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 key informants (KIs) who either (1) are newly arrived internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have left a hard-to-reach settlement in the last 3 months or (2) 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.).

If not stated otherwise, the recall period for each question is set to one month prior to the last information the KI has had from the hard-to-reach area. 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 an 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.

Assessment Coverage
626 Key informants interviewed
348 Settlements assessed
22 LGAs assessed
10 LGAs with sufficient coverage

The findings presented are indicative of broader trends in assessed settlements in July 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 June 1st to June 30th.

Assessment coverage
Proportion of settlements assessed:

Access to livelihoods
Proportion of assessed settlements where it was reported that most people have access to their usual livelihood activity:

Access to markets
Proportion of assessed settlements where it was reported that people have access to a functional market within walking distance:

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1 Where possible, only KIs that have arrived very recently (0-3 weeks prior to data collection) were interviewed.
2 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).
Access to food and livelihoods

Proportion of assessed settlements where it was reported that people eat wild foods that are not part of their usual diet:

- Madagali: 66%
- Michika: 65%
- Abadam: 64%
- Askira/Uba: 63%
- Bama: 62%
- Chibok: 61%
- Damboa: 60%
- Dikwa: 59%
- Guzamala: 58%
- Gwoza: 57%
- Jere: 56%
- Kala/Balge: 55%
- Konduga: 54%
- Kukawa: 53%
- Mafa: 52%
- Marte: 51%
- Monguno: 50%
- Ngala: 49%
- Nganzai: 48%

Proportion of assessed settlements where it was reported that most people eat on average one meal per day or less:

- Madagali: 85%
- Michika: 84%
- Abadam: 83%
- Askira/Uba: 82%
- Bama: 81%
- Chibok: 80%
- Damboa: 79%
- Dikwa: 78%
- Guzamala: 77%
- Gwoza: 76%
- Jere: 75%
- Kala/Balge: 74%
- Konduga: 73%
- Kukawa: 72%
- Mafa: 71%
- Marte: 70%
- Monguno: 69%
- Ngala: 68%
- Nganzai: 67%

Proportion of assessed settlements where it was reported that most people have less land available for cultivation compared to the same time in the previous year:

- Madagali: 83%
- Michika: 82%
- Abadam: 81%
- Askira/Uba: 80%
- Bama: 79%
- Chibok: 78%
- Damboa: 77%
- Dikwa: 76%
- Guzamala: 75%
- Gwoza: 74%
- Jere: 73%
- Kala/Balge: 72%
- Konduga: 71%
- Kukawa: 70%
- Mafa: 69%
- Marte: 68%
- Monguno: 67%
- Ngala: 66%
- Nganzai: 65%

Most commonly reported main sources of food, by % of assessed settlements:

- Cultivated: 66%
- Foraged for wild foods: 19%
- Bought with cash: 8%
- Given by family or other local people: 1%

Proportion of assessed settlements where it was reported that at least one community member planted and harvested in the previous rainy season, per assessed LGA:

- Ngala: 100%
- Gwoza: 100%
- Dikwa: 100%
- Damboa: 100%
- Madagali: 100%
- Michika: 98%
- Askira/Uba: 97%
- Kukawa: 96%
- Bama: 95%
- Abadam: 83%

Livelihoods activities practiced in the settlement, by % of assessed settlements:

- Subsistence Farming: 77%
- Livestock: 52%
- Casual labour: 43%
- Market: 18%
- Fishing: 17%
- Hunting: 12%