



NIGER

Humanitarian Situation Report

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

30 JUNE 2017

Highlights

- On June 28th a suicide attack in the Kablewa IDP camp in the Diffa region killed 6 people and injured 11. The estimated 16,000 IDPs present in the camp fled and spread around several existing spontaneous sites. UNICEF participates in the coordination of the first evaluations and responses.
- In 2 incidents in the villages of N’gourtoua and Abounga, teachers have been targeted by Boko Haram. Overall 27 schools have been identified as schools at risks in the area. These 27 schools closed one week before the official end of the school year because of the growing threat of Boko Haram on teachers in the affected areas
- Heavy rains on June 13th caused floods in the country. In Niamey the floods caused 11 casualties and 797 households were affected, out of which 432 had to be installed in 3 schools. In the Tillabery region 599 households were affected. UNICEF supported the government for the provision of NFIs to 599 households in the Tillabery region.
- 1,075 cases of hepatitis E, including 33 deaths, were recorded in the Diffa region. UNICEF is supporting a multisectoral response with WASH, communication for development and health activities.
- So far in 2017, UNICEF and partners admitted 134,043 children under 5 years suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in health facilities across the country (54% of the estimated 2017 caseload).

247,500

Children affected by SAM nationwide (HNO 2017)

80,308

Refugee children from Nigeria and returnees from Niger affected, out of

120,692

Refugees and returnees from Nigeria (Source DREC, May 2017, covering 97 sites)

84,705

Internally displaced children, out of

127,299

Internally displaced people (Source DREC, May 2017, covering 97 sites)

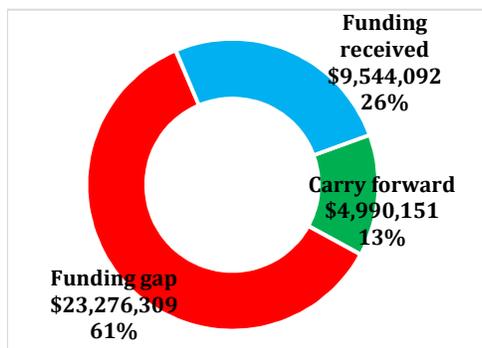
UNICEF Appeal 2017

US\$ 37 million

Requirements for Lake Chad Basin Crisis 2017

US \$15 million

Indicators	UNICEF		Sector	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results	Sector Target	Cumulative results
Nutrition: # of children under-five with severe acute malnutrition admitted into therapeutic feeding programme	247,500	134,043	247,500	134,043
Education: # of girls and boys (4-17 years) affected by crisis accessing education	11,990	7,433	137,374	26,615
WASH: # Number of people affected by the crisis in Diffa using at least 7.5 lt / d * of drinking water (emergency water supply measures: water trucking, etc.)	55,000	12,266	318,289	18,666



Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Simultaneous humanitarian crises continue to have a major impact on children and families in Niger in 2017. Niger continues to battle outbreaks, including meningitis C, measles and since April, the outbreak of hepatitis E virus (HEV) in the conflict-affected Diffa region. The new suicide attacks in the Kablewa IDP camp caused major population movements in a region where security had slightly improved and authorities and humanitarian community have already started a profound analysis and planning for longer term interventions. While emergency capacity still needs to be maintained, the shared view is that common efforts should be put in place to define a strategy of support for the return of the almost 250,000 IDPs, refugees and Nigeriens who fled Nigeria. As for the hepatitis E outbreak in Diffa, the weekly trend shows a rapid increase in cases at week 16, peaking at week 19 and falling gradually from week 23. Pattern of the HEV cases as well as the bacteriological analyses of the water sources show that HEV contamination is not originating from water sources, neither propagated through water collection. The origin, the breeding points as well as the propagation mode have not been identified yet.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

In June, in addition to its ongoing leadership roles in WASH education, child protection and nutrition sectors, UNICEF has played a key role in the provision of support to the Ministry of Humanitarian Action and Disaster Management for the setting up of a coordinated response to the flooding seasons. Even at regional level, in Agadez, UNICEF supported efforts for the updating of the floods contingency plan. Floods are expected to affect 157,000 people in 2017, and UNICEF has already pre-positioned 5,000 NFI kits in Niamey, Maradi and Agadez and has already established a partnership with the General Directorate for Civil Protection to support the distribution of the 5,000 NFI to affected populations in 4 regions, in coordination with the NFI working group.

