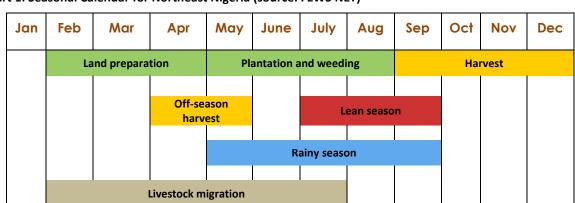


Chart 1: Seasonal Calendar for Northeast Nigeria (source: FEWS NET)

⁵ The United Children's Fund (UNICEF) has declared the L3 emergency on 23 August 2016.

2. METHODOLOGY

The information in this report combines primary quantitative data collected at household level, qualitative data collected at community level as well as secondary data, in particular various WFP assessments and monitoring reports. It also includes the analysis of anthropometric measurements of children aged 6 to 59 months and women in the household.

2.1 Objectives

The main objectives of this EFSA are:

- a) To assess the food security and nutrition situation of the IDPs and host populations in the four most vulnerable LGAs located in the eastern part of Yobe State (Gujba, Gulani, Geidam and Yunusari);
- b) Describe the profile and estimate the approximate number of IDPs and host community households and individuals affected by food insecurity, including their location and socio-economic characteristics;
- c) Define the immediate and underlying causes of food insecurity.

To provide recommendations to improve the targeting of the joint household food security (through Cash-Based Transfer) and nutrition assistance (through Blanket Supplementary Feeding) in these LGAs.

2.2 Targeted area and population

The assessment initially focused on four LGAs in Yobe State (Gujba, Gulani, Geidam and Yunusari), considered the most vulnerable to food insecurity. In each of them, six wards had been identified as the most vulnerable, since the most affected by the insurgency of Boko Haram. However, due to security reasons, the assessment was carried out only in Gujba and Gulani LGAs.

The wards of Buni Yadi (in Gujba LGA) and Gulani (in Gulani LGA) are urban ones, all the others are rural.

Geographical division

State: The highest administrative boundary below the national level. Nigeria has 36 administrative divisions.

LGA: States are further divided into Local Government Areas (LGAs). Yobe State has 17 LGAs*, including Gujba and Gulani. Each LGA is subdivided into wards.

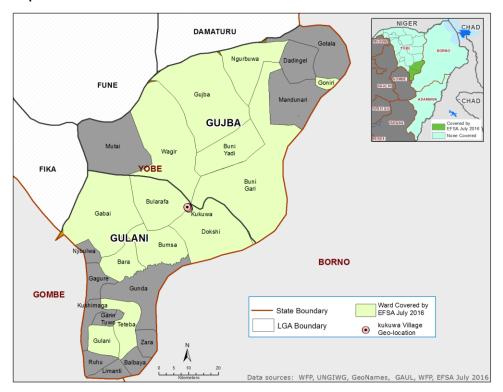
Ward: There are 178 wards in Yobe State.

*Bursari, Damaturu, Geidam, Bade, Gujba, Gulani, Fika, Fune, Karasuwa, Machina, Nangere, Nguru, Potiskum, Tarmuwa, Yunusari and Yusufari.

Table 1: Targeted area: LGAs and wards

Gujba targeted wards	Gujba, Goniri, Buni Gari, Buni Yadi, Ngirbuwa, Garin Itache
Gulani targeted wards	Bumsa, Bularafa, Bara, Teteba, Jibulwa, Gulani, Dokshi, Gabai, Kukuwa

Map 2: Assessed wards



2.3 Sampling methodology

Sampling frame

A stratified purposive⁶ sampling method was used, using the origin of the households as main criteria. Two strata compose the survey sample:

- 1) the IDPs within the city limits and
- 2) the host community within the city limits.

This stratification allows a better comparison of the food security situation between the above subgroups, compared to the one using the administrative boundaries.

Six wards per LGAs have been assessed. In each of these wards three communities have been randomly selected for a total of 52 communities; they represent the clusters.

In each village 12 households have been identified based on the above criteria.

Households have been randomly selected using the "spin the pen" method to select a random walking direction. The data collection team has counted the number of households encountered along the transect line between the centre and the perimeter of the village. This number was then divided into 12 to determine the interval at which households along the transect line had to be selected. Once the required number of host community households was reached, the enumerators interviewed the required number of IDPs in the same ward.

⁶ The purposive sampling bases the households' selection on the judgement of the researcher. This allows focusing on particular characteristics of the population of interest.

Sample size

The required sample size, by strata and using a systematic sampling, has been calculated using the following formula:

α= 1,96 for a 95% confidence interval
 p= assumed current value
 d= required precision
 DEFF= Design effect

Sample size= α^2 x [p x (1-p)] / d^2 x DEFF ⁷

Given the lack of reliable information on both the homogeneity of the surveyed population (a mix of IDPs/returnees, semi-urban and rural populations), and on the availability of the IDPs⁸, a design effect of 2 was recommended.

The household response rate is estimated at 95 percent and individual response rate at 90 percent.

Table 2: Actual sample

	Communities	IDP households	Host community households	Total
Total	52	531	1,278	1,809

A total of 1,809 households were interviewed, comprising 531 IDP (households) and 1,278 households from the host population.

Results of this assessment are statistically representative at LGA level.

Key indicators

The analysis of this EFSA focuses on the following main indicators:

- Household Food Consumption Score
- Households coping strategies (food and livelihood strategies)
- Poverty indicators (sources of income, household food expenditures, access to credit and indebtedness)
- Protection indicators (type of shocks and frequency of threats)

To describe the food security situation, the WFP's Consolidated Approach for Reporting Indicators of Food Security (CARI) is used in this EFSA.

2.4 Training of the enumerators

One-day methodological training and questionnaire testing took place at the Center for Research and Capacity Development on Humanitarian Studies (CRCDHS), a technical structure of Yobe State University, prior the data collection.

2.5 Data collection

The data collection took place from 18 to 29 July 2016; it was carried out with the support of the University of Yobe. Four teams composed of eight enumerators collected the data under the supervision of the director

⁷ This formula is the one recommended in the CSFVA guidelines, WFP 2009.

⁸ At the moment the survey took place many IDPs were trying to return to their places of origin.

of the CRCDHS and WFP Nigeria staff. Enumerators were primarily NEMA and SEMA staff and personnel of the University of Yobe with technical competencies on food security, sociology, agronomy and data collection.

Within each team, a team leader from NEMA or SEMA was designated to check the data at the end of each day. In case of inconsistencies the enumerators were asked to recollect the data again the following day.

Focus group discussions took place in the two LGAs' level with the objective of providing more in-depth understanding of the impact of the insurgency on the communities. Key informants were selected from different wealth groups within the communities in order to understand the impact of the insurgency on the different population groups.

2.6 Data collection tools

Questionnaire: Primary data was collected through face-to face interviews using a household questionnaire that focused on general socio-economic and demographic household characteristics, food security indicators, education, housing and sanitation features, agricultural production, income/livelihood sources, expenditures, credit and indebtedness, shocks, desired assistance and mother and child anthropometric measurements. The information collected through the household questionnaire is quantitative.

Mothers, or self-declared caregivers, responded to the questions on the children's food consumption.

Interview guide: A focus group paper interview guide was also used to collect qualitative information at community level.

Smartphones: Enumerators collected the quantitative primary data through smartphones, using an open source data collection platform (Open Data Kit -ODK) set up by WFP.

MUAC tapes: Enumerators used yellow + red MUAC tapes to measure children and MUAC tapes without colour code for women.

2.7 Data entry, analysis and validation

Quantitative data was uploaded on an online server based in WFP regional bureau in Dakar. The data analysis was carried out using Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) and Excel software. WFP ensured the data cleaning, analysis and report writing.

The validation of the preliminary findings was done jointly by WFP, UNICEF, FEWS NET, SEMA, NEMA and the Yobe State University.

2.8 Limitations

Insecurity: the threat of attacks by Boko Haram prevented the teams in the field from reaching the four initially planned LGAs. Therefore the sampling had to be readjusted: the teams were able to assess only two out of four LGAs.

Lack of primary data on food prices: the teams in the field could not collect food prices in the markets, since most of them were not functioning at the time of the data collection.

Discrepancy between the subgroups: the teams interviewed a lower than anticipated number of IDPs, as most of them were trying to return home at the time of the assessment.

3. RESULTS

3.1 Household Food Security Status

The status of household food security is estimated through the Consolidated Approach to Reporting Indicators of Food Security (CARI)⁹. This WFP methodology outlines the food security prevalence in a population based on an algorithm which combines, at the household level, the results for each of these food security indicators: the food consumption score, the livelihood coping strategy and the share of food expenditures.

