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Nigeria Flood Response Report

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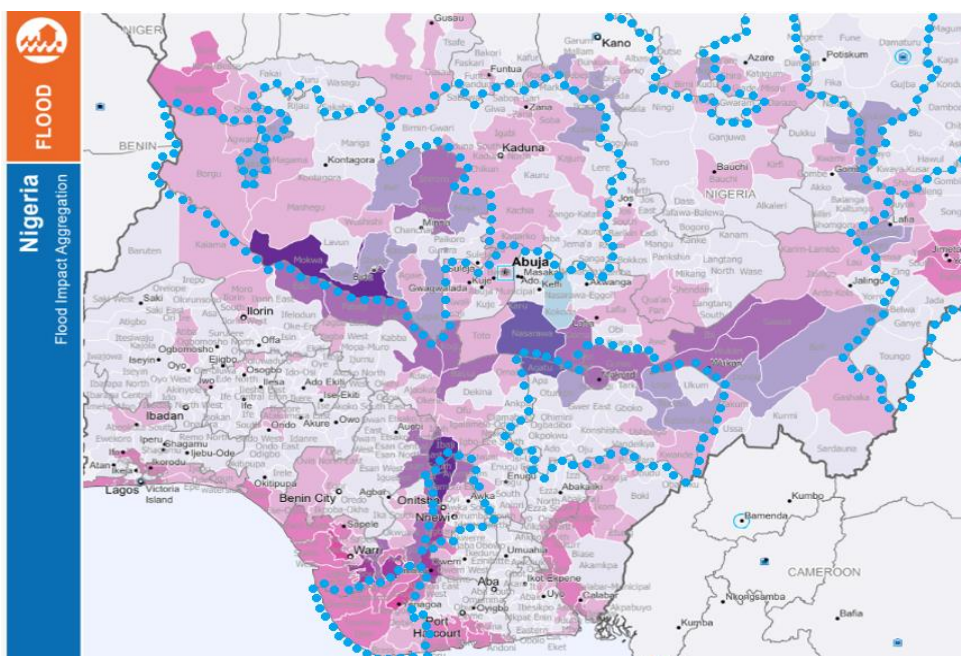
Nigeria

HIGHLIGHTS

In late 2022, the most devastating floods in a decade affected 4.4 million people across Nigeria, including 2.6 million children. Some 2.4 million people were displaced and took temporary refuge in makeshift internally displaced people (IDP) sites, such as schools and health facilities, which impinged on the continuity of basic services. As the water was receding, IDPs returned to their communities by the end of the year. Those whose houses were too damaged were accommodated by the community. While the schools and health facilities hosting IDPs could resume their function, the facilities damaged by the floods needed rehabilitation to enable the reinstatement of services. By April 2023, the most flood-affected areas in the South had accounted for the bulk of suspected cholera cases (e.g. Cross River – 718; Bayelsa – 160; Niger – 94).

UNICEF, in support of the Government and in coordination with NGOs, and other UN agencies, delivered early recovery interventions in affected communities in mostly 5 states (Anambra, Bayelsa, Jigawa, Kaduna, Niger) from August 2022 to June 2023 (while limited assistance was delivered in 4 other states). Critical health, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), child protection, education, and nutrition assistance were provided to 185,000 flood-affected people, including via multi-purpose cash transfers.

FLOOD IMPACT MAP AND RESPONSE AREAS



Data source: WFP, A.D.A.M., Flood Impact Analysis, 1 Nov. 2022

SITUATION IN NUMBERS



4,476,867
People in need of
humanitarian assistance



2,437,411
People Displaced



2,600,000
Children in need of
humanitarian assistance

UNICEF FLOOD RESPONSE FIGURE



185,000
Affected people accessed
safe drinking water through
aqua tabs and chlorine



13
Primary healthcare center
rehabilitated/constructed
with integrated WASH
facilities



471
Children receiving protection
support (family tracing,
reunification, reintegration,
case management services, etc)



8,351
Households received
humanitarian cash transfers



107,381
Affected people sensitized
with key messages and
knowledge on mitigating the
adverse effects of the flood

FUNDING OVERVIEW

With the generous support from partners - notably the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), Chellaram Foundation, European Union Humanitarian Aid, the Meghan Markle Foundation, Sweden, and USA NatCom - as well as reprogramming of internal resources, funds in the amount of US\$7.5 million have been made available for the response in some of the most flood-affected areas in Nigeria.

RESPONSE

UNICEF Nigeria commenced its flood response in Jigawa and Niger States by allocating limited internal resources to address immediate WASH, health, education, nutrition, and child protection needs, including via multi-purpose cash transfers. Donor contributions enabled the expansion of the response in the southern states. UNICEF's response for flood-affected people was integrated and multi-sectoral to maximize the impact of interventions.

At the onset of the flood, limited assistance was also provided to some of the 336,900 affected people, including 130,300 displaced people in Borno, Adamawa, Yobe, and Benue States in terms of health, WASH, and child protection.