Estimated Affected Population <i>Based on HRP and HNO 2017</i>	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	1,900,000	931,000	969,000
Children Affected (Under 18)	1,100,000	539,000	561,000
Children Under Five*	429,000	210,210	218,790
Children 6 to 23 months**	131,200	64,288	66,912
Pregnant women***	100,000	49,000	51,000
Children Under Five with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) at national level	247,500	121,275	126,225
Children Under Five with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in Diffa region (Nigeria + crisis)	11,998	5,879	6,119
Refugees from Nigeria	106,146	52,012	54,134
Refugee children from Nigeria (0-17 years old) ****	70,630	34,608	36,021
Returnees from Nigeria	14,546	7,128	7,418
Returnees children from Nigeria (0-17 years old) ****	9,679	4,742.67	4,936.24
Internally displaced people in Diffa region	127,299	62,377	64,922
Internally displaced children (0-17 years old) ****	84,705	41,505	43,199

Proxy calculated based on percentages from: * Proxy DRSP 2016, 21.45%; ** Proxy DRSP 2016, 6.56%; *** Proxy DRSP 5%; Proxy HNO 2017 ratio men / women 49/51%; Proxy HNO 2017 > 18 years 55%; **** Proxy based on figures from DREC, December 2016, 66.54%. The February 2017 figures did not have a breakdown by age

Summary Analysis of Programme response

Lake Chad Basin Crisis Response



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Access to safe water: In June 2017, UNICEF and implementing partners continued to provide access to safe water to 12,766 people through water-trucking services (4 trucks, 184,000 liters per day) that have been in place since July 2016. In addition 9,500 people since the beginning of the year (7,000 in June) have been provided access to safe water through the rehabilitation of 16 boreholes and the constructions of 2 boreholes in IDPs sites.

Hygiene: 80,494 people participated in sensitization activities (3,833 in June) on hygiene practices and benefitted from hygiene kits.

Sanitation: 4,724 people had access to sanitation (3,724 in June through the construction of 532 latrines in 5 host villages where CLTS tools were used in emergency context).

Partnerships: Activities under the CERF UFE are ongoing through 6 partner NGOs (ACTED, ACF, IRC, IAS, IEDA, and CISP), the sites have been identified and the preparation and infrastructure work has started.

Hepatitis E: As of 30th June 2017 a total of 1,075 cases of hepatitis E and 33 deaths were registered. 5 out of the 6 health districts of the Diffa region are concerned, with 6 sites having recorded the highest number of cases (Kablewa village and camp, Kindjandi, Sayam camp, Assaga, N'Gagam, Barwa and Toumour). The main WASH activities carried out included: 101 analysis of water quality at sources and consumption points (home, etc.) with 34 total coliform and 13 fecal contaminated sources identified; shock disinfection of water networks and tanks for 17,177 households; chlorination of water buckets at water points (HTH chlore/Aquatabs + chlorinating agent) for 16,349 households; purchase and distribution of 25,412 buckets (25 liters) to households in the affected sites to replace broken and very dirty/old ones; cleaning of 21,385 dirty buckets directly at water points in the affected sites; hygienic destruction of 288 not-utilized and already full latrines; purchase and distribution of boxes of soap (10 soaps / month / household) for 14,709 households and the organization of sanitation days where 16,047 household were mobilized in the affected sites.



Nutrition

As of end of June (week 26), 6,378 children under-5 suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were admitted to rehabilitation centers (both outpatient and inpatient facilities) in Diffa region, including 635 cases with medical complications. Compared to the same period of 2016, we observe a decrease of 39% in new SAM admissions in in-patient facilities (IPF), and a decrease of 8% (466 children) in outpatient facilities (OTP).



Health

UNICEF is providing essential medicines for children under five for the treatment of malaria, diarrhea and respiratory infections to 48 health facilities (out of 52, with 4 closed down due to insecurity) and through mobile clinics in 5 health districts out of 6 in Diffa region. As of the end of May 10,171 children under five have utilized health services (only malaria), and 1,840 children benefitted from mobile health services (Mobile clinic started on 30th of June).



