UNHCR, in partnership with Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has carried out registration since August 2015 at border control points in the North East. The refugee returnees are returning to Nigeria mainly from Cameroon, Niger and Chad. So far, 36,355 individuals have been registered by Nigeria Immigration Service from 1 January 2019 to 30 November 2020, comprised of 15,740 households (HHs). 83% of the spontaneous refugee returnees report to have been unregistered with authorities in the country of asylum. UNHCR Nigeria is working closely with partners to implement a comprehensive response strategy, including providing targeted assistance to returning Nigerians, developing the capacity of key stakeholders to the response and advocating for conditions of returns.

**Spontaneous Refugee Returnee Population Per Country of Asylum**

- **Niger, 12,928 (36%)**
- **Cameroon, 22,641 (62%)**
- **Mali, 3,460 (9%)**
- Of the returns were unregistered in countries of asylum.
- Of the returnees were concentrated in Pulka and Ngala registration points.
- Of the households have destroyed or damaged properties.
- Of the households have been registered by Nigeria Immigration Service from 1 January 2019 to 30 November 2020.

**Monthly Return Trends**

- **Food**: 4,880
- **Wheat**: 3,460
- **Water**: 4,900
- **Shelter**: 4,267
- **Elderly Single**: 2,307
- **Elderly Headed Household**: 1,762
- **Elderly unable to care for self**: 608
- **Female Headed Household**: 299
- **Male**: 103
- **Muscule**
- **Montgomery**
- **Nigerian**
- **Spontaneous Refugee Returnee Population**
- **HOUSEHOLD**: 15,740
- **Individuals**: 36,355

**Reason for Leave**

- **Nigeria**: 79%
- **Heard that the security situation in Nigeria was improving.**
- **Heard that services were improving in Nigeria.**
- **Extortion**: 2%
- **Mistreatment / Physical Violence**: 4.21%
- **Separated from Family Members**: 7.20%
- **Not provided with Food / Water**: 42.81%

**Main Specific Needs**

- **Female Headed Household**: 11%
- **Breastfeeding**: 9%
- **Pregnancy**: 2%
- **Elderly unable to care for self**: 1%

**Place of Origin in Nigeria**

- **Gwoza / Pulka**: 52%
- **Ngala**: 19%
- **Maiduguri**: 12%
- **Banki**: 10%
- **Kukawa / Lake Chad**: 9%
- **Dikwa**: 2%
- Of the spontaneous returnees are from Gwoza / Pulka and Ngala location.

**Place of Origin and Registration Points**

- **Niger**: 22%
- **Cameroon**: 21%
- **Mali**: 19%
- Of the returnees were registered by Nigeria Immigration Service from 1 January 2019 to 30 November 2020.

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