In Gujba and Gulani up to 74 percent of the households are food insecure, which translates into more than 222,402 people (respectively about 140,000 in Gujba and 106,000 in Gulani)¹⁰, of which more than 67,000 affected in a severe way. This situation is very worrisome since the proportion of severely food insecure households is 20 percent, which corresponds to one fifth of the population. No significant difference of the Food Security Index is observed between the two LGAs.

Table 3: CARI console

Domain					Food Insecurity	
		Indicator	Food Secure	Marginally Food Secure	Moderately Food Insecure	Severely Food Insecure
Current Status	Food Consumption	Food Consumption Group	24%		29%	47%
Coping	Economic Vulnerability	Food Expenditure Share	31%	20%	17%	32%
Capacity	Asset Depletion	Livelihood Coping Strategy Categories	20%	21%	20%	40%
	Food Security Index		4%	22%	54%	20%
	·				74%	

However, the pattern of food insecurity distribution varies if the household is from the host community or

internally displaced. Although the overall Food Security Index of the IDPs is similar to the host community's (76 percent and 73 percent respectively), the share of households severely affected by food insecurity is higher among the displaced (31 percent) than among the host community (16 percent), suggesting that more vulnerable displaced population have to cope with more difficulties than the host

In Gujba and Gulani up to 74 percent of the households is food insecure

community. Analysis shows that IDPs perform worse than the local community on the main food security indicators, in particular the most vulnerable share of households.

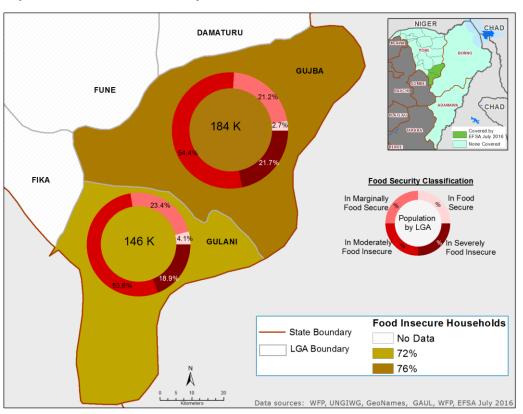
⁹ For more information on the CARI consult the guidelines at: https://resources.vam.wfp.org/sites/default/files/CARI%20Guidance_2nd%20ed.pdf

¹⁰ Calculation was possible thanks to the 2016 population projections of Yobe State made by UN ESA based on the 2006 National Population census.

Table 4: CARI console per type of population

Type of population	Food Secure	Marginally Food Secure	Moderately Food Insecure	Severely Food Insecure
IDPs	4%	19%	46%	31%
Host community	3%	24%	57%	16%
Total	3%	22%	54%	20%

Map 3: Distribution of Food Security in the assessed LGAs



3.2 Food Consumption

Household food consumption is measured through the Food Consumption Score, an indicator that measures the dietary diversity, energy, macro and micro content value of the food consumed by the household during the seven days prior the interview.

Overall, 47 percent of the households in the assessed LGAs have **poor food consumption**. Their diet is essentially starch based; the meals are based on starchy food (for example yam, rice, cassava) and some dark green vegetables. These households never consume fish, meat, sugar, dairy products, fruits or vegetables rich in vitamin A (such as carrots,

FCS cut-off points

0-21: poor consumption

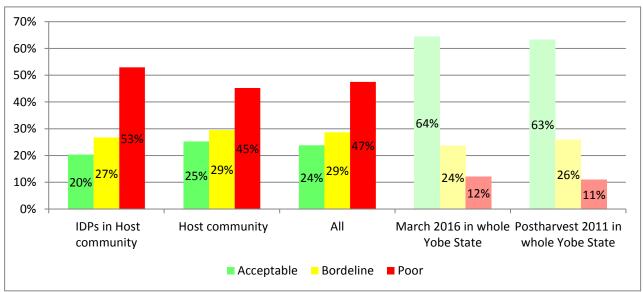
22-35: borderline consumption>35: acceptable consumption

200. deceptable consumption

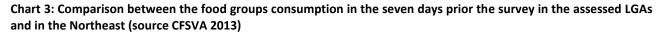
pumpkins, red peppers, orange sweet potatoes). Oils and fats are a "once a week" privilege for this group of households.

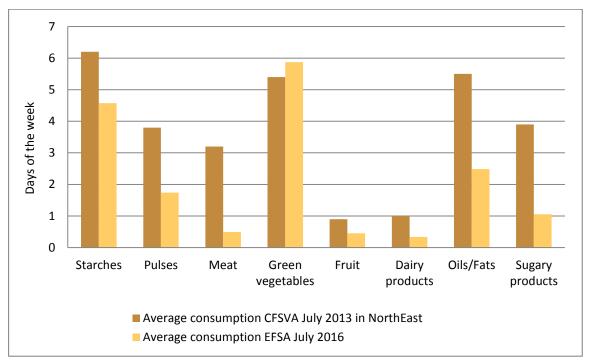
Borderline food consumption characterises another 29 percent of the interviewed households. Similar to the poor food consumption group, this group of households never eat food rich in animal proteins at all. Their meals are based on vegetable (baobab leaves, cassava leaves, spinach leaves, water leaves and other dark green vegetables), starch and oil/fats (the latter only consumed maximum four times per week). They rarely consume sugar and pulses (on average once a week) and dairy products and vegetables rich in vitamin A are also excluded from their diet.

Chart 2: Comparison between household food consumption in the assessed LGAs and Yobe state (sources: mVAM and CFSVA 2013 data)



Food consumption is thus at an **acceptable** level only for less than one fourth of the households, i.e. 24 percent. These households usually consume the typical northeast Nigerian meal, composed of starchy food dark green vegetables every day, to which they often add pulses and oil/fats (on average five times per week). Households belonging to this group are the only ones consuming food rich in animal protein, and this happens on average slightly less than twice a week. They consume sugar on average three times per week and dairy products and fruit only once a week. Fruit consumption is usually very low across all groups, mostly because fruit availability is seasonal, and very expensive during the lean season (WFP, July 2013), when the data collection was carried out.





Results show that there is no difference in the distribution of households with poor food consumption between the two LGAs. However, results are in line with the findings of the mVAM remote monitoring, which show that the LGAs in Yobe are vulnerable to food insecurity and have generally lower median food consumption scores compared to those in the northern area (WFP, June-July 2016). If in Gujba and Gulani the median FCS is 37, in neighbour Damaturu the FCS is 43, in Potiskum 41 and in the northern ones¹¹ it is 47.

In Gujba and Gulani 47 percent of the households have poor food consumption. Their meals are usually composed of starchy food and vegetable only.

It is worth noting that in March 2016 the FCS was poor for 12 percent of the households interviewed in the Yobe State during WFP's mVAM monitoring surveys. Borderline food consumption characterised another 24 percent of the population.

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¹¹ Bade, Bursari, Fika, Fune, Jakusko, Karasuwa, Nangere, Nguru, Tarmua, Machina and Yusufari.

3.3 Economic vulnerability

Households' economic vulnerability is measured through the share of their monthly food expenditures from the total. The general rule is that the higher the share of food expenses, the more vulnerable a household is. The proportion of food expenditures from the total is an indicator that feeds the analysis of the food security.

In the assessed LGAs, the proportion of monthly food expenses is very high. In particular for about 70 percent of the households the monthly food expenditures represent, on average, more than 50 percent of their total expenses. Moreover, for one third of the interviewed households (32 percent) food represents more than 75 percent of the total household's monthly expenditures, leaving aside only a tiny bit for other essential expenses they have, such as education, health-related or transportation fees. Little by little, non-essentials get cut.

Although the forthcoming crop harvest is projected to be better than the previous year one in Yobe State, this data is particularly worrisome since households' food stocks are usually depleted at the on-set of the lean season, especially considering that many of the worst affected areas in Yobe (and Borno and Adamawa States as well) have experienced a decline in food production for three consecutive years according to FEWS NET (FEWS NET bulletin- September 9, 2016). Moreover, as later analysed, staple food prices have increased compared to 2015, limiting households' access to food and putting the most vulnerable households in a precarious situation.

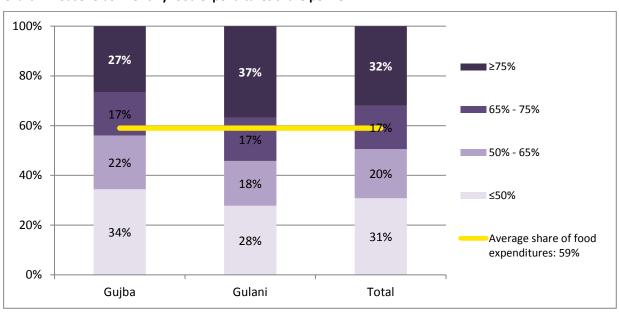


Chart 4: Households' monthly food expenditures share per LGA

This situation is even more dramatic in Gulani, where monthly food expenditures represent 75 percent or

more for about 37 percent of the interviewed households. In the particular case of Kukuwa ward, these households represent 54 percent, which is unusually high. In Gabai and Bara wards (both in Gulani LGA) these vulnerable households represent more than 40 percent of the total (43 and 42 percent respectively).

