



Former IDP in her new settlement in Kaleri, Borno State. Photo: IOM 2024/Elijah Elaigwu

Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Update

Through a multi-sectoral approach, IOM assists conflict-affected populations in host communities and regions of displacement in Nigeria, as well as communities affected by floods throughout the country. This October 2023 – January 2024 bulletin presents some of the success stories from IOM's recent operations in the Northeast region.

DTM Flow Monitoring:

IOM continues to monitor movements of conflict-affected populations across Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Borno and Adamawa states. The movements were successfully tracked across the borders between Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger, and Chad. Between October 2023 and January 2024, 135,518 movements were observed at seven flow monitoring points within Borno State, of which a total of 68,762 were inflows, and 66,756 were outflows.

Emergency Tracking Tool:

The DTM Emergency Tracking Tool (ETT) is used to track and collect information on substantial and unforeseen population movements to provide regular updates on the extent of displacement and where necessary, to quantify the impacted population. During the period, the movement of 3,094 households, comprising 15,791 individuals, was recorded in Borno and Adamawa states.

Biometric Registration:

Between October 2023 and January 2024, 23,478 households or 79,274 individuals, including 22,265 men, 25,112 women, 24,057 boys and 7,840 girls, were newly registered in various camps. The registration process also involved verifying and updating biometric cards for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Adamawa and Borno states to facilitate humanitarian assistance.

DTM extended biometric registration to Benue State in North Central Nigeria, for IDPs displaced for various reasons. The registration aims to (1) register all displaced persons in the selected LGAs in Benue State, (2) refer cases of disabilities and health concerns to a health facility through a referral form/letter, and (3) verify the numbers of displaced persons in the selected LGAs of Benue State for effective planning by the state government and other humanitarian partners both in and out of Benue State. IOM successfully completed biometric registration in the Guma, Makurdi, Logo, and Kwande LGAs.



DTM biometric registration in Benue State, north central Nigeria. Photo: IOM 2023

A total of 999 households, comprising 4,773 individuals, were reached through various modalities. Specifically, efforts were concentrated in the conflict-affected regions of Adamawa and Borno states. The intervention strategies included in-kind support for 500 households with 2,697 individuals, voucher distribution to 300 households benefiting 1,220 individuals, and cash disbursement to 199 households with 856 individuals.

In Adamawa, the intervention extended to Yola South (Namtari), reaching 80 households with 640 individuals. Meanwhile, in Borno, targeted locations included Bama (100 households with 618 individuals), Monguno (400 households with 2,079 individuals), Gwoza (Pulka) (300 households with 1,220 individuals), and Jere (119 households with 216 individuals).

SN	STATE	LGA	HHS	INDS
1	ADAMAWA	YOLA SOUTH (NAMTARI)	80	640
2	BORNO	BAMA	100	618
3	BORNO	MONGUNO	400	2079
4	BORNO	GWOZA (PULKA)	300	1220
5	BORNO	JERE	119	216

Emergency Tracking Tool:

The DTM Emergency Tracking Tool (ETT) is utilized to track and collect information on substantial and unforeseen population movements. It provides regular updates on the extent of displacement and quantifies the

impacted population when necessary. DTM field enumerators recorded the movement of 1,051 households and 1,823 individuals in Borno and Adamawa states across IDP camps and host communities where 510 are boys, 578 girls, 300 men and 435 women were captured on arrival and departure in November 2023. In December, the unit recorded 543 households and 2,264 individuals in which 682 are boys, 676 girls, 291 men and 615 women were captured on arrival and departure. DTM since inception to the end of December 2023 has published 358 ETT reports.

Biometric Registration:

The registration process involves a detailed analysis of specific needs by capturing biometric data using the DTM-developed Biometric Registration and Verification Application (BRAV) system. This system accurately registers IDPs.

Between November 2023 and end of January 2024, a total of 25,344 households and 94,287 individuals, including 27,771 boys, 25,521 girls, 14,187 men, and 26,808 women, were newly registered in various camps. The registration process also involved verifying and updating biometric cards for IDPs in Adamawa, Borno and Benue states to facilitate humanitarian assistance. DTM in October 2023 extended biometric registration to Northcentral (Benue state), Nigeria, for IDPs displaced for various reasons which includes communal clash, farmers and herders clash, etc. The registration goal is to register all displaced persons in selected LGAs in Benue State and to verify the numbers of displaced persons in selected LGAs of Benue State for effective planning by the state government and other humanitarian partners both in and out of Benue state.

