



Humanitarian Crisis in Nigeria

Strengthening the IM Capacity of the Sectors

Since November 2016, iMAP has been providing information management (IM) support to nine humanitarian sectors responding to the crisis in north east Nigeria, with a grant from the United States Agency for International Development Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA).

Background

This program aims at strengthening the IM capacity of the humanitarian sectors in the country, as well as supporting information flow from sectors and inter-sectoral analysis. A key component of this project is the building of the national IM capacity, with the aim of ensuring a sustained and skilled support to the sectors when the project completes.

At present, iMAP has deployed its IM expertise to nine humanitarian sectors/sub-sectors: Health, Nutrition, WASH, Shelter/CCCM/NFI, Food Security, Child Protection, Gender-Based Violence, Education and Logistics. Our previous work over the last year resulted in impactful, short and medium-term outcomes that improved response.

Feedback from sectors and the partners directly supported points to an overall outstanding contribution of the iMAP IM support role towards sector response to humanitarian needs of affected populations. The program has already shown its contribution to the understanding of the scope of the humanitarian crisis and the response to it.

The innovative IM approaches introduced by across the sectors are improving data collection, analysis and reporting, and making cross-sector comparison possible. The Shelter, Nutrition, WASH and Health sectors are leading the way with cross-sectoral analysis. In all the sectors supported by iMAP, the staff is laying the foundation for proper data visualization by creating geo-databases and developing product templates.

Content on the Nigeria web space of the Humanitarian Response website for the sectors/sub-sectors is being updated, with links to essential resources kept functional and the respective web spaces user-friendly and search engine optimized. The iMAP teams work hand in hand with UNOCHA, regularly submitting humanitarian response progress data from the partners at the grassroots, for reporting and informational purposes. The IMOs collectively standardize and improve the quality of the existing CODs/FODs datasets.

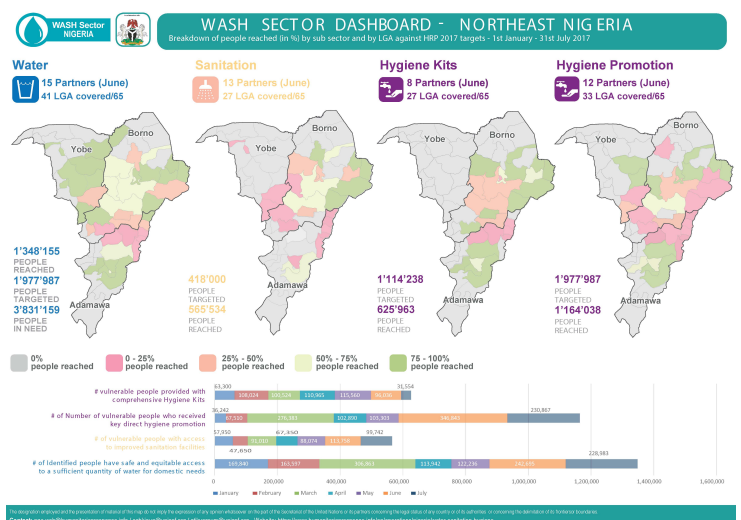
A noteworthy innovation is that for the first time since the start of the response, IMOs in four sectors (WASH, GBV, Health and Food Security) developed an Interactive Tableau dashboard showing the (current situation per IDP camp in relation to sphere standard- WASH, operational presence and number of reach population- GBV, Health & FS). In WASH, for instance, the IMOs developed an online mobile data collection platform for the conduct of a rapid assessment and monitoring using Open Data Kit (ODK).

