



**Affected Population:**  
1,023 Individuals



**Damaged Shelters:**  
289



**Casualties:**  
66



**Movement Trigger:**  
Attack

## OVERVIEW

On 14 and 15 March, clashes between herders and farmers were reported in the communities of Gbeji in Ityuluv ward of Ukum LGA and Tule in Fiidi ward of Makurdi LGA, both in Benue state. The clashes affected 787 individuals and displaced 702 individuals from the community Gbeji to the community Zaki Biam in Uyam ward of Ukum LGA. The affected individuals in Tule remained in their community. As a result of the clashes, 9 fatalities and 46 injuries were reported.

Also on 15 March, a communal clash between the Akpegede and Oju communities was reported in the community Akpegede in Otobi ward of Oturkpo in Benue state. The unrest was caused by a community protest over the lack of power supplies which led to vandalization and violence. The clash affected 236 individuals and displaced 234 individuals to the community Oturkpo Town in Oturkpo ward. As a result of the clash, 2 fatalities and 9 injuries were reported.

Following these events, DTM (Displacement Tracking Matrix) field staff conducted rapid assessments to inform the humanitarian community and Government/partners, and to enable a 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.

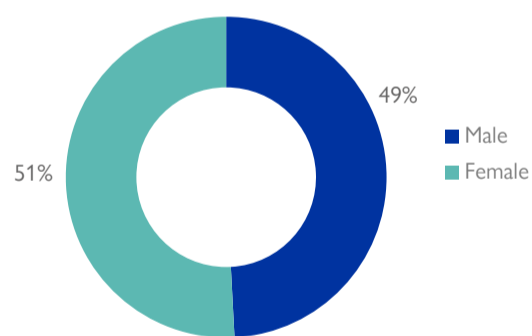
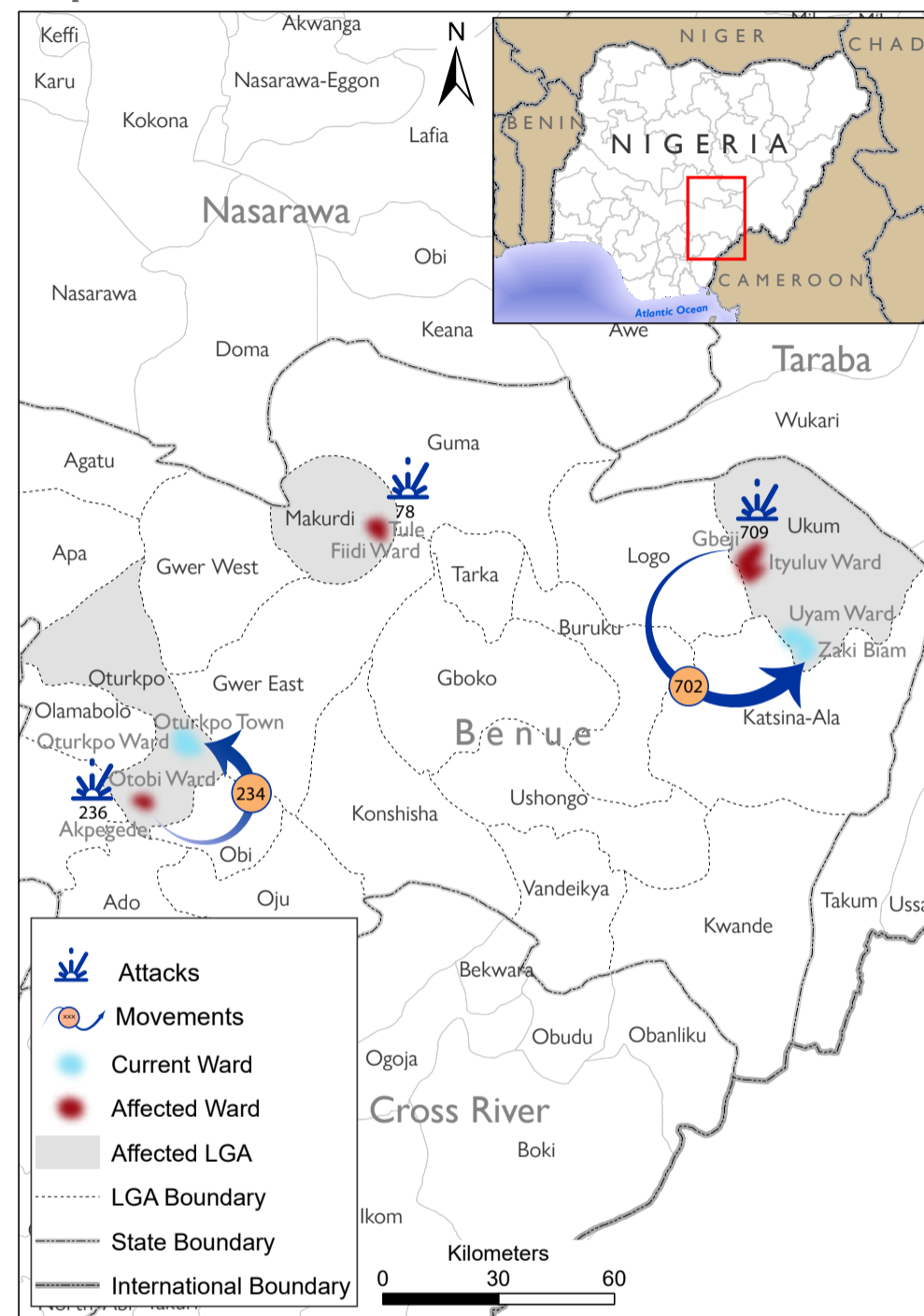


Fig. 1. Gender breakdown of the affected population

## Map of the affected area



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

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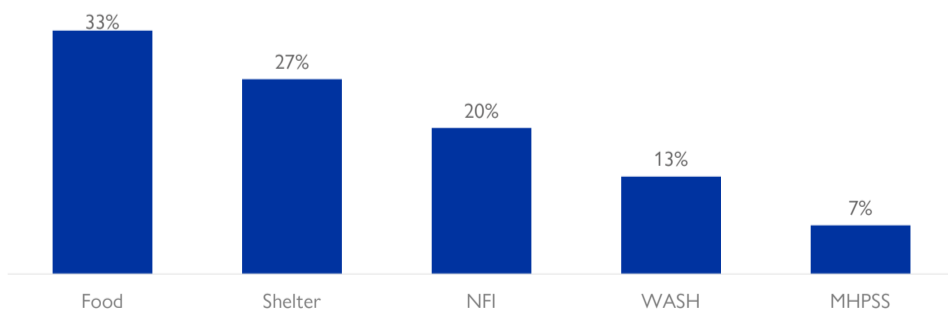


Fig. 2. Most needed assistance

State	LGA	Cause of Incident	Number of Affected Households	Number of Affected Individuals	Male	Female	Children	Casualties	Number of Damaged Shelter
Benue	Otukpo	Attacks	39	236	125	111	96	11	38
Benue	Ukum	Attacks	116	709	334	375	424	46	239
Benue	Makurdi	Attacks	12	78	44	34	38	9	12
<b>Total</b>			<b>167</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>289</b>

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