

UNHCR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

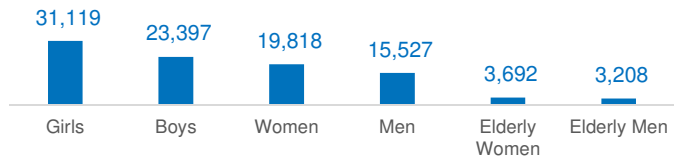


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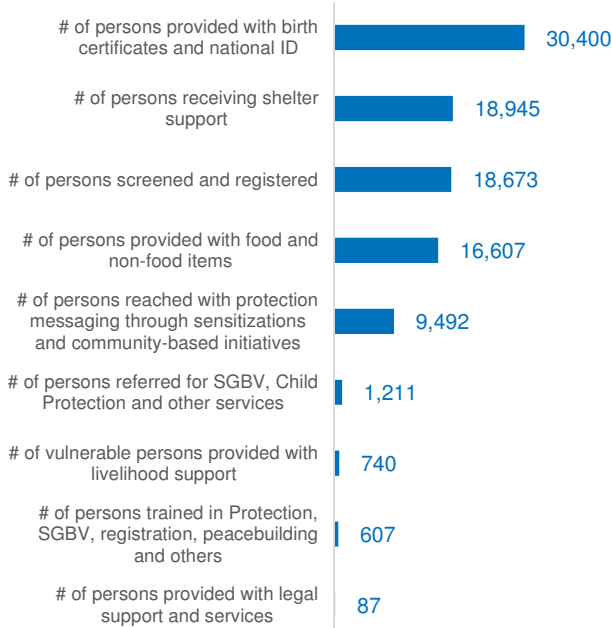
41,397 of them from
Mar-Apr 2018

total # of individuals supported with services by UNHCR from January to April;

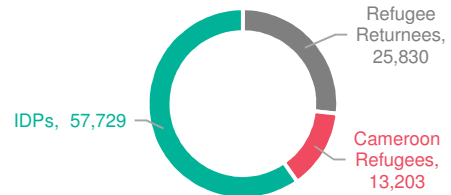
DEMOGRAPHICS



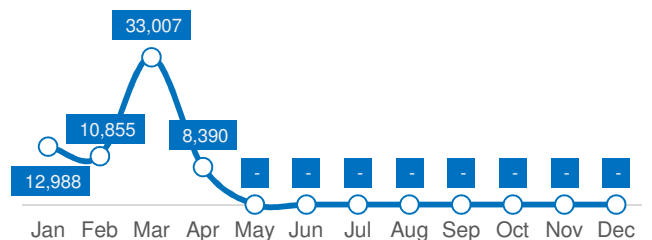
BENEFICIARIES REACHED PER ACTIVITY



BENEFICIARY TYPE



MONTHLY TREND



CORE UNHCR INTERVENTIONS IN NIGERIA

UNHCR Nigeria's interventions cover refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and issues of stateless people. During the reporting period, UNHCR and partners reached more than thirty-four thousand individuals in Nigeria with protection and material assistance.

As the lead Refugee and Protection agency, UNHCR Nigeria's interventions for the North-East IDP and Cameroon refugee situations focus on the following:

- Protection Monitoring and Response;
- Supporting activities related Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and Psychosocial Counselling
- Provision of material assistance such as shelter, food and non-food items (NFIs);
- Livelihood and Peacebuilding;
- Camp Management Camp Coordination (CCCM) support;
- Advocacy;
- Capacity building and Awareness-raising;
- Return Monitoring,
- Registration of new arrivals and returnees
- Vulnerability Screening; and
- Access to justice

The North-East Situation

The security situation in North-East Nigeria remained generally fluid and unpredictable during the month of April. Twenty-six Boko Haram related incidents ranging from suicide bombings to attacks against military and civilian infrastructure were recorded during the period under review, all of them taking place in Borno – the most affected state by the current insurgency.

Even though the military is making further advances and recapturing areas previously occupied by Boko Haram, government counter-insurgency measures compounded by indiscriminate attacks remain causes of further and new population displacements. The situation could drag on in the months ahead as the Nigerian military, and its regional counterparts have embarked on 'Operation Last Hold' in the final push against Boko Haram.

Access to 'newly liberated areas' remains a challenge for humanitarian workers as the only means of transport is the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS).

Notwithstanding the difficult operating environment and the increasingly precarious situation, UNHCR and other humanitarian agencies remain engaged where possible, through local partners and the rotational deployments of its national and international staff to deliver services to people desperately in need of protection and other life-saving assistance in the affected areas.

