



## IN NUMBERS



**5.2 million**

People projected to be severely food insecure in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States during the lean season (June to August 2017)



**1.7 million**

People displaced due to the ongoing crisis



**1.9 million**

People targeted to receive assistance from FAO in 2017



**USD 62 million**

Appealed for by FAO under the 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan for Nigeria

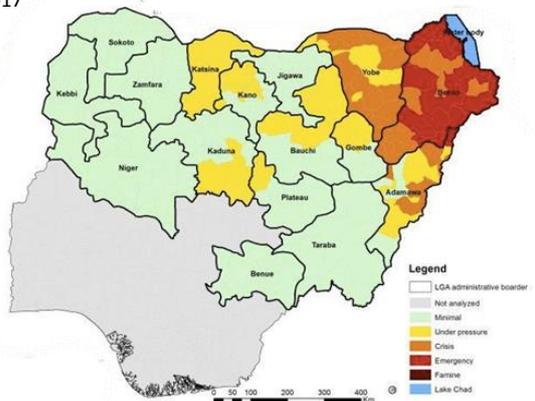
## HIGHLIGHTS

- **The ongoing lean season is contributing to a deterioration in food insecurity in northeastern Nigeria** – in the three most affected states, the number of food insecure people increased from 4.7 million to 5.2 million people between March and June.
- While planted crops are generally benefiting from average rainfall across the country, **heavy rains have led to widespread flooding, severely affecting areas of Yobe State** and impacting livelihoods. In addition, crop production is affected by **infestation of the fall armyworm** in some farming communities.
- To help alleviate food insecurity in conflict-affected Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States, **FAO provided 1.09 million IDPs, host community members and returnees with enough seed and fertilizer to meet their food needs for six months.**
- To-date, FAO's appeal for USD 62 million – contributing to this year's Humanitarian Response Plan – to respond to the food security and livelihood needs of the most vulnerable is just **33 percent funded.**
- **In October, FAO will launch its dry season programme** to assist around 70 000 farming households to bolster their capacity to grow food, thereby reducing impact of the food crisis, improve nutritional status and aid income generation.

## MAP

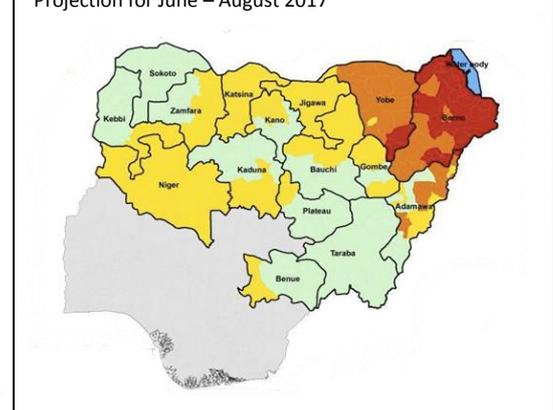
### CADRE HARMONISÉ

March – May 2017



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Projection for June – August 2017



## BACKGROUND

**Boko Haram-related violence has had devastating impact in northeastern Nigeria since 2013.** Widespread insecurity has led to the internal displacement of 1.7 million people, disrupting agricultural and marketing activities, and fueling rising levels of acute food insecurity and malnutrition. **As the ongoing lean season progresses, 5.2 million people in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States are now facing severe food insecurity, including some 50 000 people having extremely limited access to food.** This is an increase of half a million people severely food insecure since March 2017. IDPs and host communities are among the most affected – about 68 percent of IDPs face significant challenges to access food (up from 62 percent in May 2017, despite a reduction in the number of IDPs). The impact of the steep depreciation of the Nigerian naira and related hikes in food prices are further negatively impacting on food access. **It is critical to support agricultural and livestock production activities to enable the affected people** to recover from the shock of food and livelihood insecurity. With over 1 million returnees and most IDPs in accessible areas having access to land, agricultural production support has been – and will continue to be – critical to enabling them to grow food and generate income.

## CHALLENGES FACING FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The main cropping season is underway in northeastern Nigeria, and has generally benefited from overall average rainfall across the country. However, heavy rains in August have led to **flash floods and widespread flooding**, particularly affecting areas of Yobe State. The flooding has destroyed properties and displaced people – including farmers – in Karasuwa LGA. Preliminary assessment reports further indicate water logging in some crop fields and windstorm damage in Wachakal and Jajimaji areas. Farming communities are also facing the impact of **fall armyworm** infestation on crop production, and insecurity has impeded agricultural activities in some areas. Nonetheless, harvesting in the northeast will soon begin and **prospects for cereal crops are expected to be favourable**.

**Humanitarian access remains a challenge** – insecurity has hampered the delivery of inputs and services in many locations, as well as hindered conducting of crop assessments in some LGAs of Borno State, while flooding has prevented access in affected areas of Yobe State. Insecurity has also affected beneficiary targeting; with high levels of vulnerability and humanitarian needs and limited funding available, interventions and recipients must be further prioritized. Further, enhanced mobility of the population has caused difficulties in reaching identified beneficiaries with the intended support.

The next *Cadre Harmonisé* acute food security analysis will be conducted in October 2017.

## FAO PRIORITIES, RESPONSE AND FUNDING

### 2017 PRIORITY ACTIVITIES GOING FORWARD



**70 000 households** (560 000 people) targeted to receive assistance during the 2017-18 dry season input distribution campaign across Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States.



**20 000 households** (160 000 people) to benefit from the vaccination of 200 000 animals against infectious diseases after the rainy season, safeguarding livestock assets.



**5 600 households**, mainly headed by women, will benefit from FAO's gender-sensitive small ruminant restocking programme after the rainy season.



**1 000 youth-headed households** will benefit from cattle restocking.

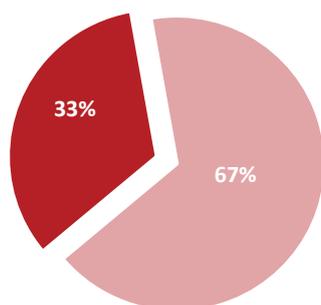


**3 200 households** will receive livestock feed to protect critical livestock assets during the lean season.



**12 000 households** will receive cash transfers.

### FUNDING



- **Funding to-date:** USD 20.65 million
- **Funding gap:** USD 41.35 million

### ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF 7 September 2017



**1.09 million people** have been reached with livelihoods assistance so far.

- 24% of beneficiaries reached were women.
- 22% were IDPs, 35% host community members, 43% returnees.
- Reached 46 of 65 targeted LGAs in close cooperation with WFP.



**1 922 tonnes** of cereal seed, **552 tonnes** of cowpea seed, **10.625 tonnes** of vegetable seed and **3 525 tonnes** of fertilizer distributed for the 2017 main season.

➤ A rainy season crop kit costing just USD 86 has the capacity to produce almost 600 kg of cereal worth more than USD 500, providing a family with enough food for over six months.



**3 600 goats** have been distributed to **900 women-headed households**.



**1 700 households** have benefited from the receipt of cash transfers

### APPEAL AND RESPONSE TO-DATE

Under the **2017 Humanitarian Response Plan for Nigeria**, FAO is seeking USD 62 million to assist 1.9 million people. FAO has raised USD 20.6 million so far (33% of the target).

**Donors:** Belgium, the European Commission Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and the United States of America.

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