Displaced households seem to be more economically vulnerable than the host community ones: for 36 percent of the displaced households food expenditures represent more than 75 percent compared to 30 percent of the local community households.

About 70 percent of the households spend more on food than other essential nonfood items every month.

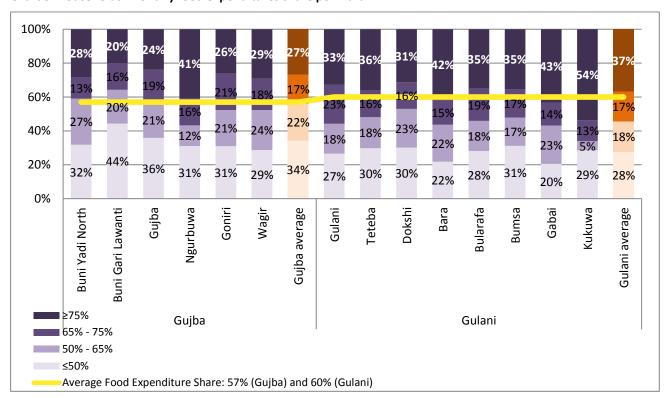


Chart 5: Households' monthly food expenditures share per ward

The two strata considered (IDPs and Host community) do not show significantly different food expenditures patterns. However, IDPs spend on average more on food compared to the host community (55 percent of IDPs spend on average more than 65 percent on food, compared to 47 percent of the local households).

Table 5: Share of food expenditures per type of population

	Food expenditure share categories						
	≤50% 50% - 65% 65% - 75% ≥75%						
IDPs	26%	19%	19%	36%			
Host community	33%	20%	17%	30%			
All	31%	20%	17%	32%			

The livelihoods that are more economically vulnerable are those based on remittances of family members, handicraft, livestock, hunter-gathering and petty trade. They are also very vulnerable to food price fluctuations since they are not strictly linked to agriculture, which is a primary source of food. In particular, all the households relying on remittances spend 75 percent or more of their budget on food, which makes them particularly vulnerable to any variation of food prices. Among the households relying on handicraft or on artisanal works, half spend more than 50 percent of their monthly expenses on food.

A remarkable difference exists among women- and men-headed households: up to half of the women-headed households devote 75 percent of more of their monthly expenditures to food compared to about 38 percent of the men-headed households, confirming the much higher vulnerability of the woman-headed households.

3.4 Coping strategies

When shocks push households beyond the usual difficulties faced in normal times, they and individuals employ coping strategies. Some of these strategies may damage lives and livelihoods, thereby reducing resilience and increasing vulnerability (EFSA handbook, WFP 2009). These strategies are typically consumption or livelihood-based.

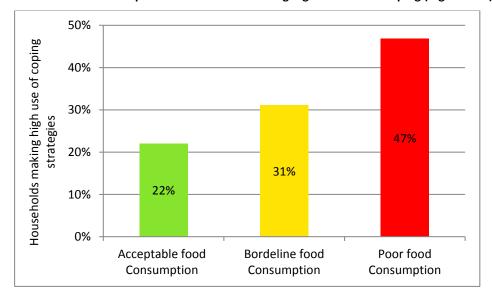
3.4.1 Food strategies

The reduced-Coping Strategies Index (rCSI) measures the habit of five detrimental consumption-based behaviours that households pursued during the seven days prior the survey: the consumption of less preferred and less expensive food, the borrowing of food, the reduction of portion size, the restriction of adults' consumption in favour of children and reduction in the numbers of meals per day¹². A high rCSI means that households are using more severe coping strategies more frequently to deal with lack or scarcity of food or insufficient money to buy food.

Table 6: Coping strategies used per type of population

Coping Strategies used	IDPs	Hosts	All
Rely on less preferred, less expensive food	85%	79%	81%
Borrow food or relied on help from friends or relatives	72%	66%	68%
Reduce the number of meals eaten per day	83%	70%	74%
Reduce portion size of meals	78%	65%	69%
Reduce the quantities consumed by adults/mothers for young children	74%	64%	67%

Chart 6: Food consumption of households making high use of food coping (high tertile)



¹² For more details on the CSI:

3.4.2 Livelihood strategies

The livelihood-based strategies depict the magnitude of the households' livelihood stress and insecurity and also anticipate the capacity to produce in the future. They reflect the long-term coping capacity of households. The Livelihood Coping Strategies indicator¹³ measures the livelihood stress and asset depletion during the 30 days prior to survey. Respondents are classified into four categories, following the severity of the behaviours adopted vis-à-vis the family assets. Households adopt stress, crisis or emergency coping

strategies, or no strategies at all.

On average, 80 percent of the households in the assessed areas resorted to livelihood coping strategies, without a significant difference between the two LGAs. What is worrisome is that the most frequently used are the **emergency coping strategies** (40 percent), which are the most difficult to reverse since they jeopardise the household's future recovery and productivity.

Stress strategies such as borrowing money or spending savings, indicate a reduced ability to deal with future shocks due to a current reduction in resources or increase in debts.

Crisis strategies, such as selling productive assets, directly reduce future productivity, including human capital formation.

Emergency strategies, such as selling own land, affect future productivity and are more difficult to reverse or more dramatic in nature.

Households adopting **crisis coping strategies** are also common (20 percent). They should be monitored to prevent them from adopting more detrimental behaviours.

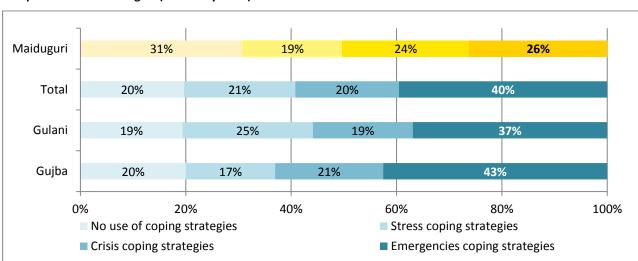


Chart 7: Frequency of the household's use of livelihood coping strategies in the 30 days prior the survey and comparison with Maiduguri (EFSA May 2016)

Between the host and the displaced households, there is no significant difference in the frequency of livelihood coping strategies.

¹³ For more information regarding the Livelihood Coping strategies indicator refer to the CARI technical guidance note: https://resources.vam.wfp.org/sites/default/files/CARI%20Guidance 2nd%20ed.pdf

70% 60% 50% 불^{40%} 20% 10% 0% Sale of Saving Sale house Sale of hh Credit or Money Reduce Withdrawal Begging Illegal assets food borrowing productive health and children or land activities borrowing assets education from expenses school Emergency strategies Stress strategies Crisis strategies

■ IDPs ■ Host

Chart 8: Adoption of livelihood coping strategies per type of population

Some differences in the adoption of livelihood strategies exist between households of Gulani and Gujba LGAs. Households of Gujba overall seem to resort more on emergency and crisis strategies compared to those in Gulani.

Households resort more often to the emergency livelihood strategies, which are the more dramatic.

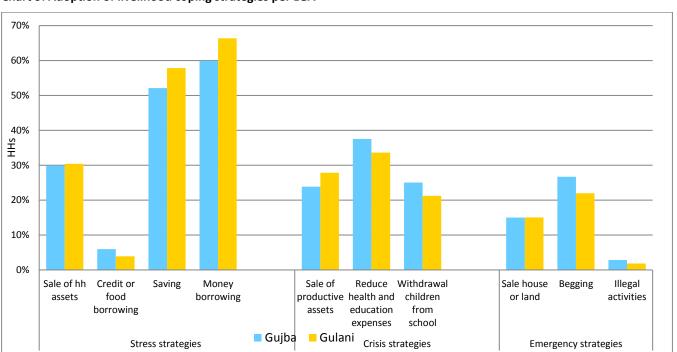
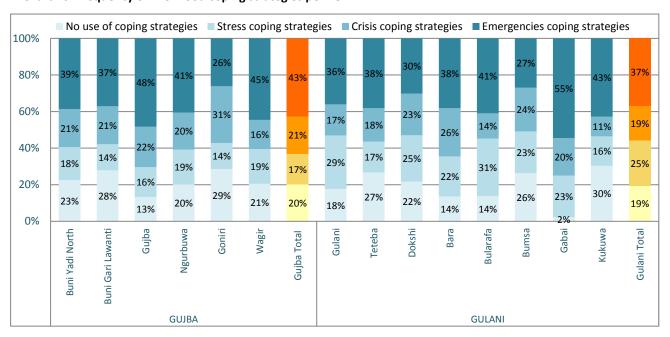


Chart 9: Adoption of livelihood coping strategies per LGA

Chart 10: Frequency of livelihood coping strategies per LGA



3.5 Characteristics and profiles of food-insecure households

Sex of the head of household: Among the IDPs, women-headed households are extremely more exposed to food insecurity, including severe food insecurity, compared to their homologue men-headed households. Overall 85 percent of the displaced women-headed households are food insecure, 54 percent of which in a severe way. Among the displaced men-headed households 6 percent are food insecure, 29 percent of which in a severe way.

