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# NIGERIA

## RESPONDING TO A COMPLEX EMERGENCY

Northeast Nigeria faces one of the most severe humanitarian crises in the world today. The armed conflict has left an estimated 8.5 million people in need of humanitarian assistance in the worst-affected states: Borno, Adamawa and Yobe. Populations are suffering the cumulative impact of years of conflict and violence and now food and water shortages, following two consecutive seasons of poor rain fall.

The Nigerian Red Cross Society, with the support of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and funding from ICRC, is on the ground – often in areas few can go – to respond to the ongoing urgent needs of vulnerable communities in Adamawa and Yobe States.



**5.2 million**

people in need of food assistance in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe

(OCHA 2017)





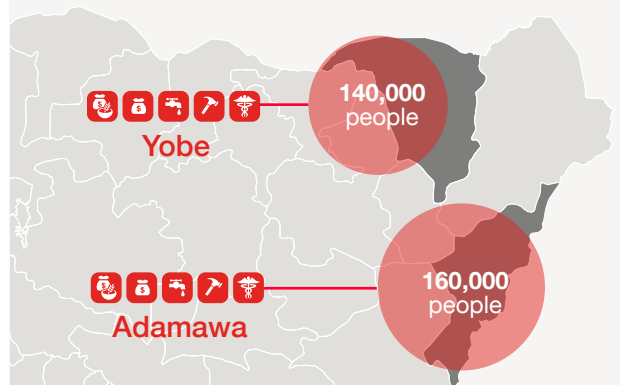
**1.7 million**

people are displaced in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe

(OCHA 2017)

### Red Cross urgent actions

-  **Unconditional cash grants**
-  **Cash for livelihoods**  
*Conditional cash grants to improve livelihoods opportunities*
-  **Water and sanitation**  
*Rehabilitation and monitoring of water points; water treatment and hygiene promotion*
-  **Health**  
*Rehabilitation of health clinics as well as health prevention and nutrition education*
-  **Shelter**  
*Rebuilding stronger and more resistant homes and training brick making to community members*



# RED CROSS IN ACTION



**4,300**

*people received emergency cash, allowing them to respond to their own unique needs as they recover*



**9,750**

*people benefitting from health care services and health education interventions*



**34,620**

*people given access to safe water through rehabilitation of water points, water treatment and hygiene promotion*



**26,000**

*volunteers are supporting the operation in Adamawa and Yobe states*

**By December 2018, IFRC will have supported the Nigerian Red Cross Society in reaching 300,000 people in Adamawa and Yobe states with food, shelter, water and sanitation, community-based health interventions, cash and livelihoods projects.**



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During the armed conflict in northeast Nigeria in 2014, Hawa Magaji's community was attacked. She escaped with her family to safety but returned to find that her goats and grains, including maize and groundnuts, were gone. With the help of the Nigerian Red Cross and IFRC, Hawa has received enough money to invest back into her livelihood. She has bought seven goats, fertilizer for her farm and food to sustain her until her crops grow. She has also been able to renovate the foundations of her home where her children reside.

**“Smiling alone cannot express how happy I am, because I have never received any help like this in my life,” says Hawa.**

*The IFRC is supporting the Nigerian Red Cross Society, in responding to the ongoing urgent needs of vulnerable communities in hard-to-reach and under-served areas and supporting its volunteers and staff to build community resilience through programmes that restore dignity, strengthen food security and support long-term development.*

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