Education

Access: As of end June, no additional children accessed school in Diffa region. Since the beginning of the school-year, 85 schools in the Diffa region, including 245 Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS), have been supported, and 7,443 children got access to school thanks to UNICEF and its partners, while 26,615 children overall education actors.

Quality: Vulnerability mappings and emergency preparedness plans have been conducted by teachers, students, and community volunteers in 32 schools as a part of the Children of Peace Project. The produced emergency preparedness plans will be implemented in October as the new school year begins. At the same time, the radio production and broadcasting training was rolled out in June for public, private and community radio staff, listening club members, child protection structures members (DIAP) and Ministry of Education (MoE) representatives. The Radio Education Programme (REP) is expected to be launched in July.

Safe Schools: The security situation remains a concern for the education sector, in fact in 2 incidents, teachers have been targeted by Boko Haram (villages of N'gourtoua and Abounga), and overall 27 schools have been identified as schools at risks in the area. These schools had to close one week before the official end of the school year because of the growing threat of Boko Haram on teachers in the affected areas. UNICEF, in close collaboration with the DREP, the MoE/Niamey and OCHA continue to increase advocacy with the local authorities to reinforce the security in the affected areas.



Child Protection

Psychosocial support: Children in Diffa, N'Guigmi, Maine Soroa, and Goudoumaria Departments continued to receive psychosocial support and benefited from recreational activities in the existing 61 child-friendly spaces put in place by UNICEF and its partners. From January to June on average, 9, 230 children and adolescents (including 4,910 girls) have attended these spaces and also benefited from the awareness raising activities carried out by 31 peer educators committees.

Separated and unaccompanied children: In June, 32 separated and unaccompanied children (including 15 girls) have been identified documented and placed in alternative care arrangements and / or benefitted from individual follow up in the Diffa region, through 16 social workers from the Department of Child Protection in the Diffa region, as well as IRC, CARE and COOPI. Since the beginning of January, UNICEF with the same partners have identified and supported 129 unaccompanied and separated children including 50 girls, through temporary foster families.

Children suspected or verified CAFAAG: During this reporting period a total of 36 children associated with Boko Haram were released from detention in Diffa and Niamey. They were all handed over to the DRPE in their respective regions. One boy, aged 13 years (from Nigeria), had been kidnapped on this way to the Koranic school in 2015 by Boko Haram and escaped during an attack by the Nigerian army early May 2017 and fled to Niger. A local community in Niger supported him for a while then handed him to Niger Armed forces, who then handed him over to the counter terrorism police. The boy was then handed over to one of his relatives living in Diffa and was later reunified with his family in Damassak, Nigeria. DRPE social workers followed this boy throughout the process and provided material and psychosocial support. 35 boys were also freed from detention in Niamey following sustained advocacy to the Ministry of Justice, and were all transferred to the Transit and Orientation Center (CTO) in Niamey. A total of 42 children received temporary care, psychosocial support and vocational training in the CTO in Niamey. Five of these boys were reunified during the month with their parents in Niger. Two of them spent only one night in the CTO before being directly reunified with family members through the DRPE, while three of them were reunified through ICRC. Community sensitization and family mediation were implemented by the social workers of the DRPE and the local protection committee with the support of UNICEF before reunification.

Day of the African Child: The African Child Day was celebrated in Diffa under the patronage of the Minister of Child Protection on 16 June, 2017. The Minister visited the juvenile detention center and participated in an exhibition of products crafted by vulnerable youth receiving UNICEF support.

Sahel Nutrition Crisis Response

As of the 2nd of July (week 26), a total of 134,043 children under-5 suffering from SAM were admitted to rehabilitation centers (national data). This represents 54% of the expected 2017 caseload, and includes 15,938 cases with medical complications (12%) and 118,105 cases (88%) without complications admitted in Outpatient Treatment Programme (OTP). Compared to the same period of last year (week 26, 2016), we observe a decrease of 23% in new SAM admissions in OTPs (34,964 children) and a slight decrease of 5% in IPFs (755 children). However, an increase in IPF admissions was observed in 4 of the 8 regions compared to the same period of last year (Week 26, 2016): 26% in Diffa, 30% in Dosso, 73% in Niamey and 4% in Zinder. Whereas a decrease in OTP admissions was observed in all 8 regions compared to 2016: -18% in Agadez, -8% in Diffa, -35% in Dosso, -14% in Maradi, -27% in Tahoua, -39% in Tillaberi, -23% in Zinder and -14% in Niamey.

