

Protection Sector NE Nigeria Newsletter

September - October 2024

Key Figures*



1.16M

People Reached with Protection Services



718,000

female



448,000

male



116k

Protection Monitoring (PM)



176k

Information Sharing and Advocacy



29k

Specialized Protection Services



Requirement: **\$65.5M**
Funded: **\$31.6M**
Coverage: **48%**

* Data as of January-September 2024.

Training on Protection Principles for Law Enforcement Officers

The Protection Sector in collaboration with IOM and UNHCR organized a two-day training for 96 frontline law enforcement officers (police, the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF), and the civil defense) and government partners in two batches. The training aimed to ensure the protection of the affected population and prevent reported protection concerns in the camps by enhancing the knowledge of frontline law enforcement officers on protection standards and good security practices. The training covered key protection principles, humanitarian assistance and risk of sexual exploitation and abuse, responding to GBV disclosures and referral pathways, trafficking in Persons (TiP) response, CMCOORD, and safe distribution and crowd control security measures. The training team also included trainers from the Nigeria Police Force, WFP, The Borno Women Development Initiative, and OCHA.

Sector Updates

Donor Engagement Meeting

The Protection Sector North-East Nigeria (PSNE) and its Areas of Responsibilities (AoRs); Child Protection (CP), Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Housing, Land, and Property (HLP), and Mine Action (MA) conducted a donor engagement meeting with 19 key donors and the sector's lead agencies on 17 September 2024 in Abuja. The sector and AoRs provided an overview of the protection context and trends, sector objectives vs achievements, funding situation, challenges and gaps in the protection response, and priorities for the remaining months of the year.

Protection Monitoring Technical Working Group (PM-TWG)

The Protection Monitoring Technical Working Group (PM-TWG) conducted its meeting on 14th October 2024 with the participation of 13-member protection organizations. Partners discussed and reached on the way forward on the revision of the Protection Monitoring HH tool and Protection Incident Reporting (PIR) tool. It was also agreed to organise a training of trainers for protection monitoring team (see below).

Protection Monitoring System (PMS) Training

The Protection Sector Northeast Nigeria (PSNE) organized a three-day training on Protection Monitoring System (PMS) for 26 protection monitors of the members of the Protection Monitoring Technical Working Group (PM-TWG) between 29 – 31 October 2024. The training aimed to improve participants' theoretical understanding of protection analysis and protection information management and their practical usage of the Household Assessment (HHA) and Protection Incident Reporting (PIR) tools for Protection risk-focused Protection monitoring. The Protection monitors are equipped with the capacity to roll down the PMS training for their field-level staff.



Protection Sector Donor Engagement Meeting – Abuja. Source: PSNE.

CP AoR

Case Management Guidelines for Children with Disabilities

The CP AoR conducted a consultation workshop across Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa to support the development of case management guidelines tailored to children with disabilities in Northeast Nigeria.

Development of Community of Practice for Localization

Through the Localization and System Strengthening Technical Working Group (LSSTWG), the CP AoR developed a community of practice for localization in Nigeria. This initiative, supported by CP AoR partners FRAD and Save the Children International (SCI) with funding from UNICEF, aims to advance localization by creating a collaborative learning environment to support national actors in Northeast Nigeria.

Mainstreaming Child Protection into Food Security

In close collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP), the CP AoR facilitated a workshop on the 4th and 5th October 2024 focused on mainstreaming child protection into food security, engaging relevant WFP partners to integrate child protection priorities into food security programs.



Case Management Guidelines Development Consultation Workshop. Source: CP AoR

GBV AoR

GBV AoR in collaboration with CCCM sector partners has conducted safety audits in camps hosting flood-affected populations to assess the risks and vulnerabilities faced by women and girls and to develop measures to mitigate the risks. The safety audits typically included examining the physical environment, access to services, lighting, security patrols, and the safety of shelters. The findings of the safety audit highlighted a range of challenges faced by women and girls in camps, with harassment being the most prevalent issue (48%), followed by denial of resources (32%), sexual violence (16%), and intimate partner violence (IPV) (5%).

GBV AoR disseminated the safety audit report can be accessed [GBV AoR CCCM GBV Safety Audit report](#) and the finalized [GBV service mapping](#) for Bakassi, Gubio, and TV.

HLP AoR

HLP Principles Training for Food Security Sector Partners

HLP AoR organized a two-day workshop aimed at integrating Housing, Land, and Property (HLP) principles into the work of Food Security Sector (FSS) partners. 44 partners from the UN, INGO, NNGO, and government participated in the training. The initiative focused on enhancing collaboration and aligning strategies to address HLP-related challenges in food security programs.

