



<i>SITUATION</i>
<p>The Lake Chad Basin is facing one of the most severe humanitarian crisis in our times. The area includes parts of Nigerian, Niger, Chad and Cameroon which are home to 2.5 million displaced persons (IDPs, refugees and returnees).</p> <p>There are 10.7 million people in need suffering high levels of hunger and malnutrition, and subjected to extreme hardship caused by poverty, climate change and conflict.</p> <p>Conflict</p> <p>Insecurity is hampering the resumption of normal life, leaving conflict-affected families dependent on humanitarian assistance for survival (OCHA, Lake Chad Basin, crisis overview January 23, 2019). For example, armed attacks are on the rise in north-east Nigeria. The Humanitarian Snapshot published by UNOCHA reported that at least 9,000 persons from Rann town in Nigeria fled to Cameroon after Boko Haram raided the town leaving more than 100 structures destroyed or badly burnt down (18 January – 01 February 2019). Some 6,000 Nigerians have also fled the recent hostilities to Chad’s western Lac region.</p> <p>Rann town, home to 76,000 internally displaced people is currently is inaccessible to international humanitarian organizations by road or by air leaving it population threatened by starvation.</p> <p>Climate Change</p> <p>Rising Niger river waters have flooded 11 island villages in the western Tillaberi region in Niger, affecting around 60 families. Houses and farms have been inundated.</p>
<i>NEEDS</i>
<p>The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) - jointly with UNDP, the United Nations Development Program, and implementing partners (including ACT Alliance members), had launched on January 30, 2019, the 2019 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP), an appeal for US\$135 million to help hundreds of thousands of people displaced by the worsening Boko Haram insurgency in the Lake Chad Basin region. A Refugee Response Plan (RRP) is a UNHCR-led, inter-agency planning and coordination tool for large-scale or complex refugee situations. A similar appeal of US\$157 million launched in 2018 was only 42 percent funded.</p> <p>About 40 UN agencies and humanitarian organizations have joined the 2019 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP), to cater for the needs of a quarter million Nigerian refugees and 55,000 of their hosts in Cameroon, Niger and Chad.</p> <p>The UN and its partners are also seeking \$848 million to continue providing food, water, shelter and protection to the most vulnerable people in Nigeria.</p> <p>ACT Alliance members that are present in the Lake Chad Basin region (The Lutheran World Federation, Christian Church Aid and Norwegian Church Aid.), have joined the 2019 Regional Response Plan (RRRP) as implementing partners.</p> <p>The estimated ACT Alliance's members contribution to the 2019 RRRP values \$1,350,000 (Lake Chad \$ 480,000, Cameroon \$500,000, Nigeria \$370,000), and focuses on three priority sectors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH); 2. Protection/Psycho-social support; and 3. Livelihood/Early Recovery. <p>This dire situation is further compounded for the conflict affected people with severe vulnerabilities. Therefore, there is a pressing need to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered.</p> <p>The current call for action aims to broaden the humanitarian response towards a longer-term approach to support displaced persons and their hosts, who are already living below the poverty line.</p>

STAKEHOLDERS

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

National Government	Governments offer their hospitality and subscribed to the implementation of the RRRP which subscribes to the Global Framework for Refugee Action (CRRF).
UN agencies	United Nations agencies are heavily involved in coordinating interventions. (UNHCR, OCHA, OIM, UNDP)
INGOs	International NGOs are supporting affected persons.
Military presence	These include the national armies of the crisis-affected countries and joint military forces such as the Joint Task Force led by the Nigerian Army and the Multinational Joint Task Force. This military presence relies on vigilante groups to sharpen campaigns against Boko Haram insurgents.
National NGOs	National NGOs are involved in supporting affected communities.
Civil society groups	The role of civil society is focusing on strengthening social cohesion and promoting inter-religious dialogue. These are citizen movements that are dedicated to building peace and promoting tolerance.
Faith based groups	Through the creation of exchange platforms, religious groups are contributing to the promotion of different religions living together and promoting tolerance. Their actions also extend to assisting people in distress.
Host community	Host communities play an important role in hosting and accommodating the affected.

Lake Chad emergency response is being coordinated by UN Agencies through various sector cluster meetings. Members of ACT Lake Chad are attending relevant sector coordination meetings to establish open lines of communication with crisis affected persons / communities thus ensuring the humanitarian response is based on participation and feedback.

ACT ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES

Various members of ACT Alliance have been working in the region in Lake Chad Basin for many years for example Lutheran Brethren Church of Cameroon, helping people affected by the conflict.
ACT Lake Chad Forum works in areas affected by the crisis and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and the vulnerabilities.
ACT Lake Chad Forum is monitoring the situation and emergency team are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid need assessment.
In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT Lake Chad forum has identified a gap in WASH, protection/psychosocial support and Livelihood/Early recovery and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
ACT Lake Chad Forum members are planning to submit an appeal to provide assistance to ensure that affected person's basic needs are met with regards to livelihoods, water, Sanitation and Hygiene and protection.
Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected persons are amplified.

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