Borno - Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL)
Assessment of Hard-to-Reach Areas in Northeast Nigeria

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 months
- 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.)

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.

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Results presented in this factsheet, unless otherwise specified, represent the proportion of settlements assessed within a LGA. Findings are only reported on LGAs where at least 5% of populated settlements in the respective LGA have been assessed.

The findings presented are indicative of broader trends in assessed settlements in January 2020, and are not statistically generalisable.

Assessment Coverage

343 Key Informants interviewed
160 Settlements assessed
8 LGAs assessed
4 LGAs with 5% or more coverage

Proportion of settlements assessed:
Proportion of assessed settlements reporting having received food assistance from a non-local organization:
Proportion of assessed settlements reporting access to a functional market that the population could walk to:

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Access to food and livelihoods

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that people eat wild foods that are not part of their usual diet:

- LGA boundary
- 0%  
- 1 - 20%  
- 21 - 40%  
- 41 - 60%  
- 61 - 80%  
- 81 - 100%  
- Assessed Settlement

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that most people eat on average one meal or less per day:

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting most people having less land for cultivation available as compared to the same time in the year before:

Main sources of food reported by assessed settlements:

- Cultivated 60%
- Foraged for wild foods 33%
- Humanitarian assistance 1%
- Fishing 1%

Main livelihood sources reported by assessed settlements (multiple answers per settlement possible):

- Subsistence Farming 95%
- Livestock 31%
- Fishing 22%
- Casual labour 19%
- Hunting 10%
- Market 7%

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that at least one community member owns livestock:

- Kukawa 96%
- Bama 58%
- Konduga 38%
- Gwoza 9%

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