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INTEGRATED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NORTHEAST NIGERIA (IHANN): FACTS & FIGURES

The humanitarian situation in northeast Nigeria remains critical. Nearly **seven million people need humanitarian assistance**, and more than **1.3 million people are internally displaced in Borno State alone**.

Even as the Nigerian government forces make progress in liberating local government areas from insurgents control, essential services are scarce. Many families do not feel safe returning to their home villages and continue living in major towns and ward capitals in the liberated areas. Where internally displaced persons are highly concentrated, people urgently need health care, nutrition, clean water, sanitation, hygiene and protection services.

FHI 360's **Integrated Humanitarian Assistance to Northeast Nigeria (IHANN)** project is responding with an integrated set of services to meet the most pressing needs of internally displaced people in Borno State. Funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), FHI 360 is working together with local nurses, doctors, midwives, engineers, case workers and hundreds of community volunteers to serve over 155,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs).

APPLYING OUR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE WITH AN INTEGRATED APPROACH

IHANN delivers an integrated response addressing multiple urgent needs, simultaneously, providing humanitarian assistance in IDP camps, including primary and reproductive health care, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services and gender-based violence (GBV) protection. Project staff coordinate these efforts to produce the quickest, most effective results. FHI 360's WASH and health technical teams have used this approach to tackle outbreaks of Hepatitis-E and cholera. Through close collaboration, IHANN'S WASH and health staff identified the sources of the outbreak, stopped the spread and managed hundreds of cases.



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displaced communities in Dikwa, Ngala and Banki, while serving as health sector coordination lead in all three sites. We are providing clinical services



HEALTHCARE SUPPORT

FHI 360 is delivering both primary healthcare and reproductive health services to conflict-affected and

including testing, disease management, and immunization where appropriate to treat malaria, cholera, and hepatitis E. FHI 360 is also supporting health facility staff to conduct reproductive healthcare services including antenatal and postnatal care, and individualized clinical case management of sexual and gender-based violence. Recognizing the needs at the community level, we are also supporting community health extension workers (CHEWs) to deliver health outreach, disease surveillance, and referrals to static health clinics. CHEWs also serve as effective social mobilization agents for national immunization campaigns.

Achievements in Health

-  **176,087** consultations for patients provided at **four health facilities** and at community level;
-  **3,707** women have attended at least two comprehensive antenatal clinics;
-  **566** women/newborns have received postnatal care
-  **60 CHEWs and 30 volunteers** directly engaged in public health surveillance

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



FHI 360 is implementing a core set of WASH interventions in sanitation and water supply infrastructure that involves community and household hygiene promotion through community volunteers. As the WASH sector lead in Dikwa, Ngala and Banki, FHI 360 is coordinating partner activities to meet the most critical needs, especially related to water supply and cholera prevention. We are upgrading hand pump water sources, to meet the needs of the IDPs with treated water sources, serving 66,750 people. To prevent diarrheal illness, we are desludging existing latrines, and constructing new latrines and bathing facilities in both sites. We are distributing hygiene kits, waste collection bins and organizing weekly cleanup campaigns in IDP camps with the participation of community environmental health volunteers in three sites to promote hygiene and preventative health.

Achievements in WASH

-  **83,148** people reached through direct hygiene promotion
-  **283** newly constructed latrines benefitting **70,750** people
-  **13** solar-powered water points rehabilitated serving **66,750** people
-  **18,797** hygiene kits distributed benefitting **83,970** people
-  **859** solid waste bins distributed and **215** volunteers trained in solid waste management
-  **391** latrines desludged and waste safely disposed



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) PROTECTION

FHI 360 has extended critical protection interventions to GBV survivors as GBV subsector coordination lead in Dikwa, Ngala and Banki as well as co-lead for the GBV sum-sector working group. We are providing focused support to survivors and vulnerable women and girls through case management and psychosocial support. We have also trained community volunteers and protection staff, to disseminate information to communities as part of creating a protective environment where community members have knowledge on GBV prevention, services available and tackling stigma. These volunteers and protection workers are engaging closely with community



members in supporting survivors and tackling social stigma related to sexual abuse. FHI 360 has established three safe spaces to provide private and safe counseling for survivors of GBV.

Achievements in Protection

-  **2,607** women have benefitted from GBV protection services (case management and PSS)
-  **50,073** males sensitized on GBV prevention and referral
-  **72,195** females sensitized on GBV prevention and referral
-  **575** women and adolescent girls have received dignity kits
-  **162** people trained in GBV prevention and response



NUTRITION

In addition to primary healthcare services, FHI 360 has established comprehensive nutrition programs in Dikwa, Ngala and Banki. Using the community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) approach, IHANN has trained health workers to conduct screening and referral for malnutrition, both in communities and health facilities. To ensure widened CMAM activities, FHI 360 has incorporated outpatient therapeutic care programs in each site to treat cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) with ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF). To treat cases of SAM with medical complications such as edema, pneumonia, malaria and others, FHI has established



three stabilization centers to admit. To ensure optimal infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices in the first 1,000 days of life, FHI 360 commenced both facility-based IYCF counselling and community/IDP camp-based support groups to promote early onsite of and exclusive breastfeeding. Finally, FHI 360 administers albendazole for deworming and vitamin A for children as well as iron folate and folic acid for pregnant and lactating women.

Achievements in Nutrition

-  **570** children 6-59 months admitted and treated at stabilization centers with **90%** cured
-  **412** children 6-59 months for SAM without medical complications at **5** OTP sites
-  **16,087** pregnant and lactating women reached through IYCF support groups and counselling
-  MUAC screening conducted for **76,206** children 6-59 months



OUTBREAK PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

For water-related diseases such as cholera and Hepatitis-E (HEV), integrated responses, especially in WASH and health, pose one of the most effective and efficient ways to respond as FHI 360 demonstrated in 2017. HEV in Ngala was caused by existing shallow emergency latrines that were overflowing due to rain. Drainage lines became filled, latrines waste flowed into them and children played in this water, further spreading the disease. FHI 360 immediately began working with community leaders to decommission the latrines while explaining the dangers of using them to community volunteers who then passed the message to IDPs. In collaboration with the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), FHI 360 conducted intensive waste management activities in Ngala to clean drainage.

In the case of cholera and HEV, CHEWs and community volunteers worked together to do active case finding, contact tracing as well as referral to health facilities for treatment for treatment. Further integration with the protection sector allowed CHEWs



and volunteers to conduct disease prevention and response sessions directly at the safe space to reach many women with messages at one time. As women are commonly caretakers who fetch water and manage household hygiene, these sessions proved especially useful. In total, FHI 360 treated more than **150 cases of HEV and more than 600 cases of cholera.**

COORDINATION



FHI 360 is in the health, WASH and nutrition sector coordination working groups in addition to serving as co-lead for the GBV protection sub-sector technical working group in Maiduguri. At the LGA level, we serve as coordination lead partner in Dikwa, Ngala and Banki for health, WASH and GBV protection and coordinate daily with camp leadership, *Bulamas* and other local and traditional leadership mechanisms. Through these roles, we also coordinate with WHO, UN, national and international NGO partners on the ground in addition to various government entities including Borno State Ministry of Health, State Primary Healthcare Development Agency, Hospital Management Board Ministry of Water Resources, Borno State Environmental Protection Agency, National/State Emergency Management Agencies and others. FHI 360 was also selected to represent the Nigeria WASH Cluster at the Annual Global WASH Cluster meeting in Berlin in April 2018 on the merits successful programming and leadership in the sector. During this forum, FHI 360 presented on the cholera response on behalf of the Nigeria WASH Cluster.

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