DTM Flow Monitoring:

DTM continues to monitor movements across Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Borno and Adamawa states. Successful tracking has occurred along the borders of Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger, and Chad. Between November and December 2023, a total of 87,149 movements were observed at seven flow monitoring points within Borno State. Of these, 48,347 were inflows, and 38,802 were outflows, comprising 57,160 male and 29,989 female. All DTM reports are available here on [DTM website](#).

MHPSS:

Some stories are about not losing hope.

As IOM was conducting awareness-raising activities on trafficking in person (TiP) at an IDP site in Maiduguri Metropolitan Council, Borno State, Psychosocial Mobile Team members encountered Yayagana – a woman who looks older than her years due to the hardships she has been enduring following her and family's displacement. Yayagana lost her husband when the armed insurgents attacked her village in Bama LGA in 2015. To escape the horror of the attack, she took her ten boys and one-year-old baby daughter, Yagumsu to seek refuge in one of the IDP camps in Maiduguri. After settling in, her mother came back from Saudi Arabia to visit her. Yayagana's mother suggested that she could provide a better future for Yagumsu in Saudi Arabia. With pain, Yayagana allowed her mother take away her only daughter.

The grandmother of Yagumsu used to send money from time to time to Yayagana and her ten remaining children. She used to call her on the phone and comfort her about the little Yagumsu.

After one year, Yayagana stopped receiving money and calls from her mother. She started to worry until one day, a man returning from Hajj informed her that her grandmother had died. Yayagana cried for her mother and became desperate to find out the whereabouts of Yagumsu.

IOM is now providing case management services to Yayagana, with the goal to reunite the mother with her only daughter. IOM contacted one of the international agencies with the mandate of family tracing and family reunification. Yayagana was able to register her file for the search of her daughter. The agency is now searching for Yagumsu and IOM is closely following up while ensuring psychological support to the mother.

Yayagana and her family have been supported with non-food items and livelihood, she attended vocational training for ground nut oil extraction, and she received the start-up kits in December 2023.

SNFI:

Success Story from Project Participants of the 245 ESK II Shelter Construction in Pulka, Gwoza, Borno State.

Hadiza Sulaiman, a resilient single mother and head of a family consisting of six boys. More than five years ago, she found herself shouldering the full responsibility of caring for her three sons, who tragically lost their father to insurgency. Her personal tragedy extended further with the loss of her brother and sister-in-law, leaving her with the added responsibility of caring for their three orphaned children. Hadiza Sulaiman's origins trace back to Ashgashia, Gwoza LGA, Borno State.



IOM Case Worker interacting with Yayagana to assess her needs, concerns, weaknesses and strengths. Photo IOM 2023

The family was displaced and sought refuge in Zamga, Cameroon, only to face another insurgency attack there. Determined to find safety, they embarked on a perilous journey and eventually returned to Pulka, Gwoza LGA, Nigeria. Upon arrival, they found solace at the Reception Center and were accommodated in the Transit Camp. The family resided in one of the reception/transit shelters for about seven months before being relocated to Camp D. where she was supported with a Bama-type shelter.

Expressing gratitude for the shelter they now call home, Hadiza Sulaiman shared, “I am grateful for this shelter as we now have a more dignified place just for my family. My baby (as seen in the above picture) has grown not knowing what a proper house is, but this gives me hope for a better future. Thank you very much.”

Her narrative reflects a tale of resilience, love, and unwavering dedication to provide her children with a brighter and more secure life. Despite the challenges, Hadiza remains profoundly thankful for the shelter assistance that has played a crucial role in rebuilding their lives.



Hadiza and her grown-up son posing in front of their new home. Photo IOM 2023

Success Story from the Beneficiary of Restoring Hope at GSS Camp, Gwoza, Borno state.

Ibrahim Abbagana, aged 55, is happily married to his beloved wife, Amina Ibrahim, who is 35 years old. Together, they are blessed with five wonderful children: Babakura (16 years old), Idrisa (14 years old), Tata (12 years old), Aisha Babba (5 years old), and Aisha Karama (3 years old).

