

At least **10,000 refugees reportedly returned to Rann town**, Kala/Balge local government area, from Cameroon today, 27 February 2019. These civilians are among 40,386<sup>1</sup> Nigerian women, men and children who originally fled Rann following deadly attacks in December 2018 and January 2019.

Reports from sources on the ground indicate that **hundreds more are en route to Rann from Cameroon (8 kilometers) by foot. All these people are in dire need of humanitarian assistance, including shelter, food and safe water.**

Rann has been attacked four times since 7 December 2018 by non-state armed groups. In the attacks a medical clinic, warehouses with humanitarian supplies and a humanitarian hub for aid workers were looted and/or destroyed, and the market and shelters in the camp were burned down. There have also been unconfirmed reports of up to 100 civilian deaths. **Civilians continue to bear the brunt of a conflict that has led to widespread forced displacement and violations of international humanitarian and human rights law.**

Rann was also attacked by non-state armed groups on 1 March 2018. Three aid workers were killed and three were kidnapped. Two of the kidnapped aid workers were subsequently executed by their captors, and one is still being held.

International and national humanitarian organizations have not been able to return to Rann to provide humanitarian assistance due to ongoing insecurity since 17 January 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> UN Refugee Agency, 26 February 2019