



Lake Chad Basin: Chad, Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria

Directory and Information Management System (DIMS)

Boosting Civil Society Organizations' Engagement in the Regional Stabilization Strategy for the Lake Chad Basin



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 state, 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.

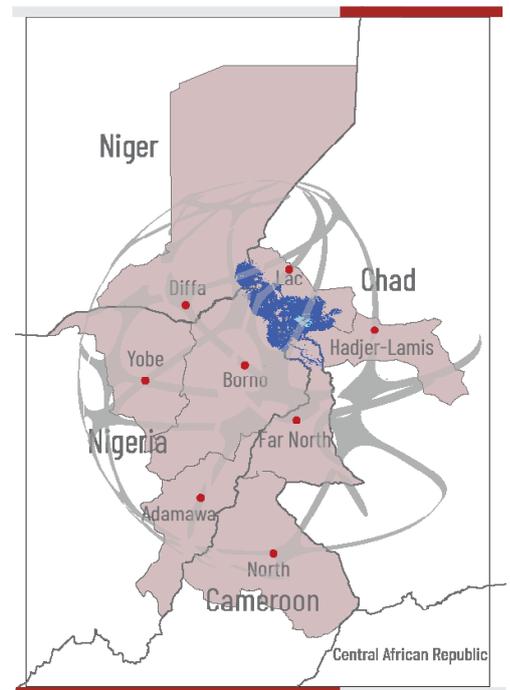
DIMS Vision



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.

DIMS, Directory and Information Management System project for CSOs

Targeted territories of Lake Chad Basin



Connection among the CSOs



Targeted territories

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Features



DIMS will produce a digital platform with offline and online features, accessible to the broad range of CSOs engaged in the TAPs. The platform will have two main components:

DIMS Private: Civil Society Organizational Strengthening Portal, providing a confidential space for CSOs to take stock of organizational and programmatic ambitions, assess strengths and weaknesses against key benchmarks, network with complementary organizations and access relevant knowledge and resources.

DIMS Public: a comprehensive public-facing CSO directory, ensuring the visibility of CSO efforts and needs in the TAPs, providing opportunities for partnerships, cross territorial and cross border cooperation, and synergies across the humanitarian, development and peacebuilding nexus. In addition, the DIMS Public provides an overview of CSOs' strengths and capacity challenges, allowing for tailor-made focused external support.

The Approach



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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iMMAP Partners

DIMS is an LCBC initiative implemented by iMMAP. iMMAP provides information management (IM) services to humanitarian and development organizations, enabling informed decisions and targeted assistance to the world's most vulnerable populations. iMMAP collaborates with the NGO Roots and Transition - R&T for the CSO engagement component of the DIMS Project. R&T helps meet the need for new and flexible solutions and tools in the face of continual changes in the area of civilians in emergencies.



Personnel

Number of personnel: 8

