

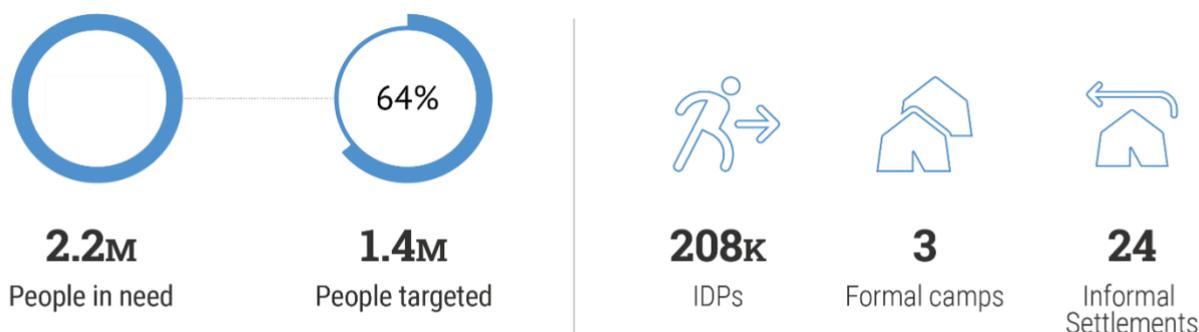


Nigeria: Adamawa State

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HIGHLIGHTS

- At least 15 civilians killed, several more displaced in attacks targeting farming community in Hong Local Government Area (LGA).
- Index case of cholera confirmed in Girei LGA, as more suspected cases are being investigated for potential declaration of an outbreak. Partners and government have established an emergency operations center to rollout and track response across LGAs.
- Deadly communal clash over land ownership triggers pockets of displacements in Jada LGA.
- Scale-down of assistance to health personnel and facilities across camp clinics by major partner raises concerns over quality of services and availability of vital medical supplies.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Attack against farming community in Hong LGA

At least 15 civilians were killed in pre-dawn attacks by non-state armed group (NSAG) operatives who targeted the Dabna farming community in Hong LGA on 7 July. Initial reports from the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) indicate that several homes, barns and shops were razed, with a large number of civilian residents displaced to neighbouring locations. SEMA is working with security agencies to gain access to the affected locations to collate information on the needs of affected and displaced populations to guide possible response activities. Similar attacks in early April claimed 12 civilian lives and displaced 5,000 residents in Kwapare village, also in Hong LGA, which is about 150 kilometers north of Yola, the state capital. The spate of violence, especially in farming communities, is coming at a time that government and partners are intensifying agricultural support to populations across the north-east as part of efforts to mitigate the impacts of alarming food insecurity as the lean season gets underway.

Cholera response in Girei LGA

Government and WASH partners have confirmed an index case of cholera in Adamawa State, following laboratory tests of suspected acute watery diarrhea (AWD) cases in Gogura community in Girei LGA collected on 30 June. More suspected cases are being tested, after which the declaration of an outbreak may be considered by the government. Response activities including the establishment of a state emergency operations center (EOC) and cholera treatment center (CTC) are being rolled out by the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) and partners. WASH sector partners have committed to a three-month response plan facilitate the scale-up of risk mitigation and awareness activities, including radio jingles, chlorination of water sources/points, distribution of cholera response kits, trucking of potable water, clearing and disinfection of drainages, among others. They are prioritizing high-risk locations including the major hotspots of Girei, Yola North, Yola South and Mubi LGAs.

Pockets of displacements in Jada LGA following a deadly clash

OCHA is following up with SEMA on reports of civilian displacements in Baaga community, Jada LGA, following a deadly clash over ownership of communal land. The clash reportedly claimed four lives while an unspecified number of people fled to neighbouring communities and are yet to return. OCHA will update partners on findings to guide response, depending on needs of affected populations and response capacity of government.

Potential gaps in health response

During the week SEMA expressed concerns over imminent gaps in health response/services, including the availability of medical supplies across IDP camps following the scale down of services and support to health teams by a major partner. OCHA is following up with the agency to understand reasons for the withdrawal and also explore the possibilities of identifying other partners to step in to sustain critical health services, especially during the ongoing rainy season which is a peak period for several diseases.

