Displacement and damage to infrastructure and basic services in Northeast Nigeria continues to expose people to more protection risks. IOM is responding to the needs of the crisis-affected communities across Nigeria. Some of the interventions include:

IOM is constructing and rehabilitating mudbrick shelters and latrines/showers for IDPs/returning IDPs and returnees, to ease accommodation problems, improve access to hygiene, and enable sustainable integration and promotion of durable solutions to crisis-affected populations in Borno and Adamawa States. Similarly, IOM provided shelters to 31 households (HHs) affected by floods in Ngala LGA, Borno State to address accommodation issues.

IOM handed 1,600 Non-food item (NFI) kits to the equal number of HHs in Borno State.
IOM continued to support camp management coordination meetings, and accountability to the affected population has promoted active participation and feedback from the beneficiaries.

- Improved the management, maintenance, coordination and upgrading of reception centres/displacement sites to accommodate 1,953 newly displaced HHs (7,221 individuals), thereby contributing to the mitigation of protection issues and health risks including COVID-19.
- IOM in collaboration with local health and WASH service providers sensitized 515,967 individuals, on key hygiene promotion messages to prevent cholera and COVID-19 in Borno and Adamawa States, to improve living standards of the IDPs, and reduce the spread of diseases among the IDPs.
- Six live radio programmes were conducted in Borno and Adamawa through a two-way communication system involving IOM’s established radio listening groups and the public to create awareness of the negative consequences of human trafficking, drug and substance abuse, risks and prevention, and cholera preparedness.

Migration Health Department

IOM collaborated with the Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) to facilitate free COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated returned Nigerian migrants.

On 17 October 2022, IOM joined the Intersect Consortium to celebrate World Mental Health Day. The event highlighted the promotion of mental health in the workplace and provided medical support to 268 stranded Nigerian migrants from Libya on 13 and 24 October as part of its contribution to the sustainable reintegration of returned migrants.
IOM focus on supporting sustainable livelihoods and economic activities for distressed LGAs in Adamawa and Borno States has provided access to public facilities through its cash-for-work incentive. It also reduced the number of IDPs being kidnapped or killed while in search of firewood and improved their socioeconomic situation.

**Early Recovery Livelihood**

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**Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

- 144,613,782 litres of water from boreholes, hand pumps, and water trucking was provided to 132,421 people in Borno and Adamawa States. IOM conducted care and maintenance of 1,349 latrines and 612 shower stances in Borno and Adamawa to provide IDPs with access to safe sanitation facilities and solid waste management.
- 137,421 individuals were reached with hygiene promotion messages on prevention of cholera and COVID-19 across all IOM WASH-managed camps. The approaches used to disseminate information included door-to-door messaging, radio programmes, mass campaigns, and peer-to-peer engagement in Borno and Adamawa.
- In response to the recent cholera outbreak in Borno State, 9,900 HHs were reached through the installation of 5,000 litres storage tank at the Cholera Treatment Unit (CTU) in Banki LGA. Furthermore, supported the mitigation of cholera and the supply of aid to flood victims in Dikwa LGA by the provision of 12 hand washing stations, 100 stances of latrines, water storage kits for 100 HHs affected by floods, and 150 hygiene kits. In addition, 413 cholera kits were distributed in Bama.

**MHPSS/Protection**

- MHPSS teams continue to engage project participants in positive coping strategies/activities, thus, improving the mental health and psychosocial well-being of IDPs and host community members of crisis-affected populations in Northeast Nigeria. This was achieved through the provision of various MHPSS/Protection services and activities in Adamawa, Borno, and Yobe States.
- 24,587 beneficiaries were reached, out of which, 3,483 were new beneficiaries.
- Psychological first aid (PFA) sessions were conducted under the guiding principles of look, listen, and link. A total of 3,965 beneficiaries were reached in Borno and Yobe States.

**DISENGAGEMENT, DISASSOCIATION, REINTEGRATION AND RECONCILIATION (DDRR)**

- On 23 September 2022, IOM facilitated a meeting with the Borno State government officials including the Deputy Governor and discussed the current contextual dynamics in Borno State and the need to harmonize the Borno State Model with that of the DDRR National Action Plan to ensure synergy and coordination between Federal and State Governments.
- Following the round table meeting with Government officials from Abuja, Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) States, IOM has commenced the training of government officials through a pilot model. Two trainings were held from 13 to 16 October 2022 with 38 participants in Abuja, from 19 to 22 October 2022 with 43 participants in Borno State, from 11 to 14 October with 30 participants in Adamawa State and from 25 to 27 October with 46 participants in Yobe State respectively. The draft curriculum on Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) and DDRR developed by IOM was used to carry out the training at both federal and state levels. Based on the inputs after the pilot training, the curriculum will be reviewed for further development and the final version will be handed over to the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA).
FACILITATED MIGRATION AND MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