The Abbagana family was residing in the serene Bula Abba village, situated in the Valangaje community within the Gwoza LGA. Their peaceful life took a tragic turn in November 2011 when armed Mujahidun (armed group) insurgents carried out an attack on the village, capturing the entire community.

In the face of this threat, the youth of the community were coerced into joining Mujahidun or facing death. Similarly, elderly men and women were compelled to become Umam (farmers) and slaves under the group's control. The family had to go for enslavement to preserve their lives. For grueling 11 years, they endured hardships, performing various tasks for the armed group.

The turning point came one night in January 2023 when the Abbagana family managed to find an escape route. Ibrahim and his family reached Yamtake and surrendered to the Nigerian Army. After spending around 15 days with the army, they were taken to Emirs Palace in Gwoza, where they stayed for another 14 days. During that time, they received tokens from IOM staff for food and NFI kits.

Subsequently, the Abbagana family was transported to the IOM Reception Centre at the GSS Camp, where they spent eight months. Ibrahim was overjoyed when IOM Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) staff gave him the tokens indicating that he'll be among the beneficiaries to receive new shelters constructed by IOM. This brought a sense of relief and excitement to the Abbagana family. Ibrahim expressed his gratitude and joy, informing his wife and children that they would be relocating to a new place – a place they could call home.



Ibrahim and his family at the entrance of their new shelter. Photo IOM 2023

CCCM:

Success stories of Fatima and Ammahani at Gana Ali IDP Camp, Monguno.

Fatima Ali (40 years old) and Ammahani Abubakar (72 years old) are neighbors and residents of the Gana Ali IDP camp in Monguno LGA. They were both living in Badari village in Marte LGA before the insurgents reached the village and displaced them from their homes. On 24 October 2023, a fire broke out and spread across the camp. Fatima found her family shelter along with their belongings devastated by the fire.

“It was torturous! When I looked at myself and my nine children, it was agonizing. I equally sympathized with my neighbor and her granddaughter because she (Ammahani) was too old to stay outside. The little things we had were destroyed in the fire. Thankfully, our fortune turned around when IOM came to our aid and supported us with the emergency shelter kits to rebuild our shelters. We were also able to register ourselves for NFI assistance. We thank IOM for making it possible for us to have a roof over our heads again”.

A Story of change from a beneficiary in GSS Camp, Gwoza.

Janet Ajar, a 21-year-old mother of four children, hails from the Guduf area, Gwoza LGA. She has been living in the GSS Camp for the past five years. Janet is one of the many women who have participated in the Women's Participation Project (WPP) activities. The WPP aims to promote women inclusion in camp activities and governance, and to reduce the risk of gender-based violence (GBV) through raising awareness of gender equality and GBV mitigation. Janet, who's an active participant to the WPP activities, expressed her gratitude towards IOM WPP team in GSS camp, Gwoza for the training which helped create a safe community for women and children.

“I want to thank IOM and the WPP team for empowering me through the Women's Participation Project. I learned how to make reusable menstrual pads from the leftover materials at the Women's Center. This helped me earn some extra money to buy food for my family

and to help my husband with his farming activities. I was able to sew 70 to 86 reusable pads in a month and sold them for 3,500 to 4,000 Naira. My sister and my mother also used the pads, and we no longer had to buy local materials for our monthly menstruation periods. Unfortunately, after exhausting the materials, I found it difficult to acquire all the necessary materials to keep on making the sanitary pads. I would be interested in participating in other activities, such as liquid soap making, but I am unable to do so due to the lack of chemicals needed to create the proper formula. I would like to ask IOM to provide more livelihood opportunities such as cooking or baking tools and ingredients. This will allow others who have not had the chance to participate in these activities to benefit as well” says Janet. She calls on other women and girls on the site to take advantage of the WPP Center and utilize the opportunity provided by IOM.

WASH:

Ensuring improved and seamless access to clean water

In the heart of Alema Durable Solution Settlement in Gombi LGA of Adamawa state, a tale of resilience and hope unfolds through the journey of Ibrahim Ishaku, a native of Biu LGA of Borno state. Fleeing from the insecurities that plagued his hometown during the years of insurgency, Ishaku embarked on a journey that led him to a new chapter of life, one marked by positive change and newfound opportunities.

