



UN WOMEN'S APPROACH TO HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN NIGERIA

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GENDERED NATURE OF THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Women and girls in Nigeria's Northeast, particularly in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe (BAY) states affected disproportionately

- **59% of the 8.4 million** people in need of assistance, **55% of the 2.2 million IDPs**, **54% of returnees**, **52% of host community**, **52% of inaccessible population in need are female**.
- Insecurity, restriction of movement, and breakdown of livelihoods exposing women to negative coping mechanisms.
- Heightened exposure to gender-based violence
- Men and boys forcefully recruitment, killed or arbitrary detention.
- Altered intra-household dynamics and increased burden and vulnerability affected women, especially Female Headed Households.



GENDER IN HUMANITARIAN COORDINATION

2016

- Weak gender mainstreaming in the humanitarian response plan (HRP)
- Needs of women and girls not prioritized
- No gender disaggregated data
- No gender sensitive outcome /indicators

2018

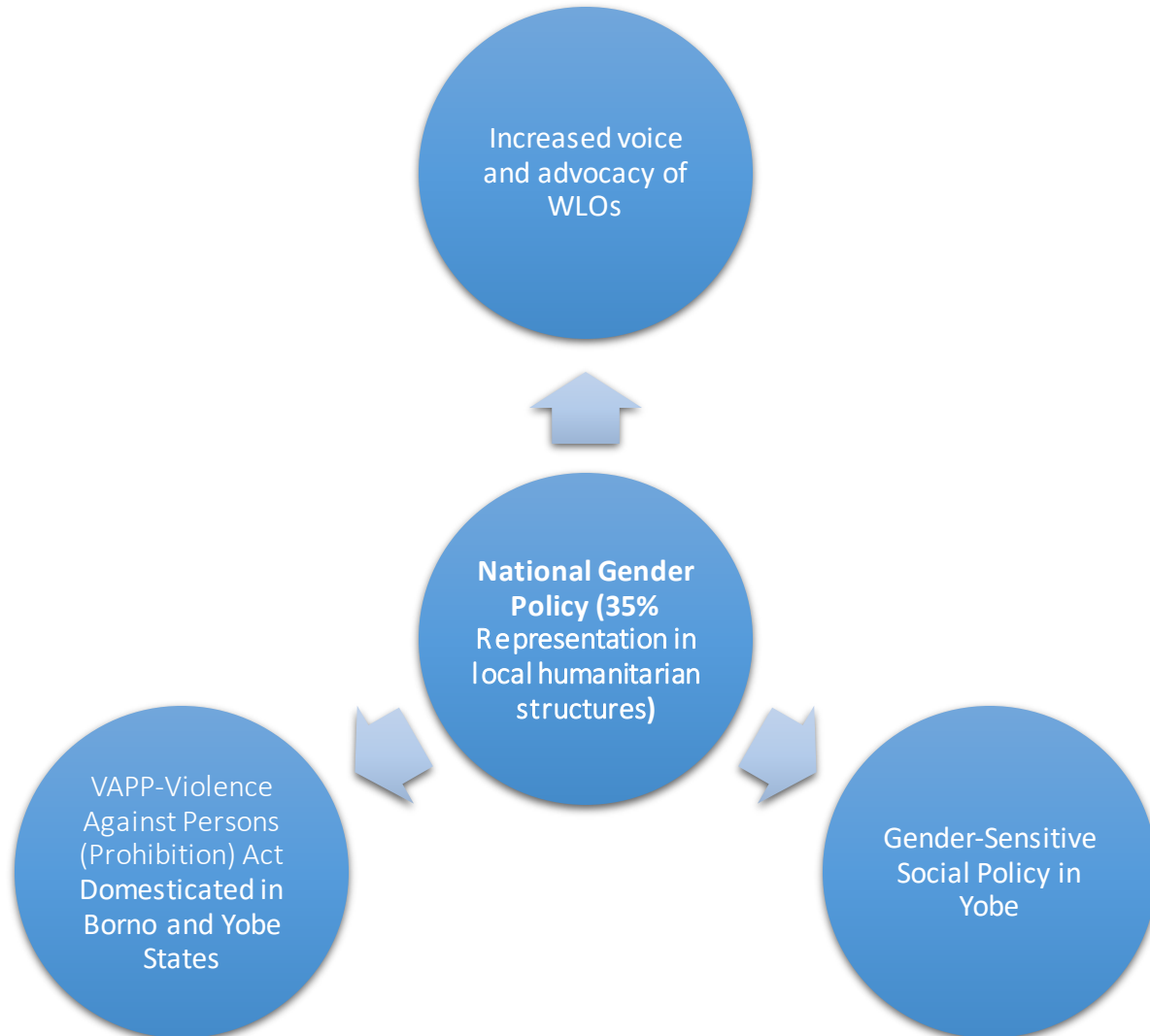
- Gender in humanitarian working group
- Gender analysis integrated in HRP
- Gender and age marker (GAM) applied
- Increased capacity of 100 humanitarian actors in gender and humanitarian action

2023

- Gender-sensitive humanitarian response, with needs of different women taken into consideration-HCT Gender Strategy
- Increased capacity for sectoral analysis
- 649 service providers with capacity to apply GAM
- Coordination mechanism established for WLOs leading to 30% funding allocation
- Borno, Adamawa and Yobe State LWLO Strategic Plan

*LWLO: Local Women Led Organizations

NORMATIVE-POLICY ENGAGEMENT



OPERATIONAL HUMANITARIAN WORK

Increased income by 20% for 3,270 women (rice farmers, small business, and entrepreneurs)

1,310 young women accessed **second chance education**

Access to Justice: Increased support for **2,230 (98.8% women)** and men GBV survivors to access formal and informal services and psychosocial support

Increased gender sensitivity of 39,466 individuals (56.6% women) in local communities

Increased women's voice in the humanitarian space through the inclusion of **2,442 women** in local governance structures and 120 organizations.

Male engagement: Increased commitment of **9,175 community HeForShe champions**

Total	67,758
Female	42,564
Male	24,989
PWD	205



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS: UNFPA, OCHA, GENCAP

Increased ownership and commitment through joint financial support to the implementation of Gender in Humanitarian working group workplan.

Sustainable availability of gender expertise to support and complement UN Women advisory, training, mentorship efforts to HC/HCT.

Complementary protection and GBV initiatives through empowerment hubs.

Strategic advice and technical expertise on gender integration to sector partners through sector capacity building, joint development of GBV Standard Operating Procedures.