AVM/CT (Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants & Counter Trafficking (AVM/CT))

Between 17 to 22 October 2022, Legal Hub Actors on Trafficking in Persons (TiP) from Lagos, Edo and Delta States received training on institutionalising civil litigation to provide access to justice for trafficked persons, especially in civil matters. The training was facilitated by IOM, NAPTIP and Lawyers without Borders. The training also integrated sessions on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), Determinants of Migrants' Vulnerabilities and Monitoring and Evaluation.

AVM/PROTECTION (Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants (Protection))

State and non-state actors were trained in the PSEA, abuse and assistance to vulnerable Migrants between 12 to 15 September 2022. These training was aimed at enhancing the capacity of relevant actors in the provision of appropriate services to vulnerable migrants as well as ensuring that the rights of migrants are not infringed upon. IOM has continued to enhance shelter options for vulnerable migrants in Nigeria.

Arrival of new returnees in Abuja. Photo: @IOM 2022/Elijah Elaigwu

Arrival of new returnees in Kano State. Photo: @IOM 2022/Elijah Elaigwu
IOM participated in the National Mental Health policy review in Abuja from 27 to 29 September 2022 to review the policy. The dynamics in mental health wellbeing and recent global challenges such as the COVID-19, the increased rate of suicide cases in the country and other emergencies. IOM supported the commemoration of 2022 World Mental Health Day on 10, 15 and 18 October in Kano, Abuja, and Delta States respectively. In Kano, 60 persons participated in discussions with the theme “Making Mental Healthcare for AI a Global Priority” discussed by the panel members. In Abuja, 150 people took part in a road walk to raise awareness on mental health and in Delta state, 60 individuals attended a plenary session by theater actors who raised awareness on mental health through role playing.

On the 19 to 21, October 2022, 26 Social Workers in local governments and communities in Delta State were trained to provide mental health and psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to returned Migrants and community members, as well as supervision and monitoring of the psychosocial mentors’ activities.

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**MHPSS**
Community dialogue (CD) facilitators reached 222 community members in Mushin and Ojo Local Government Areas (LGA) of Lagos State with information on the risks of irregular migration and safe migration pathways. The facilitators discussed topics including push and pull factors and the consequences of irregular migration. A key outcome of the session was the commitment by participants to report suspected incidents of human trafficking in their communities.

In September 2022, community theatre roll-out performances reached seven communities in Edo State with 2,358 participants in attendance. Through the community theatre performances, members of the communities were sensitized on how to verify travel offers, safe migration pathways and the relevant hotlines to report suspected incidents of trafficking in persons.

IOM, in partnership with Global Migration Media Academy (GMMA) and Pan Atlantic University - School of Media and Communications, organized a training for journalists on the fundamentals of reporting migration stories, including protection of the rights of migrants, effective storytelling as well as data reporting and addressing the challenges faced by journalists in reporting migration stories. The training was held from 12-14 October 2022 in Abuja and gathered 37 participants. At the end of the training, it was agreed that journalists in collaboration with their editors would set up migration reporting desks to improve reporting on migration.

Migrants as Messengers volunteers in collaboration with Voice of Migrants Association reached a total of 234 traders on 24 October 2022, at Daleko Market Mushin, Lagos with information on how to identify deceitful promises of traffickers and safe migration pathways. A key recommendation was for the sensitization to be carried out in schools and reach children.

IOM in collaboration with the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM), convened the 4th Summit of the Standing Committee on Diaspora Matters (SCDM) and the State Diaspora Focal Point Officers (SDFPOs) on 25 October 2022 in Abuja. The meeting was to provide a platform for feedback and updates on the activities of SDFPOs and SCDM on the implementation of the National Diaspora Policy and their diaspora engagement efforts as well as discuss and propose ways through which the SCDM could be further strengthened for maximise impact. The meeting had in attendance 92 participants.

