## FLASH REPORT 177 POPULATION DISPLACEMENT North-west/North-central Nigeria

Benue State — Nigeria



25 September 2024



395
Individuals
Affected



**05**Affected Locations



58
Damaged
Shelters



**33** Casualties

Movement Trigger:



## **Event Overview**

On 18 and 20 September 2024, farmer/herder clashes occurred in the communities of Ugba HC in Mbayam ward of Logo local government area (LGA) and Tse Azege in Ugbaam ward of Ukum LGA, all in Benue State. There were reports of one injury and two fatalities. The clashes affected 43 individuals in seven households, including 21 children, 13 women and nine men.

Additionally, on 18, 19 and 22 September 2024, armed bandits attacked the communities of Tse Abeda and Abeda HC in Mbavuur ward of Logo LGA in Benue State. These attacks resulted in 28 injuries and two fatalities, affecting 352 individuals in 60 households, including 212 children, 85 women and 55 men.

Of all the needs identified, non-food items (NFI), food, shelter and security were the most prevalent. Other need included health.

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.

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-west regions.

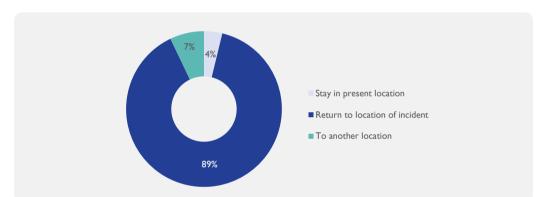
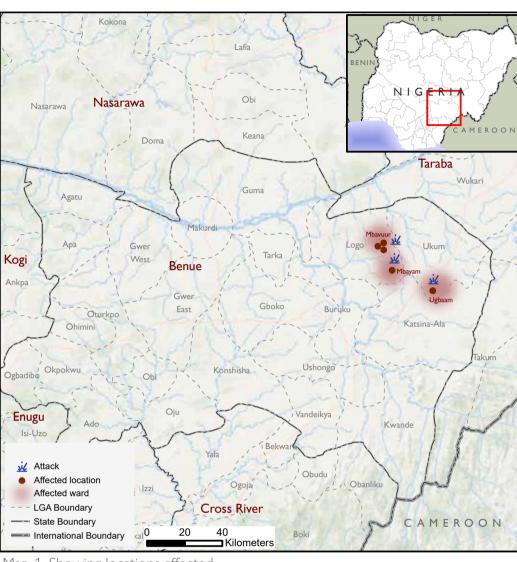


Fig. 1. Movement intention



Fig. 2. Most needed assistance



Map 1. Showing locations affected.

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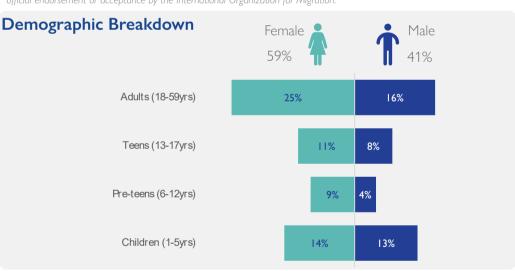


Fig. 3. Gender breakdown of affected population

State	LGA	Ward	Incident type	Number of	Number of Affected Individuals			Casualty	Number of Partially	Number of fully
				Affected	Male	Female	Total	Casualty	Damaged Shelters	Damaged Shelters
Benue	Logo	Mbayam	Attacks	5	11	17	28	1	4	8
		Mbavuur	Attacks	60	143	209	352	30	35	11
	Ukum	Ugbaam	Attacks	2	7	8	15	2	0	0
Total				67	161	234	395	33	39	19

**Methodology:** Crises and emergencies require the humanitarian community to act urgently. As a subcomponent of DTM's mobility tracking, flash reports utilise direct observation and a broad network of key informants to monitor sudden displacement resulting from events like disasters or attacks and collect information on the number, profile, and immediate needs of affected populations. In the initial 24 - 48 hours after an incident, DTM Nigeria activates a rapid assessment to document the event, urgent needs of affected individuals, demographic information, and impact. If displacement occurs, DTM Nigeria issues an Early Warning Flash/Incident report within 72 hours, notifying partners and stakeholders.

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