



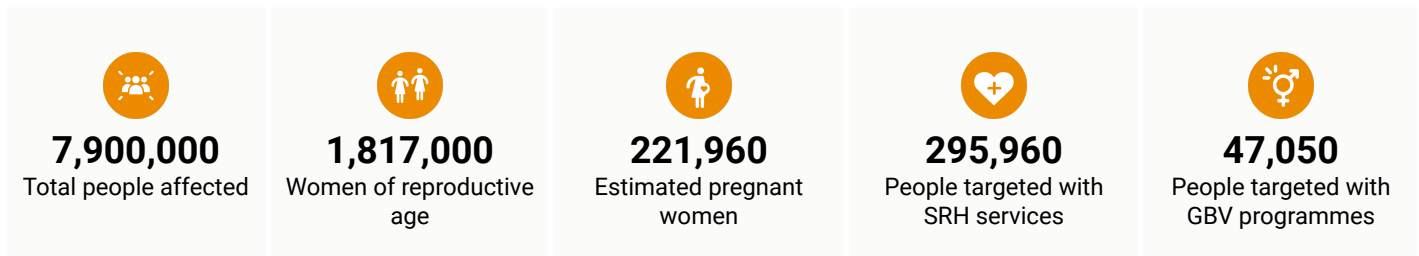
Situation Report

Flooding and armed conflict in North-East Nigeria

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Key Figures



Highlights

- Floods in Borno:** Individuals and families displaced by flooding have started to return home as floodwaters recede in Maiduguri Metropolitan Council (MMC) and Jere local government areas (LGAs).
- Cholera outbreaks:** Cholera outbreaks have been declared in Adamawa and Yobe states. As of 25 September, there have been 9 deaths out of 132 cases (6.8% case fatality rate (CFR)) in Yobe State. In Adamawa, as of 30 September, there had been 18 deaths out of 656 cases (2.7% CFR).

- **Impact of floods and lean season in the BAY States:** 5 million people face critical food insecurity in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe (BAY) States due to flood damage to croplands at the peak of the lean season.
- **Weather and climatic forecast:** Adamawa and other states with communities located along the Benue River are on high alert for flooding following the opening of Cameroon's Lagdo Dam.
- **Severity of flood impact:** More than 1.5 million people have been affected by flooding in the BAY states. In total, more than 1.15 million people have been affected by flooding across 31 states in Nigeria.
- **Communal clashes and floods in Plateau State:** In addition to ongoing flooding, 4 deaths and 6 casualties were recorded in Bokkos LGA due to ongoing conflict. The insecurity was exacerbated by the floods, resulting in further displacement of individuals, particularly women and girls.

