



Affected Population:
22,152 Individuals



Damaged Shelters:
138



Casualties:
26



Movement Trigger:
Attack

OVERVIEW

On 23 March, a clash between herders and farmers was reported in the community of Atakpa in Oshigbudu ward of Agatu LGA in Benue state. The clash affected 252 individuals and displaced 249 individuals from the community of Atakpa to the community of Oshigbudu Town in Oshigbudu ward of Agatu LGA. As a result of the clash, 3 fatalities and 12 injuries were reported.

On 15 March, armed bandits reportedly attacked the communities of Gidan Zago, Kuturu, Maijema, Yanbicci, Kare, Tsangamawa, Sabon Gida, Gidan Shaho and Gidan Duwa in Dauran ward of Zurmi LGA of Zamfara state. It was suspected that the attacks were an act of retaliation after military operations that took place in the same area earlier that week. The attacks affected 21,900 individuals and displaced 21,898 individuals to the community of Nasarawa in Zurmi ward of Zurmi LGA. As a result of the attack, 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.

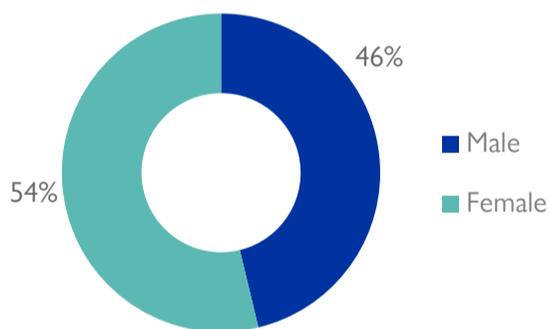


Fig. 1. Gender breakdown of the affected population

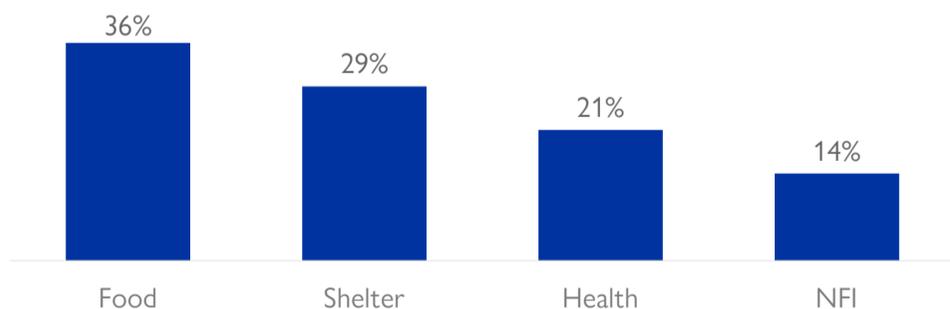


Fig. 2. Most needed assistance

Table 1. Affected individuals and location

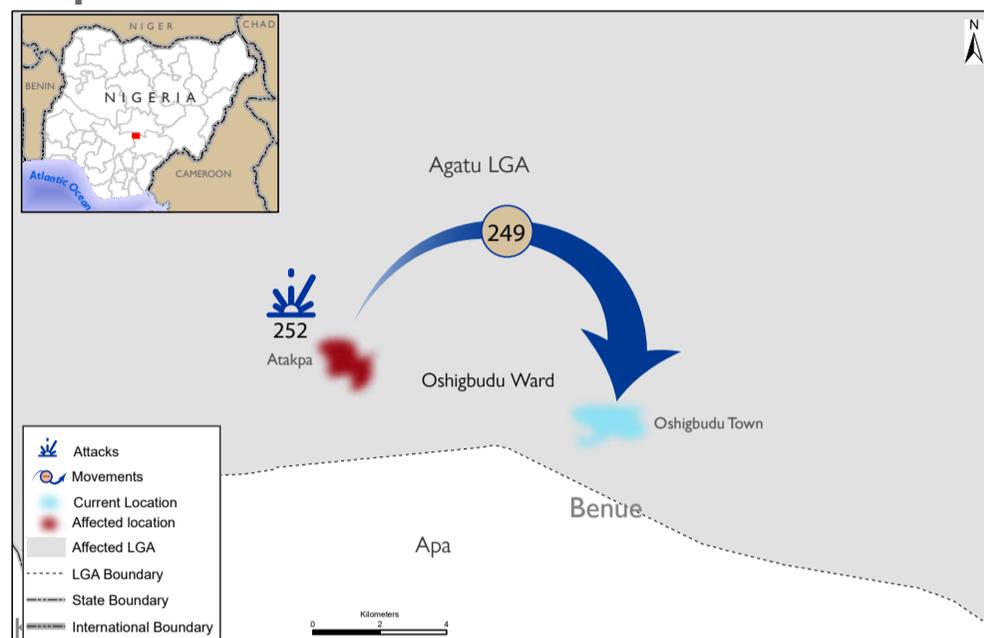
State	LGA	Cause of Incident	Number of Affected Households	Number of Affected Individuals	Male	Female	Children	Casualties	Number of Damaged Shelter
Benue	Agatu	Attacks	41	252	132	120	112	15	44
Zamfara	Zurmi	Attacks	4,500	21,900	10,109	11,791	12,264	11	94
Grand Total			4,541	22,152	10,241	11,911	12,376	26	138

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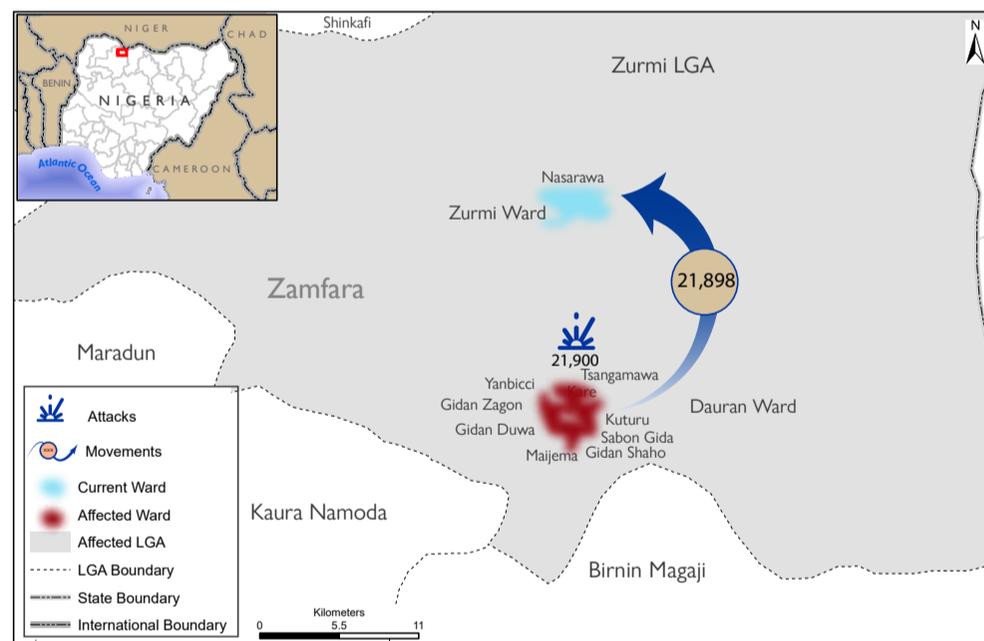
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Map of the affected area



Map 1. Locations of incidents and movements in Benue state.



Map 2. Locations of incidents and movements in Zamfara state.

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