

# Nigeria

October – December 2021

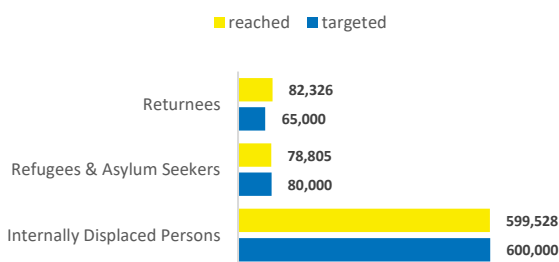
UNHCR reached out to **22,600 individuals** to mark **16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence** together with refugees, internally displaced people, host communities and partners across Nigeria.

Some **24,000 people - 6,000 IDPs** and **18,000 refugees** - benefitted from awareness raising campaigns on prevention and response to the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

More than **40,000 refugee women and men – mostly Cameroonians** – benefitted from **cash** assistance to buy their daily **food** from October to December 2021.

## AFFECTED POPULATION

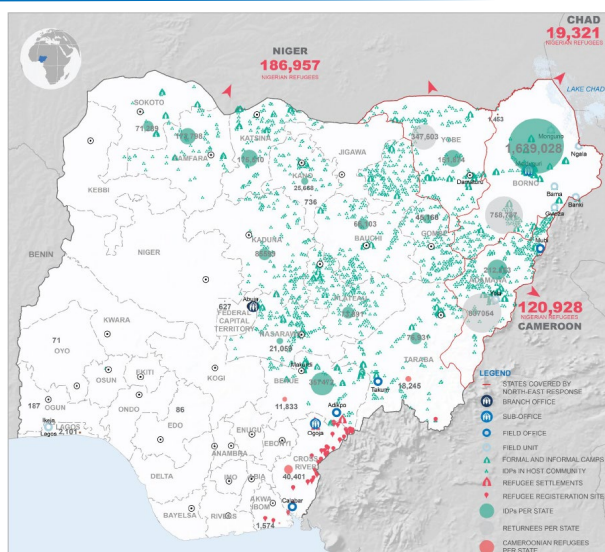
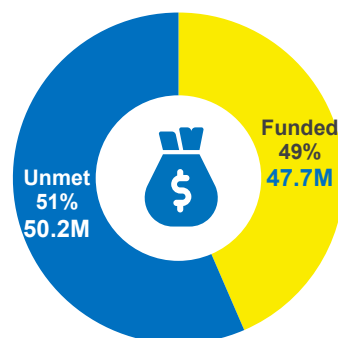
### Population Targeted Vs Reached



- IDP figure refers to displaced people in North-East, North-West and North-Central Nigeria due to insurgency, communal clashes, and farmer-herder conflict.
- Nigerian refugees in asylum countries: Cameroon, Chad and Niger.
- Registered refugees: Cameroonians in South-East Nigeria and different nationalities in urban areas.

## FUNDING (AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2021)

# USD 98M Required



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



UNHCR Partner & Principal Girls College Maiduguri Handover gifts to student who took part in events held commemorating the Human Rights Day 2021. UNHCR @KURA Mohammed Tukur

## Working with Partners

- Nigeria took an important step to implement the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), which aims to support host communities and refugee inclusion in national systems. The National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and IDPs and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development (FMHDSD) held a ministerial validation meeting to endorse the Roadmap for Implementation of the GCR on 30 November 2021. Attended by 120 participants from Federal and State governments, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and other UN organizations, donors, regional bodies and refugees, the event provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to reaffirm their commitments. Following the endorsement of the Roadmap, the Honourable Minister of the FMHDSD presented it at the High-Level Officials Meeting (HLOM) on the GCR in Geneva on 14 and 15 December 2021.

## Protection

- **Refugees** - UNHCR has been providing access to asylum and territory, registration and documentation; relocation of refugees from border areas for safety; access to education, healthcare, 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 the fourth quarter of 2021 a total of 8,107 refugees were registered, bringing the total number of registered Cameroonian refugees to 72,362 as of 31 December 2021. Over 50,000 refugees benefitted from awareness campaigns on GBV and COVID-19, over 42,000 refugees received cash for food assistance in the fourth quarter 2021.
- **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.
- **Camp Closure and secondary displacement** – In Borno State, displacements were reported due to closure of camps as part of the State government's return plan. As of 31 December 2021, the government closed Bakasi and Teachers village IDP camp in Maiduguri Metropolitan Council that were hosting 43,920 individuals.
- 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. 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.
- **16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence** – UNHCR, the government of Nigeria, refugees, IDPs, host community and partners commemorated the 16 Days of Activism; the 2021 theme 'Orange the World: End Violence Against Women now!'. UNHCR and partners reached 20,000 refugees and 2,600 IDPs through awareness raising sessions such as events, debates, rallies, and meetings.
- **Urban Refugees** – As of 31 December 2022, a total of 4,781 registered refugees and 1,662 asylum-seekers were reported from Niger, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Syria, Mali, Democratic Republic of Congo, Turkey, Yemen and other countries.
- **Statelessness** – UNHCR in Nigeria, in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior and Baze University Nigeria organized a colloquium themed 'Birth Registration – Antidote to Eradicating Statelessness in Nigeria' to raise awareness on the risks of statelessness to specific groups of children and steer actions on Nigeria's commitment to eradicate statelessness.
- UNHCR opened a **field presence in Sokoto** through a partner in 2021, plans a field unit for 2022. The displacement situation in the North-West (Sokoto, Zamfara, Katsina) is triggered by violence, banditry and criminality. People become IDPs and refugees when fleeing into Niger.

## 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 non-food 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 the most vulnerable 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. During the reporting period, 60 IDPs and returnees were given training in carpentry, tailoring, information and communication technology and pillow and bedsheet making in Maiduguri. Around 600 beneficiaries who were trained earlier on crop farming received a cash grant of NGN 5,000 (appx 10 US\$), each to enable them to prepare for the harvesting season. Cash assistance is prioritized as a protection measure in the COVID-19 context, including its economic effects.

### Integration of Refugees

- UNHCR and its partner, the State Emergency Management Agency monitored and managed the four refugee settlements (Adagom, Adagom 3, Ukende and Ikyogen), in Cross River States and Benue, ensuring integration with host communities, providing security for refugees, and resolving over 70 potential crises through community engagement and negotiations.



Cameroonian refugees receive cash to purchase the food of their preferred choice, provided by UNHCR in Adagom settlement, Cross River State. © UNHCR/Lucy Ajiende.



16 Days of Activism celebrated by UNHCR and protection actors with the refugees in Kuya Camp Monguno. © UNHCR/Kater Amah

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