Similarly, a higher proportion of food insecurity is observed among women-headed households within the host community, where men-headed households have better food security indicators compared to the male homologues. The food consumption of the local community is overall better, the share of food expenditures over the total is minor and there are lower coping strategies. This suggests that the local community has a better access to food, likely thanks to better living conditions and better economic and social stability.

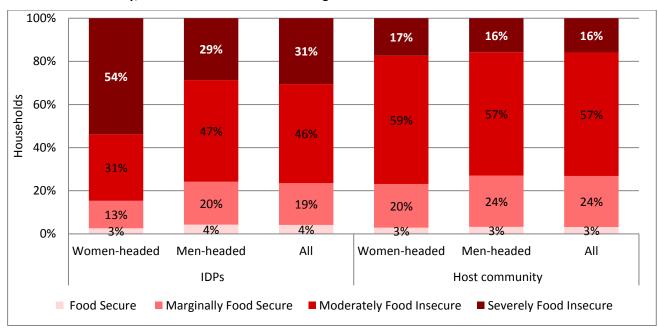
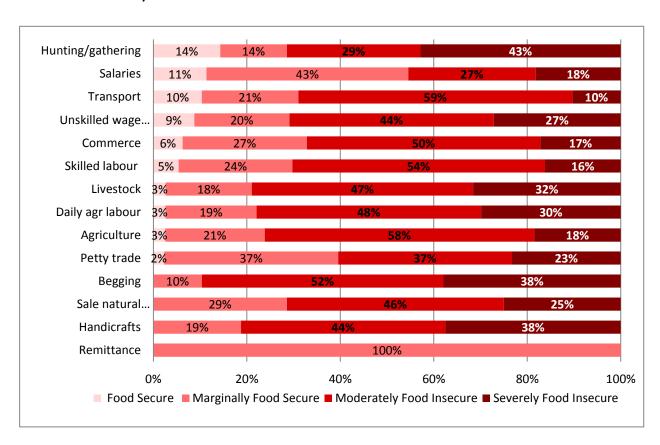


Chart 11: Food security, sex of head of household and origin of household

Livelihood: Food insecurity (moderate and severe) is more frequent among those households relying mainly on begging or external assistance (90 percent), handicraft (81 percent), livestock (79 percent), daily agricultural labour (78 percent) and gardening or cash crop agriculture (76 percent) and unskilled wage labour (71 percent). It is important to note that agriculture is the main source of income for 71 percent of the population (both IDPs and host community), followed by those living mainly off unskilled labour (6 percent) and daily agricultural labour. All these categories are typically more exposed to food insecurity than others.

Chart 12: Food security and livelihood



Access to farming land: Access to farm land does not seem an issue in the assessed LGAs for both IDPs and local communities. The majority of the interviewed households who mainly rely on agriculture (90 percent) have access to farm land, with no significant difference between the two types of population.

However, among households without access to farming land for growing any type of crop, food insecurity prevalence is higher (85 percent) compared to those households with access to land (72 percent).

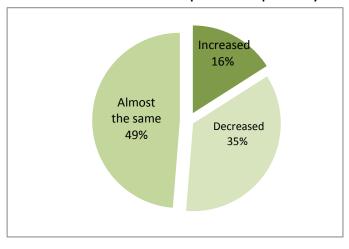
Table 7: Food security and access to farming land

Access to farming land	Food Secure	Marginally Food Secure	Moderately Food Insecure	Severely Food Insecure
Household with no access to farming land	2%	13%	65%	20%
Household with access to farming land	4%	24%	52%	20%

Variation of agricultural land size: The average household agricultural land size has decreased compared to the previous year for at least one third of the households (35 percent). It is approximately at the same size as the previous year for half of the population and it has increased for 16 percent of the households.

Chart 13: Household land size compared to the previous year

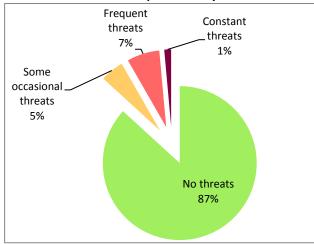
The decrease in size of farming land is attributed to the deterioration of the security conditions in the State. The assessed LGAs are the most inaccessible ones in Yobe State and the fear of Boko Haram prevents farmers from reaching the farthest agricultural parcels. Farm workers fear attacks while tending their grazing animals or cultivating the parcels.



3.6 Protection

The large majority of the interviewed households (87 percent) felt there were no threats in the place where they were living at the time of the survey. These places could be camps, communities or villages. However, the vast majority of the displaced are hosted by relatives or friends. For the remaining 13 percent there are concerns, and among them 7 percent felt the threats are frequent.

Chart 14: Level of threats perceived by the households



Among those who feel insecure, the most common perceived threats and fears are the restrictions in movement due to landmines, violent attacks or checkpoints (33 percent). These threats can prevent people from going to the markets, both to sell or buy their food, since markets have already been targets of violent attacks in the State¹⁴.

Other major fears consist in the destruction of land or properties (31 percent), in the killings by Boko Haram militants (20 percent) or in related physical violence (10 percent).

Respondents considered themselves as more exposed

to violence (82 percent) compared to women (13 percent) or children (1 percent).

Main fears are the limitations of movement, destruction of properties or land, killings and physical violence.

Unfortunately these threats or fears are preventing the people from accessing humanitarian assistance too, according to almost 60 percent of the respondents.

Respondents have judged the relationships between the host community and the IDP to be good overall in 86 percent of the cases or cordial in 13 percent of cases. Relationships are poor mainly due to disagreements between the beneficiaries of humanitarian assistance

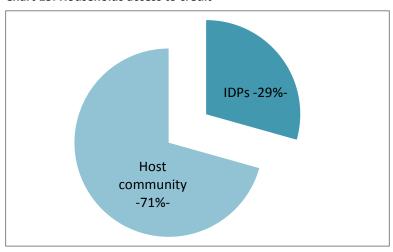
and the non-beneficiaries (25 percent) or due to differences related to ethnicity or religion (19 percent), or related to the area of origin (17 percent).

¹⁴ On 26 July 2015, a 10-year-old girl blew herself up in a busy market in Damaturu, which attracts thousands of vendors on Sundays, killing at least 15 and injuring 46, just six days after a powerful blast at a check-point on the outskirts of the city (Human Rights Watch, 2015).

3.7 Credit

Only 31 percent of the households have had access to credit during the three months prior to the survey. Among these households, the large majority (93 percent) have used the credit to buy food. Only a few households resorted to credit to cover health expenses or to buy agricultural inputs. This is a very worrisome picture since it shows the extent to which the majority of the households do not have the means to purchase food and are compelled to resort to credit to satisfy their minimum food needs. Lack of credit opportunities contributes to eroding most vulnerable livelihoods and affecting future recovery and stability.

Chart 15: Households access to credit

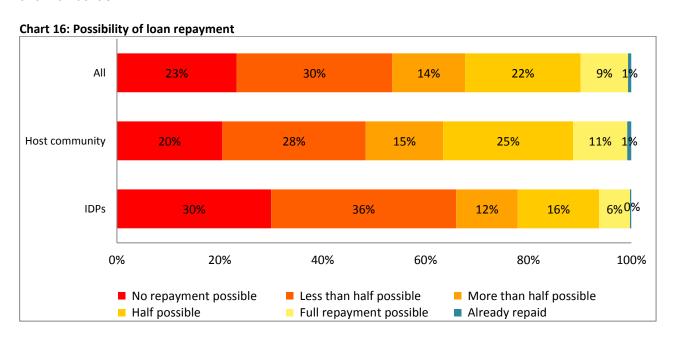


Credit is largely used to buy food (93 percent of the cases).

In fact only

very few households have already repaid the loans taken out. In particular, about 30 percent of the displaced households do not even consider it possible to repay the loan in the six months following the survey, compared to 20 percent of the households belonging to the host community. Debt repayment represents, on average, 3 percent of the household expenditures. The inability to repay credit will of course affect future possibilities to

ask for credit again and could lead to a vicious circle of social exclusion, poverty, indebtedness, food insecurity and malnutrition.



3.8 Status of Markets

Findings from recent assessments indicate that both Damaturu and Potiskum markets in Yobe State are recording low trade levels due to the security concerns in the area. The livestock border markets in Yobe State and Maiduguri city, which are supplied by international markets, have also been negatively affected due to security concerns (CILSS, FAO and Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, February 2016).

