

Situation in Numbers

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1.4 Million children displaced by the conflict across 4 countries (out of over 2.4 million people displaced)
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225,000 Children under-five years of age suffering from severe acute malnutrition
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208,000 Children without access to Education

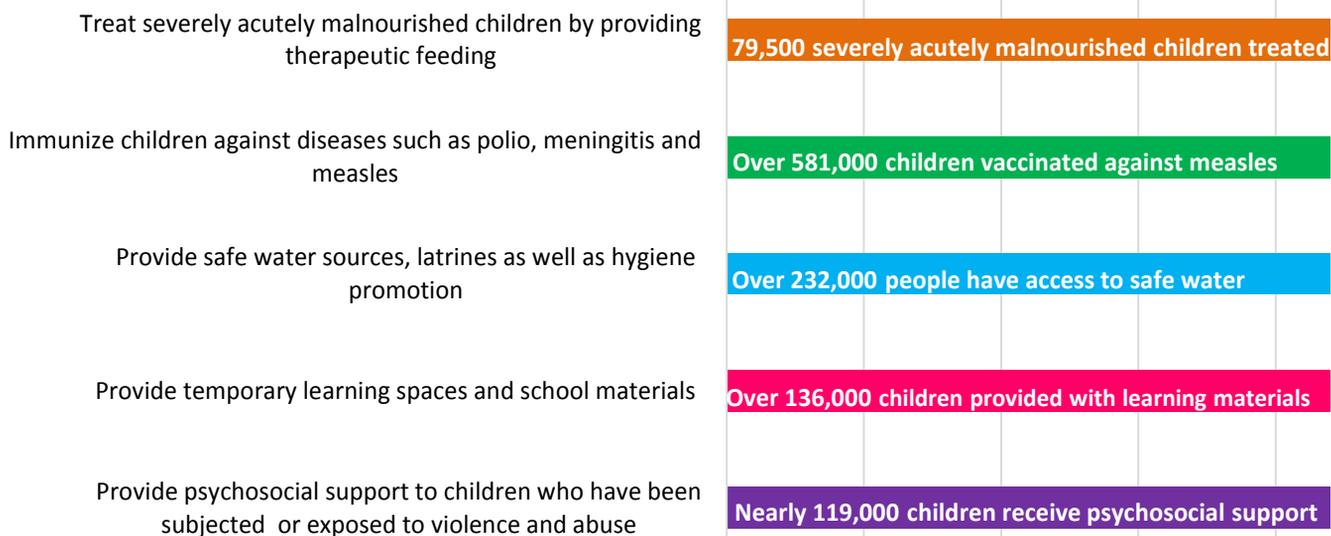


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Children at risk

- Over 1.4 million children have been displaced by conflict and violence, representing nearly 60% of the displaced population (nearly 2.4 million). The slight decrease from the last update is due to the fluid situation in Nigeria (IOM DTM Oct 2015). In North East Nigeria alone, around 1.1 million children have left their homes. The number of children who have been uprooted in Cameroon, Chad and Niger is approximately 220,000 after their villages were attacked .
- The humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate: food insecurity has been worsening combined with mounting child protection risks. Poor access to education, nutrition, safe drinking water and health services are of great concern. An estimated 225,000 children under-five years of age suffer from severe acute malnutrition (SAM).
- Every day children across North East Nigeria, Chad, Niger and Cameroon are missing out on their childhood. They are at risk of being trapped in a cycle of violence - separated from their families, exposed to exploitation, abuse and recruitment by armed groups. Many children have been killed, maimed and subjected to unimaginable atrocities.
- Young women and girls have been abducted, subjected to forced marriage, physical and psychological abuse, forced labor and rape.
- Teachers and students have been deliberately targeted by armed groups; many classrooms have been damaged, looted or occupied.

UNICEF results in 2015 in North East Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon and Chad



UNICEF Humanitarian Action

UNICEF provides life-saving assistance in all affected countries. Insecurity poses a serious threat to our teams on the ground and limits access to assist affected populations. Despite these challenges, UNICEF has stepped up its humanitarian assistance to displaced families.

- Field presence has been reinforced in Diffa (Niger), Maroua (Cameroon), Yobe, Borno, Maiduguri (Nigeria) and Bagasola (Chad).
- More than 100 emergency response experts have been deployed.
- Assistance includes supporting access to basic health services, access to clean water and sanitation, providing therapeutic treatment for malnourished children, restoring access to education, as well as ensuring that children receive psychological support. These initiatives are implemented in collaboration with governmental authorities, other UN agencies, as well as local and international non-governmental organizations.



UNICEF Response – Funding Needs

UNICEF has received only 39% of the USD 50.3 million required in 2015 for its humanitarian response across the Lake Chad region.

Country	Funding requirements	Funding received (As of 14 October 2015)	Shortfall	% Shortfall
Nigeria	26,510,000	14,767,903	11,742,097	44%
Chad (Lake Region)	8,250,063	2,497,459	5,752,604	70%
Niger (Diffa)	7,891,400	1,995,930	5,895,470	75%
Cameroon (North)	7,702,606	488,282	7,214,324	94%
Total	\$50,354,069	\$19,749,574	\$30,604,495	61%

Without additional financial support, hundreds of thousands of children will have no access to basic health care, safe drinking water, child protection assistance and education. In a region confronted by emergencies, this crisis puts children at further risk threatening to reverse progress made in recent years. UNICEF urges donors to increase their humanitarian assistance to refugees, internally displaced people and host communities in Nigeria and neighboring countries.

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