Situation Overview

- **Flood-affected people start returning home in MMC and Jere as floodwaters recede:** Two weeks after the Alau Dam collapse in Borno State, floodwaters have receded in some areas, leading to a decrease in the number of displaced people from 400,000 to 150,000. However, many people, including those who lost their homes and those previously displaced by conflict, still require humanitarian assistance. Overcrowding and unsanitary conditions in temporary sites are increasing health and protection risks. The Borno State Government, in collaboration with UN agencies and NGOs, has initiated a return process and established a committee to oversee relief disbursement and site consolidation to better manage the situation and enable the reopening of schools.
- **Cholera outbreak in Adamawa; cases reported in Borno and Yobe states:** State government, UNICEF, and other partners are taking swift action to respond to the cholera outbreak in Adamawa State, declared on 22 September. Cholera vaccines, water treatment kits, and sanitation supplies are being provided. Public awareness campaigns are underway to promote personal hygiene, water source monitoring, and limited movement. Yobe State is also scaling up prevention efforts to respond to its cholera cases. In Maiduguri, a large-scale cholera vaccination campaign has begun following two reported cases. These outbreaks across the BAY states are particularly concerning as they coincide with a severe food security and malnutrition crisis.
- **About 5 million people face critical food insecurity in the BAY states amid urgent malnutrition needs:** Floods in Nigeria, particularly in the BAY states, have worsened food insecurity, which was estimated by [UNOCHA](#) to impact 4.8 million people prior to the flooding. Crop losses due to flooding have left vulnerable groups in urgent need of assistance. An estimated US\$4.2 million is needed to address these critical needs and prevent further deterioration of the food security situation in the country.
- **Weather and climatic forecast:** In Borno, torrential rains continue with above-average rainfall forecast. Adamawa is on high alert for further flooding. On 17 September, Cameroonian authorities announced the gradual release of excess water from the Lagdo Dam. The Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA) has urged government authorities downstream in Adamawa, and other states contiguous to the Benue River system (Taraba, Benue, Nasarawa, Kogi, Edo, Delta, Anambra, Bayelsa, Cross-Rivers and Rivers), to step up vigilance and deploy adequate preparedness measures to reduce the impact of potential flooding.
- **Severity of flood impact:** More than half a million people are affected by floods in the BAY states, and more than 1.15 million people nationwide. Adamawa, Bauchi, Benue, Borno, Kwara, Yobe, Ondo, Zamfara, Jigawa, Sokoto, Niger, Imo, Bayelsa, Taraba, and Kano have been identified as some of the hardest-hit states, based on the number of affected people and fatalities. According to NEMA, Borno has the highest number of affected people at 414,000. Recent reports from the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) and NIHSA indicate

that water levels for the Niger River at Lokoja, Kogi State, and the Benue River at Makurdi, Benue State, have reached 8.89 meters and 9.63 meters, respectively, signaling a dangerous rise. Authorities are closely monitoring these developments to mitigate further impacts.