According to the EPI figures, 368,3541 children below 1 year were vaccinated against measles in the country from January to June 2017 out of the targeted 1,056,998 children.

Response to flooding

Heavy rains on June 13th caused floods in the country. In Niamey the floods caused 11 casualties and 797 households were affected, out of which 432 had to be installed in 3 schools. In the Tillabery region 599 households were affected. In coordination with the NFI working group, UNICEF supported the Ministry of Humanitarian Assistance and the General Directorate for Civic Protection, for the distribution of NFI kits to 599 households in Tillabery and carried out evaluations with the Directorate for water to evaluate the situation in the schools in Niamey where the affected households were settled.

Communications for Development (C4D)

UNICEF continued to support the response to the Hepatitis E in the Diffa region, in coordination with WASH and Health actors. Messages, spots and interviews continued to be broadcasted by national radio (ORTN, Anfani) as well as by 10 community-based radios of the region. As of end of June 801 spots and messages have already been broadcasted in 7 different languages (French, Haoussa, Kanuri, Peulh, Tubu, Guduma, and Arabic) in the 5 departments affected by the

¹ District Vaccines Data Management Tool Data as of April 30th

outbreak. Door-to-door sensitisation activities in all sites have been conducted by 300 trained community based workers about hepatitis E, with 22,119 households already reached. Additional activities included community group discussions reaching 43,680 people, 195 suspected cases of jaundice identified and referred to health centers, 22,915 households informed on hygiene measures.

Media and External Communication

During the month of June, the Regional Director for West and Central Africa visited the Niger office. Her visit (Agadez, Maradi, and Diffa) was relayed on UNICEF's social media platforms and by national and international media. The Niger office also contributed to 2 regional communication campaigns. Children uprooted: https://www.unicef.org/emergencies/childrenonthemove/uprooted/#anchor_96580 and WASH in the Lake Chad Basin: https://www.unicef.org/media/media_96535.html. For the Day of the African Child, a live discussion was organized between the Nigerien Minister for Foreign Affairs and a civil society activist. UNICEF posted more than 116 times on its 5 social media platforms and our social media activities were viewed 300.937 times during the month of June.

Security

The presence of violent extremist armed groups continues to negatively affect the security situation in Southeastern Niger (Diffa region) and Western (Tillaberi region). The most significant security trends observed over the reporting period include attacks against Nigerien Defense and Security Forces, violent criminal, transnational trafficking and road banditry activities. Community tensions were also noticed in the Tillaberi and Tahoua regions bordering Mali as well as in the Diffa region.

Funding

Funding Requirements as defined in Humanitarian Appeal of 2017 for Niger								
Appeal Sector	Requirements	Requirement LCB	Funds Available	Funds available LCB	Funding gap		Funding gap LCB	
	\$		\$		\$	%	\$	%
Nutrition	20,000,000	2,500,000	5,280,452	347,827	14,719,548	74%	2,152,173.21	86%
Health	1,714,565	1,214,565	1,171,463	1,010,722	543,102	32%	203,843.92	17%
Water, sanitation and hygiene (including RRM)	7,500,000	4,700,000	3,683,169	3,079,398	3,816,831	51%	1,620,601.58	34%
Child protection	2,307,060	2,307,060	1,746,524	1,746,524	560,536	24%	560,535.88	24%
Education	1,083,417	1,083,417	1,901,928	1,693,700	0	0%	0	0%
Non-food items (floods and RRM)	3,387,000	2,802,000	544,421	175,474	2,842,579	84%	2,626,526	94%
Cluster/sector coordination	1,000,000	800,000	206,287	149,594	793,713	79%	650,405.85	81%
	36,992,042	15,407,042	14,534,244	8,203,239	23,276,309	61%	7,203,803	47%

Carry-forward from 2016 is included

Next SitRep: JULY 2017

UNICEF Niger Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/unicefniger/>
 UNICEF Niger Twitter: www.twitter.com/Unicefniger
 UNICEF Niger Youtube: <https://www.facebook.com/unicefniger?fref=ts>
 UNICEF Niger Blog: <http://unicefniger.tumblr.com/>
 UNICEF Niger Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/unicefniger/>
 UNICEF Niger HAC: <http://www.unicef.org/appeals/index.html>