IOM in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment convened a meeting of the Technical Working Committee on Labour Migration Management and Governance on 27 October 2022 in Abuja. The meeting was an opportunity for members to provide update on efforts towards the implementation of the National Policy on Labour Migration (NPLM) and propose ways to better support the implementation of the revised NPLM to ensure achievement of its intended outcomes.
Migration Governance

Capacity building workshop on the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Return, Readmission, & Reintegration (RRR) held in Lagos, Nasarawa and Kano from 5 to 30 September 2022. The workshops aimed to support the operationalization of SOP through capacity building of relevant state level actors working on return and reintegration, and to enhance coordination, collaboration, and complementarity for an effective and sustainable RRR regime in Nigeria as well as overall effective migration governance in Nigeria. The three workshops held for the States of high returns with a total of 81 participants.

Training Strategy Implementation Programme – Phase 2 NIS training focal persons facilitated training to over 30 NIS officers at the Lagos Personnel Training Resource Centre (PTRC).

Migration Data Management

Flow Monitoring

Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)

- 6,898 newly arrived individuals (in 2,606 households) were registered using biometrics, and 30,424 individuals (in 8,089 households) were verified, while 17,514 individuals (in 5,329 households) were authenticated in six LGAs—five in Borno State (MMC, Pulka, Gwoza, Monguno, Ngala, Bama, and Damboa) and one in Adamawa State (Yola). The registration will allow new arrivals and returnees to receive targeted humanitarian assistance.

- 2,139 children were screened for Mid-Upper Arm circumference (MUAC) across Bama, Gwoza, Monguno, Dikwa, Ngala, and Kala balge LGAs of Borno State.

- During this period, DTM tracked the movements of 753 individuals from three points of entry (POEs) in Borno State. The information was gathered from three wards in three different LGAs. In addition, 359,172 movements were observed from ten flow monitoring points in the North-Eastern states. There were 178,313 inflows and 180,859 outflows out of the total.

- Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA) was conducted in BAY States targeting over 14,000 IDPs and returnees, people across the states.

Immigration Border Management (IBM)

Training Strategy Implementation Programme – Phase 2 NIS training focal persons facilitated training to over 30 NIS officers at the Lagos Personnel Training Resource Centre (PTRC).
• Developed draft BMIS SOP for the Nigeria Immigration Service: Further to the deployment of MIDAS to various international crossing points and its usage over the last years, NIS approached IOM for support in putting in place a SoP to guide their operations and help new Law enforcement officers understand the administration of the system when posted to a duty station where MIDAS is being used. IOM has held two meetings in this regard for the purpose of drafting and reviewing the SOP with the field and mid management staff of NIS respectively.

• Organized study visits to the Kingdom of the Netherlands on interagency collaboration and Advance passenger information system (API). As part of the preparation for the operationalization of the Advanced Passenger Information System in Nigeria, members of different working groups driving the programme in Nigeria were sponsored to visit Schiphol airport and targeting centre/PIU in Amsterdam, the Netherlands where they learned firsthand on how the different agencies work together in improving their front-line security as well as the benefits of the API system. A total of 8 government officials participated in the trip.

• A workshop on the implementation of the ECOWAS National Biometric Identity Card (NBIC) in Nigeria was organized by IOM on 7 September 2022. The objective of the workshop was to present assessment findings from the field study visits to Sierra Leone and Senegal, innovate actions towards inter-agency cooperation, coordination in the establishment of a working group to implement NBIC in Nigeria; validate key action plans for implementation and roll-out of NBIC in Nigeria. The workshop brought together 10 participating agencies including the Ministries of Interior, Justice, Foreign Affairs, Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Nigeria Customs, Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA) and the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA). The outcome of the workshop was the formation and inauguration of the NBIC technical working group/committee.

• Specialized Training on Server Management and Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) Foundation for 14 Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) Officers with Elev8 training center in Lagos.

• MIDAS Expansion at Air Borders in Nigeria (Funded by the Embassy of Denmark) Review Meeting on Electrical and Networking Consultancy Findings and Recommendations. The meeting was attended by top NIS officers and the two consultants that carried out the assessment as well as representatives from the Donor (Canada).

• IOM conducted specialized Training on Administering MS SQL 2016 Database Infrastructure and Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) for 3 NIS officers in Lagos Nigeria.

• Enhancing Land Border Management Information Systems in Nigeria-Seme Border Specialized Training on Administering Infrastructure and Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) Foundation for 15 NIS officers in Lagos Nigeria.

Development of a trilingual glossary of relevant migration terminologies: IOM missions in Niger and Nigeria in coordination with relevant Government partners developed a trilingual guide in Hausa, English, and French to assist border officials during primary inspections and strengthen cooperation between Nigeria and Niger to enable joint investigation. The validation of the glossary took place at the NIS headquarters in Abuja on 19 October 2022.