



Baba and his family arriving the new settlement built by IOM for IDPs in Adamawa State. Photo: IOM 2023/Elijah Elaigwu

## BACKGROUND

Through a multi-sectoral approach, IOM is providing assistance to conflict-affected populations in host communities and regions of displacement in Nigeria, as well as communities affected by floods throughout the country. This April/May 2023 bulletin presents some of the success stories from IOM's recent operations in the Northeast region.

### Displacement Tracking Matrix

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. With the use of a vast network of key informants and direct observations, ETT, a component of the Mobility Tracking methodology, collects the most precise estimates of the affected persons in each location and enables the planning of targeted humanitarian assistance.

Between 1 April and 31 May 2023, 5,637 new arrivals were recorded in the states of Adamawa and Borno, including 1,713 boys and 1,763 girls from 0-17 years old, as well as 1,502 women

and 659 men between 18 - 60 years old and above. They were identified as coming from Askira/Uba, Bama, Gwoza, Hawul, Kala Balge, and Monguno Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Borno, the state most impacted by violence/insurgency, as well as Fufore, Gombi, Hong, Lamurde, Maiha, Michika, Mubi North, and Fufore, Gombi, Hong, Lamurde, Maiha, Michika, Mubi North, Mubi South, Song, Yola North and Yola South LGAs of Adamawa State.

The reasons and triggers for the movement identified by ETT assessments are: access to humanitarian support; poor living conditions; improved security; military operations; seasonal farming; family reunification; and fear of attacks.

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In April, a total of 5 ETT reports were published, while 4 reports are published in May 2023. [ETT Report](#)

a). One IDP and Returnee atlas — April 2023, mobility tracking — round 44 — North-east Nigeria published in May 2023 (round 44) [IOM DTM Nigeria NE Reports](#)

b). One Transhuman Tracking Tool Report for Adamawa state was published in May 2023. [DTM Transhuman Report Adamawa State 2023](#)

c). Flash Report/Incidence Report is the tracking of sudden events such as fire outbreaks, attacks, rain, windstorm, flood, etc.

d). In April, two Incidence reported on fire outbreaks and windstorms, and communal clashes in Borno state (Monguno LGA) and Ganjuwa LGA of Bauchi state respectively.

e). In May, two incidence reports were published by DTM on the affected population in Kala Balge LGA of Borno state. [DTM Flash Report Incident Report](#).

## Stories

### Mustafa and his family settle in new transitional shelters in Damboa

Mustapha Burama is a 52-year-old man whose family of ten children and two wives spent years living in a crowded camp. With thanks to IOM's shelter intervention, Mustapha and his family were relocated and allocated a new home within the host community.

*"My family and I used to live in a mudbrick house in Malgwi Kopchi village, in Damboa Local Government Area. One day in 2014 we were attacked by the insurgents. My children, my wives and I had to flee, and we walked a long distance until we arrived to Damboa Central with swollen feet", he said.*

Mustapha and family had to stay in a room without windows in a dilapidated and abandoned building for two months, before being allocated one emergency shelter in a camp for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). "After seven months spent in one single shelter at the camp, we were allocated another one where one of my wives and her children could live in," he explained. Mustapha benefitted from multiple reinforcement activities provided by IOM as his shelters began to wear out. Yet, as the camp became increasingly congested due to new arrivals, his hope was to move out of the camp and relocate to the host community in Shuwari where he was able to secure a piece of land.

*"On one fateful day, an IOM staff walked to my shelter, introduced himself and began to ask some questions. After the interview, he informed me that I passed the criteria to benefit from Dikwa-type shelter intervention in the host community. During the assessment/registration period, I showed the IOM staff my land in the host community and completed the Housing, Land, and Property processes with the traditional heads", Mustafa recounted. IOM immediately began the construction of two transitional Dikwa-type shelters, which are bigger and stronger than Mustafa's previous emergency shelters. He visited the site daily in anticipation of the relocation until the family finally moved into their new home. "IOM's intervention provided me with enough privacy and much more comfort with these new shelters. All my family members can now live closely together and I can monitor the whereabouts of my children. I am eternally grateful to IOM for this", said Musfapha.*



IOM assisting Mustapha Burama to load his properties into the truck upon his relocation to his new shelter in the host community. Photo: IOM 2023

Abdulhaziz improves his livelihood through agricultural practice and yields

Abdulhaziz is a 30-year-old returnee living in Gombi. He was born and raised in Gombi LGA, Adamawa State but as a result of the armed conflict in 2014, he was displaced and subsequently returned in 2016. In close coordination with the project committee, IOM selected Abdulhaziz as one of the 85 households assisted with the Good Agricultural Practice Training (GAP) and was provided with seeds for the wet season farming period. The support included groundnut, maize, rice seeds, a knapsack sprayer, farm tools, fertilizers, tree seedlings, pesticides, and post-harvest insecticides. After utilizing the knowledge gained from GAP and the kit provided by IOM, Abdulhaziz reported high yields in the wet season farming period.

