



UNICEF Kaduna Field Office handover of dignity WASH kits for affected population

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Nigeria Flash Update: Attacks in Woro Community, Kwara state

Reporting Period
4 February – 7 March 2026

Highlights

- On 4 February, armed men believed to be Boko Haram, entered and attacked the Woro community found in the Kaima Local Government Area (LGA), within Kwara State in northcentral Nigeria. The men attacked and killed at least 200 people, and kidnapped around 176 women (including pregnant women) and children.
- UNICEF has supported the establishment of urgent integrated maternal and child health care including routine immunization, de-worming, treatment of minor ailments, screening and treatment for malnutrition and other nutrition services—especially for pregnant women and young children. Furthermore, 400 dignity kits and 100 maternity kits have been mobilized, with around 1,000 more dignity kits currently on transit to Woro to arrive in the coming week.
- The first UN field mission composed of UNICEF staff to Woro has been conducted and completed in this first week of March; deconfliction actively maintained with the Nigerian Military to protect humanitarian access corridors into Kaima Local Government Area (LGA).

Situation in Numbers

Affected Population	17,000
Under 5 Children	5,043
# of deaths	200+
# of people kidnapped	176
# of pregnant women	500

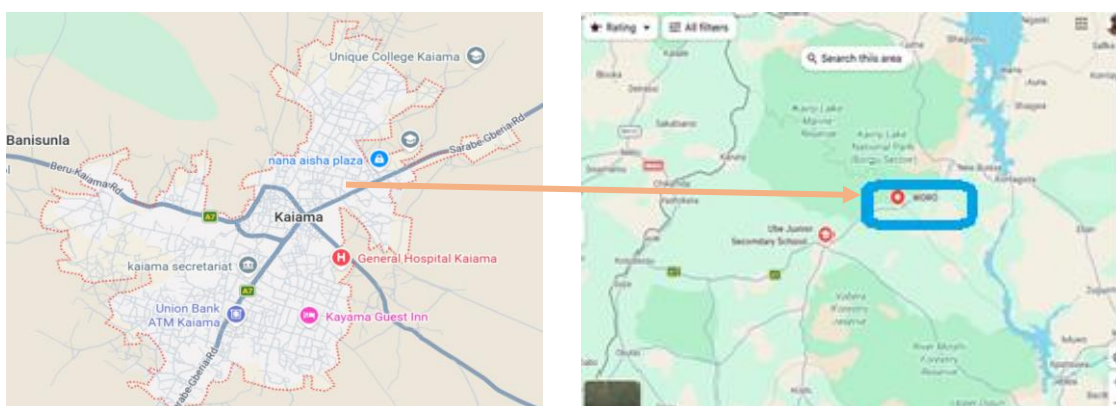
Situation Update

On 4 February, armed men believed to be Boko Haram, entered and attacked the Woro community found in the Kaima (LGA, within Kwara State in northcentral Nigeria. The men attacked and killed at least 200 people, and kidnapped around 176 women and children. Access to the area was hampered until this month.

Up to 17,000 people were affected, with several displaced to neighbouring communities in neighbouring Niger, Kogi, Oyo, Osun States, with reports indicating that some also fled into the neighbouring Benin Republic.

Following the attack, Nigeria military and police were deployed to Woro, this has since enabled community members to start returning to their homes. A UNICEF team comprising the Kaduna chief of field office, Health, WASH, communication, and security were able to visit Woro and support immediate emergency relief.

People in Woro are still traumatized and living in fear that they may be attacked again as rumours of threat are widely shared.



Maps of Kaima LGA and Woro community showing proximity to Borgu LGA in Niger state

Humanitarian Needs and Challenges

Access and security constraints: Kaiama harbors about 5,300m² of the National park where the terrorist are settled, coupled with difficult terrains makes proneness to attack higher, even though all the wards in Kaiama LGA are accessible

Child health emergency: Under-5 children are at risk of disrupted routine immunization services, ANC and other PHC services, making the children prone to vaccines preventable diseases outbreaks and cVPPV outbreaks

Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS): Large numbers traumatized and in need of psychosocial care; NRCS reports widespread psychological distress with high vulnerability among children, women, the elderly and direct witnesses.

Maternal health gap: 500 displaced pregnant women are sheltered in informal, overcrowded sites without access to antenatal care, skilled delivery services or postnatal support.

WASH & Health Crisis: Without adequate WASH facilities, risk of outbreaks in the community - Water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH): safe water supply, latrines, waste management, hygiene kits needed. No toilets and open defecation is being practiced. Lack of water, untreated open wells being used as source of water

Risk of environmental contamination, and public health concerns, especially during raining season resulting from scattered shallow graves.

Education disruption: The only primary School and only secondary in Woro are officially closed. Displaced children, face prolonged learning loss and risk of exclusion from national examinations.

Child Protection: Unaccompanied and separated children urgently require family tracing, reunification and alternative care, amid widespread hunger and psychological distress.

Acute Shelter & Food Insecurity: Communicable disease risk: crowded conditions, lack of WASH, and low sanitation increase risk for diarrheal diseases, cholera, measles, polio and other outbreaks transmission given the report of a confirmed polio case and interrupted immunization.



School and Houses burned and damaged in Woro following the attack

UNICEF Response

Immediately following the attack, 20 volunteers have been identified to provide the services Health, Nutrition, WASH and child protection (via social workers). In March once access had been established a first UN field mission composed of UNICEF staff to Woro has been conducted and completed; deconfliction actively maintained with the Nigerian Military to protect humanitarian access corridors into Kaiama LGA.

UNICEF is monitoring activities through regular communication established through the facilitator to the local education and health staff despite significant access constraints, with priority needs updates feeding into response planning.

WASH, Nutrition and Health - UNICEF has supported the establishment of urgent integrated maternal and child health care including routine immunization, de-worming, treatment of minor ailments, screening and treatment for malnutrition and other nutrition services— especially for pregnant women and young children. Around 400 dignity kits and 100 maternity kits have been mobilized, with around 1,000 more dignity kits currently on transit to Woro to arrive in the coming week.

Child Protection - Child protection teams are documenting and following up on child abduction cases and displacement impacts; mobilizing local actors to deliver psychosocial support to affected women, girls and children across dispersal sites in the LGA.



UNICEF staff at mobile clinic

Education - Given the disruption in education – burned and/or damaged schools, and fears of returning to school - Radio and online learning roll-out has commenced in coordination with the Kwara State Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC)

Next Update: 13 March, 2026

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