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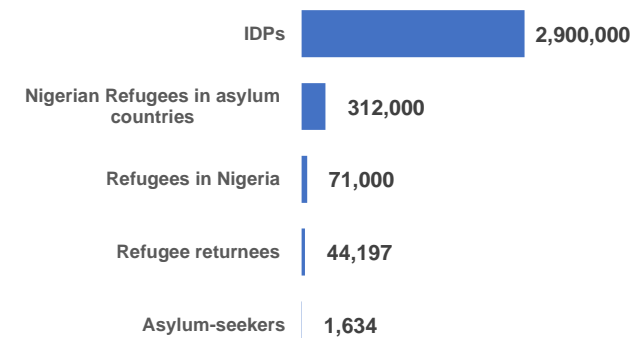
April - June 2021

Gender-based violence prevention and response campaigns reached over 30,000 refugees and almost 19,000 internally displaced people.

Almost 169,000 people - 40,000 refugees and 128,942 internally displaced - benefited from awareness raising campaigns on the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 35,000 refugee women and men benefited from cash-based assistance to buy their daily food in the first six months of 2021.

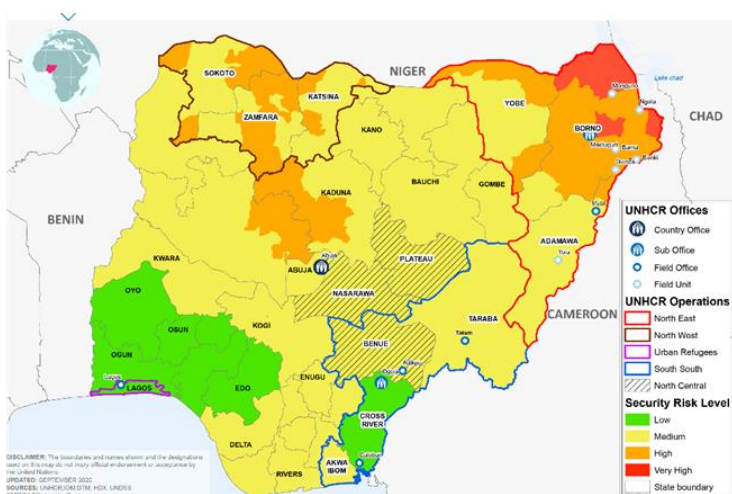
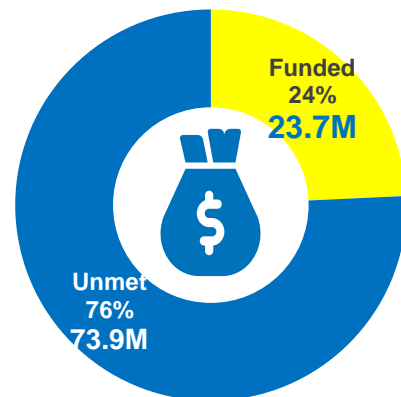
AFFECTED POPULATION



- 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 22 JUNE 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



Abuja joins other cities committed to welcoming refugees to integrate and benefit from social and economic opportunities. © UNHCR/Okechukwu Elias

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 and asylum-seekers, returnees and internally displaced people. In addition, they work together to prevent statelessness. UNHCR is pursuing a humanitarian response to address critical protection and assistance needs of affected populations. It collaborates with other agencies to help authorities find solutions, with emphasis on protection, response, inclusion and empowerment.

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 activities and sustainable livelihood opportunities; as well as prevention of statelessness. So far, 70,000 refugees benefited from awareness campaigns on GBV and COVID-19, over 35,000 refugees got cash for food and 2,000 refugees given UNHCR-facilitated ATM cards.
- **Internally displaced people**—Direct interventions are undertaken with local and national authorities to ensure that internally displaced people (IDPs) in camps or out of camps live in safety. In the North-East, UNHCR established a community-based structure composed of 17 protection coordinators, some 100 protection monitors, nearly 50 human rights monitors and 250 protection action group members to deliver protection services such as protection monitoring, vulnerability screening, capacity building and access to justice, while ensuring age, gender and diversity mainstreaming. Since the beginning of 2021, almost 148,000 IDPs benefitted from awareness campaigns on GBV and COVID-19.
- **Returnees**—Voluntary, safe and dignified return is a priority for UNHCR, the government and the humanitarian community. UNHCR has signed a tripartite agreement with Nigeria and Cameroon for a refugee repatriation framework, which saw 3,880 Nigerians return since the first convoy in March 2021. The returns to Banki and Bama towns in Borno State are an initiative by the two governments and based on the desire of refugees to go home. UNHCR monitors this initiative and assists the returnees.

Farmer/Herder conflict related displacements (IDPs in the Middle Belt)

- 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 and rape, 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, where there are over 1 million IDPs. The current humanitarian response is limited to a three-year project funded by the United Nations, implemented by UNHCR, UNDP and FAO, targeting 30,000 people.

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 items) sectors in North-East Nigeria. The protection sector encompasses general protection, child protection, GBV, housing and land and property as well as mine action. The sector works with national and local authorities as well as all protection actors. They bring together partners working in different areas to ensure that agencies operate in a coordinated manner to prioritize interventions and available resources, minimize gaps and overlaps, and speak with one voice on key protection issues and human rights violations, with an overall goal of enhancing the protection of conflict-affected populations.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR provides material assistance such as shelter and core relief items like blankets, mats and jerry cans to cover the most basic needs of vulnerable refugee and IDP families. In addition, 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 further prioritized as a measure to maximise protection benefits in the COVID-19 context and its economic effects.

Integration of Refugees

- In line with the GCR, UNHCR works closely with the Government so that refugees are included in the communities from their arrival on. Nigeria allows refugees to benefit from national health and education systems. UNHCR started consultations with the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development on how to leverage inclusion of refugees into national social safety nets through cash-based interventions. Meanwhile, UNHCR provides community focused assistance to ensure that host communities and refugees jointly and harmoniously benefit from the limited resources available. In June, Abuja joined other cities committed to welcoming refugees to integrate and benefit from economic opportunities.

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