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Escalating armed attacks, clashes between the military and armed groups, and poor living conditions due to lack of access to assistance forced more than 2,000 people to flee their homes between 27 January and 2 February, according to IOM’s latest Emergency Tracking Matrix. Most of the new displacements were recorded in Konduga, Askira-Uba, Gwoza and Dikwa LGAs in Borno. Limited resources, stretched capacities and access constraints hamper the delivery of aid. Regular attacks on civilians and humanitarian actors have contributed to an increasingly unstable environment. Previously accessible locations, such as Nganzai, Magumeri and Guzamala LGAs, are now cut off due to intensified attacks and clashes. It is currently impossible to reach an estimated 1.2 million people in need, depriving them of life-saving humanitarian assistance and services.

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On 6 February, armed individuals killed five civilians including a teacher in the villages of Molia and Sangara in the western Tillabéri region. The assailants also reportedly broke into the schools of Margamarga and Sangara, but the teachers fled for safety. This incident is the first of its kind, resulting in the death of a teacher in Tillabéri region. School attendance has suffered from attacks and threats by armed groups operating in the area since January 2016. As of 10 January, 111 schools remain closed due to insecurity in the region, according to UNICEF.