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HIGHLIGHTS

- A fire broke out in Muna Garage el-Badawe IDP camp, in the outskirts of Maiduguri, on 23 May.
- Two IDPs died in the fire, an adult and a child, and several others were injured.
- 1,613 makeshift shelters burned down, affecting 1,613 households.
- Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) was activated to mobilize immediate support including food, NFIs and shelters for the affected families.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

There was a fire incident on Saturday 23 May 2020 in Muna Garage el-Badawe IDP camp. The fire started during an evening windstorm at around 5.00 p.m. and lasted for about one hour. The fire started when a windstorm blew sparks from a fire where an internally displaced person was cooking onto a makeshift shelter that caught ablaze. Two tanks of the Borno State fire service arrived at the scene and helped put out the fire.

According to data collected by the Borno State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), with the support of a team of IOM community volunteers, the fire razed down makeshift shelters of 1,613 households affecting 1,613 households. Two people died in the fire, an adult and a child. One block of IOM latrines and a borehole structure were also partially damaged. An unknown number of animals also got burned.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

Shelter, food, non-food items and clothes were identified as the immediate needs, until further assessment can be conducted.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

On 25 May, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) delivered food items, mats, blankets and mattresses to the affected households. NEMA also provided shelter material including cement, metal/zinc sheets, wood, and nails to reconstruct shelters for all the affected households. CIDAR, a national NGO, in collaboration with UNICEF will provide hygiene kits including buckets, jerrycans and soap. LoC-DiN, also a national NGO, has offered to provide some clothes.

The key gap yet to be addressed is the provision of kitchen utensils, such as cooking pots, pans, spoons, cups and plates as well as additional clothes.
Borno State Governor, Pr. Babagana Umara Zulum, visited the camp on 25 May to extend condolences to the affected families and hand over NEMA’s donation of relief items. The governor visited the families again on 26 May 2020 together with the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Hajiyah Sadiya Umar Farouq.

ABOUT MUNA GARAGE EL-BADAWE IDP CAMP

The camp, in Jere Local Government Area, is currently managed by SEMA and IOM as Camp management agencies and was established on 19 October 2014 as a small temporary settlement for 250 individuals. The camp population has however continued to grow due to spontaneous movements, with the current population estimated at 7,332 Households/39,560 individuals displaced from Jere, Mafa, Marte, Bama, Konduga, Kala/balge, Dikwa, and Ngala LGAs. Major ethnic groups residing in the camp include Kanuri, Fulani, Shuwa, and Garmarju.

The camp is highly congested with a mere 10 square meters of space per person, a third less space than required according to the minimum SPHERE standards of 30 square metres of space per person in uncongested camp settings. About 116.42 hectares of land are needed to decongest the camp. The camp, located on private land, has a high number of female-headed households, unaccompanied children, elderly persons and other categories of vulnerability.

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