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Humanitarian Response Plan 2018

 to assist
1.6 million people

 FAO requires
USD 31.5 million

 period
January – December 2018

As most farmers in northeastern Nigeria depend on either agricultural or livestock production, or a combination of both, restoring their access to productive inputs, and crop and livestock value chains are key in 2018 to support their livelihoods and increase food security.

The conflict in northeastern Nigeria has devastated agricultural livelihoods in various ways, including livestock losses, reduced access to farmland and fishing grounds, and destruction of irrigation and farming facilities. Allowing families to produce their own food, while improving nutrition and income generation is critical to safeguard livelihoods.

Objectives

FAO is working with partners in the Food Security Cluster to:

- Improve household agricultural production (crops, livestock and fisheries) and livelihoods through supporting agro-based production and promoting livelihoods-based coping capacities of the most vulnerable population.
- Strengthen coordination and information management to ensure timeliness and impact of appropriate humanitarian food security assistance.

Activities



Support nutritious food production and diversification

rainfed crop production | vegetable production | input trade fairs | cash transfers | vouchers | microgardening | dry season rice cultivation | cash crops | locally produced fuel-efficient cooking stoves | Safe Access to Fuel and Energy | village savings and loan associations



Support livestock production

livestock restocking | poultry production kits | income-generating activities | veterinary supplies | animal feed



Strengthen national and local technical capacities

food security coordination | capacity and mechanisms | information management and analysis | food security and technical working group meetings | performance monitoring assessment

Situation analysis



3.7 million people
projected to be at risk of critical
food insecurity (June–August 2018)

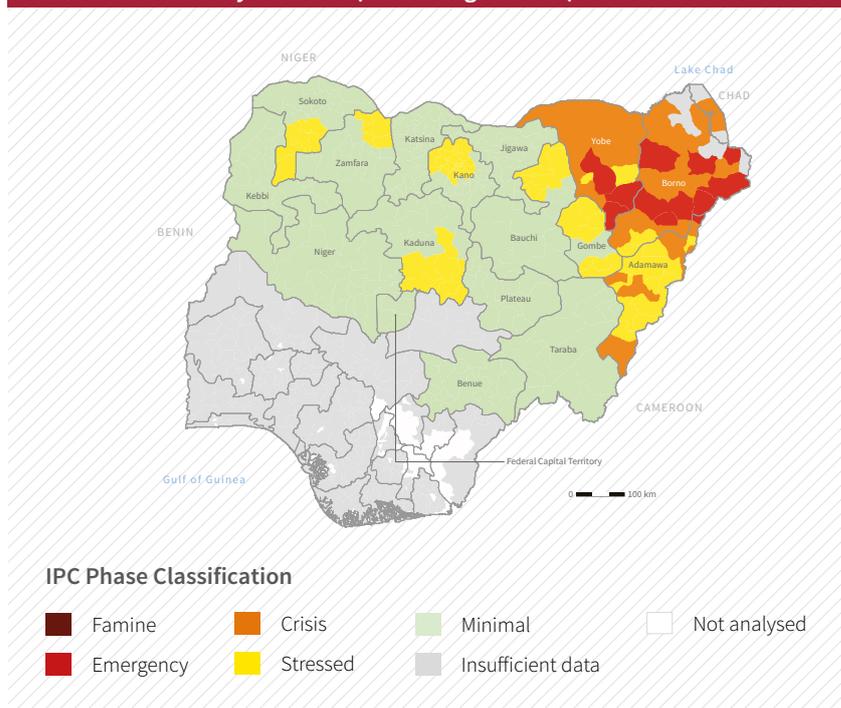


1.6 million IDPs



96% of surveyed families
depend on fuelwood or charcoal
for cooking

Acute food insecurity situation (June – August 2018)



Source: *Cadre Harmonisé*, November 2017

Impact on food security

The Boko Haram insurgency has negatively impacted food security and livelihoods in northeastern Nigeria, making it difficult for affected populations to access food, farmland and productive inputs as well as agricultural and alternative livelihoods. Despite a slight improvement in food security outcomes among populations receiving assistance, the situation is unlikely to be sustained without continued food and livelihood support. Borno State in particular has faced escalating levels of insecurity which led to massive population movements and food insecurity combined with human, social and economic losses. In the three northeastern states – Adamawa, Borno and Yobe – 3.7 million people are projected to be at risk of critical food insecurity during the next lean season (June–August 2018).

The crisis has particularly impacted displaced populations whose livelihoods were significantly eroded. While the presence of IDPs has placed an additional burden on already vulnerable host communities, those residing in camps and settlements face constant threats of attacks and prominent levels of sexual and gender-based violence.

The value chain for crops, livestock and fisheries has been severely disrupted as a result of the conflict. In areas where the security situation has stabilized, approximately 1 million households have returned to their homes, or to closer areas. These populations urgently require support to restore sustainable livelihoods and community-based protection mechanisms.

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