



Distribution of soap in Dikwa camp © IOM 2020

Context and needs analysis

As a result of ongoing protracted conflict causing unpredictable and continuous large-scale displacement, recurrent large-scale cholera and acute watery diarrhea (AWD) epidemics, the COVID-19 pandemic, and seasonal flooding, fierce storms and winds, north-east Nigeria continues to experience multifaceted humanitarian crisis in the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector. The main drivers of vulnerabilities related to WASH are closely linked to the conflict-induced and recurrent population displacement, and are also a result of pre-existing low level of WASH services in the Northeast. An estimated 2.8 million people across north-east Nigeria remain in critical need of sustained and equitable access to clean water and dignified hygiene and sanitation services (WASH Sector Gap analysis and MSNA 2020 data). 1.02 million people receive less than 15 liters of safe clean water per person per day while about 1.06 million people have intermittent water access with over 500 meters walking distance and over 30 minutes queuing time at water points.

IOM WASH Programme

IOM's WASH programme ensures the delivery of appropriate WASH interventions by both direct provision of water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion and through coordination with local and international partners. Currently, IOM is implementing WASH services in 111 sites across 12 local government areas in Borno and Adamawa States, and is a sole WASH provider responsible for the provision of all WASH services in 25 camps in Borno State. IOM also leads the Nigeria WASH Sector Water and Sanitation Technical Working Group (TWG). Through coordination with the Health Sector Working Group in Maiduguri, IOM aligns its activities and the areas of interventions with overall Humanitarian response Plan (HRP) and Sector-specific objectives to reduce gaps in services and avoid service duplication.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020

111

Sites where WASH interventions are implemented

25

Camps in Borno State where IOM is a sole WASH service provider

375,825

people benefitted from water supply

600,000

Liters of water distributed every week to beneficiaries

435,890

People have improved access to sanitation

655

latrine and shower stances constructed

632,231

People reached with hygiene promotion messages

276,188

People assisted with solid waste collection, transportation, and disposal services



Water supply provision in IDP camp © IOM 2020

Coordination and Partnerships

- ⇒ Lead for the Nigeria WASH Sector water and sanitation technical working group (TWG)
- ⇒ Member of the WASH Sector Strategic advisory group (SAG)
- ⇒ Member and WASH Sub-Sector lead in the Maiduguri Metropolitan Council (MMC)

IOM's key partners include the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and State Emergency Management Agencies (SEMAs), State Ministry of Water Resources (SMoWR) and Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Agency and Borno State Environment protection authority (BOSEPA).

Priority activities in 2021

Emergency response:

- Maintain and improve adequate and safe access to portable water, safe, dignified, and adequate excreta disposal mechanisms (e.g. latrines, showers and handwashing stations).
- Ensure access to sufficient quality personal hygiene items, including menstrual hygiene management.
- Support adequate, dignified, and comprehensible hygiene promotion, including COVID-19 assistance and efforts for cholera outbreak preparedness and response.
- Ensure solid waste management and environmental sanitation.
- Distribute WASH Non-food Items (NFIs)
- Support flood mitigation through construction and maintenance of drainage systems.

Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction

- Establish, train, and equip WASH committees to comply with daily care and maintenance of WASH facilities.
- Provide safe and equitable access to water for affected populations through drilling/construction of new water systems, including boreholes, care, maintenance, rehabilitation, and upgrading of existing water systems.
- Promote proper maintenance and usage of sanitation facilities at key locations.
- Providing sustained environmental sanitation services (e.g. solid waste management).

Transition and Recovery

- Provide support for improved water and sanitation infrastructure, management mechanisms, and governance systems that enable communities to respond to their needs and endure future shocks in affected communities, public facilities (e.g. schools, health facilities, etc.) and/or transitional areas.
- Strengthen local governance of WASH services through capacity building of national/local authorities and stakeholders.

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