Preparedness

Following the confirmation of an index case of cholera (and potential declaration of an outbreak in the state) partners led by WASH and health sectors are mobilizing critical cholera response kits and ramping up support to Government including through the establishment of EOC and CTC to coordinate response. Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) and community mobilizers are already being mobilized for deployment across affected locations and hotspots to conduct active case search and awareness programmes.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Camp Coordination and Camp Management / Non-Food Items

Response:

- IOM CCCM conducted 17 COVID-19 awareness sessions across 17 IDP sites in the state, reaching an estimated camp population of 15,472 individuals. Reinforcement of 12 e-shelters was also completed at Chakimidare and Daware camps.
- The Health/COVID-19 committee in Malkohi camp received support from IOM, including one infrared thermometer and training on COVID-19 response measures such as identification of symptoms, functions of the self-quarantine shelters, and the importance of adhering to the COVID-19 protocols.

Early Recovery

Response:

- Plan International is scaling up agricultural/livelihoods programmes in Michika LGA, where 98 households received cash assistance and pairs of livestock during the week.
- UNHCR distributed NFI kits that included buckets, jerry-cans and bathing and washing soaps to over 200 vulnerable households across camps and communities in Maiha LGA.
- Sector partners commenced consultations ahead of the implementation of a 'Master Trainers' programme that targets some 1,300 beneficiaries across Yola, Mubi and Michika LGAs for skill acquisition/training to support self-reliance, including on tailoring, beads and bag making, shoe making, carpentry, and soap making.

Education

Response:

- Sector partners this week conducted refresher trainings for 16 mentor-teachers from Hong and Gombi LGAs as part of efforts to boost quality of education services.
- The state universal basic education board (SUBEB) and UNICEF are intensifying training for school-based management committee (SBMC) focal points across all LGAs to boost enrolment rates and quality of education services, especially during the rainy season when the impacts of flooding on education facilities often result in closures and low attendance across schools.

Food Security

Needs:

- There is need for a dedicated food partner in the state to ensure quality and timely programming, including prompt assistance to new arrivals such as refugee returnees and newly displaced populations who reach communities that are already vulnerable due to depletion of food stocks.
- With the rainy and lean seasons now underway, scale-up of agricultural support including farming inputs is imperative to support wet season farming, especially across host communities that are already underserved.

**Health****Response**

- Sector partners supported 7 primary health care (PHC) facilities across communities in Michika LGA, enabling the delivery of quality health services for some 2,042 vulnerable people during the week. The routine training of medical staff and monitoring/collection of data on prevalent health issues were also conducted across all partner-supported PHCs.

**Nutrition****Response:**

- Some 2,167 under-5 children were screened for malnutrition during the week, including the identification of 120 severe acute malnutrition (SAM) cases. A total of 914 SAM children are currently receiving treatment across partner-supported Outpatient Therapeutic Feeding Program (OTP) centers across the state, with 86 discharged after recovery during the week.
- A total of 218 pregnant and lactating mothers in Michika and Askira LGAs were reached with counselling services, including messaging on infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices.

**Protection****Response:**

- Sector partners led by UNHCR conducted awareness/sensitization sessions for 620 people across Mubi, Michika and Yola LGAs, covering different issues including farmer-herder disputes, rights and inclusion of persons living with disabilities in decision making processes, children's rights including access to education, ending culture of silence and stigmatization of survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), among others.
- Some 20 survivors of GBV were supported with dignity kits in Yola, while 320 members of the "peer-to-peer" groups received training on monitoring, reporting and raising awareness on GBV/Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) in Yola and Mubi LGAs.
- Partners across LGAs continued protection monitoring activities including support/skill acquisition programmes for GBV survivors and case management activities.

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene****Needs:**

- Following the increasing cases of AWD and the increased risk of cholera (with one case already confirmed), there is an urgent need to improve access to clean water, including through water trucking, construction of new water points and rehabilitation of broken water facilities, especially in remote locations in Michika and Askira LGAs.

Response:

- Sector partners led by IRC trucked 9,000 liters of chlorinated water to support IDPs at the Mubi Burnt Bricks camp and carried out awareness sessions on positive hygiene practices and COVID-19 risks and mitigation measures, reaching over 8,000 people during the week.
- IOM WASH conducted cholera risk awareness and mitigation campaigns in 8 IDP camps across Yola during the week. Some 1,723 people were reached with messaging on hygiene practices (including the use of clean water and clearing of drainages), symptoms and reporting protocols to ensure early detection and testing/treatment of suspected cases.
- Vital supplies including COVID-19 disinfection kits were delivered to six PHCs across Askira LGA by sector partners, who also delivered hand washing stations across 5 catchment communities in the same LGA.

Funding Overview

Out of \$1.0 billion required for the 2021 humanitarian response in north-east Nigeria, \$225 million is required for Adamawa State



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