

## FLASH REPORT #140 POPULATION DISPLACEMENT

North-west/North-central Nigeria

03 - 09 April 2023







Damaged Shelters: 44





Movement Trigger: Attack

## **OVERVIEW**

On 05 April, clashes between herders and farmers were reported in the communities of Aila in Egba ward of Agatu LGA and Umogidi in Ugbokpo ward of Apa LGA. Both LGAs are situated in Benue State. These clashes affected 201 individuals and displaced 194 individuals to the communities of Egba in Egba ward of Agatu LGA and Government Secondary School Ogore in Ogore community of Ugbokpo ward in Apa LGA. As a result of the clashes, seven fatalities and 9 injuries were reported.

On 08 April, an attack was reported on Ngban IDP Camp in Nyiev ward of Guma LGA in Benue State. An estimated 248 individuals were affected by the violence, and 204 were displaced to Ortessy IDP Camp in Nyiev ward. As a result of the attack, 88 fatalities and 35 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.

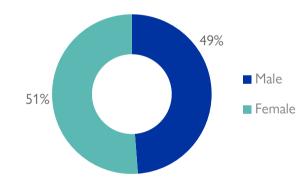


Fig. 1. Gender breakdown of the affected population

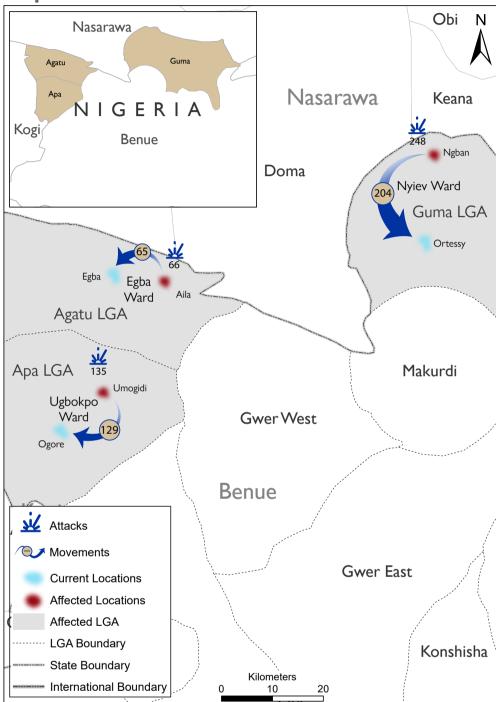


Fig. 2. Most needed assistance

Table 1. Affected individuals and location

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State	LGA	Cause of Incident	Number of Affected Households	Number of Affected Individuals	Male	Female	Children	Casualties	Number of Damaged Shelter
Benue	Agatu	Attacks	9	66	33	33	26	4	7
Benue	Ара	Attacks	21	135	69	66	39	12	33
Benue	Guma	Attacks	42	248	117	131	88	79	4
Total			72	449	219	230	153	95	44

Map of the affected area



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

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