



Affected Population:
2,373 Individuals



Damaged Shelters:
281



Casualties:
110



Movement Trigger:
Attack

OVERVIEW

On 28 February, a clash between herders and farmers was reported in the community Tse Akyegh in Ikyaghev ward of Gwer West LGA in Benue state. The conflict affected 122 individuals and displaced 115 individuals to the community High level in Ikyaghev ward of Gwer West LGA. As a result of the clash, 7 fatalities and 13 injuries were reported.

On 03 and 04 March, clashes between herders and farmers were reported in the communities Ityulugh and Ityuluv in Mbaikyor ward of Kwande LGA in Benue state. The clashes affected 2,251 individuals and displaced 636 individuals to the community Jato-Aka in Yaav ward and 1,590 individuals to the community Ikyogen in Liev II ward of Kwande LGA. As a result of the clashes, 25 fatalities and 65 injuries were reported.

Following these events, DTM (Displacement Tracking Matrix) field staff conducted rapid assessment to inform the humanitarian community and government/partners, and to enable targeted response. Flash reports utilise direct observation and a broad network of key informants to gather representative data and collect information on the number, profile, and immediate needs of affected populations.

Nigeria's north-central and north-west zones are afflicted with a multi-dimensional crisis. Long-standing tensions between ethnic and religious groups often result in attacks and banditry or hirabah. These attacks involve kidnapping and grand larceny along major highways by criminal groups. During the past years, the crisis accelerated and has resulted in widespread displacement across the north-central and north-western regions.

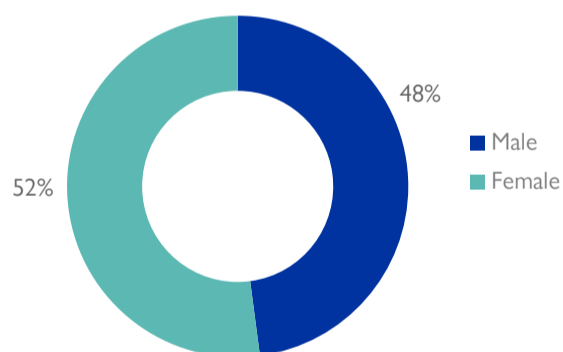


Fig. 1. Gender breakdown of affected population

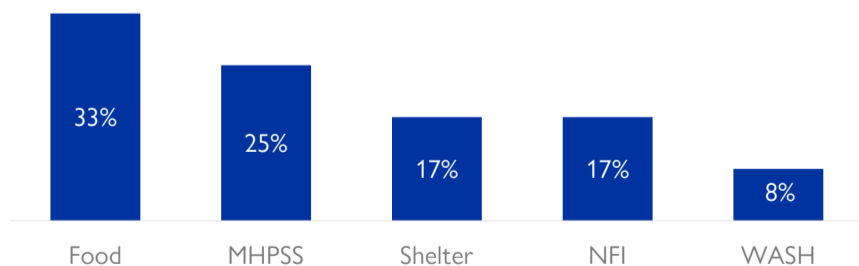


Fig. 2. Most needed assistance

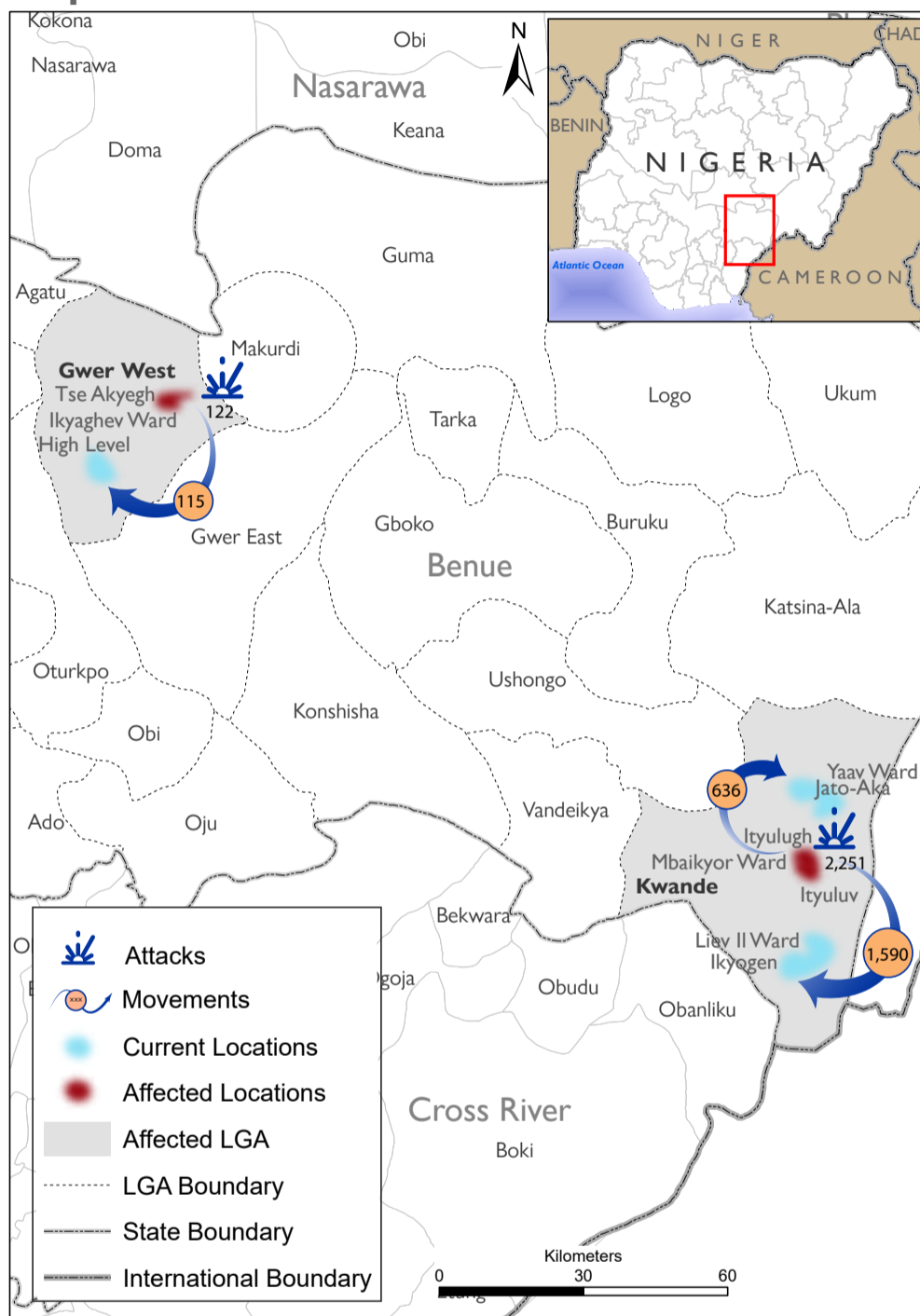
State	LGA	Cause of Incident	Number of Affected Households	Number of Affected Individuals	Male	Female	Children	Casualties	Number of Damaged Shelter
Benue	Kwande	Attacks	396	2,251	1,079	1,172	1,050	90	273
Benue	Gwer West	Attacks	18	122	58	64	62	20	8
Grand Total			414	2,373	1,137	1,236	1,112	110	281

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Map of the affected areas



Map 1. Map showing locations of incidents and movements in Benue states.

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