UNHCR has maintained its advocacy for appropriate actions by government to address the physical protection of the displaced and to ensure that the civilian character of camps is not compromised. For example, reinforcing security in and around the camps and redeploying police presence and re-establishing civilian administrations in newly liberated areas to ensure that the civil liberties of the displaced are restored.

Preparations continued during the period between UNHCR and its Nigerian and Cameroonian government counterparts about efforts to operationalize the March 2017 Tripartite Agreement for the voluntary repatriation of Nigerian refugees residing in Cameroon. These include technical discussions to begin the actual repatriation of the first batch of some 4,000 Nigerian refugees from Cameroon to Adamawa State. UNHCR and the governments of Nigeria and Cameroon are reassessing logistics and security measures for the movement of returnees to be conducted in safety and dignity in line with the provisions of the Tripartite Agreement.

The Cameroonian Refugee Influx

UNHCR and its Nigerian government counterpart, the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced (NCFRMI) have registered 21,291 Anglophone Cameroonian refugees across four bordering states – Cross River and Akwa-Ibom in the south-south, Benue in the middle belt and Taraba in the north-east.

The refugees are predominantly from areas in Cameroon's North-West and South-West Regions of the country affected by the crisis between the government and activists calling for independence of the Anglophone Region.

In addition to registration, UNHCR's response efforts for the Cameroonian refugees are primarily focused on working with partners to provide food and non-food items, shelter and medical assistance and other protection support including monitoring of sexual and gender-based violence incidents and advocacy in refugee hosting communities.

To also ensure the physical protection of individuals residing along the borders, the government and UNHCR completed arrangements in April to relocate refugees approximately 50 kilometres to designated sites in Ikom, Cross River State and Adikpo in Benue State following land allocation in the two areas.

The refugee influx has since presented a new dimension to the already complex humanitarian situation in Nigeria particularly the lack of adequate resources to effectively support those in critical need of assistance.

PARTNERSHIP AND COORDINATION

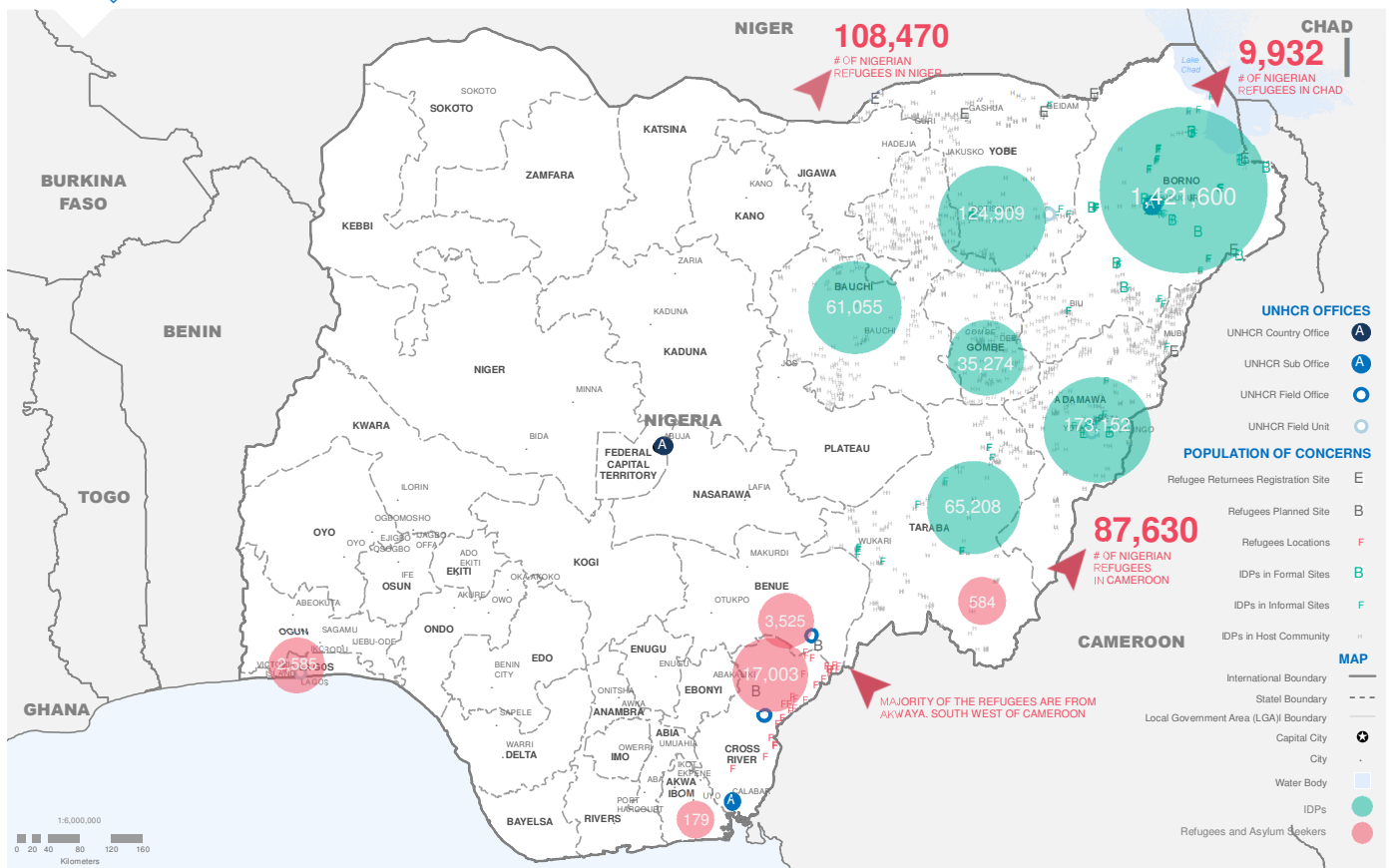
UNHCR's main government partner is the **National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI)** for both the North-East and Cameroon refugee situations.

