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.

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 and at least 5 settlements in the respective LGA have been assessed.

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

Assessment Coverage
- 633 Key Informants interviewed
- 246 Settlements assessed
- 13 LGAs assessed
- 8 LGAs with sufficient coverage

Assessment coverage

Main water sources

Proportion of settlements assessed:

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Proportion of assessed settlements reporting having an improved water source as main drinking water source:

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

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting having an unimproved water source as main drinking water source:

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

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**Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that the preferred water source is available in both wet and dry seasons:**

- **Unprotected well:** 50%
- **River or stream:** 22%
- **Protected well:** 15%
- **Borehole:** 2%

**Main types of drinking water sources in assessed settlements:**

- **Marte:** 69%
- **Ngala:** 44%
- **Mafa:** 40%
- **Dikwa:** 40%
- **Gwoza:** 28%
- **Damboa:** 22%
- **Kukawa:** 20%
- **Bama:** 15%

**Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that livestock or other animals are using the same water source, or are kept close to it:**

- **All:** 36%
- **More than half:** 15%
- **Around half:** 4%
- **Less than half:** 7%
- **None:** 0%

**Proportion of people who are using latrines reported by assessed settlements where latrines exist (50%):**

- **Only water:** 90%
- **Ash:** 3%
- **Sand:** 1%

**Main materials used for handwashing reported by assessed settlements:**

- **Washing materials:**
  - **Bark:** 17%
  - **Reed:** 11%
  - **Leaves:** 5%
  - **Plastic:** 4%
  - **Other:** 3%

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