

FLASH REPORT #145 POPULATION DISPLACEMENT

North-west/North-central Nigeria

15-21 May 2023









Maps of the affected areas



OVERVIEW

On 16 and 21 May, violent clashes erupted between herders and farmers in the communities of Uchen and Anune in Modern Market ward of Makurdi LGA and the community of Iye in Uvir ward of Guma LGA in Benue State. The clashes affected 631 individuals and displaced 69 individuals from the community Uchen to the community of High Level in Bar ward of Makurdi LGA and 466 individuals from the community of Iye to Uikpam IDP Camp in Nzorov ward. While the 73 affected individuals in Anune remained in the community. As a result of the clashes, 23 fatalities and 50 injuries were reported.

Several other clashes broke out between herders and farmers on 17 May, in the communities of Kubwat, Aloghom and Fungzai in Kombun ward of Mangu LGA in Plateau State. The clash affected 3,452 individuals and displaced 3,416 individuals to the community of Jwakkas in Mangu ward 1. As a result of the clashes, 36 fatalities and 18 injuries were reported.

Also, on 21 May, severe windstorm hit the community Yantumaki Town of Yantumaki A ward in Dan Musa LGA of Katsina State. The windstorm affected 106 individuals. No fatality or injuries were sustained.

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.

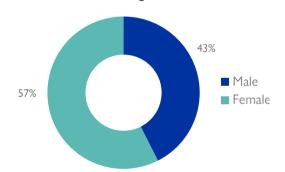


Fig. 1. Gender breakdown of the affected population

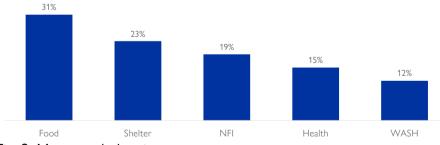
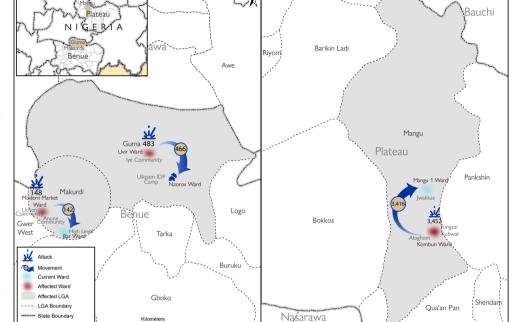
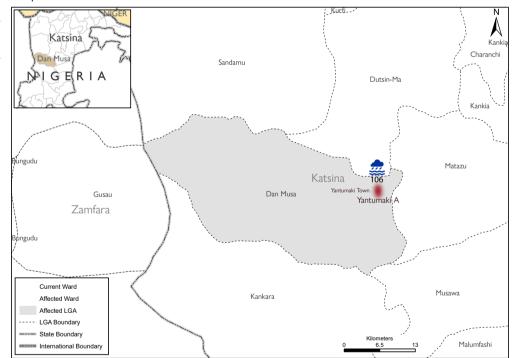


Fig. 2. Most needed assistance

Table 1 Affected individuals and location



Maps 1 and 2. Locations of incidents in Benue and Plateau States.



Map 3. Location of incident in Katsina State.

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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	Makurdi	Attacks	24	148	67	81	48	23	39
Benue	Guma	Attacks	69	483	232	251	178	50	73
Katsina	Dan Musa	Windstorm	15	106	47	59	76	0	15
Plateau	Mangu	Attacks	566	3,452	1,436	2,016	1,484	54	500
Total			674	4,189	1,782	2,407	1.786	127	627

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