Rural people in Gulani and Gujba are both sellers and buyers of food commodities, at different times of year. Their livelihoods are influenced by both farm-gate prices¹⁵ to producers, and the prices at which they buy food as consumers. However, consumer prices have risen more than producer prices. Fuel price hikes, compounded by the depreciation in the value of the Nigerian Naira (NGN), are a major driving force behind rising basic food prices (rice and vegetable oil in particular). Soaring food prices drive up inflation and thus decrease households' purchasing power to the detriment of their consumption and, on the long term, of their livelihood.

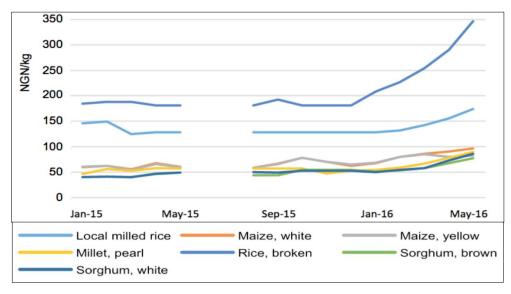
Staple retail food prices in Damaturu¹⁶, which is only 30 km away from Gujba and whose market prices can be considered similar to those in Gujba LGA, increased between 36 and 91 percent compared to 2015.

Table 8: Comparison of staple food prices between May 2015 and May 2016 (source: FEWS NET) and variation

Prices (NGN/kg)	Maize (Yellow)	Maize (White)	Sorghum (Brown)	Sorghum (White)	Millet (Pearl)	Imported Rice	Local Rice
May 2015	59,4975	60,35	48,9075	48,92	57,1425	181,15	128,11
May 2016	82,5	96,1075	77,155	85,6225	88,9625	346,0375	173,8
Variation	+39%	+59%	+58%	+75%	+56%	+91%	+36%

WFP's remote monitoring system indicates that in Yobe State increasing food prices and low casual wage rates appear to be driving down households' purchasing power, explaining the relatively higher use of negative food-based coping strategies reported by respondents in the State (WFP, mVAM 1, May 2016).

Chart 17: Average main food commodities' prices in Damaturu, Yobe State (source: FEWS NET)



¹⁵ The farm-gate prices are those received by farmers for their produce at the farm.

¹⁶ Damaturu is the capital of the Damaturu LGA in Yobe State.

Findings by both WFP's regular monitoring market system and from the mVAM¹⁷ indicate that in Maiduguri (where markets have been monitored) the continuous depreciation of the Naira against the US dollar¹⁸ has resulted in the increased of price of imported food items, particularly rice and vegetable oil¹⁹, which has likely happened in the neighboring LGA Yobe as well. This situation has certainly been a determinant in the decreased accessibility to food by the most vulnerable households.

¹⁷ For more information about the mVAM in Nigeria visit http://vam.wfp.org/sites/mvam_monitoring/nigeria.html

¹⁸ Data relate to the 10 markets assessed in Maiduguri and Jere LGAs (source: WFP Nigeria, August 2016).

¹⁹ Between April and July 2016 there has been a 20 percent increase in the unofficial exchange rate of the dollar against the Naira (source: mVAM bulletin 1, May 2016 and WFP Nigeria, August 2016).

4. Causes of Food Insecurity

The Yobe State is among the poorest in Nigeria. Although Gulani and Gujba are considered the breadbasket of the State and supply the internal market, poverty, chronic under-development and a seasonal agriculture characterise the economy of this State. The Boko Haram insurgency is putting further strain on already stretched environmental resources and basic services.

About the 63 percent of the interviewed households have experienced a difficulty or shock during the three months prior the survey. The frequency of shocks experienced by the IDPs and the host community is similar (69 percent and 60 percent respectively).

Insecurity - Boko Haram

The main shock perceived is the **insecurity** and all the uncertainty associated with the insurgency of Boko Haram. Boko Haram has spread terror in Yobe State by perpetuating violence, killing its opponents and abducting thousands of women and children.

The Boko Haram conflict had a dramatic impact on agriculture in the northeast of Nigeria. Farmers were forced to flee their homes in Yobe State, due to destruction of irrigation, livestock losses and farming facilities, including veterinary health facilities (FAO, July 2016) and they have been afraid to return to their land. As a consequence of this insecurity, rural households within the state and from Borno were forced either to migrate or to reduce the size of the agricultural parcels, resulting in a decrease of both incomes and direct food sources.

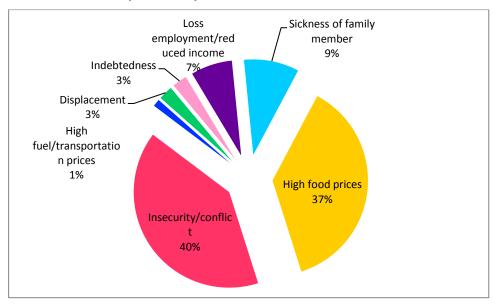


Chart 18: Main shock perceived by the households

Deterioration of household purchasing power

The second main shock, perceived in order of importance, is the soaring food prices, which are having a dramatic effect on household purchasing power. The deterioration of the purchasing power is the major cause of the food shortage and it compels households to resort to livelihood and food-related coping strategies with negative effects on their recovery in both the short and long term.

This is corroborated by the fact that half of the respondents stated that at some point there had been no food to eat of any kind in the household in the 30 days prior the survey, and this because of lack of resources

to get the food. This phenomenon has been more frequent among the IDPs (60 percent of the cases) than the host community (45 percent).

The reduced purchasing power has also lead to asking for credit, when credit is an option since sometimes it is a privilege extended only to some (in this case 31 percent of the households have obtained a credit) and the indebtedness rate is high since only 1 percent of the households have been able to repay debts incurred three months prior the survey.

Depleted food stocks

Although this shock was not mentioned among the main ones, evidence shows that at the time of the data collection rural households were still suffering the lingering effects of a below average 2015-16 harvest. Rural people depleted their food stocks because of disruptions to agricultural production in 2015, with direct impact on their food security.

Crop failure Heavy rain or flood Indebtedness High food prices High fuel/transportation prices Insecurity/conflict 31% Sickness of a family member 29% Restricted access to markets Irregular/unsafe drinking water Temporary relocation/displacement Loss of employment/reduced income 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% IDPs Host community

Chart 19: Most significant shocks perceived by the host community and IDPs

5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

About 222,402 people are food insecure in the LGAs of Gulani and Gujba, which corresponds to 74 percent of the population.

Households have reduced their quantity and quality of food intake: almost half of the households (47 percent) have poor food consumption and 29 percent have borderline food consumption. Food expenses represent more than 65 percent of the overall monthly expenses for about half of the households (49 percent). Nearly 80 percent of the households have resorted to detrimental livelihood strategies, and among them 40 percent turn to emergency coping strategies, which are the most difficult to reverse. Those 31 percent who had the chance to ask for credit are not able to repay it in the short or long term. The inability to repay a debt will affect future possibilities to ask for a credit again and can lead to a poverty trap of indebtedness, food insecurity and malnutrition.

This is an extremely dramatic situation, exacerbated by the insurgency of Boko Haram, which limits people's movements, prevents farmers from fully cultivating their land, and precludes job opportunities with consequent loss of economic assets, livelihood and, ultimately, hope.

Households in assessed LGAs of Gulani and Gujba are very vulnerable to currency swings and inflation since they depend on the market to satisfy their needs. The ongoing depreciation of the Naira has underpinned the soaring prices of both imported and domestic staple commodities. Food prices have increased compared to last year due to higher fuel and transportation costs, and, again, to the ongoing insurgency of Boko Haram. Higher prices, combined to the often non-functioning markets, have severely reduced food accessibility.

Although the forthcoming agricultural harvest is expected to increase compared to last year's, abundant evidence shows that the food security situation in the assessed LGAs is so dramatic that it is not far from reaching a famine level if assistance is not provided in the very short term.

Recommendations

The VAM team recommends a coordinated humanitarian response to the evolving situation marked by a food security crisis, soaring food prices, security risks and people displacement.

Security: it is important that the assistance delivery points be in secure conditions, in order to allow beneficiaries to obtain the assistance.

Targeting: Assistance should target the most vulnerable households, despite their displacement status. Targeting criteria should include all food insecure households:

- Households with no access to land for farming and owning no livestock;
- Poor households lacking cereal food reserves;
- Households engaging in precarious work of collecting natural resources and occasional labour;
- Household lacking productive assets/without income.

Moreover, poor households that respond to the following criteria should also be targeted:

- Households headed by women, in particular single mothers and without capacity to work;
- Households headed by a minor;
- Households with specific needs (specific to the context).

Assistance modalities: at this stage of the food security crisis it is important to assist through:

- · free in-kind food distributions
- CBT, being aware of the security risks and of the inflationary effects on the CBT assistance modality. Moreover, the difficulties to reach functional markets in the assessed LGAs, which are the least accessible of the State, should be also taken into account when planning the CBT

Food security monitoring: it is highly recommend to:

• continue monitoring prices in all the main markets of Yobe State

"This is about as bad as it gets. There's only one step worse and I've not come across that situation in 20 years of doing this work and that's a famine."

