Situation Update

- In northeast Nigeria, security and humanitarian conditions continue to deteriorate due to violence and conflict. Fleeing populations and host communities are facing severe food insecurity resulting from successive poor harvests due to abandoned crops, minimal cross-border cash crop trade and lost economic opportunities.

- The August 2016 Cadre Harmonisé analysis reports 4.4 million food insecure people in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States. Out of these, 1.1 million people are severely food insecure in Borno and Yobe States (phases 4 and 5).

- Following reports of critical gaps in food assistance in some locations in Borno State and to decide on possible expansion, a joint UNICEF-WFP access mission will take place in October following reports of critical gaps in some locations in Borno and to decide on possible scale up through deployment of rapid response teams. In addition, WFP is currently planning a review in all currently targeted Local Government Areas to determine the suitability of the programmes and modalities of assistance according to the context.

WFP Response

- WFP’s operation in Nigeria is corporately put at the highest priority level to ensure appropriate response mechanisms are activated for life-saving assistance to the most affected people. WFP started capacity development support to the government since September 2015 and began food assistance in March 2016. WFP has set up three offices in Abuja; in Maiduguri (covering Borno State), and in Damaturu (covering Yobe State).

Food and Nutrition Assistance

WFP is targeting six LGAs in Borno State (Bama, Gwoza, Jere, Maiduguri Metropolitan Council, Kaga...).
and Konduga) and ten LGAs in Yobe State (Bade, Nguru, Bursari, Gedan, Gumja, Damaturu, Yunusuari, Uysufari, Gulani, and Jakusko).

**Cash-Based Transfers (CBTs):** Until December, WFP is targeting 476,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) through monthly cash transfers of 17,000 Naira. So far, WFP and IOM have registered 312,200 people. CBT targets also include people under the following joint programmes:

- **Integrated Nutrition Programme with UNICEF and Action Against Hunger for severely malnourished children:** WFP has registered all targeted 5,700 households with children suffering from Severely Acute Malnutrition (SAM) to receive CBTs for food assistance.
- **Seed Protection Programme with FAO:** WFP is targeting 8,000 households in Yobe through CBTs alongside FAO’s distribution of seeds to protect and enhance their livelihoods.

- For CBTs, an initial slow registration phase delayed the start of the assistance. In addition, access and capacity challenges of the service provider resulted in frequent delays in the implementation process. This has also created protection concerns due to long queuing and postponement of cash outs in some cases.
- To fast track the registration process, WFP recruited and trained volunteers to carry out registrations done through smart phones. As of end September, WFP registered 66 percent of its planned beneficiaries and registrations are expected to be completed in Borno and Yobe by end-October. WFP has currently assisted 95,500 people with CBT and continues to advocate with the service provider to enhance capacity (staffing and liquidity concerns). Meanwhile, WFP is looking into alternative viable options to complement implementation of CBT services to facilitate cash transfer.
- To address protection concerns, WFP set in place a hotline for beneficiaries to lodge complaints and provide feedback. Protection training was provided to volunteers and the telecommunications service provider in Maiduguri.

**Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP):** Until December, WFP is targeting 174,000 children from 6 to 59 months with Plumpy Sup as a measure to prevent malnutrition. As of end September, WFP has assisted 99,130 children in Borno and Yobe States (57 percent of planned).

**In-Kind Food Assistance:** In Borno State, in areas where markets are not fully functioning, WFP is targeting 205,000 people with in-kind food assistance (rice, beans and oil). As of end September, WFP assisted 123,000 people in seven locations in Borno State: Dalori 1, 2, Gubio, Bama, Banki, Gwoza, and Pulka. In addition, WFP had provided one-off assistance to 16,000 people to 16,000 beneficiaries in Maiduguri camps; and to 7,700 people in Damaturu, Yobe State. This brings total in-kind food beneficiaries to 153,000 (75 percent of the plan).

- Security restrictions resulting in limited access remained the main constraints for in-kind food distributions, including BSFP. Such constraints also pose limits to the number of humanitarian organizations in the area that can potentially partner with WFP.
- Delivery of food to most locations are possible under military escorts only. In September, planned food distributions were postponed in two instances due to the unavailability of escort services (e.g Bama, Gowza and Pulka town).

**Partnerships**

- To implement all activities, WFP partners with the National and State Emergency Management Agencies (NEMA and SEMA); SEMA supports in-kind food distributions in Borno State, and Plumpy Sup distributions in both Yobe and Borno States. WFP also partners with the State Primary Heath Service Providers for the measurement of Mid-Upper Arm Circumference of children and Plumpy Sup distributions. Children with SAM are referred for treatment at health centres.
- WFP is currently holding discussions with some international and national NGOs to engage in partnerships for in-kind food assistance and BSFP. For BSFP, WFP expects to have reached agreements with at least two cooperating partners by mid-October to implement in Maiduguri and other newly accessible areas.

**Supply Chain**

- Delivery of mixed commodities from the second round of local procurement (8,000 mt tender) began in end September.
- WFP continued its cross-border food delivery operation from Cameroon to Banki due to access constraints from within Nigeria.
- WFP has secured three warehouses in Maiduguri with a storage capacity of 5,900 mt, and has set up Mobile Storage Units in Banki for the storage of food coming from Cameroon.

**Sectors and Common Services**

**Food Security Sector**

- The Sector is currently reviewing its needs for the 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan, based on the latest Cadre Harmonisé issued August in 2016. A total of 973,000 people were reached in Adamawa, Gombe, Borno and Yobe under the sector as at end September. The Food Security Sector has 32 partners in country covering livelihoods, food assistance, crop production, and livestock and poultry.
Logistics Sector

- Following an assessment mission from WFP headquarters to identify needs for Logistics Sector coordination, a temporary Sector Coordinator and Information Management Officer are in Maiduguri.
- Informal Logistics Working Group meetings have been taking place since August in Maiduguri.

Emergency Telecommunications Sector

- WFP’s Fast IT and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team conducted an assessment among UN agencies and NGOs to identify connectivity and security telecommunication needs, constraints and gaps for humanitarian operations in Yobe and Borno States.

UN Humanitarian Air Service

- UNHAS deployed a second helicopter on 17 September to boost access for humanitarian actors in the North East. Destinations to newly accessible areas include: Bama, Banki, Gwoza, Pulka, Baga, Dikwa, Monguno, and Damaturu.
- As of end September, UNHAS has transported via helicopter 1,196 passengers from more than 23 organizations, and 9,035 passengers from 62 organizations via a fixed-wing aircraft.

### WFP Nigeria Resourcing Situation

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