The story began in July 2013 when Ishaku, along with his wife and three children, left the familiarity of Biu town to seek refuge and a chance at a better life in Gombi LGA. In June 2023, they relocated to Alema Settlement in Gombi, a place that would soon become more than just a refuge—it would become a symbol of transformation. Here, IOM has been actively engaged in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions, aiming to improve the living conditions of displaced families.



Women and girls fetching water at the water point in the Alema settlement, Gombi. Photo IOM 2024/Elijah Elaigwu

As Ishaku and his family settled into their new home, they relied on the hand pump provided by IOM for their daily water needs. Although the facility met their daily water needs, the stress involving the operation of the hand pumping system sometimes posed a challenge and reminded Ishaku of the difficulties he had faced in the past, in his place of origin, where access to clean water was perceived as a luxury, not a right. However, change was on the horizon.

IOM, with its commitment to enhance the well-being of displaced communities, upgraded one of the three existing hand pumps to a solar-powered borehole facility with seven water points constructed across the Alema settlement. This transformation meant not only easy access to water but also a substantial increase in the quantity available to Ishaku's family and the rest of the residents of the settlement.

The solarized borehole became a lifeline for the community, providing seamless access to clean water for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene. For Ishaku, this intervention meant more than just convenience; it symbolized a restoration of dignity and a reaffirmation of hope for a better future. In his words “With the previous hand pumping system it used to take me about 30 minutes to get 100 liters of water for my household, but now I just put my container on the tap and fetch more than that in a few minutes without any stress of pumping water by myself”.

With the improved access to water, Ishaku's family and other members of the community could redirect time and energy towards other aspects of their lives. The burden of water scarcity was lifted, allowing them to focus on rebuilding and creating a sense of normalcy in their lives.

ER (HLP):

Transformative Intervention: IOM Provides Secure Housing and Land Ownership to Visually Impaired IDP Family

Kabiru is a visually impaired IDP living with his two wives (both of whom are also visually impaired) and children. Following their displacement, they were living in a rented house within Gombi town where they were facing great difficulties in paying rent. The lives of Kabiru and family changed when they were selected as beneficiaries of IOM's housing and land title documents intervention at Alema settlement in Kwanan Yaji, Gombi LGA of Adamawa state. Kabiru was allocated a mudbrick shelter, where he currently lives together with his family. IOM, in collaboration with Gombi LGA Land Registry, also facilitated and issued a Customary Certificate of Occupancy to Kabiru's family. The document recognizes Kabiru's ownership/title to the landed property and guards the family against any form of conflicting claims of ownership and/or dispute over their land and property.

In response to the intervention, Kabiru has this to say:

“I am very grateful for this intervention which has not only saved us from the constant threat of eviction but has also provided a home for my family and me where we now enjoy living together as a family with full right of ownership over the property. I know the importance and benefit of this land title document (Customary Certificate of Occupancy) that was issued to us through IOM's support. This document has given my family full legal ownership over this property, and with this document, I am aware that this property is fully ours and our children can inherit this house. It also guarantees that nobody can claim this property from my family. I want to sincerely thank IOM for this wonderful intervention.”



Kabiru and his two wives in front of their property joyfully displaying their Customary Certificate of Occupancy. Photo IOM 2023

Fanta Overcomes Pain, Regain Dignity

Zanna Umarti Ward in Damasak LGA of Borno State is renowned for its exceptional artistry and craftsmanship, particularly in the creation of traditional mats and caps. Like most people in Northern Nigeria, a significant number of residents take this art as a primary means of sustaining their livelihoods.

Fanta Yau Ali and her family lived in Zanna Umarti Ward, where they made and sold these crafts to support her family of ten. Fanta was a key part of the business and the community, but everything changed when the Boko Haram insurgency crisis hit her hometown and destroyed everything. Fanta's family had to flee and faced hard times. They could barely afford food. To make things worse, Fanta survived a terrible Gender-Based Violence (GBV) attack that left her with scars and unwanted pregnancy.