Guidance to Partners

To better address housing and tenancy issues, HLP AoR developed guidelines for humanitarian partners focused on resolving tenant-landlord disputes in flood-affected areas of Borno State. Additionally, the AoR created a tool for collecting information on lost HLP documents, enabling more effective tracking and support for documentation recovery for those in need.

MA AoR

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) Training of Trainers (ToT)

UNMAS conducted a four-day EORE ToT from 9-12 September 2024, in Damaturu, Yobe State, for 24 participants from the Northeast Youth Initiative Forum (NEYIF) and the Child Protection and Women Empowerment Initiative (CPWEI). This initiative strengthened the capacity of humanitarian actors to implement mine action projects and improve EORE capabilities, fostering a more coordinated and effective approach to risk education across the region.

Enhancing the Capacity of the Nigerian Security Forces

UNMAS, in collaboration with the Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC), the Nigerian Police Force (NPF), and the British High Commission, conducted an EORE ToT course from 30 September to 18 October for 75 NPF and NSCDC personnel in Maiduguri.

The training enables security forces to deliver EORE in remote and hard-to-reach areas across Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe (BAY) states, thereby enhancing the safety of communities in these regions.



Training on Protection Principles for Law Enforcement Officers. Source: PSNE

Adamawa PSWG

Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) Meeting

Monthly PSWG meetings were held in Yola with member protection partners, the meeting focused on aligning sectoral activities and addressing emerging protection issues from recent flooding and a cholera outbreak as well as the final preparations for a government-led Refugee Multi-sectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA). Furthermore, the PSWG coordination meetings conducted in Mubi strengthened field-level responses, especially in border communities, emphasizing seasonal challenges and tailored response plans.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Training for Judges

In October 2024, with the support of the IDSF Joint Programme and UNHCR training on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) was organized for 24 judges in Adamawa State. The training focused on mediation, arbitration, and negotiation skills to enhance access to justice for vulnerable populations. It also covers practical ADR techniques to handle protection-related challenges and relieve court congestion, promoting peaceful conflict resolution for displaced populations and host communities.

Refugee Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA)

A government-led Refugee MSNA, supported by UNHCR and the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development was conducted to assess the needs of refugees and asylum seekers in Michika, Mubi North, Mubi South, Madagali, and Maiha LGAs of Adamawa state. The assessment identified key protection concerns of the refugees and asylum seekers.

Yobe PSWG

Protection Sector Working Group (PSWG) Meetings

Yobe state PSWG monthly meetings conducted in attendance of 19-member protection partners in Damaturu. During the meetings, key protection concerns in the state, partner's updates, and challenges were discussed with an agreed way forward.

Flood Assessment

The PSWG members have been collaborating and participating in the multi-sectoral need assessment for flood response in Yobe state. The assessment aimed to identify the multi-sectoral needs including protection risks of the flood-affected population.

Anti Trafficking Task Force

In response to the increased risks of trafficking and exploitation arising from the recent floods, the Anti Trafficking taskforce organized specialized training sessions on GBV, TIP, and PSEA for 50 frontline humanitarian workers engaged in flood response efforts in Maiduguri, Borno state.

The training addressed core topics in Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Trafficking in Persons (TIP), and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA). Participants were equipped with essential skills to identify and respond to trafficking risks, safeguard vulnerable populations, and adhere to PSEA standards. The sessions focused on practical strategies for assisting at-risk individuals in flood-affected areas and implementing safe referral pathways.



ADR Training, Adamawa state. Source: UNHCR.

Highlight

Under the Internal Displacement Solutions Fund (IDSF) Joint Programme, a UN-led initiative addressing internal displacement in Nigeria, UNHCR, UNFPA, and UNICEF held a capacity-building event in Adamawa and Yobe States, focusing on human rights and protection (GBV, CP, PSEA, AAP, Protection mainstreaming, and community-based protection).

This training was held at the American University of Nigeria in Yola of Adamawa state and Damaturu in Yola state, through interactive discussions and practical exercises the four-day training equipped 58 (22F, 36M) targeted government officials drawn from various departments. Participants reported increased confidence in integrating protection principles into their roles and committed to strengthening SEA and GBV response measures. initiatives through events and resources.



Human Rights and Protection Training. Source: UNHCR.

Upcoming Events

Protection Sector Monthly Meeting: 29 November 2024

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence: 25 November – 10 December 2024

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