



2,950 confirmed cases

In Nigeria with 98 deaths recorded as of 05 May.

USD 13,136,000.00

Requested as part of IOM's Global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan for COVID-19.



Nigerian returnees share preventive messages during a radio interview in Benin City, Edo State. Photo: © IOM 2020



## COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

IOM is providing technical support to coordination mechanisms for COVID-19 preparedness and response. IOM has actively engaged with partners, including through the Health and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Sectors.

- IOM provided technical advice to the Health Sector and other partners to counter stigmatization of health care workers and ensure continued delivery of services. This included providing technical support to Médecins du Monde (MdM) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) on their planned activities. As a result, MdM committed to providing remote Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to the isolation facilities in Maiduguri whereas MSF technical experts will support the development of guidance notes and capacity building material for use of other MHPSS partners.



## RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (RCCE)

IOM works with RCCE counterparts at the national level to ensure that aspects of migration and mobility are considered in public health messaging and that internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities have access to timely, context-specific and reliable information. This is achieved through COVID-19 awareness-raising and sensitization, focusing on the associated risks, preventive measures to be adopted, and available services in displacement sites. The Organization is also disseminating information about COVID-19 to help dispel myths and decrease stigmatization.

- With technical support from IOM, Translators Without Borders started developing a language assessment to translate the following documents into Hausa, Kanuri and Shuwa Arabic: “Addressing Mental Health and Psychosocial Aspects of COVID-19 Outbreak” and “Children’s storybook: My hero is you, how kids can fight COVID-19”.
- IOM incorporated the ‘Health Belief Model’ into its community awareness initiatives. This model focuses on people’s perceptions of the risks and benefits of taking cues to action, including the use of facemasks and self-quarantine. A dedicated team was trained and deployed to implement this model in Bakassi camp, where a family was stigmatized by the community after reporting a COVID-19 case.
- IOM Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) conducted 596 COVID-19 awareness sessions in 153 sites in 11 Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Borno State and Adamawa states, reaching an estimated 14,790 individuals.

- IOM Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) reached 28,521 individuals with specific hygiene promotion messages on handwashing across seven LGAs, bringing the total number of individuals reached to 64,879. Additionally, awareness and sensitization sessions were conducted at water fetching points across camps in Dikwa, emphasizing the importance of physical distancing and proper usage of handwashing stations.
- Health sensitization campaigns were conducted by IOM MHPSS, reaching 3,450 individuals across 15 LGAs.
- To reinforce preventive measures and early identification of cases, IOM WASH trained 292 hygiene promotion volunteers across three LGAs on handwashing and identification of signs and symptoms of COVID-19, bringing the number of total volunteers trained to 400. Volunteers also received information on methods of referral.
- To strengthen family and community support systems and promote community engagement, IOM MHPSS reached 306 individuals through support group sessions and focus group discussions.
- In Edo and Delta States, two returnees participated as IOM volunteer field officers (VFOs) in radio discussions highlighting the impact of COVID-19 in their respective communities.
- IOM developed a public service announcement on COVID-19 preventive measures that airs on a weekly basis in three radio stations in Edo and Delta.
- VFOs shared messages via online platforms on preventive measures based on the guidelines of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health, Nigeria. Three videos were developed and shared through a returnee WhatsApp platform as well as social media.



## POINTS OF ENTRY (POEs)

IOM is supporting the Ministry of Health and borders authorities and partners to enhance the preparedness of prioritized POEs.

- Coordination is ongoing with health partners and Government counterparts on the selection of POEs for the construction of quarantine facilities.



## INFECTION AND PREVENTION CONTROL (IPC)

By strengthening infrastructure and the provision of critical WASH facilities and services, IOM contributes to minimizing the risk of contagion in camps and camp-like settings.

- To prevent and control infection through hygiene measures, 55 handwashing stations were installed in three LGAs, bringing the total number of handwashing stations installed to 233 across seven LGAs since the start of COVID-19 response.



## CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

IOM supports the overall COVID-19 preparedness and response measures in camps and camp-like settings by ensuring that IDPs' basic needs are met, that they continue to receive essential services and that Health and WASH mitigating activities are in place in all sites.

- IOM started the construction of 20 additional units serving as Self-Quarantine Shelters (SQS) in Pulka and Gwoza, Borno State. In Monguno, Damboa and Bama, the construction of 56 SQSs is ongoing, including WASH facilities.
- To minimize the risk of disease transmission in congested locations, IOM finalized rehabilitating ten buildings in Ngala and continues to rehabilitate two existing structures in Gwoza. Along with INTERSOS, IOM has started the relocation of IDPs from Reception Centers and congested camps to Waterboard Extension camp in Monguno. So far, 882 shelters constructed by IOM have been allocated to IDPs (1,517 in total). Upon request from the community, the remaining 118 will be allocated after the Ramadan period.

- To rapidly respond to IDPs needs, IOM prepared 200 COVID-19 Non-Food Items kits to be distributed across isolation and quarantine facilities.
- In Bakassi camp, IOM facilitated the relocation of a person with COVID-19 to the isolation center in Maiduguri in coordination with WHO and the Ministry of Health. Coordination efforts also enabled contact tracing and monitoring of the health status of the family members.



## PROTECTION

By implementing MHPSS activities that integrate a COVID-19 response focus, IOM continues to enhance response and capacities to ensure the protection and access to services for IDPs and host communities.

- To provide continued protection assistance and strengthen protection mechanisms during COVID-19, IOM conducted Gender-Based Violence (GBV) sensitization sessions, reaching 910 individuals, provided lay counselling to 561 individuals, facilitated referrals of 56 individuals, including two GBV cases, provided Psychosocial First Aid to 138 individuals, and conducted counter-trafficking sensitization sessions, reaching 644 individuals.
- Despite a four-week lockdown, IOM has implemented mitigation measures to deliver protection and assistance to migrants in need, including to those who are stranded and are unable to return to Nigeria. Adaptive measures are taken to initiate family tracing for vulnerable returnees who are currently stranded. In April, 33 family assessments and counselling were conducted.
- Delivery of rehabilitation and reintegration assistance has been adjusted to current context by conducting e-counselling, where counselling sessions are provided to returnees online or by phone.



Construction of self-quarantine shelters in Bama, Borno State. Photo: © IOM 2020



Construction of self-quarantine shelter in Pulka, Borno State. Photo: © IOM 2020

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