UNFPA Response

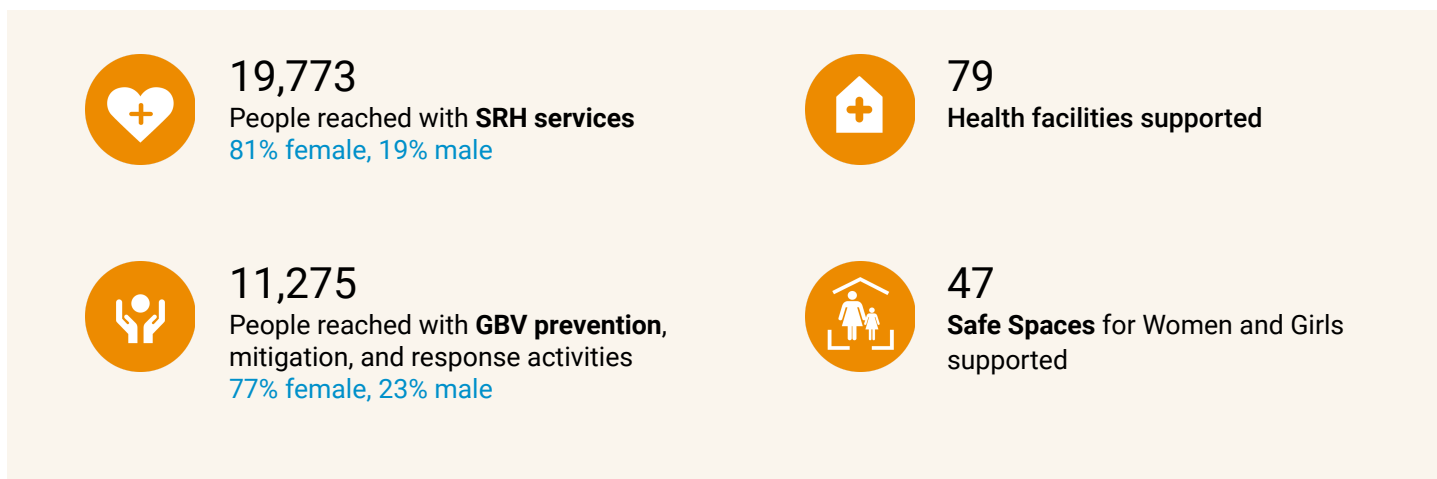





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- UNFPA is implementing activities in 39 LGAs across the three BAY states.
 - 19,773 individuals were reached with sexual and reproductive (SRH) services through UNFPA-supported facilities. Services provided included antenatal and postnatal care, assisted births by skilled personnel, the treatment of HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and family planning.
 - 1,966 individuals received protection services, including medical treatment, clinical management of rape (CMR) services, mental health and psychosocial support, safe shelter, legal support, and referrals for other specialized services.
- UNFPA supported the development and operationalization of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Referral Pathways for all implementing partners to ensure a well-coordinated response to GBV incidents in the state.
- UNFPA supported the construction of a Women and Girls Safe Space (WGSS) in Bocos LGA, Plateau State, where women and girls from Mangu, Bocos, and Barkin Ladi can access GBV and SRH services.
- 2,765 dignity kits were distributed to women and girls in conflict and flood-affected areas.
- 44 Inter-Agency Reproductive Health (IARH) kits were distributed to health facilities, including medicines and supplies for safe births, obstetric emergencies and the clinical management of rape. The supplies are sufficient to meet the priority reproductive health needs of 7,268 individuals.
- Across the BAY states, efforts to raise community awareness of GBV were sustained, reaching 34,765 individuals, including those reached through mobile outreach teams and community-based protection groups.

- Training for 2,693 individuals was completed in the BAY states to build the capacity of GBV service providers and action groups.

Results Snapshots



	2,765	Dignity kits distributed to individuals
	5	Youth spaces supported by UNFPA
	44	Reproductive health kits provided to service delivery points to meet the needs of 7,268 individuals

Coordination Mechanisms

Gender-Based Violence:

- In response to the floods in September 2024, UNFPA, through the GBV AoR, has been conducting weekly meetings to coordinate response efforts, share updates, and address emerging GBV issues across displacement camps in flood-affected areas. These meetings provide a platform for partners to discuss operational challenges, review service delivery progress, identify gaps in GBV response, and strategize on improving access to services for survivors.

- UNFPA, through the GBV AoR, and with the Protection Sector North East (PSNE), conducted service mapping and safety audits to assess the availability and quality of services for GBV survivors, as well as to identify risks faced by women and girls in displacement camps.
- UNFPA and GBV AoR partners developed a comprehensive handbook of key messages on GBV and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) for humanitarian actors. Posters featuring hotline numbers for remote GBV case management services and stickers were produced and distributed to partners and sectoral actors. These materials are designed to facilitate immediate access to support services, raise awareness of GBV risks and ensure that survivors know where to seek safe and confidential support.

Sexual and Reproductive Health:

- The SRH Working Group (SWG) supported and facilitated the organization of World Contraception Day, which included a community awareness campaign, roadshow and outreach activities in displacement camps, including the provision of family planning services.
- UNFPA supported the development of key technical resources such as the psychoeducation guide and Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) Cheat Sheet for SRH service provision. These were shared through the SRH WG platform.
- The SRH WG conducted monthly SRH service 5W's (Who, What, When, Where, and Why) data collection and analysis, disseminating findings/feedback to SRH partners for improved quality service delivery to affected populations.

Other working groups led by UNFPA

- UNFPA is an active member of the Dignity Kit Task Force and continues to lead and support the working groups' activities.
- UNFPA, through the SRH Working Group, coordinates the Clinical Management of Rape Task Force which is led by the State Ministry of Health.
- UNFPA coordinates and supports Justice Sector Reform Teams across Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe to hold monthly coordination meetings to improve access to justice for GBV survivors.

Funding Status

UNFPA Nigeria requires USD 20,928,452 to fund its 2024 Humanitarian Response Plan. To date, only 31% of funding has been mobilized (US\$ 6,675,000 – from KOICA, Canada, and Norway) leaving a funding gap of 68% (US\$ 14,253,452).