Health

UNICEF improved access to emergency primary health care, including sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services for flood affected communities in 30 Local Government Areas (LGAs) in 3 states - 10 in Anambra, 8 in Bayelsa, and 12 in Niger. UNICEF rehabilitated 13 damaged primary healthcare centers (PHCs) and 49 flooded cold chain equipment, while 150 PHCs were provided with essential commodities. UNICEF also facilitated 3,479 mobile outreach sessions, the vaccination of 45,917 children under the age of 5 against measles, and the delivery of essential medicines for common illnesses to 8,901 people. Some 1,173 health care workers were trained on adequate care to flood affected communities. In terms of sexual and reproductive health, UNICEF procured and distributed 6,246 safe delivery kits to enable safe delivery of babies for people on the move.



Child Protection

In Niger State, 26 children separated by the flooding were reunified with their families. In Anambra, Niger and Bayelsa States, UNICEF provided psycho-social support and case management related to gender-based violence (GBV) to 38,654 people, while 471 children received protection support (e.g., family tracing, reunification, reintegration, case management services). Some 1,081 community-based structures were identified and strengthened, and 296 social workers and community service providers were trained on GBV case management.



WASH

In the framework of the integrated response in Niger, Anambra, and Bayelsa States, UNICEF supported the installation or repair of water supply and sanitation in all of the 13 rehabilitated PHCs. Furthermore, cholera kits and hygiene kits were distributed to 660 and 6,360 households, respectively. The availability of water testing and water treatment in the cholera kits resulted in nearly the same number of cholera cases recorded as the previous year, despite a much greater impact of the floods. Some 185,000 people accessed clean and sustainable water, while some 220 communal water points (e.g., wells, boreholes, water taps, systems) and 133 communal sanitation facilities were constructed or placed on higher ground in the flood-affected communities. Hygiene promotion was conducted via mass media in 3 States. Some 96% of beneficiaries demonstrated improved knowledge in safe hygiene practices, and 90% of the people utilized the supported facilities and services, according to a survey conducted.



Nutrition

UNICEF and its partners screened and treated 1,064 severely malnourished children under the age of 5 in IDP camps in Jigawa State.



Education

UNICEF and its partners supported 165 temporary learning centres in 27 communities in Jigawa State, reaching 6,000 children with education and supplies. A 3-month radio learning programme was aired till the end of 2022 to enable remote learning for children displaced by flooding, and 200 solar-powered radios were distributed in 6 IDP camps.





Multi-purpose cash assistance

In June 2023, UNICEF and its partner, the Red Cross, provided a one-off unconditional and unrestricted cash transfer to 3,381 flood-affected households in Bayelsa State, including 215 families with members living with disabilities. Over 70% of cash recipients were female. The assistance helped to mitigate the impact of flooding. Notably, 55% of the cash was spent on food, followed by home reinforcement and health expenses, according to the post-distribution monitoring (PDM).



Anticipatory action

In August 2022, UNICEF, in partnership with the Red Cross Movement, implemented an innovative anticipatory action, which provided one-off cash transfers prior to the floods in the amount of US\$85 (NGN 35,000) to 4,970 households vulnerable to riverine floods along the Kaduna River. The cash was delivered upon a weather-related trigger announcing the risk of floods within 5 days, which turned out to be a false alarm. The purpose of the cash transfer was to enable vulnerable flood-prone communities to have adequate financial resources to mitigate and respond to the effects of floods, thereby minimizing losses and reducing protection risks. The PDM was undertaken by a local partner, and findings highlighted that the cash assistance was mainly used to cover basic needs (e.g. food and health expenses, such as procurement of medicines, transport to facilities), and protection of assets. Only 19% of the beneficiaries interviewed could save some money to mitigate an anticipated impact of flooding. Eventually, floods occurred one month after the cash transfer, and affected at least 3 of the 6 targeted communities.



Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)

UNICEF's response was guided by the principles of AAP enshrined in UNICEF's AAP Framework. UNICEF's partner, the Nigerian Red Cross, set up a complaint and feedback desk at each distribution site of the multi-purpose cash assistance in Bayelsa State and distributed the toll-free hotline to each beneficiary. In total, 146 pieces of feedback (144 via hotline, 2 via face-to-face; 65% from women) were received, including 134 categorized as praise, 10 as questions (timing of disbursement), and 2 as requests (in-kind assistance requested on top of cash, with cash-only assistance being clarified; calls for members of elders forum to be eligible for assistance, in response to which the targeting approach of the most vulnerable was explained).

WATCH THE RESPONSE WHEREVER YOU ARE

Video: [UNICEF flood intervention in Niger State](#)



Video: [UNICEF and SIDA's Flood Response in Bayelsa State](#)



HUMAN INTEREST STORY

This conveys the impact of the October 2022 floods on forty-six-year-old Cerena Igwe and her family in Anambra State. The story highlights the importance of disaster preparedness in vulnerable communities as families struggle to rebuild their lives. For more, read [Human Interest Story](#)



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