

Situation Report for NGA 171- Emergency Assistance to Conflict-Affected Communities (IDPs and Host Communities) in North-East Nigeria

Operational Overview

Now in its ninth year, the humanitarian crisis in north-east Nigeria remains one of the most severe in the world: 1.7 million persons remain internally displaced, human rights violations continue to be reported daily, and the food security situation remains extremely concerning as conflict continues to limit the amount of land under cultivation and 3.7 million persons are expected to face critical levels of food insecurity during the upcoming lean season (June through September). The Food Security and Nutrition needs are expected to be revised in March with the publication of the new Cadre Harmonisé analysis.

Humanitarian access continues to present major challenges, especially in Borno State. It is estimated that some 926,000 persons remain in areas that are hard to reach for international humanitarian organisations. Through civil-military coordination and community engagement, Christian Aid workers and partners are working to expand the humanitarian space in north-east Nigeria. In addition, to improve local coordination and last-mile assistance, and increase the presence of humanitarians where vulnerable populations are living.

Although funds received in 2018 are extremely low as of 31st March 2018, with only 4 per cent of the requirements in the ACT Appeal were met, Christian Aid has been able to continue to provide life-saving assistance thanks to carryover funding from 2017 from bilateral donors and new grants secured. However, for the response to be sustainable and to avoid interruption in life-saving services, it is crucial that additional funding be received across all the sectors

IN NUMBERS

People	Displacement	Assistance Sectors	Appeal Funding	Available Income
3.7 Million <i>People projected to be severely food insecure (Phases 3-5) Cadre Harmonise June – August 2018</i>	1.58 Million IDPs displaced due to the crisis <i>(Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), International Organization for Migration (IOM) Dec 2017</i>	<i>People Targeted to receive assistance from the ACT Alliance Appeal in 2018</i> Food Security 17,500 people WASH 31,000 people	<i>Appeal Target</i> US \$2,861,396 <i>Balance Requested</i> US \$2,024,454 <i>Expenditure in NGA161</i> US\$ 236,446	<i>Available Income</i> US\$135,001.23 <i>Balance Income in NGA161</i> US\$384,029.34

Key Messages

- In 2017 -2018 the humanitarian response implemented by Christian Aid and partners has been focusing on provision of lifesaving assistance to communities affected by conflict as well as promoting recovery and community strengthening activities in Maiduguri Metropolitan City and its surrounding environs that are accessible and operating in Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Dikwa, Munguno, Jere, Konduga, Magumeri, Mafa and Gubio in Northern Borno and Askira Uba and Shani LGAs in Southern Borno. Proposal is under consideration to expand the reach of the programme in Southern Borno with recovery and community strengthening activities.
- The response has been focusing on the following sectoral areas; Food Security and Livelihoods i.e. providing in kind food distribution, undertaking supplementary feeding for pregnant and lactating mothers and children under 2 years; Provision of life saving Water, Sanitation and hygiene through construction and rehabilitation of boreholes (water points), construction and maintenance of temporary latrines, temporary bath showers, and distribution of NFIs to enable communities to have adequate hygiene practices; mainstreaming protection and psychosocial support for the affected communities.
- The response has been funded by bilateral donors and the ACT Appeal with a budget of approximately US\$ 7,7 million dollars to date from the onset of the response.
- 34 percent of the households in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States are food insecure (Emergency Food Security Assessment December 2017 – a 10 percent decrease compared with the assessment in March 2017, displaced, returnees and host communities are amongst the most food insecure with woman-headed households being the most vulnerable.

- Estimated people in need of assistance in Borno State the most affected by conflict based on the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan NE Nigeria is 2,972,699 people that will be targeted for assistance in 2018 as of March 2018 Christian Aid had supported 197,254 people in need out of with the ACT Appeal is targeting 48,500 people if fully funded.

Programme Implementation Update

January 2018 – Christian Aid commissioned a needs and gap analysis in Askira Uba to inform the programming. A team of Food Security and Livelihoods, WASH, MEAL and Protection Coordinators spend 10 days in the field collecting information on the needs from 14 communities in Askira Uba that had been identified as vulnerable. Of these 14 communities, 4 communities exhibited extreme vulnerability to WASH related needs with access to water for domestic consumption being identified as the most pressing need, followed by access to sanitation facilities as open defecation was observed in most of the communities.

Food Access was also identified as a pressing need with 67 percent of the community respondents indicating inability to access more than 2 meals a day and 30 percent indicating survival access to food indicating that there is potential of deteriorating to malnourishment by these community members.

Most of the vulnerable men and women in the IDP settlements and with host communities indicated that protection challenges existed with the military and civil defense unit being identified as the main culprits in violating especially women and young girls. In the family.

February 2018 – The Christian Aid Technical Team constituting of the technical leads undertook a program planning for the ACT Appeal and agreed the following programming activities:

1. *Undertake food security intervention to 1500 households in Askira Uba as part of continuation of the intervention after the closure of the SHO / ICCO funded project budget permitting – project component to be implemented by partner – EYN*
2. *Undertake 4 borehole drilling in 4 communities that had exhibited stressed WASH access and commence building community capacity for operation and maintenance of the WASH facilities.*
3. *Gap fill the Sanitation need in Konduga through construction of a toilet block in an informal settlement between Mashumari and Dalori IDP camps.*
4. *Undertake a procurement process and bid analysis for the drilling of boreholes*

March 2018.

1. *Negotiate with EYN a partnership agreement and discuss the budget and activity plan,*
2. *Award the Contract to the successful bids and negotiate implementation costs*
3. *Implemented the construction of the sanitation facilities that were urgent in informal settlement near Mashumari in Konduga and completed the implementation.*

Challenges Facing Christian Aid

Overall ACT Appeal NGA171 continues to be adversely affected by limited resources within the Appeal framework which limits the planning and implementation scope as only 4 % of the 2017 -2018 budgets has been funded.

Despite an improved security situation logistics, transportation, and trading activities are still hampered to bring the overall humanitarian response closer to the affected people

Access to both food and domestic and water for productive use remains a matter of concern as in some communities there is dire need that cannot be met due to the low funding in the ACT Appeal.

There is need to support timely recovery and livelihoods activities which has become the opportunity that is slowly availing itself to the response to seek to address the underlying causes of the conflict, boost sustainable development and prevent aid dependency, this opportunity is lost in the current appeal as it was designed purely as an emergency lifesaving response appeal.

Christian Aid Priorities, Response and Funding

- 1. Continue the lifesaving emergency support in Food Security and Livelihoods through cash interventions in Southern Borno where markets are functional and start promoting early recovery and livelihoods interventions to address the underlying causes of the conflict and prevent aid dependency.**
- 2. Provide WASH services to in the 4 needy communities identified in the needs analysis as in dire need and in partnership with EYN commence community strengthening of the operation and maintenance of WASH facilities and public health and hygiene promotion activities.**
- 3. To protect the households especially women and promote fuel efficient stoves in the community.**
- 4. Only 4 % of funding has been raised in the NGA 171 and Christian Aid is negotiating rolling over funding from NGA161 into NGA 171.**