

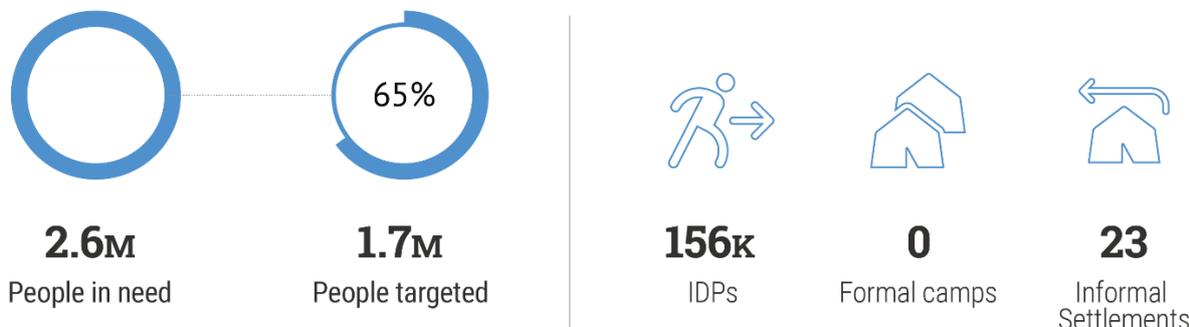


Nigeria: Yobe State

Weekly Situation Report No. 3

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Calculation of IDPs does not include recent displacements from Geidam and Yunusari LGAs. SEMA has estimated that about 54,000 IDPs from Geidam and Kanamma were still remaining in the places of displacement across 11 LGAs in Yobe while an estimated 126,000 individuals have returned either to Geidam and Kanamma towns or to rural areas within the two LGAs.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The internally displaced persons (IDPs) displaced from Geidam and Kanamma towns 6 weeks ago continue to return to their homes due to an improvement in the security situation. This is following the enhanced presence of Security Forces in the surrounding area.
- Sixteen cases of acute watery diarrhea (AWD), including 2 deaths, have been reported in Bursari Local Government Area (LGA) located 100 kilometres north of Damaturu town, the state capital.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The security situation in Yobe state remained calm during the week, but is still largely unpredictable. State authorities are optimistic that most of the IDPs from Geidam and Kanamma towns may return to their homes ahead of the rainy season as the security situation improves following the deployment of more Security Forces in the area.

Civilians have complained that the telecommunication network remains poor in the area, making it difficult to receive timely information on the movement of suspected non-state armed groups (NSAGs) intending to disrupt peace in the area.

Preparedness

Action Against Hunger (ACF/AAH) has deployed additional staff and resources, including cholera testing kits, to Gashua town in Bade LGA to enhance preparedness for acute watery diarrhea (AWD) and cholera outbreaks. Gashua is a high-risk area for the outbreak of AWD/cholera in the state. In April and May 2018, over 1,000 cholera cases were recorded in Gashua, including ten deaths.

Critical gaps

ACF/AAH has highlighted the challenge it is facing to secure human resources for the children's nutrition stabilization centers it supports. The essential staff needed include 1 medical doctor, 5 nurses, 5 nurse aids, 2 psycho-social support staff and 4 supporting staff across Fune and Fika LGAs. This has affected the treatment of about 57 severe acute malnutrition (SAM) cases in these two LGAs. The staff needed are planned to be seconded by the State Ministry of Health, while ACF/AAH provides other support packages to help in the management of the stabilization centers.

Primary health care (PHC) facilities in Geidam, Yunusari and Tarmua are also facing absence of seconded staff due to security and access concerns.

The ACF/AAH Food for Peace, food security grant, which provided cash/voucher programming in Gujba for 4,788 beneficiaries, elapsed on 31 May 2021, resulting in a gap to support these beneficiaries.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Early Recovery

Needs:

- The Yobe State Medium Term Water Sector Strategy needs to be reviewed, which was last updated in 2015 for three years¹.

Food Security

Needs:

- Food continues to be the priority need among IDPs from Geidam and Kanamma. While many of them have returned, the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) estimates that there are still 54,000 across 11 LGAs in the state.

Response:

- The World Food Programme (WFP) has started to roll out its planned food distribution exercise of both in-kind and cash vouchers across Yobe State to meet the needs of beneficiaries in June 2021. Some 454,453 beneficiaries are being targeted to receive assistance in June. Among these, 12,916 beneficiaries are new arrivals since 2020 from Borno as well as some of the recent displacements in Yobe State. Distribution will commence in Geidam and Yunusari LGAs as soon as the security environment permits access.

