

FLASH REPORT #154 POPULATION DISPLACEMENT

North-west/North-central Nigeria

31 July - 06 August 2023







Damaged Shelters: 22





Movement Trigger: Attack

OVERVIEW

On 02 August, a land dispute erupted between the Mbakume (Mbaivur) and Mbasombo communities in Ikpayongo Town. The clash affected 156 individuals and displaced 155 individuals from Ikpayongo Town to Ichuwa IDP camp. As a result of the clash, one fatality and six injuries were reported.

Following this event, displacement tracking matrix (DTM) 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 multidimensional 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.

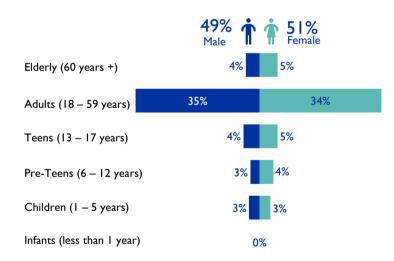


Fig. 1: Gender breakdown of the affected population

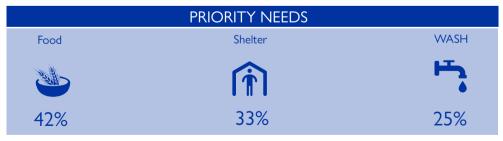
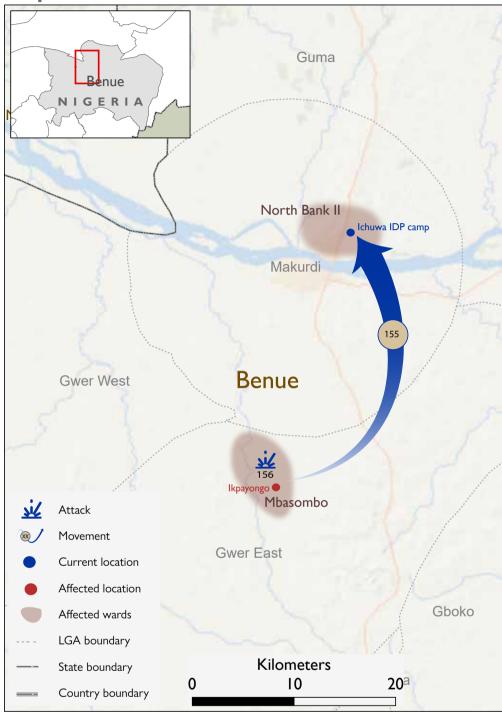


Fig. 2: Most needed assistance

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State	LGA	Cause of incident	Number of affected	Number of affected individuals				Casualties	Number of partially damaged	Number of fully damaged shelter
			households	Male	Female	Total	Children	Casuarties	shelter	Number of fully damaged sheller
Benue	Gwer East	Attacks	24	77	79	156	36	7	21	1
Total			24	77	79	156	36	7	21	1

Maps of the affected areas



Map 1: Location of incident in Benue State

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