Regional Strategy

In 2018, the Lake Chad Basin Commission, with support from the African Union and UNDP, launched a Regional Strategy for the Stabilization, Recovery and Resilience (RSS) for the Lake Chad Basin regions affected by the crisis. The RSS ‘seeks to establish a common approach and an inclusive framework for all stakeholders to support a timely, coordinated, and effective transition from stabilization to early recovery and the resumption of stalled development processes’ (LCBC, 2018).

The RSS is implemented through Territorial Action Plans (TAPs), developed under the auspices of the Governors of each of the eight target territories in the Nigerian northeastern states of Borno, Yobe and Adamawa states, the Diffa Region in Niger, Lake Region and Hajder-Lamis Region in Chad and the Far North and North Region of Cameroon.

Civil society’s engagement in the implementation of this Strategy is key and NGOs and CBOs have a particularly significant role to play in the Territorial Action Plans (TAPs). To this effect, the RSS has envisioned the set-up of a Regional CSO Platform, with the aim to articulate civil society’s role in the implementation of the Strategy’s Territorial Action Plans (TAPs) at the regional, national and territorial levels.

DIMS Vision

The Directory and Information Management System (DIMS) is a three-year initiative launched by the Lake Chad Basin Commission in April 2021, to create the information management space for the LCBC Regional CSO Platform. DIMS supports civil society’s active engagement in the TAPs, nourishing their cross-border collaboration and organizational sustainability.
Through the DIMS, the LCBC takes a “whole of society approach” engaging and vitalizing one of the region’s greatest assets, its diverse and abundant civil society.

DIMS is inclusive, bringing in as many CSOs as it can who meet minimum criteria of TAPs relevance and accountability. Through DIMS, even the smallest CSOs can grow and collaborate with other CSOs and external partners. For the more advanced CSOs, opportunities to scale programming, increase organizational sustainability, provide peer-to-peer support and seek direct facilitated funding will be offered.

Engagement in the DIMS is voluntary with CSOs explicitly agreeing to make certain key organizational data and competencies publicly available.

All data stored in DIMS Private will be kept confidential and of exclusive ownership of each CSO until its management decide to share parts or the totality of it with the users of the external portal, or DIMS Public.

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