

Dalori II (250 Housing Estate Camp)

On 12th April 2017 at about 9:10 pm, suspected Boko Haram insurgents attacked the military station situated behind Dalori II (250 Housing Estate Camp), less than 2 kilometers from the camp. On account of the attack, internally displaced persons (IDPs) abandoned the camp immediately in search for a more secure place. Majority of the IDPs headed towards Maiduguri while some others tried going to Dalori I but they were denied access by the security at the gate.

At about 11 pm, many IDPs started returning back to the camp as the situation began to calm down. As of 13th April 2017, a third of the IDPs were reported not to have come back to the site and most are reportedly children. It is estimated that 600 out of the 12,171 people that the camp was hosting before the incident took place have not yet returned to the camp. Most returning children have been re-united with families.

Assessment conducted by IOM on 13th April 2017 showed that during the incident seven people were injured, including an IDP who is in critical condition and receiving treatment at a nearby hospital. Three women were injured in the ensuing stampede. There were also reports of belongings being stolen as IDPs fled. A special concern was the loss of phones which are used for Cash Based Transfers (CBT)

Some remnants of the attack, which include rocket propelled grenades (RPG) and bullets shells, were found in the camp earlier this morning. One unexploded RPG was removed by IDPs and handed over to the military. Civilian Joint Task Force or CJTF and the camp manager canvassed the camp to search for any other possible unexploded ordnances (UXOs). Furthermore, conflict dynamics have increased due to the incident as 1,726 new arrivals who relocated from Nursing Village Camp a week ago are being perceived as the cause of or seen as linked to the attack.

In focus group discussions (FDG) conducted during the assessment today, most IDPs said they wanted to leave the camp and go back to their areas of origin but are concerned about security there. Majority indicated that they do not feel safe anymore in the camp and believed there will be more incidents. Respondents reported that they felt betrayed when they ran for safety to Dalori I and were not allowed in.



Response so far:

- IOM's Psychosocial Support (PSS) team provided psychological first aid to 35 individuals
- PSS team identified and referred 2 individuals displaying acute distress reactions (triggered by the event) needing specialized interventions
- Provision of basic PSS to distress families and vulnerable individuals

Recommendations:

- Ensure that all families are reunited; identify all families with children still missing
- Sensitization on how best to protect children and promote family and community support: how to talk to children about the incident, ensuring that children are with a caregiver, avoiding repetitions of rumors and sensational stories, what stress reactions to expect and to cope with them
- Sensitization on UXOs
- Need for improved security measures around the camp
- Food is still inadequate as the some of the IDPs claimed not to have benefited from on-site programs

Background:

Dalori II IDP Camp is located 6 kms from Maiduguri Metropolitan Council. According to IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Round XV Report and ETT Report No. 8, the camp had a population of 12,171 IDPs. Dalori II IDP Camp was first assessed by DTM in August 2015 when it was officially opened.

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