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Nigeria

Violence and conflict-related displacement have increased dramatically in Nigeria over the past decade. In the three most directly affected states of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe, 7.7 million people require humanitarian assistance, including 4.3 million children and 1.6 million internally displaced persons, more than half of whom are children.¹ Ninety-two per cent of the internally displaced are located in the three north-eastern states.² An estimated 400,000 children in 14 local government areas in Borno State will be severely malnourished in 2018, and five local government areas in Yobe State are experiencing global acute malnutrition rates of 10-20 per cent.³ An estimated 1.5 million people lack access to safe water (940,000 in Borno, 480,000 in Adamawa and 80,000 in Yobe).⁴ As a result, vulnerable children are becoming acutely malnourished after repeated bouts of diarrheal disease. Only half of the 755 health facilities in Borno State remain functional⁵ and nearly 1,400 schools have been damaged or destroyed.⁶ Many of these schools are unable to reopen for safety reasons. More than 1 million children in Nigeria are currently out of school.⁷ The protracted crisis has also compromised the physical safety and psychosocial well-being of 2.5 million children in north-east Nigeria, who require immediate assistance.⁸

Humanitarian strategy

In close collaboration with the Government, UNICEF co-leads the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), nutrition and education sectors, and the child protection sub-sector. In 2018, UNICEF continues to deliver an integrated intervention package to affected populations, in coordination with the Government, United Nations agencies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). To effectively scale up interventions, UNICEF has diversified and strengthened these partnerships with the aim of employing additional local partners in the response. In 2017, 19 out of 39 partnership agreements were with national NGOs. To improve the quality of its response, UNICEF is increasingly taking an integrated approach, especially among the health, nutrition and WASH sectors. UNICEF works with community-based WASH committees to increase community mobilization for hygiene promotion, including regular cleaning of latrines and maintenance of water points, as well as the dissemination of hygiene messages. A key aspect of this approach is the integration of WASH facilities into schools, child-friendly spaces and health/nutrition centres, as well as teacher training on the provision of psychosocial support in classrooms. The Rapid Response Mechanism is being strengthened to deliver immediate life-saving assistance to highly vulnerable families, followed by a sectoral response.

Results from 2018

As of 31 May 2018, UNICEF had US\$ 73.6 million available against the planned US\$142.5 million revised appeal (52 per cent funded) for 2018.¹⁰ So far, 161,756 children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) accessed treatment in UNICEF-supported treatment facilities. UNICEF's WASH response has focused on quality, sustainability and expansion to address the needs of new caseload and supported over 1 million people to access safe water and 508,156 people have accessed improved and sustained sanitation facilities in the northeast. UNICEF health targets have been reduced to align with overall health sector targets in the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2018. over 2.3 million consultations have been done through UNICEF supported emergency primary health care services. Under the education response, 109,488 boys and girls have received education supplies and learning materials. over 235,000 children benefitted from psychosocial and life skills services. UNICEF supported activities are underway to support new enrollments focus on children from the new arrivals during the enrollment period from September to October. These include procurement of teaching and learning materials.

UNICEF's health, child protection and WASH programmes are funded at 20, 29 and 31 per cent respectively.

Humanitarian Action for Children

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Total people in need:

7.7 million

Total children (<18) in need:

4.3 million

Total people to be reached:

2.3 million

Total children to be reached:

2 million

2018⁹ programme targets:

Nutrition

- 215,292 children aged 6 to 59 months affected by SAM admitted for treatment
- 519,640 caregivers of children aged 0 to 23 months accessing infant and young child feeding counselling

Health

- 2,340,000 consultations provided for internally displaced persons and affected host communities
- 2,025,048 children immunized against measles

WASH

- 1.05 million people provided with access to and sustained supply of safe water as per agreed standards
- 850,000 people with access to improved and sustained sanitation facilities
- 1 million vulnerable people reached with hygiene messages
- 500,000 people provided with WASH kits, including top ups

Child protection

- 368,000 children and adolescents benefitting from psychosocial support services and life skills
- 5,000 children and adolescents formerly associated with armed groups or returning from captivity benefitting from socio-economic reintegration assistance

Education

- 562,250 children accessing learning through formal and non-formal learning spaces
- 1,458,000 girls and boys receiving learning materials

