

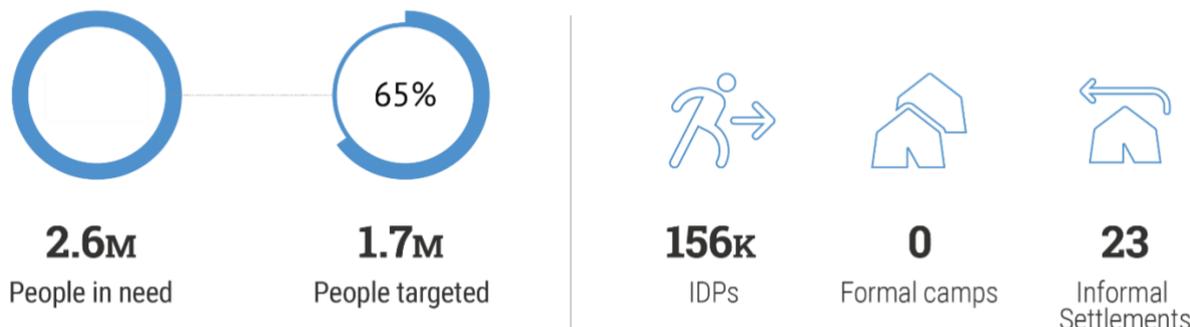


Nigeria: Yobe State

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Calculation of IDPs does not include recent displacements from Geidam and Yunusari Local Government Areas. Government estimates that about 54,000 IDPs from the two LGAs are still in the places of displacement across 11 LGAs in Yobe while an estimated 126,000 individuals have returned.

HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 200 families directly affected in flash flooding that destroyed homes, cultivated farmlands, food and livelihoods in Jakusko Local Government Area (LGA).
- Government confirms three cholera-related fatalities in Jakusko LGA, raising concerns of possible spread across high-risk locations.
- Renewed armed clashes and attacks by non-state armed group (NSAG) operatives triggered widespread panic in Geidam town, where recently displaced civilians continue to return.
- Over 170,000 vulnerable populations reached with food and nutrition assistance and cash support for agricultural activities across eight LGAs.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

More than 200 families directly affected in flash flooding in Jakusko LGA

Flash flooding from heavy rainfall on 21 July destroyed over 100 homes in Jakusko town, some 140 kilometers north-west of Damaturu, the state capital. At least 200 residents were directly affected according to LGA authorities and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). Property, valuables and vital supplies such as foodstuffs were washed away. Hectares of cultivated farmlands and local shops/stalls in the local market were also destroyed, impacting the main livelihood sources of the largely agrarian community. In a statement Governor Mai Mala-Bunu commiserated with residents and gave assurances of support to affected households. As of 23 July, residents were still wading through floodwater to salvage damaged belongings. SEMA is leading an assessment of impact and needs of the affected population to guide response actions. OCHA is engaging with partners on available resources to respond, based on the findings of the assessment.

Government confirms cholera related fatalities in Jakusko LGA

On 22 July the Executive Secretary of the Yobe State Primary Health Care Management Board (SPHCMB) confirmed three cholera-related deaths in Girgir community, Jakusko LGA where two other suspected cases have been hospitalized. The index case came from neighbouring Jigawa State, where a cholera outbreak has killed over 30 people across nine LGAs, according to the briefing to local media by the SPHCMB Executive Secretary. A government health team has been deployed to the area to respond to the situation which could escalate following the flooding incident in the area. OCHA and partners are following up with the SPHCMB and the Ministry of Health (MoH) to activate a response in the coming days. Joint efforts and emergency actions by partners and government health teams including chlorination of water points, trucking of potable water, hygiene promotion campaigns and active case searching, among others, helped to stem cases of acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) in Gadine community, Bursari LGA some months ago. With more flooding incidents expected as the rainy

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season approaches its peak, health and WASH sector partners continue to ramp up support to government to implement preparedness, risk mitigation and response measures across locations at risk of water-borne disease outbreaks, particularly AWD and cholera across the state.

