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

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<th>2016</th>
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<td>• Weak gender mainstreaming in the humanitarian response plan (HRP)</td>
<td>• Gender in humanitarian working group</td>
<td>• Gender-sensitive humanitarian response, with needs of different women taken into consideration - HCT Gender Strategy</td>
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<td>• Needs of women and girls not prioritized</td>
<td>• Gender analysis integrated in HRP</td>
<td>• Increased capacity for sectoral analysis</td>
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<td>• No gender disaggregated data</td>
<td>• Gender and age marker (GAM) applied</td>
<td>• 649 service providers with capacity to apply GAM</td>
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<td>• No gender sensitive outcome / indicators</td>
<td>• Increased capacity of 100 humanitarian actors in gender and humanitarian action</td>
<td>• Coordination mechanism established for WLOs leading to 30% funding allocation</td>
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*LWLO: Local Women Led Organizations*
NORMATIVE-POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Increased voice and advocacy of WLOs

National Gender Policy (35% Representation in local humanitarian structures)

VAPP-Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act Domesticated in Borno and Yobe States

Gender-Sensitive Social Policy in Yobe
**OPERATIONAL HUMANITARIAN WORK**

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

1,310 young women accessed second chance education

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