	Sector 2018 targets	Sector total results	UNICEF 2018 target	UNICEF total results
NUTRITION				
Children aged 6 to 59 months with SAM admitted to therapeutic care for specified period of time	307,560	253,849	215,292	161,756
Children aged 6 to 59 months with SAM recovered (%)	>75%	91.1%	>75%	93.9%
Caregivers of children aged 0 to 23 months with access to infant and young child feeding counselling	743,006	184,972	519,640	125,422
HEALTH				
Children aged 6 months to 15 years vaccinated against measles			2,025,048	199,324
Consultations for IDPs and affected host communities			2,340,000	1,840,213
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE¹				
People provided with access to safe water per agreed standards	2,100,000	2,159,437	1,050,000	1,032,065
People with access to improved sanitation facilities	600,000	137,696	250,000	83,100
People benefiting from sustained environmental sanitation services	1,000,000	487,421	600,000	425,156
People exposed to community tailored hygiene messages aiming at hygienic behaviour and practices.	2,000,000	350,521	1,000,000	389,032
People benefiting from basic hygiene items including top-ups	1,500,000	130,290	500,000	131,790
CHILD PROTECTION				
Children and adolescents benefiting from PSS services and life skills	540,000	330,656	368,000	235,217
Children and adolescents suffering from grave child rights violations including those formerly associated with armed groups or returning from captivity benefitting from socio-economic reintegration assistance	7,000	3,181	5,000	1,984
Children, adolescents and caregivers benefiting from mine risk education	250,000	248,869	175,000	132,638
EDUCATION				
Children accessing learning through rehabilitated classrooms/ established temporary learning spaces	626,200	8,567	562,250	8,713
School-aged children reached with learning materials	1,871,424	95,478	1,458,000	109,488

UNICEF's results are through 31 June 2018 unless otherwise noted.

Funding requirements

In line with the country's inter-agency 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan, UNICEF is requesting US\$142.4 million¹¹ to meet the humanitarian needs of children in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states in north-eastern Nigeria. The funding gap is 48 per cent, with the most critical funding shortfalls in health, child protection and WASH. This funding shortage is hindering UNICEF's ability to deliver an integrated package of WASH, nutrition and health services for the survival and development of vulnerable children.

Appeal Sector	Original 2018 Requirement (US\$)	Revised 2018 Requirement (US\$)	Funds Available (US\$)	Funding Gap	
				US\$	%
Nutrition	38,754,000	38,754,000	35,404,042	3,349,958	9
Health	26,267,000	19,740,000	4,040,313	15,699,687	80
WASH	19,448,000	19,448,000	6,101,100	13,346,900	69
Child protection	25,743,000	25,743,000	7,552,470	18,190,530	71
Education	34,723,000	34,723,000	17,535,554	17,187,446	49
Emergency preparedness and response coordination	4,065,000	4,065,000	2,954,012	1,110,988	27
Total	149,000,000	142,473,000	73,587,491	68,885,509	48

¹ International Organization for Migration, 'Displacement Tracking Matrix Round XIX Report - October 2017: Nigeria', IOM, October 2017.

² Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 'Nigeria Humanitarian Response Plan 2018', OCHA, 2017.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Health Cluster Health Resources Availability Monitoring System assessment, September 2017.

⁶ United Nations Children's Fund, 'More than half of all schools remain closed in Borno State, epicentre of the Boko Haram crisis in northeast Nigeria', UNICEF, 29 September 2017, available at: <www.unicef.org/media/media_100953.html>, accessed 8 December 2017.

⁷ Estimate of the Education in Emergencies Working Group, 2017.

⁸ Health Cluster Health Resources Availability Monitoring System assessment, September 2017.

⁹ At the time of writing the original 2018 HAC appeal the inter-agency level 2018 HRP targets were not finalized and were released in first quarter of 2018. UNICEF's country level appeal is revised to align with the 2018 Nigeria HRP including downward revision of health programme targets and slight adjustments in child protection and nutrition response.

¹⁰ Available funds include US\$29.6 million raised against the current appeal and US\$43.9 million carried forward from the previous year.

¹¹ UNICEF's funding requirement has decreased to US\$ 142.4 million due to the downward revision of health programme targets.

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