Insecurity in the Lake Chad Basin — Regional Impact
Situation Report #14
20 May 2016

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Highlights

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Situation Update

- In Nigeria, the security situation in Borno State remains volatile and very unpredictable. The situation within the Maiduguri State capital remained tense for the reporting period. Most incidents are a result of military operations against Boko Haram insurgents in several local government areas.
- At the end of the Regional Security Summit which took place on 14 May in Abuja, Nigeria, a communiqué was issued stating that defeating the militant group cannot be done only militarily, but must include developmental actions to address the root causes of the crisis.
- Despite strengthened security measures along the border between Nigeria and Cameroon, Boko Haram insurgents continue incursions into Cameroonian territory. Several incidents occurred during the reporting period, including attacks and suicide attacks in the Mayo Sava department. In Chad and in Niger, the situation remains unpredictable and volatile. In Chad, for the first time since BH-ISWA started operating in the country, a roadside IED was used to target a military convoy. It happened in Kaiga Ngouboua on 12 May. In Niger, a series of low-scale attacks took place on the Diffa-Nguigni road on three consecutive nights from 01 to 03 May, and a village was raided and burnt down on 19 May by unknown militants (very likely BH-ISWA) near Bosso.
- At the conclusion of his four day visit in Nigeria and Niger, UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien warned that more than 9 million people in the Lake Chad Basin are struggling with dire conditions. At least 4.2 million people are affected by violence and displacement and face hunger. This situation will worsen if immediate humanitarian needs are not met.

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WFP is currently using mobile Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (mVAM) as a tool to gather more timely food security information in the affected areas. In Nigeria, the second round of mVAM data collection has been finalized in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States and a first preliminary draft report has been prepared. The third round of mVAM data collection has been concluded and data analysis is ongoing in Cameroon. From March onwards, WFP will continue mVAM surveys on a quarterly basis to assess how seasonal events impact on the food security situation of its beneficiaries.

Cameroon
- General food distributions for some 54,000 Nigerian refugees were finalized in the Minawao camp during the first week of April, while distributions out of camp settings targeted some 92,800 IDPs and 23,000 local vulnerable populations.
- WFP continues to provide preventive nutrition assistance through the BSF programme for some 38,000 children under five.
- The number of new admission to nutrition centres increased significantly during the first quarter of 2016, from January to March some 20,023 malnourished children were admitted for treatment of moderate acute malnutrition, which represents 135 percent of those expected for the period. A similar trend was noted for pregnant and nursing women in the region.
- Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) activities are planned to start in May for 20,000 IDP hosting populations in Mayo Tsanaga, Mayo Sava and Logone and Chari, focusing on agricultural support activities and the introduction of drought resistant farming techniques and irrigation projects.

Chad
- WFP, FAO and UNICEF organized two Seasonal Livelihoods Programming workshops in the Lake region (25 April – 5 May). Participants included members of the communities, UN and NGOs partners and representatives of the Government. The outcomes of these discussion will guide the implementation of both WFP’s asset creation activities and partner’s resilience-building activities in the region. Partners are identifying areas of convergence for multisector interventions, which will prove essential to create the necessary synergies supporting sustainable livelihoods.
- WFP completed a third monthly distribution on all the 22 new spontaneous sites north of Bagasola, in Daboua and Liwa that have become accessible at the beginning of 2016.
- A total of over 80,000 internally displaced persons and 5,500 refugees have received monthly rations while 3,900 children benefited from nutritional support to prevent the deterioration of their nutritional status.

Niger
- Although the security situation remains tense in the region, to date WFP activities on the ground have not been hindered directly.
Both in February and March, WFP in collaboration with ACTED, VND NUR, CARE, Karkara, and Samaritans Purse, distributed food and nutrition commodities to over 80,000 refugees, IDPs, and returnees, as well as vulnerable host populations in several municipalities in Diffa region. Approximately 3,000 children aged 6 to 59 months benefited from blanket feeding activities.

In February and March, CBT have reached 27,370 and 35,000 beneficiaries respectively. The assistance module is well received and distributions are going well in the Diffa region.

**UNHAS**

Since August until 20 May, UNHAS Nigeria 2015 has transported over 4,600 passengers from more than 54 humanitarian organizations and approximately 21 mt of humanitarian cargo.

In Cameroon, a new UNHAS schedule has been established as of March, increasing the frequency of flights between Yaoundé and Maroua, the capital of the Far North, from three times to four times per week.

The flights from N’Djamena to Bol are continuing on a three-time a week schedule. This is the most frequently requested destination among all the 19 UNHAS Chad destinations.

### Clusters

**Food Security Cluster**

In Nigeria in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states WFP continues to reinforce coordination, taking the co-lead of the regional Food Security Cluster (FSC) working groups. The Emergency Response Plan for the North East of the Food Security Sector was presented to the Humanitarian Country Team on 25 February by FAO Country Director.

In Chad the FSC has been re-activated in Bol, Lac region on 15 February. One of the urgent priorities for the group will be a mapping of displacement and food security needs.

### Resourcing Update

USD 74 million is immediately required for the four countries, to meet the food needs of the population and to support the capacity building of the Government of Nigeria through October 2016, including the anticipated requirements of the scale-up in Nigeria of USD 55 million. Considering the long lead times from the launch of procurement of commodities to delivery in-country, especially to the landlocked countries, early confirmation of funding is vital for the operation to move forward.

### WFP Operations

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