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.

Assessment coverage

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

Due to precautions related to the COVID-19 outbreak, data was collected remotely through phone based interviews with assistance from local stakeholders. Data collection took place from May 4th to May 29th.

Assessment Coverage

454 Key informants interviewed
289 Settlements assessed
13 LGAs assessed
7 LGAs with sufficient coverage

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Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that it takes less than 30 minutes to reach, access, and return from the water source:

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that safety concerns prevented at least some of the population from accessing the preferred water source:

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that people are using latrines:

Main types of drinking water sources in assessed settlements:

- Unprotected well: 49%
- Protected well: 22%
- River or stream: 17%
- Tap stand: 1%
- Borehole: 1%
- Other: 1%

Proportion of people who are using latrines reported by assessed settlements where latrines usage was reported (73%):

- All: 24%
- More than half: 15%
- Around half: 23%
- Less than half: 16%
- None available: 38%
- Destroyed by conflict: 16%
- Overcrowded: 1%
- Not functional: 1%
- Cultural reasons: 1%
- Other: 2%

Main materials used for handwashing reported by assessed settlements:

- Only water: 48%
- Sand with water: 18%
- Ash with water: 16%
- Soap with water: 4%
- Do not wash hands: 2%

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