

NIGER: DIFFA OFFICE

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KEY FIGURES

100,000

Nigerian refugees and displaced people from Nigeria claiming to be Niger nationals lacking identification documents

50,000

IDPs according to Niger authorities

FUNDING

USD 30,203,773

Requested for the operation



PRIORITIES

- In light of the Niger Government's position not to provide permanent assistance in the spontaneous settlements because of their location close to the Nigerian border, refugees will continue to be sensitized on the civilian character of camps and on the possibility of relocation.

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Diffa Security Context

- The security situation in Diffa has been relatively calm with no major incidents in Diffa town.
- The most recent serious incident took place on 25 August and resulted in the death of a Niger soldier and a Nigerian insurgent.
- Life remains active in the region, despite restrictions which include a curfew from 10 p.m., a ban on wearing the hijab and restrictions on the movement of vehicles at night between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Protection

- Regarding the ongoing mapping of protection actors in the Diffa region, much input has been provided, however there is a lack of precision regarding the location of the activities. The mapping matrix created by the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) and REACH for the month of July will be shared with other relevant actors, in order to finalize the protection mapping of Diffa.
- UNFPA completed awareness raising sessions on protection in the Sayam Forage camp, in collaboration with the KARKARA NGO, and sessions in Kablewa camp, in collaboration with *Action Pour le Bien-Etre* (APBE) and the Red Cross.
- UNICEF has supported the Regional Directorate for the Advancement of Women and the Protection of Children in the recruitment of 10 agents for identification activities, and reunification for separated/unaccompanied children. They also supported *Cooperazione Internazionale* (COOPI) in the creation of 10 'child friendly spaces' in various locations in the Diffa region, which were completed in August.

- UNICEF held a training session for members of the Sub-Cluster for Child Protection and for the Security and Defense Forces on 'Child Protection', so as to provide better support for separated/unaccompanied children, and children associated with armed groups.
- During the first week of September, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) held training for the protection committee at Kablewa camp in the basic principles of protection. At Guidan, they also organized a sensitization campaign on the importance of social cohesion and the importance of women's groups at the site, and additionally, an awareness-raising session on the causes and the consequences of GBV. A committee on GBV has been established there, so that cases can be reported.



Health

- APBE reported that in the month of August, approximately 2,448 refugees, displaced people and members of the host communities were medically treated. This includes the two refugee camps of Kablewa and Sayam Forage, and in the site for displaced people at Gagamari. More detailed information on health statistics for the month of August can be found via the CSI (*Centre de Santé Intégré*) in the Kablewa camp.
- APBE continue with the *Programme Elargi de Vaccination* (PEV) or Expanded Programme on Immunization, in the Chétimari and Gagamari sites for displaced people. This vaccination campaign is routine in the two camps of Kablewa and Sayam Forage.
- Eight discussion group meeting and 3 awareness-raising sessions were held in Gagamari, Chétimari, Kimegana and N'Guigmi focusing on prenatal care, exclusive breastfeeding and the importance of treated mosquito nets. Approximately 1,403 people benefitted from these sessions.



Food Security and Nutrition

- APBE reported that during the month of August, there were nine cases of acute malnutrition amongst children under the age of five in Kablewa camp, and no cases reported in Sayam Forage camp. Following an active screening campaign in August of new arrivals to the camps, there are no new reported cases in either camp amongst children under five years.



Water and Sanitation

- UNICEF reported that in partnership with ACTED, 330 latrines have been constructed in the sites for displaced people in Gagamari, Chétimari and Assaga. These were completed at the end of the previous reporting period.
- With UNICEF funds, the International Emergency and Development Aid (IEDA) NGO reported that they had built 100 latrines for IDPs at N'Guel Kolo, Gagamari and Chétimari during the last weeks of August. This week, they also completed the distribution of 5,000 hygiene kits for IDPs and refugees in the Kablewa camp. The distribution of the hygiene kits was accompanied by an awareness-raising campaign on the promotion of hygiene, with focus groups, which reached 9,148 people.
- UNICEF reported that they had recently completed the distribution of 566 female hygienic kits to women of childbearing age in the Kablewa refugee camp.
- In Chétimari, IRC held an awareness-raising session on the promotion of hygienic practices which was attended by 135 people. In addition, capacity development was provided to 36 community workers in a number of camps on the use and maintenance of emergency latrines.



Shelter and NFIs

Shelter :

- Within the matrix of the remote management project, APBE in partnership with UNHCR began a shelter distribution campaign on the 6 September to distribute and install 500 shelters for the displaced population in the sites of Yébi, Ari Koukouri and Barwa.
- Following the collapse of a number of houses in the Diffa region, the Luxembourg Red Cross (CRL) recently completed the distribution of shelter kits to 45 households in Diffa. They also distributed canvases for shade and shelters to the newly arrived people in Kablewa camp.
- At the end of August, a rapid evaluation mission was undertaken in Tchoungoua by CARE, CRL, IRC and APBE with the following results: 1,040 households, comprising approximately 7,272 people, are in need of shelter and better access to water (the closest water point is 3km from the site). These results will be used to inform decision making processes and priorities for the coming months.

NFIs:

- NFI kits have been distributed by UNICEF and IRC, in partnership with UNHCR, to displaced people at the site of Tchoungoua. Approximately 1,010 households received these kits.
- From 1 to 6 September, IRC distributed 231 NFI kits in Alla displacement site. They also distributed approximately 700 hygiene kits in Kangouri and Kablewa.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

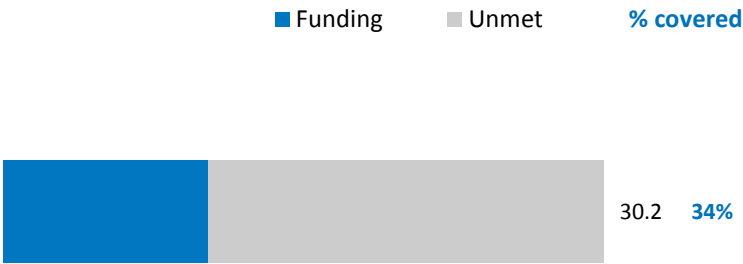
- Following a UNHCR mission in late August to Chétimari and Gagamari for a census of those wishing to volunteer for relocation, a total of 171 households of 707 people have volunteered to be relocated to Sayam Forage camp. Actions are currently underway to assist their transfer.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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