Renewed violence sparks civilian safety concerns in Geidam LGA

An armed clash between NSAG operatives and Government Forces on 21 July triggered civilian safety concerns in Geidam town, some 180 kilometers north of the state capital. Although no civilian casualties were reported during the crossfire that lasted over an hour, the incident caused widespread panic among civilians, most of whom are still trying to resettle and stabilize after months in displacement locations. More than 150,000 residents were displaced in Geidam town in late April following multiple attacks by NSAG operatives. While nearly 80 per cent have returned to the town, others have chosen to remain in displacement locations/sites across neighbouring LGAs, citing unresolved safety concerns. The latest incident indicates the continued presence of NSAG operatives in the general area.

Food, nutrition and cash assistance to over 170,000 vulnerable people across nine LGAs

With the lean season underway, plunging over 1.2 million people into emergency levels of food insecurity across the north-east region, food security sector (FSS) partners continue to ramp up emergency food and nutrition assistance to the most vulnerable populations across the state. During the week, partners reached some 150,000 people with vital food and nutrition supplies across Yunusari (where returnees are facing acute food shortages following the displacement and destruction of livelihoods by NSAGs three months ago), Yusufari, Nguru and Karasuwa LGAs. Beneficiaries including children under-5 and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) also received nutrition support through a blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP). Early recovery sector partners also conducted stakeholder engagements across Damaturu, Potiskum, Nangere, Jakusko and Nguru LGAs during the week as part of plans to roll-out a conditional cash transfer programme targeting some 20,000 farmers with agriculture support to aid recovery and resilience.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Food Security

Response:

- CARE International commenced SCOPE registration of beneficiaries across communities in Karasuwa LGA as part of plans to ramp up food assistance to vulnerable populations during the ongoing lean season. Karasuwa is among four LGAs where general food distribution programmes were conducted during the week.

Health

Needs:

- Flash flooding from heavy rainfall that affected over 100 homes in Jakusko town has raised concerns of possible contamination of water sources, increasing the risks of water-borne diseases. Three cases of acute watery diarrhea (AWD) were reported in the LGA during the week and there are concerns that flooding could further worsen the situation. Partners are mobilizing resources and kits to scale up response in the LGA and other hotspot/vulnerable locations.

Response:

- WHO donated vital supplies including personal protective equipment (PPE) kits and medical equipment to the State Government as part of the scale-up of COVID-19 infection prevention and control (IPC) measures amid increasing concerns of a potential third wave in the country.
- Yobe SPHCMB, in collaboration with WHO hard-to-reach (HTR) teams, UNICEF and other partners conducted mass community sensitization reaching 9,216 people with COVID-19 risk prevention messages ahead of the *Eid-Al Adha* celebration.
- International Rescue Committee (IRC) trained 20 health personnel across health facilities in Gulani, Gujba and Damaturu LGAs on clinical care for sexual assault survivors during the week. Vital supplies including medicine and medical equipment were also distributed across health facilities in the three LGAs to improve the quality of medical services for populations.

Nutrition

Needs:

- SPHCMB reported delays in transportation of nutrition supplies due to insecurity along major routes. Partners are following up to explore access options including the use of HTR teams to deliver the supplies which are critical during the ongoing rainy/lean season when cases of malnutrition are usually higher.

Response:

- IRC distributed vital supplies including ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF), F-100 and F-75 to 22 health facilities in Gujba, Gulani and Damaturu LGA to support ongoing nutrition response during the rainy/lean season. A refresher course was also conducted for 30 trainers on safe infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices in the three LGAs.

Gender-Based Violence Sub-Working Group

Response:

- UNFPA completed the upgrade of the gender-based violence (GBV) hub in Damaturu, enabling the management and services for GBV survivors in the state. UNFPA is also training medical doctors across health facilities on clinical management of GBV cases.

Child Protection Sub-Working Group

Response:

- IRC distributed food items across 24 community structures in Damaturu LGA as part of efforts to strengthen child protection mechanisms and also reached another 130 beneficiaries of a life-skills acquisition programme with food and non-food items during the week.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Response:

- IRC distributed hygiene and water storage kits to some 54 vulnerable households and the Dikumari primary health care (PHC) facility in Damaturu this week. The agency also completed the construction of latrine facilities to support some 100 households in Nyakire community, Gujba LGA, as part of efforts to discourage open defecation practices.

Funding Overview

Out of the \$1.0 billion required for the 2021 humanitarian response in north-east Nigeria, \$272 million is required for Yobe State.



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