Overview of Achievement

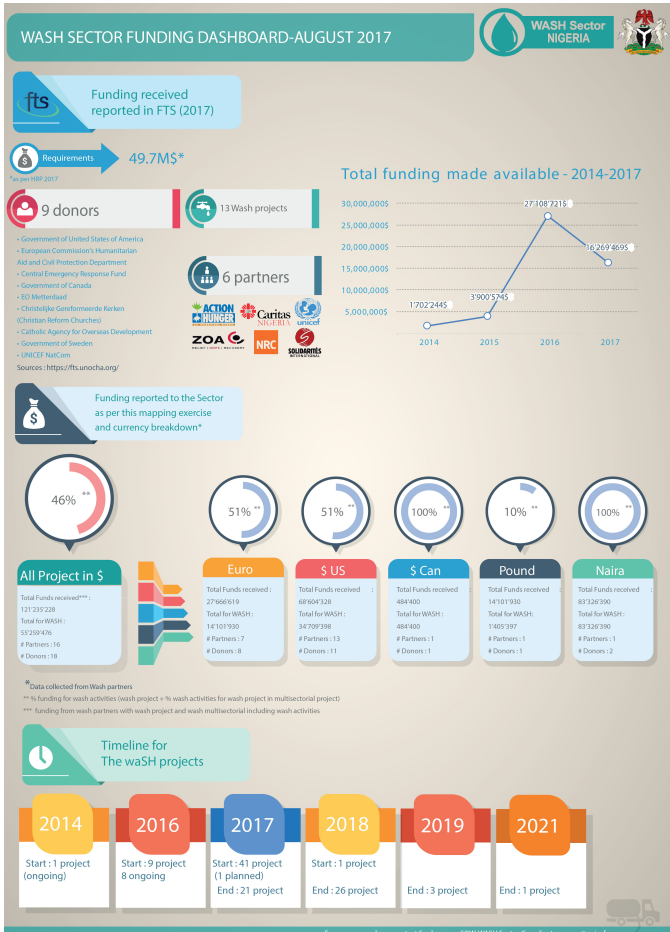
All sectors reached a level of consistency in data collection using enhanced, harmonized, and user-friendly 5W templates. The iMAP IMOs are facilitating the sectors through the preparation of analyses, incorporated into operational planning and coordination.

Analysis of the gaps up to the lowest administrative levels (Ward and LGA) continues to provide valuable information to responding organizations, enabling targeted response.

In most of the sectors (Health, WASH, Nutrition, Education, Child Protection, Food Security and Shelter/CCCM) the IM component is efficiently mainstreamed in the broader sector coordination frameworks.



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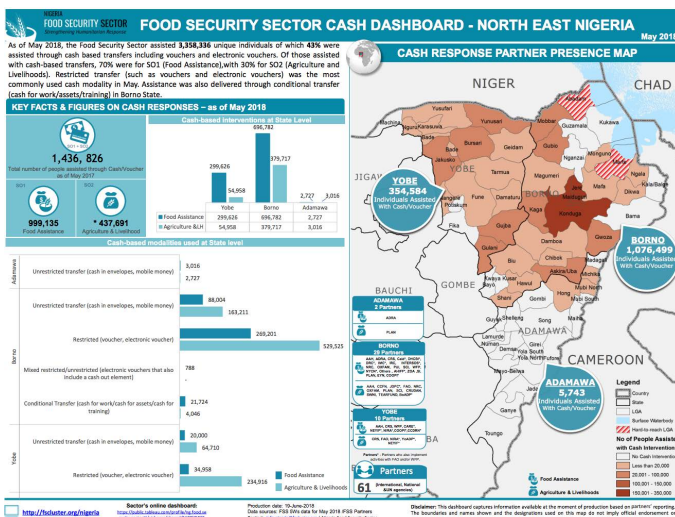


IM Capacity Building

iMMAP rolled out its maiden humanitarian information management training and capacity building program in Nigeria, in January 2018. The purpose of the program is to facilitate capacity building, capacity strengthening and to empower humanitarian partners to leverage and optimize information management tools, technologies, platforms and best practices to effectively respond to the humanitarian crisis in the north east.

Starting with a participatory training and capacity building needs assessment, iMMAP designed training programs responding to the priority needs of the humanitarian partners. iMMAP works hand in hand with UNOCHA to deliver and facilitate the training and capacity building activities. Four training and capacity building rounds were conducted between February and July 2018. The first and second training rounds were held in Maiduguri, Borno State in February and March, attended by 32 and 39 participants respectively. The third round was held in April in Yola, Adamawa State, attended by 70 participants, and the fourth training round was held in Damaturu, Yobe State, with 53 participants.

Over the coming year of implementation, keen attention will be on one-on-one support to facilitate mastery of the technical aspects of information management so far introduced. Priority will also be on training of trainers (ToT) to create a pool of local resources that can sustainably pass on the knowledge, skills and best practices to other humanitarian responders over time.



Better DATA
Improve data quality, collection and timeliness to stimulate sharing and coordination

Better DECISIONS
Analyze and visualize data to support better decision making

Better OUTCOMES
Maximize program outcomes and make a difference

iMMAP's services have facilitated informed and effective disaster risk management, emergency response, and development activities by enabling evidence-based decision-making for cluster/sector leads, critical NGO, and government operations. iMMAP's goal is to alleviate the suffering of victims of natural disasters and armed conflicts by providing the humanitarian community with a decision-making service through the provision of recent, reliable and appropriate geographical and strategic information.