

# Nigeria

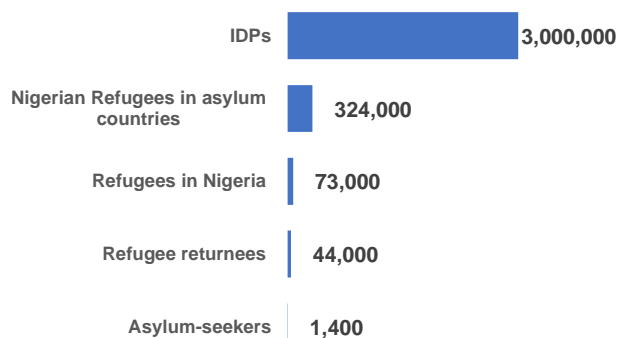
July - September 2021

**Gender-based violence prevention and response campaigns reached over 35,000 refugees and more than 45,000 internally displaced people.**

**Some 224,000 people - 180,000 IDPs and 44,000 refugees - benefitted from awareness raising campaigns on the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**More than 35,000 refugee women and men – mostly Cameroonians – benefitted from cash assistance to buy their daily food in the first nine months of 2021.**

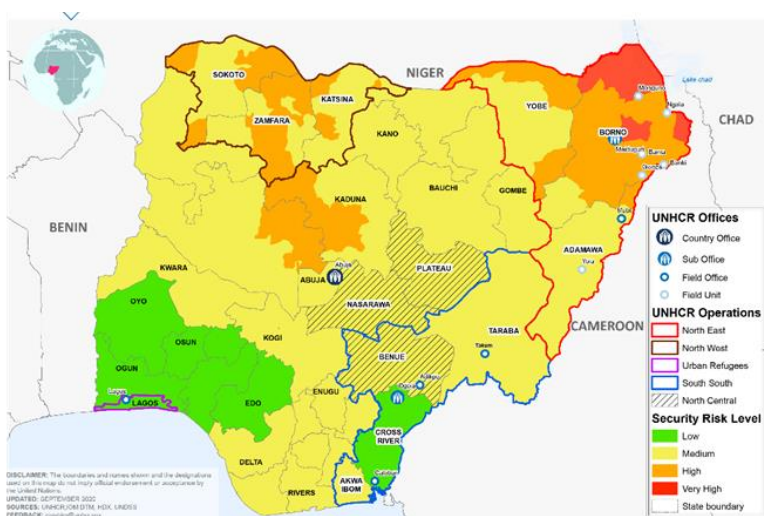
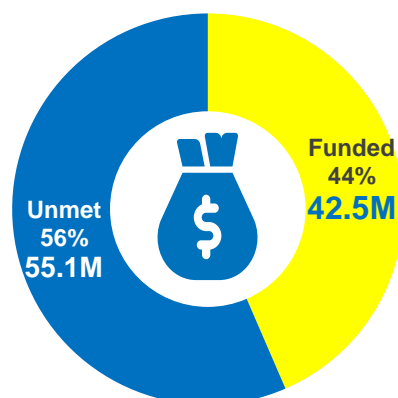
## AFFECTED POPULATION



- IDP figure refers to displaced people in North-East, North-West and North-Central Nigeria due to insurgency, communal clashes, and natural disasters.
- Nigerian refugees in asylum countries: Cameroon, Chad and Niger.
- Registered refugees: Cameroonians in South-East Nigeria and different nationalities in urban areas.
- Refugee Returnees only covers spontaneous refugees returns since 2019

## FUNDING (AS OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2021)

**USD 97.7M Required**



UNHCR is present in Abuja, Maiduguri, Ogoja, Adikpo, Calabar, Takum, Mubi, Lagos, Banki, Gwoza, Bama, Monguno, Ngala, Markudi and Yola



An internally displaced woman near her shelter in Northeast Nigeria. © UNHCR/Mahamat Alhadi

## Working with Partners

- In line with the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, the Nigerian government and humanitarian actors provide multi-sectoral assistance and solution-oriented protection services for refugees – the majority from Cameroon -, asylum-seekers, returnees and IDPs. They also prevent statelessness. In collaboration with partners, UNHCR addresses protection and assistance needs of affected populations and helps authorities find solutions.

## Protection

- **Refugees**—UNHCR has been providing access to asylum and territory, registration and documentation; relocation of refugees from the border areas for safety; access to education, healthcare services, water and sanitation facilities; identification and support to individuals with specific needs through community-based approaches; protection of vulnerable individuals and groups against gender-based violence (GBV), abuse and exploitation; child protection, including identification and foster care for unaccompanied and separated children; empowering refugees through self-reliance and sustainable livelihood activities. In 2021, 80,000 refugees benefitted from awareness campaigns on GBV and COVID-19, over 35,200 refugees received cash for food and 2,111 refugees UNHCR-facilitated ATM cards.
- **Internally displaced people**— In the **North-East**, UNHCR as part of the humanitarian response, works with the authorities to ensure that IDPs in camps or outside live in safety. UNHCR established a community-based structure of protection coordinators and protection monitors, human rights monitors and 250 protection action group members to deliver protection monitoring, vulnerability screening, capacity building and access to justice, while mainstreaming age, gender and diversity. So far, 224,885 IDPs benefitted from COVID-19 and GBV awareness campaigns
- The IDP situation in the **Middle Belt** is now considered a humanitarian crisis, given the spate of attacks, deaths recorded on a regular basis, high incidence of GBV, lack of shelter and risk of food insecurity. Benue State has been battling with farmer-herder conflicts for several decades, which claimed the lives of thousands of people. The Benue State Emergency Management Agency is coordinating all displacement situations in the State. UNHCR collaborates with other agencies on assessments and calls for increased and more effective humanitarian response.
- **Returnees**—Voluntary, safe and dignified return is a priority for UNHCR, the government and the humanitarian community. UNHCR signed a tripartite agreement with Nigeria and Cameroon for a refugee repatriation framework. So far, 3,880 Nigerians returned. The returns to Banki and Bama towns are an initiative by the two governments based on the desire of refugees to go home. UNHCR monitors this initiative and assists the returnees.

## Sector Coordination

- UNHCR leads the protection sector and co-leads the camp coordination and camp management as well as the shelter and NFI (non-food item such as jerry cans) sectors in North-East Nigeria. The protection sector covers general protection, child protection, GBV, housing, land and property as well as mine action. It works with national and local authorities and all protection actors to prioritize interventions and ensure that agencies operate in a coordinated manner.

## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR provides material assistance such as shelter and core relief items such as blankets, mats and jerry cans to cover the basic needs of vulnerable refugee and IDP families. Protection safety nets/livelihoods have been tailored as part of the protection and mixed solutions approach for affected people, in response to identified priority needs. UNHCR and partners also assist women and girls with dignity kits. To reduce dependence on humanitarian assistance, improve self-reliance and support solutions, refugees and IDPs are provided with skills, entrepreneurial training and support to set up trades. Cash assistance is prioritized as a protection measure in the COVID-19 context, including its economic effects.

## Integration of Refugees

- In line with the GCR, UNHCR works closely with the government to include refugees in national services and continues providing community focused assistance to ensure that host communities and refugees – Cameroonians, their majority, but also all others, including in urban centres - jointly and harmoniously benefit from the limited resources available.

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