Just when they had lost all hope, the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) came to offer assistance. With funding from the IOM Rapid Response Fund (RRF), JRS implemented the project "Provision of Emergency WASH and Protection Services to Crises Affected Population in Damasak, Mobbar LGA Borno State". Fanta received a dignity kit from JRS, which included soap, toothpaste, pads, a bag, a comb, pants, and flip-flops. She also received support from the JRS GBV Protection Officer, who provided her with psychosocial support and Psychological First Aid (PFA) helping her to overcome her self-blame and face the community without fear.

Fanta said, "JRS made a great impact in my life. Before, I couldn't face the community, and blamed myself for what happened. Now, I can stand among my peers and have fun"

She was one of the recipients of RRF emergency assistance, which gave her hope in her dark times. With the help of PFA, Basic Emotional support, and dignity kits, Fanta is free from her past. She is now active in her community, with friends, and very much involved with her family's craft business. The emergency support helped her not only survive, but also thrive, turning her story of pain into a story of healing and resilience.

Hadiza Mohammed's Triumph Over Adversity in Yusufari LGA, Yobe State.

As the floodwaters surged through Yusufari LGA in Yobe State, Hadiza's family found themselves uprooted and seeking refuge in the neighboring community where the family was facing numerous challenges. Amidst the chaos, whispers reached Hadiza's ears about SHO's efforts to bring positive change to the affected communities. Through SHO's engaging workshops and awareness campaigns, invaluable hygiene messages not only changed her habits but also influenced her family positively. The pivotal moment, however, came with the rehabilitation of water handpumps by SHO. These essential sources of water, vital for her family's survival, were given a new lease on life. The water attendants, who are local individuals from the community, took on the responsibility of chlorinating the water, making it safe for consumption. This lifeline not only eased the burden on her family but also created ripples of hope in the neighboring households.

Hadiza said "With a consistent supply of clean water, I found the strength to realize a long-held dream – completing the construction of my mud house. Amidst the struggle, the stability brought by the SHO-WASH intervention empowered me to rebuild not just a house, but a home filled with hope and resilience. Having benefited from this project, I am a living testimony to the impact of holistic interventions in addressing water, sanitation, and hygiene. Salient Humanitarian Organization's commitment to the community has not only improved my living conditions but has also shown me a path towards recovery and resilience. I thank SHO and IOM Rapid Response Fund for the provision of clean water, hygiene education, empowerment and renewal in the hearts of countless families in Yusufari LGA".

Concern for Women and Children Foundation (COWACDI)

Kandinnam Mohammed is a 45-year-old mother of six who has triumphed over adversity with the help of a generous community. Before the support arrived, Kandinnam and her children faced sleepless nights and uncertainty, lacking essential items such as cooking supplies, bathing soap, and proper water storage.

The provision of crucial supplies by COWACDI with the funding from IOM Rapid Response Fund allowed Kandinnam's family to access a steady supply of clean and safe water for daily use. Kandinnam said "My children are no longer at risk of consuming contaminated water which endangers their health and well-being". Kandinnam felt a renewed sense of life and expressed her gratitude. Her family's once tumultuous existence has given way to a more peaceful and hopeful life, highlighting the incredible difference that a helping hand can make in shaping a brighter future.

COMITAS II:

Conflicts and crises in Nigeria is a difficult topic to cover and journalists commonly face threats to their physical safety, intimidation, and denial of access to information. Despite the abundance of media outlets, very few are able to consistently produce professional and ethical content - the foundation of good journalism. In Adamawa and Taraba state, IOM's COMITAS II project trained media outlets on conflict-sensitive and unbiased reporting, which contributes to the de-escalation of tensions, especially along fault lines of ethnicity and religion.

Nafisat is a journalist at Rock FM 92.3 radio in Jalingo, Taraba state. She is one of the participants of the training on such topics provided to media outlets by the consortium of IOM, Search for Common Ground (SFCG), and Mercy Corps. The trainees reported a positive impact on their work and reportage, leading to a change in their editorial board. Building on the knowledge gained during the training, with dedication and purpose, she is utilizing her journalistic prowess to foster peaceful coexistence. Through her radio outlets and interesting jingles, Nafisat embarked on a mission to reshape the narrative. The training had not only refined her skills but had also elicited a palpable change in the dynamics of her audience. Listenership soared as both herders and farmers found a voice through her broadcasts.



Through providing income-generating opportunities, IOM supports the livelihood of the displaced population in Nigeria.. Photo: Ovie Taghwo/IOM 2023

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