Overview

The continuation of conflict in Northeast Nigeria has created a complex humanitarian crisis, rendering sections of Borno state as hard to reach. To address information gaps facing the humanitarian response in Northeast Nigeria and inform humanitarian actors on the demographics of households in hard-to-reach areas of Northeast Nigeria, as well as to identify their needs, access to services and movement intentions, REACH has been conducting a monthly assessment of hard-to-reach areas in Northeast Nigeria since November 2018.

Using its Area of Knowledge (AoK) methodology, REACH remotely monitors the situation in hard-to-reach areas through monthly multi-sector interviews in accessible Local Government Area (LGA) capitals with the following typology of Key Informants (KIs):
- KIs who are newly arrived internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have left a hard-to-reach settlement in the last 3 months¹
- KIs who have had contact with someone living or having been in a hard-to-reach settlement in the last month (traders, migrants, family members, etc.)²

Selected KIs are purposively sampled and are interviewed on settlement-wide circumstances in hard-to-reach areas, rather than their individual experiences. Responses from KIs reporting on the same settlement are then aggregated to the settlement level. The most common response provided by the greatest number of KIs is reported for each settlement. When no most common response could be identified, the response is considered as ‘no consensus’. While included in the calculations, the percentage of settlements for which no consensus was reached is not displayed in the results below.

Assessment coverage

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Proportion of settlements assessed:

Shelter situation

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting any members of the local community / any IDPs living in the bush, outside of the main settlement:

Proportion of assessed settlements where IDPs are present (91%) reporting that any IDPs are living in the open without shelter:³

Assessment Coverage

503 Key Informants interviewed
214 Settlements assessed
14 LGAs assessed
8 LGAs with sufficient coverage²

¹Where possible, only KIs that have arrived very recently (3-5 weeks prior to data collection) were interviewed. If not stated otherwise, the recall period is set to one month prior to the last information the KI has had from the hard-to-reach area.
²LGAs level data is only represented for LGAs in which at least 5% of populated settlements and where at least 5 settlements have been assessed. The most recent version of the VTS dataset (released in February 2019 on vts.eocng.org) has been used as the reference for settlement names and locations, and adjusted for deserted villages (OCHA 2020).
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Shelter status
Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that at least one shelter was damaged or destroyed by conflict:

Main shelter types reported for non-displaced populations living in assessed settlements:
- Makeshift shelter: 63%
- Permanent house structure: 31%
- Emergency tent from aid donor: 1%
- Abandoned building or community building: 1%

Shelter materials
Proportion of assessed settlements reporting access to shelter materials other than mud or grass:

Main shelter types reported for IDPs in assessed settlements where IDPs are present (91%):
- Makeshift shelter: 80%
- Permanent house structure: 3%
- Abandoned building or community building: 1%
- Emergency tent from aid donor: 1%

NFI assistance
Proportion of assessed settlements reporting a NFI distribution within the last three months:

Main NFI needs in assessed settlements:
- Clothes: 39%
- Blanket: 22%
- Cooking pot: 10%
- Sleeping mat: 7%
- Mosquito net: 4%
- Other: 2%

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