*"I have to express my sincere gratitude towards IOM. I had major improvements in my agricultural knowledge and yield with the IOM-improved kits. I used to harvest only two bags of rice from five planted plates, but with IOM's improved rice seeds, I harvested six bags. Similarly, I harvested 15 bags of maize compared to four bags last year. I sold two bags of rice to settle house rent and household expenditures. My income increased, and I had more food for my family."*



Abdulhaziz poses for a photo with his knapsack sprayer. Photo: IOM 2023

IOM's educational grant support reduces the risks of trafficking in Yobe

Ibrahim lost both of his parents to chronic illnesses when he was a child and was brought up by his uncle who was his sole caretaker. At 23 years old, Ibrahim got admitted to enrol in the National Diploma course in Environmental Health at Galtima Mai Kyari College of Health Science and Technology in Yobe State. His happiness about the admission and his new education journey

was, however, marred by the fact that he could not afford to pay the tuition fees.

In January 2022, he met a man at Texaco Junction in Potiskum who told him about a job in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, and that he would earn up to NGN 250,000 monthly. The man did not specify the type of job and what would be expected from Ibrahim but the renewed hope of being able to go to college pushed him to accept the offer right away. Ibrahim accepted the man's offer to pay for all the expenses related to the journey and agreed to repay him through deductions of his future salary. Together with seven other men from Postikum, they started the process to obtain passports and other documentations right away.

The man took the hopeful would-be travelers to an internet cafe in Damaturu to make copies of their documents (National ID, indigene letter and Birth declaration) and collected 30,000 NGN from each of the individuals. Afterward, the man took them to an Immigration Office and went in to process the documentation. As Ibrahim and the others waited to be called into the building, they were approached by the chairman of Yobe State Family Support Centre. The chairman started questioning them and recognized right away that these men, including Ibrahim, were about to become victims of trafficking. Alarmed, the chairman immediately reported the trafficker to the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and referred the group to the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) for further support.

Along with other potential victims, Ibrahim's case was referred to IOM and he was provided with an educational grant for school reinsertion which included the school fees for the two years at the college and sustenance allowance. He was able to participate in classes and even got a bicycle to facilitate his commute from his home to the school.

Ibrahim is now in his final semester with a CGPA of 3.4/4 and is hoping to graduate with a distinction. "IOM has helped me return to school when all hope was lost and whatever I become later in life I will never forget IOM for giving me hope of a brighter future".



Ibrahim arriving to attend his classes at the Galtima Mai Kyari College. Photo: IOM 2023

## IOM's emergency response improved lives of fire victims in IDP camp in Dikwa

We are residents of Fulatari camps in Dikwa LGA and we have witnessed the devastating consequences of multiple fire incidents that occurred between February and March 2023. These fires ravaged our shelters, leaving our families shattered and displaced. Men, women, and children were forced to endure living in open spaces, with only a fortunate few finding temporary refuge with kind-hearted well-wishers.

To our surprise, IOM intervened swiftly with the construction of emergency shelters for 70 households. Within 3 months, the lives of 420 people were improved, and we no longer have to live in open space. We extend our deepest gratitude to God, IOM, and especially Camp Coordination and Camp Management team for their prompt response in addressing our concerns and providing much needed assistance and alleviating our sufferings.



Discussion with beneficiaries of IOM Shelter Type 2 Kits under CCCM CFW in Fulatari Camp. Photo: IOM 2023

## Supporting the Reintegration of Victims of Trafficking through Vocational Skills Building

In 2020, Ummi was 16, one of her distant relatives came from Kano to Maiduguri to take Simi, Ummi's mother, to Saudi Arabia where he promised her a job. Simi declined and offered him to go with Ummi instead. The relative collected hundred thousand naira (100,000) from Simi and took Ummi along with him to Kano where he processed her travel document to Saudi Arabia. The man told Ummi that she would be taken to Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj, but due to Covid – 19 flight restriction, she could not fly and she was kept in a house for six months to work as a domestic servant in order to pay back some of the payment for her transportation.

Prior to leaving home, Ummi had had a relationship with a young man who asked her to leave Kano and come back to Maiduguri so that they get married. Once returned, however, Ummi was sexually exploited and became pregnant. When her mother learned about Ummi's pregnancy, she was chased out of the

house and turned to her boyfriend in vain as his family threatened to disown him if he recognized the baby.

With nowhere else to go, Ummi started living on the street sleeping in shades and on top of sewage tanks.

On one rainy evening, as Mallam Usman returned from work, he spotted Ummi sleeping on a sewage tank close to his house. He offered to help Ummi and built her a temporary makeshift shelter where she stayed until she gave birth to her baby. Ummi tried to reunite with her family, but they didn't want to take her back. Mallam therefore reported the case to the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP). Ummi then received psychosocial support and counselling. NAPTIP conducted a criminal investigation and prosecuted the relative in Kano then referred her to IOM for reintegration support.



IOM supported Ummi with immediate assistance (food and non-food items assistance) which includes basic life necessities to help her cope as she does not have any family support mechanism. She was also enrolled in a vocational skill training for groundnut oil production for four weeks and was later supported with livelihood

start-up kits to launch her business.

Ummi is now able to take care of herself and her daughter and was later reunited with her paternal family.

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