Health

Needs:

- The Health Sector reported this week that 16 cases of AWD were recorded in Gadene community in Bursari LGA in the past 3 weeks, with 2 fatalities. The first case was reported in the week starting 17 May 2021.
- Twelve new confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported in the week ending 13 June 2021. The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is now 490.
- Two cases of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP), the acute onset of weakness or paralysis with reduced muscle tone in children, were reported. The total number of AFP cases reported in 2021 is 58.

Response:

- The State Ministry of Health, with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO), has responded to the reported cases of AWD in Bursari LGA. The cases are being managed in the primary health facility in the LGA.
- The State Ministry of Health with the support of ACF/AAH conducted a cholera and measles preparedness and response training for health workers from 20 PHC centers in Bade and Nguru LGAs. The training included infection prevention and control (IPC) at the PHC level.
- The State Government, with support from the WHO and the Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC), has stepped-up COVID-19 sample collection and testing across the state. It also continues to conduct public awareness to control transmission. The 2nd round of COVID-19 vaccination campaign started last week and is ongoing, targeting 26,029 health and frontline workers who were vaccinated in March and April 2021.

¹ This was highlighted by stakeholders at a meeting with the Chair of Yobe State Governor Task Force on Water Supply.

Nutrition

Needs:

- There is a need to increase exclusive breast-feeding practice in Yobe State, which is a strategy to improve nutritional status and growth in children.

Response:

- This week, the State Primary Health Care Development Board, with support from UNICEF, conducted an advocacy workshop for policy makers at LGA and state level on budgetary allocation for the procurement of iron folic acid supplements. The supplements help prevent negative pregnancy outcomes such as complication due to anemia or lack of blood, delivery of babies with low birth weight, and prevention of Spinal Bifida.
- ACF/AAH started to conduct a nutrition survey called START in Damaturu, Potiskum, Nangere, Fika and Fune LGAs. The assessment seeks to update the status of the nutrition situation in the five LGAs to inform the rollout of a new consortium project funded by USAID and FCDO, the former DFID.

Gender-Based Violence Sub-Working Group

Needs:

- There are gaps in laws to prosecute rape perpetrators.

Response:

- The State Ministry of Women's Affairs (SMoWA), with support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), conducted a high-level round table to create awareness on the State Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act. In addition to SMoWA, participants included the Permanent Secretaries from the Ministry of Budget and Planning, the Ministry of Justice, civil society organizations (CSOs) and media. There was a consensus for all relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies to support the advocacy effort for the approval of the Act by the Executive Governor. The forum also requested for a funding commitment from government and protection partners to support the rollout of the VAPP Act once signed. The next step is to visit Yobe State House of Assembly and the Deputy Governor's Office to continue the advocacy for the State Governor to sign the new law.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Needs:

- On 8 June 2021, the Yobe State Governor's Task Force on Water Supply highlighted to humanitarian partners that as of July 2020, only about 52% of the potable water needs of people in urban areas was being met, and only 42% of the needs in rural communities was met². The cumulative water demand deficit of the state is estimated at 163.1 million litres per day. The gap may be addressed by the construction of new water schemes and the rehabilitation and upgrading of the existing water facilities.
- The WASH Sector, chaired by the State Ministry of Water Resources has requested partners to provide capacity building training to state officials to effectively manage the delivery of WASH services.

Response:

- Yobe State Rural Water and Sanitation (RUWASA), in collaboration with the African Development Bank, has consolidated data on sanitation facilities in rural areas across the state. This will be consolidated with the Yobe State Environmental Protection Agency (YOSEPA) data on sanitation facilities in urban areas and will be shared with partners to inform gap analysis and response.

² There are 4,539 water facilities in the state inclusive of 20 Urban Water Supply (UWS) Centres. This was inclusive of functional and non-functional facilities.

Coordination

- The State Rapid Response Team, led by the State Ministry of Health, held an emergency coordination meeting to update on the cases of acute watery diarrhea reported in Bursari LGAs. The meeting also approved the State Cholera Response Contingency Plan.
- The daily Emergency Inter-Agency Coordination meeting that is led by the State Government with the support of the humanitarian partners to follow up on the response to the needs of the IDPs from Geidam and Kanamma will now be held weekly (every Wednesday) as partners are now aware of most of the needs and gaps and the limited capacity to respond.

Funding Overview

Out of the \$1.0 billion required for the 2021 humanitarian response in north-east Nigeria, \$272 million is required for Yobe State.



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