Other agencies supporting UNHCR for the **North-East situation** include: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC); Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), State Emergency Management Agencies (SEMAs) and National Identity Management Commission (NIMC).

The International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) partners include: Family Health International 360 (FHI-360); INTERSOS – Italy. National Non-Governmental Organisations and institutions comprise: Center for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI); Action Initiative for Peace and Development (AIPD); Nigeria Bar Association (NBA); Grassroots Initiative for Strengthening Community Resilience (GISCOR); Integrated Centre and Sanitation & Hygiene Education Initiative (SAHEI) and the American University of Nigeria (AUN).

For the Cameroon refugee situation, UNHCR is partnering with the following local NGOs: - Benue Non-Governmental Network (BENGONET), Rhema Care, Caritas, Mediatrix Development Foundation (MDF), Foundation for Justice Development and Peace (FJDP); and Health Initiatives for Safety and Stability in Africa (HIFAS).

UNHCR is also collaborating with the **Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)** and the **West African Civil Society Forum** to address issues of statelessness in Nigeria.



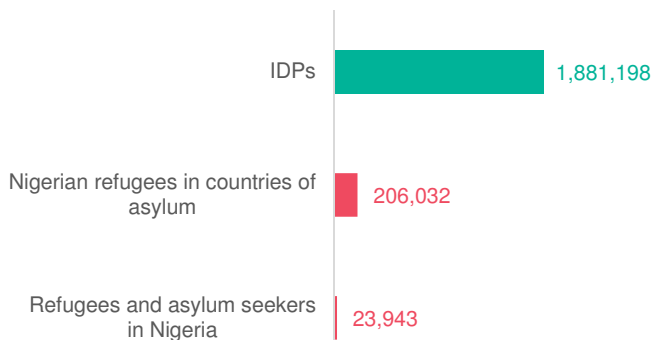
OPERATIONAL SITUATION



2,111,173

of persons of concern to UNHCR Nigeria as of 30 April 2018

POPULATION TYPE

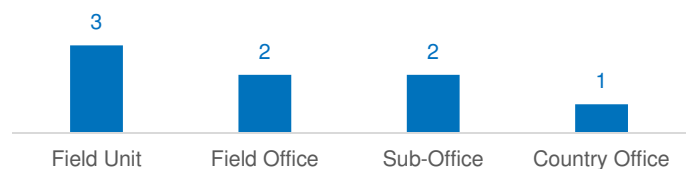


*The IDP figures were provided by IOM DTM Round XXI – February 2018

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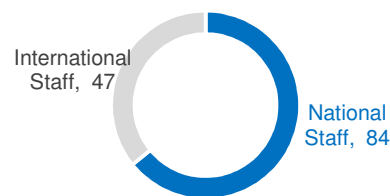
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PRESENCE



1 Country Office in Abuja, 2 Sub-Offices in Maiduguri and Calabar, 2 Field Offices in Ikom and Adikpo, 3 Field Units in Damaturu, Lagos, and Yola

HUMAN RESOURCE



A total of 124 UNHCR staff currently supporting two main operational situations in North-East Nigeria and Cross River state. 65% national staff and 35% international

FUNDING SITUATION (in million USD)



A total of 80.3 million was requested for 2018 Operations plus an additional 18 million for the Contingency Plan for the Cameroon influx