Toby Lanzer, UN assistant secretary general and OCHA's regional humanitarian coordinator for the Sahel.

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7. ANNEXES

Household questionnaire

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		mp/communit		a in which you are to your safety and	z=some concern. There are occasional thin					

	If the answer to the above question is (2, 3 or 4), describe the threats:					2=Ri 3=Al 4=Ki 5=Li 6=H	oduction Ilings mitations couse, land	ence on movement (e.g. check poin or property destruction fy):	its, mi	ines)
	Who are main	ily exposed to t	these tl	nreats?		3=G 4=B	omen rls bys	n certain groups (specify)		
		e these threats or fear of these threats preventing people from cessing assistance? Eg registration or distribution sites					 Yes No 			
	What is the relation between IDPs and the host community?						ood 2=Ve			
	If the relations are poor/very poor, what type of tension exists?					2=Be pope 3=Be 4=Be non-	etween dulation etween difference recipients	igion based lisplaced people/refugees ferent areas of people's origir cipients of humanitarian assi	1	
2 – ED	UCATION									
2.1	What is the hi	_	onal sta	atus of your h	ousehold head?	Prim train 6= T	ertiary	· · ·	3=	I <u> </u>
2.2	How many me	embers of your	house	hold are <u>curre</u>	ntly attending schoo	l (201	<u>6)</u> ?			
		a) 3-5		b) 6-12	c) 12-18	(l) +18			
Male		1_1		I_I	_		<u> _ </u>			
Femal	e						1_1			
2.3	Are any member of your household currently not attending school?				attending school?		0= No If	no skip to Section 3	I.	I
2.4	If some members of your household are not currently attending school, what are the THREE MAIN reasons? 1 School closed 2 School opened but no teachers Unable to pay fees/uniform				9	Disability Chronic i	llness			
	. Cu30113:		4	School is to	o far away	11	11 Caregiving / Stay home to work for family			
			5	No transpor	tation	12	Pregnand	cy/ Breastfeeding		

	CIRCLE 3 main reasons THAT APPLY or 999 if no	6	Family does not see the need	13	Other:			
	reason is provided	7	No school in the community					
3 – F	OOD CONSUMPTION AND FO	OD SO	URCES					
3.1	How many meals did t	he adul	ts (18+) in this household eat yeste	erday?		 Numb	er of meals	
3.2	How many meals did t	he men	nbers of the household between (6	5 -17) ea	at yesterday ?	 Numb	er of meals	
3.3			dren (0-5) in the household eat yes :				er of meals	
	How many days over the last 7 t was their source ?	days, d	did members of your household eat		-	, prepar	ed and/or consumed at h	ome, and
	Note for e	numer:	Use codes below, write 0 if not) ator: Determine whether consumpt			n small	quantities.	
		Food	l items/groups		3.4 - Number of eaten in past 7 If 0 days, do not s the main sour	days specify	3.5 - How was this food ac Write the main source of fo	
1.	Cereals, grains, roots and maize, potato, yam, cass		s: Rice, pasta, bread, sorghum, mil hite sweet potato	llet,			past 7 days	
2.	Legumes / nuts : beans, or other nuts	cowpea	as, peanuts, nut, soy, pigeon pea a	nd /	II		ll	
3.	dairy products		fresh milk / sour, yogurt, cheese, of small amounts of milk for tea / coff		11		II	
4.1	Flesh meat: beef, pork, la insects	amb, go	oat, rabbit, chicken, duck, other bir	ds,			l <u></u> l	
4.2	Organ meat: liver, kidne	y, heart	t and / or other organ meats		<u> </u>			
4.3	Fish/shellfish: fish, include (fish in large quantities a	-	nned tuna, cat fish and / or other so as a condiment)	eafood	<u> </u>			
4.4	Eggs							
5.1	Orange vegetables (vege pumpkin, orange sweet		rich in Vitamin A): carrot, red pepp es,	er,				
5.2	Green leafy vegetables: baobab leaf (Kuka), sorel (yakuwa), spinach (alepo), water leaf, cassava leaf, okra, lalo, karkachi moringa (zogale) and/or other dark green leaves				11		l <u> </u>	
6	Fruits: banana, apple, lei goruba, dumpam etc.	Fruits: banana, apple, lemon, mango, papaya (popo), apricot, peach, goruba, dumpam etc.						
7	Oil / fat /butter: vegetab fats / oil	oalm oil, groundnut oil, margarine,	other	1_1 1_1				
8	Sugar, or sweet: sugar, h cakes and other sweet (s		am, cakes, candy, cookies, pastries drinks)	i,	II		ll	

9	Condiments / Spices: tea, coffee / baking powder, Maggi, tomato / s condiments including small amou	sauce, n	neat or fish as a condiment,	II			
1 = Own p	uisition codes production (crops, animal) g / Hunting ring	-	d aid from civil	nily relatives or friends society, NGOs, governme	nt, UN		
4 – HOUS	EHOLD COPING STRATEGIES						
	ng the <u>last 7 days</u> , were there day aploy one of the following strateging strateging the following strateging the strateging	es (to c	ope with a lack of food or money		Frequency (n	umber of days	
Relied on	less preferred, less expensive foo	d				II	
Borrowed	food or relied on help from friend	ds or re	latives			11	
Reduced t	the number of meals eaten per da	У				ll	
Reduced p	portion size of meals					II	
Reduction	in the quantities consumed by ac	lults/m	others for young children				
household measures	g the past 30 days, did anyone in y d have to engage in any of the follo because there was not enough fo buy food?	owing	1 = No; I did not face a shortage 2 = No, because I already sold to 12 months and cannot continue 3 = Yes 4 = N/A	hose asset	s or have enga	ged in this activity within	the last
1.1 Sold h	ousehold assets/goods (radio, fur	niture,	refrigerator, television, jewellery,	clothes et	c.)	ll	
1.2 Purcha	ased food on credit or borrowed f	ood					
1.3 Spent	savings						
1.4 Borrov	wed money					ll	
1.5 Sold p	roductive assets or means of trans	sport (s	ewing machine, wheelbarrow, bio	cycle, car, e	etc.)	ll	
1.6 Reduc	ed expenses on health (including	drugs) a	and education				
1.7 Withd	rew children from school						
1.8 Sold h	ouse or land						
1.9 Begge	d						
1.10 Enga	1.10 Engaged in illegal income activities (theft, prostitution)						

5 - (WA	(WASH, HOUSING & FACILITIES)									
5.1	Where do you mainly obtain your <u>drinking water</u> at the moment? (SELECT ONLY ON		3 = Surface water (p water/sachet	5 = Protected Well/spring 6= Unprotected Well 7 = Water truck 8 = Other (specify):						
5.1.1	How far away is this water s Record time in hours and/or	min		walking di	_			999	hours _ _ minutes 9 = water is in the compound	
5.1.2	Is it safe for you or your far members/community to for water from the water point any time of the day?	etch	1=Yes 2=No 3=Presence of check							
5.2	What is the MAIN source of energy for cooking in your household?			4 =Electricity 5 = Kerosene 6= Other (specify):						I
5.3	What is the MAIN type of toilet/latrine your househol uses? (SELECT ONLY ONE)	d	1 = Own flush toilet 2 = Shared flush toilet 3 = Cement pit latrine 4 = Dirt pit latrine 5 = Bush (open defecation) 6 = Other (specify):							l
5.4	Observe and note the type dwelling	of	1 = House 4 = Tent/plastic shee			partment (specify):	3 = Str	aw Hut	I_	
5.4.1	Observe and note the quality of the materials of the walls the building	•	1 = Mostly in durable 2 = Mostly in non-de					materials,	I	I
5.4.2	Observe and note the quality of the materials of roof of the building		plastic sheets, straw	rs)					I_	
5.4.3	Do you or your household o or rent this dwelling/buildin		1. Rent 2. Lease 2					. Own . Don't ov	wn but live fo	r free
	Does your household own any of the following A Beds B Sponge mattress		J	Agricultu Seed for		(hoe/spade,	cutlass)	_ _		
5.5	assets? (only if functional)				 					
	WHILE ASKING, ALSO OBSERVE AND RECORD	E	Television		M Cash, other savings (jewellery)			'' _		
	COSERVE AND RECORD	F	Car, taxi	ll	N	Motorcy	cle			