Who to contact for further information:

Viviane Van Steirteghem
 Representative
 UNICEF Niger
 Tel: (+227) 20727100
 Email: vvansteirteghem@unicef.org

Félix Acebo
 Deputy Representative
 UNICEF Niger
 Tel: (+227) 20727100
 Email: fackebo@unicef.org

Anne Boher
 Chief of Communication
 UNICEF Niger
 Tel: (+227) 20727100
 Email: aboher@unicef.org

Annex A SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

Lake Chad Basin Crisis Response

Sector	Cluster Response				UNICEF and IPs		
	Overall needs	2017 Target	Total Results	Change since last report ▲▼	2017 Target	Total Results	Change since last report ▲▼
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE							
# Number of people affected by the crisis in Diffa using at least 15 lt / d * of drinking water (permanent measures)	330,208	318,289	98,000	7,000▲	90,000	9,500	7,000▲
# Number of people affected by the crisis in Diffa using at least 7.5 lt / d * of drinking water (emergency water supply measures: water trucking, etc.)	330,208	318,289	18,666	=	55,000	12,266 ²	▲
# of people affected by the crisis in Diffa with access to sanitation infrastructure taking into account accessibility for children, and the specific needs of women and men	330,208	318,289	32,597	4,924▲	141,000	4,724	3,724▲
# of people affected by the crisis in Diffa having access to hygiene kits and sensitization activities	330,208	325,583	146,339	29,608▲	151,719	80,494	3,833▲
EDUCATION							
# of boys and girls (4-17 years) affected by crisis accessing education in Diffa		137,374	26,615	=	11,990	7,443	=
# of boys and girls (4-17 years) affected by crisis receiving learning materials		137,374	26,615	=	11,990	16,621	=
# of boys and girls (4 to 17years) affected by crisis attending education in a classroom where the teacher has been trained in Psychosocial Support In Diffa		137,374	24,781	=	11,990	19,776	=
HEALTH							
# of children age between 6 months and 14 years vaccinated against measles in Diffa					100,000	-	-
# of children who have access to life-saving interventions through outreach community-based activities (mobile clinics)					25,000	1,840	=
# of children who have access to life-saving interventions in the supported health districts					80,000	10,171 ³	5,655▲
NUTRITION							
# of children under-five with severe acute malnutrition admitted into therapeutic feeding programme in Diffa		11,998	6,378	1,092▲	11,998	6,378	1,092▲
CHILD PROTECTION							
# of children who are benefiting from psychosocial support through community-based recreational and socio-educational activities ⁴		76,027	14,152	NA	30,883	9,230	NA
# of separated and/or unaccompanied children placed in alternative care arrangements and / or who benefitted from individual follow up		1,095	145	32▲	585	129	32▲
# of unaccompanied children reunified with their biological families		310	11	4▲	132	6	4▲
# of children suspected or verified CAAFAG identified benefitting from temporary care and/or family/community reintegration support		225	63	36▲	225	61	36▲

² While water trucking is a highly logistic -demanding and costly activity, the result in terms of people covered is not changing because it is the same people being assisted since July 2016. An infrastructural, costly but long – term solution have been found and funds secured thanks to a collaboration with a partner NGO, the French Cooperation and funding from BPRM

³ Data only for malaria. Data for pneumonia and diarrhea are reported on a quarterly basis, and as of June they have not yet been made available

⁴ New calculation method applied from January 2017: average monthly attendance, every month, not cumulative.

Sahel Nutrition Crisis Response

Sector	Overall needs	Cluster Response			UNICEF and IPs		
		2017 Target	Total Results	Change since last report ▲▼	2017 Target	Total Results	Change since last report ▲▼
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE							
# of nutritional centres delivering the WASH minimum package	490	100	20	=	50	20	=
# of malnourished children admitted for SAM/MAM and benefiting WASH minimum package in the community	368,114	100,682	1,179	=	35,000	1,179	=
HEALTH							
# of children in humanitarian situation aged 0-11 months vaccinated against measles	1,056,998				500,000	368,354	132,168 ▲
NUTRITION							
# of children under-five with severe acute malnutrition admitted into therapeutic feeding programme	247,500	247,500	134,043	27,371 ▲	247,500	134,043	27,371 ▲