FACT SHEET ON SUICIDE ATTACKS

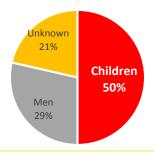
NIGERIA & NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

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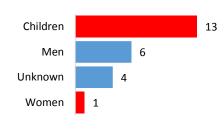
14 Suicide Incidents

7 (50%) incidents of suicide attacks committed by children

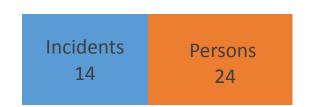


24 Persons Involved

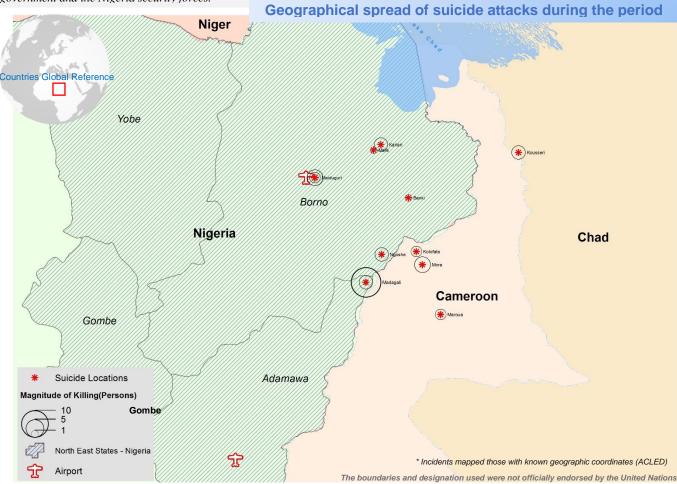
13 (54%) children (3 boys, 9 girls, 1 unknown sex) were used in 7 suicide attacks



Suicide incidents vs persons involved



Situation Analysis: UNICEF Nigeria with the support of donors listed above, lead the collection and analysis of data on suicide attacks by the Boko Haram in North-East Nigeria and the neighbouring countries of Cameroon, Chad and Niger. The analysis presented below covers the reporting period of January 2017. It is important to note that due to security situation in North-East Nigeria and across the borders with neighbouring countries, it was difficult to verify all the numbers of children used and killed or injured as a result of suicide attacks. Therefore, the information presented is based on verified incidents and might not represent the actual picture of the situation. Overall, 14 incidents of suicide attacks were recorded including 7 incidents in which 13 children were used. Nigeria recorded the highest impact of suicide attacks (71%) followed by Cameroon (29%). There were no suicide incidents reported in Chad and Niger during the period. The number of children used in suicide attacks in the month of January 2017 exceeds, by 38%, the one recorded in the fourth quarter of 2016. This trend is likely to increase as a result of Boko Haram being reportedly pushed out of its main strongholds in Sambisa forest by Nigeria security forces but also the fact that the group would attempt to demonstrate its capability and strength in refuting defeat as claimed by the government and the Nigeria security forces.



NIGERIA

The number of suicide attacks recorded in Nigeria is 71% higher than the data recorded in Cameroon, Chad and Niger, combined. There were 7 incidents of suicide attacks reported involving the use of 13 children, 2 men. All incidents of suicide attacks committed by children during the reporting period occurred in Nigeria alone.

Borno State reported the highest number of suicide attacks (80%) followed by Adamawa (20%).

10 Suicide Incidents

7 (70%) incidents of suicide attacks committed by children

7 (70%) incidents in which children were used 2 (20%) incidents in which men were used 2 (10%) incidents in which sex were unknown

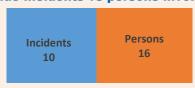
16 Persons Involved

13 (81%) children were used in suicide attacks

13 (81%) children (3 boys, 9 girls, 1 baby of unknown sex)
1 (6%) woman

2 (13%) men

Suicide incidents vs persons involved



CAMEROON

Cameroon has the second highest number of suicide attacks reported in the region with 4 incidents involving the use of 8 persons during the period. There were no children and women used in any of the incidents.

Mova-Saya reported heights suicide attacks (50% of overall) in this period followed by Kolofata, Diamere and langone-et-chari.

CHAD

In Chad, no suicide attacks reported during this period

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In Niger, no suicide attacks reported during this period

4 Suicide Incidents

No suicide attacks committed by children and women in Cameroon

No incidents in which children were used No incidents in which women were used 2 (50%) incidents in which men were used 2 (50%) incidents in which persons of unknown sex and age were used

No Suicide Incidents

No Suicide Incidents

8 Persons Involved

No children and women used in suicide attacks in Cameroon

4 (50%) men 4 (50%) unknown by sex and age

Suicide incidents vs persons involved



No Persons Involved

Suicide incidents vs persons involved

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Suicide incidents vs persons involved