	G	Cupboard/dresser	_	0	Bicycle	_
	Н	Cell/Mobile phone	_	Р	Cart (ox cart etc)	_

6 – AG	RICULTURE PRODUCTION		– AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION						
6.1	Do you have access to farming langrow any type of food /crops?	nd where yo	ou can		0 = No 1 :	= Yes		If no sk	ip to 6.5
6.2	How do you access this land?	2 = Rente	e ownershi d/leased la nunion/gro	and	nd 4 = Crop-shared 5 = Land allocated to IDPs by			l_l	
6.3	What is the size of this farmland?				 999	HECTARES) = I don't know	5		
6.4	Has the land size cultivated changed compared to last year? 1= Increased 3 = Remained about 2 = Decreased Decreased						same	I_I	
6.5	Does your household own any liv poultry)?	estock (catt	tle, small ru	umina	nts or	0= No 1= Yes		If no	skip to 6.7
	1 = Cattle					guinea	ultry (chicken 1 fowls) 	, duck,	
6.6	If yes, how many of each of the following animals do you own (put 00 if none owned) 3 = Sheep _ _				_ _ _	4 = Pig	s _ .		
				5 = 0	Goats <u> </u>	_ _ _	7= Oth	ner (specify): 	_ _
				6 =C	amels	_ _			
6.7	Does the household practice any fish farming?	fishing or			0= No 1= Yes	5		<u> _</u>	
6.8	What are the three main constra production, livestock breeding an Provide up to three constraints a with the constraint with the large	nd/or fishing	g? order of ne		·	_	1.	2. _. _	3. _
	Codes for agricultural /farming/livestock constraints: 1 = Insecurity 2 = Lack of seeds 3 = Low soil fertility 4 = Pests and diseases 5 = Lack of cash/money 6 = Lack of land 7 = Lack of rain/delayed rainfall 8 = High costs for agricultural inputs 9 = High costs for labour				collate 11 = La 12 = La	ack of access the eral ack of storage ack of animal ack of access t	facilities health staff		
6.9	Is there an accessible market from which to buy food or sell surplus produce in your neighbourhood?					e in your		0= No 1= Yes	5
6.10	If there is no market, insert the means of transportation and indicate the minutes it takes to get there (round trip, there and back)? a. Transport 1 = Walking 2 = Car/Bus/Bic						e:		

					3= Other (specify):				
	If walking places indicate be		, mainsubage it takes and how many						
	If walking please indicate how many minutes it takes and how many kilometres is separating the camp from the market.								
		b. Kild	ometres:				_		
		c. M	inutes:			_ _	_ _		
	Is it safe for you or your far or the markets at any time o		mbers/community to access farm ay?	land	1=Yes 2=No 3=Presei checkpo	nce of	4=Blockades 5=Robbery 6=Sexual Violence/Harassment 7= Other		
7– INC	COME/LIVELIHOOD SOURCES	AND DE	BTS						
7.1	How many household mem	bers are	contributing or have contributed	to the			1 11 1		
7.1	household's income in the p	ast thre	ee months?				_ _		
7.2 WI	hat are the 3 main income so	urces (re	eport maximum 2) of the househo	old for th	ne last 3	months? in orde	r of importance, using the		
	y codes below		-, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -						
Use pr	oportional piling or divide th	e pie m	ethod to estimate relative contrib	ution fr	om each	income source t	to total household income		
(both	cash and in-kind).								
							Who is involved in		
				Using	proportio	onal piling	terms of gender?		
	Income source		Code	metho	d, estim	ate the relative	1. Male(s)		
	(Rank activity)		(Use codes on the right)			total income	2. Female(s)		
	(Natik activity)		(Ose codes on the right)	of eac	h activity	′ (%)	3. Both male & female		
							4. Children		
7.2-	Bala in a an a anti-ite.		1 1 1		1 1	1 1	4. Cililaren		
7.2a	Main income activity				_		1_1		
7.2b	Second income activity	У	l_l_l		_	_ _	I_I		
	Third income act		1_1_1			II	II		
7.2c	TOTAL		100%						
1 = Ag	riculture (cash, crop,	7 = Ski	l lled labour (construction, electrici	l an, etc.))	12 = Petty trade	e, street vending		
garder	ning)		ndicrafts/artisanal work			(including stall/	_		
2 = Liv	estock	9 = Sel	ling of natural resources (charcoal	l, grass,		13 = Begging			
3= Fish	ning	firewo	od, wild food.)			14 = Gift/Aid/A	ssistance		
4= Hui	nting/gathering	10. Tra	ansport/motorcycle business (oper	rating ta	ıxi,	15 = Trade/Con	nmerce		
5= Rer	mittance	keke (t	cuk-tuk)			16 = Other (spe	ecify):		
6= Uns	skilled wage labour	11. Da	nily/common labourer (agriculture)					
		Salarie	s, wages (employees)			17= No other in	ncome activity		
			es (report maximum 2) of the h	ouseho	ld BEFOI	RE the conflict/c	displacement? in order of		
impor	tance, using the activity codes	s below							

	oportional piling or divide th cash and in-kind).	e pie method to estimate rel	ative contribution from each	income sou	urce to total household income
	Income source (Rank activity)	Code (Use codes on the right)	Using proportional piling m estimate the relative contri total income of each activit	Who is involved in terms of gender? 1. Male(s) 2. Female(s) 3. Both male & female 4. Children	
7.3a	Main income activity	1_1_1	_ _ _		I_I
1 = Ag	riculture (cash, crop,	7 = Skilled labour (construct	tion, electrician, etc.)	12 = Petty	trade, street vending
garder	ning)	8 = Handicrafts/artisanal wo	ork	(including	stall/booths)
2 = Liv	estock	9 = Selling of natural resour	ces (charcoal, grass,	13 = Beggi	ing
3= Fish	ning	firewood, wild food.)	, , ,	14 = Gift/	Aid/Assistance
4= Hur	4= Hunting/gathering 10. Transport/motorcycle		usiness (operating taxi,	15 = Trade	e/Commerce
	5= Remittance keke (tuk-tuk))			16 = Othe	
		11. Daily/common laboure	r (agriculture)		
	-	Salaries, wages (employees))	17= No ot	her income activity
				I	

7.4	Have you taken any credit in the last	3 months?		0= No → Skip to Section 8 1= Yes	1_1	
		1= To buy food		2= To cover health expenses		
		3 = To pay school, education cost	:S	4 = To pay other loans		
7.5	If "yes" what was the main reason	5 = To pay fines/tax inputs/tools		6 = To buy agricultural		
	for new debts or credit?	7 = To buy or rent land/dwelling ceremonies/donations		8 = To pay for		
		9 = To buy fuel		10 = Other (specify)		
		99 = No loan/debt taken out				
			1	No repayment possible		
			2	Less than ½ possible	_	
7.6	How much of the loan do you expect	to be able to repay during the	3	More than ½ possible	1	
	next 6 months?		4	Half (50%) possible		
			5	Full repayment possible		
			6	Already repaid		

8– E	XPENDITURES		
		8. 1 - Did you purchase any of the following food items during the <u>last 30 days</u> for domestic consumption? If 'no', enter '0' and proceed to next food-item.	8. 2 -During the <u>last 30 days</u> did your household consume the following foods without purchasing them?
		If 'yes', ask the respondent to estimate the total cash and credit expenditure on the item for the 30 days. (register the expenses according to local currency)	If so, estimated the value of non- purchased food items consumed during the last 30 days
		(Naira)	(Naira)
1.	Cereals (maize, rice, sorghum, wheat, bread)	_ _ _ _	1_11_11_11_11_1
2.	Tubers (sweet potatoes, cassava)	_ _ _ _	_ _ _ _
3.	Pulses (beans, peas, groundnuts)	_ _ _ _	_ _ _
4.	Fruits & vegetables	_ _ _ _	1_11_11_11_11_1
5.	Fish/Meat/Eggs/poultry	1_11_11_11_11_1	_ _ _
6.	Oil/fat/groundnut oil/butter	1_11_11_11_11_1	_ _ _
7.	Milk/cheese/yogurt	1_11_11_11_11_1	_ _ _
8.	Sugar/Salt/Spices	_ _ _ _	_ _ _ _
9.	Tea/Coffee	_ _ _ _	_ _ _

8.3 - Did you purchase the following items during the last 30 days for domestic consumption? If none, write 0 and go to next item		8.4 - Estimated expenditure during the last 30 days (register the expenses according to the currency in which it was done)	8.5 - In the past 6 months how much money have you spent on each of the following items or service? Use the following table, write 0 if no expenditure.		8.6 - Estimated expenditure during the <u>last six months</u>	
		(Naira)			(Naira)	
10.	Kolanut/Tobacco	1_11_11_11_11_1	19.	Medical expenses, health care	_ _ _	
11.	Soap (powder/ detergents)	_ _ _	20	Clothing, shoes	_ _ _	
12.	Transport	_ _ _	21	Education, school fees, uniform, etc.	_ _ _ _	
13.	Fuel (firewood/charcoa l etc.)	_ _ _	22	Debt repayment	_ _ _	
14.	Water	_ _ _	23.	Celebrations / social events	_ _ _ _	
15.	Electricity/Lighting	_ _ _	24.	Agricultural seeds/tools	_ _ _	
16.	Communication (phone)	_ _ _	25.	Savings	_ _	
17.	Rent	_ _ _	26.	Constructions/house repairs	_ _ _ _	
18.	Other (specify):	_ _ _	Other long term expenditure (specify):		_ _ _	
			•			

9 – SHOCKS			
9.1 HAS YOUR HOUSEHOLD EXPERIENCED ANY DIFFICULTIES OVER THE LAST 3 MONTHS?	0=No → Skip to 1=Ye	Γ	
IF SO, WHAT ARE THE 3 MOST SIGNIFICANT ONES BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE?	9.11 1 ST DIFFICULTY	9.12 2 nd difficulty	9.13 3 rd difficulty
DO NOT READ OPTIONS.	I_I_I		I_I_I
1 = Loss employment/reduced income 2 = Sickness of HH member 3 = Insecurity/conflict 5 = High food prices 6 = High fuel/transportation prices 7 = Debt 8 = Irregular/unsafe drinking water	9 = TEMPORARY RELOCATION = Heavy rains/floods 11 = Crop failure 12 = Restricted access to railure 14 = Other shock, specify 15 = No other shocks	narkets	

10 – HOUSEHOLD HUNGER SCORE				
10.1	In the past four weeks (30 days), was there ever no food to eat of any kind in your house because of lack of resources to get food?	0 = No → Skip to 10.2 1= Yes	II	

		1= Rarely (once or twice in the past four weeks)	
10.1a	How often did this happen in the past four weeks	2= Sometimes (three to ten times in the past four weeks)	lI
	(30 days)?	3= Often (more than ten times in the past four weeks)	
	In the past four weeks (30 days), did you or any		
10.2	household member go to sleep at night hungry	0 = No → Skip to 10.3	ll
	because there was not enough food?	1= Yes	
		1= Rarely (once or twice in the past four weeks)	
10.2a	How often did this happen in the past four weeks (30 days)?	2= Sometimes (three to ten times in the past four weeks)	ll
		3= Often (more than ten times in the past four weeks)	
	In the past four weeks (30 days), did you or any		
10.3	household member go a whole day and night	0 = No → Skip to Section 11	
	without eating anything at all because there was	1= Yes	
	not enough food?		
		1= Rarely (once or twice in the past four weeks)	
10.3a	How often did this happen in the past four weeks (30 days)?	2= Sometimes (three to ten times in the past four weeks)	ll
		3= Often (more than ten times in the past four weeks)	

A ACCUSTANCE					
11 – ASSISTANCE					
11.1	Did any member of your household benefit from any FOOD assistance in the past 3 months ? Circle one.	0 = No → Skip to 11.5 1 = Yes	I <u></u>		
11.2	a. What type of FOOD assistance was received? (Top 3 assistance received the last 3 months)	b. Who provides the food assistance? Choose codes on below.			
11.3	1. Food for school children (eaten at school or take-home) 2. Food for work / Food for training 4. Free food distributions 5. Cash Based Transfer 6. Other (specify):	Codes for assistance provider/source: 1 = Government			
11.4	Who receives the food assistance?	3 = Both male & female 4 = Chil 5. All	` '		
	Who normally decides how to utilise food/cash in the family?	1=Husband 2=Wife 3=Boys 4=Girls 5=Grandparents 6= Other (specify):	_		
	Does food or cash assistance create push or pull factors for people from other communities to come to registration/distribution points?	1=No 2=Yes			

	Do you think that people would feel safe when registering (receiving food/ cash) for food/ cash (specify the delivery mechanism mobile money, cash collection, cash deliver etc.)?	z=No. Please specify why not	
11.5	Did any member of household benefit from any NON-FOOD assistance in the past 3 months?	0 = No → Skip to 11.8 1= Yes	I <u></u> I
11.6	Who receives the Assistance?	1 = Male(s) 2 = Female(s) 3 = Both male & female 4 = Children 5. All	II
11.7	What type of assistance? (Top 3 assistance received the last 3 months	1=Money allowances / loans 2=Education (fees, books, uniforms) 3=Medical services (hygiene promotion/immunization, etc.) 4=Treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM 5=Supplementary feeding 6=Hygiene kit 7=Non food items (blanket, mosquito nets, nylon mats etc.) 8=Other (specify):	
11.8	What are the TOP 3 priority needs for your household?	 Health/medical Food Water Shelter Non-food items Education Livelihood support Foods appropriate for children 	

12 – NU	TRITION					
MOTHER	AND CHILD NUTRITION – ASK THIS MODULE FOR EACH WOMAN BE	TWEEN 15 AND	49 YEARS OLD	AND FOR EACH CHILD <	59 монтня	
If NO CH	ILDREN, TERMINATE QUESTIONNAIRE					
		1 = Pregnan	t 2 = B	reastfeeding		
	Are you currently pregnant or breastfeeding?	2 Naith an	4 D			
12.1		3 = Neither breastfeedi		regnant and	ll	
	ENTER ONLY ONE					
		5 = Don't know				
12.2	Woman's MUAC (in centimetres)	cm			1	
Read: N	ow I would like to ask you some questions about your ch	nildren <i>(Conti</i>	nue the inter	view with the main c	aregiver for	
Starting time:	with the youngest child, please enter the children's first	names and a	ask the follow	ring question for one	child at the	
12.3	First name of child <59 months					
		1 = Yes		2 = No, f	ather	
12.4	Are you the mother of [Name]	3 = No, othe	er close famil	y 4 = No, c	aregiver	
		5 = No, othe	er specify			
	Child's age in months (record age in completed	e in completed				
12.5	months)					
12.6	Child sex?	1 = Male 2 = Female				
12.7	Child's MUAC (in centimetres)	cm				
12.8	Does the child have bilateral pitting oedema? (Check b	oth feet for o	oedema)	0 = No 1 = Yes	;	
		0 = No				
12.9	Is the child presently enrolled in a selective feeding	1 = Yes, therapeutic feeding program (hospitalised)				
12.5	program?	2 = Yes, therapeutic feeding program (outpatient)				
		3 = Yes, supplementary feeding program 4 = Yes, micronutrient powder supplementation				
12 MIN	IMUM ACCEPTABLE DIET – Ask this module for child < 23			< 23 MONTHS, TERMINAT		
QUESTION		MONTHS IF	NO CHILDREN	C3 MUNTHS, TERMINA	E	
13.1	Who is the primary caregiver of this child?	1 = Mother 4 = Sibling	2 =	Father 3 = Gra	ndmother	
	, ,	5 = No, other specify				
		1 = Yes (Note: Include under "yes" any child who is				
13.2		breastfed by women other than the mother, or who are				
	Was [child's name] breastfed yesterday during the day or night?	given breast milk from another woman by spoon, cup, bottle, etc.)				
		2 = No				
		3 = I don't Know				

13.3	If the child is 0 – 5 months, are they exclusively breastfed? 1 = Yes 2 = No						
	How many times during the day or night did [Child's name] consume any (c)		a)infant formula? times				
			ilk (such as	tinned,			
13.4			red, or fres	h animal milk)? time:	S	
			gurt?	times			
			in porridge	? times	S		
Please	describe everything that [child] ate yesterday during the	e day or	night, whe	ther at home	or outside th	e home.	
	espondent recalls and lists food eaten by the child, circle caretaker recall in chronologic order	"yes" in	the corresp	onding food g	group Do not μ	probe but	
	3.4 -13.20 below). DK = Don't know.						
13.5	Porridge, bread, rice, noodles, or other foods made fro grains	m	0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	ll	
	Pumpkin, carrots, squash, or sweet potatoes that are y	ellow					
13.6	or orange			1 = Yes	2 = DK	ll	
	Inside						
13.7	White potatoes, white yams, manioc, cassava, or any other foods made from roots		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	ll	
13.8	Any dark green leafy vegetables		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	II	
13.9	Ripe mangoes, ripe papayas, or (insert other local vitamin A-rich foods)		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	ll	
13.10	Any other fruits or vegetables		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	II	
13.11	Liver, kidney, heart, or other organ meats		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	II	
13.12	Any meat, such as beef, pork, lamp, goat, chicken, or d	uck	0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	II	
13.13	Eggs		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	II	
13.14	Fresh or dried fish, shellfish, or seafood		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	II	
13.15	Any foods made from beans, peas, lentils, nuts or seed	S	0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	II	
13.16	Cheese, yogurt, or other milk products		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	II	
13.17	Foods made with red palm oil, red palm nut, or red palm nut pulp sauce		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	II	
13.18	Fortified Solid, Semi-solid, or Soft Foods for Infants/ Children		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	II	
13.19	Micronutrient Powders		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	ll	
13.20	Lipid-based nutrient supplements (LNS)		0 = No	1 = Yes	2 = DK	<u> </u>	
13.21	How many times did [child's name] eat solid, semi-solid, or so		ft foods ye	sterday	1 =	_ times	
10.11	during the day or night?				2 = Do	2 = Don't know	