



Situation Report

Armed conflict in North-East Nigeria continues to place lives at risk



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Key Figures



Highlights

- Nearly 8 million people in Nigeria, including 1.8 million women of reproductive age, need humanitarian assistance due to conflict and a range of challenges, including food insecurity, health issues, lack of education, and child protection concerns.
- The arrest and detention of minors in Nigeria for alleged involvement in protests raises serious concerns about their heightened risk of experiencing GBV while in custody.
- The high number of out-of-school children in Nigeria, particularly girls, increases their vulnerability to exploitation, abuse, and gender-based violence (GBV), especially in conflict zones.

Situation Overview

- **Insecurity and Conflict:** In November 2024, Nigeria experienced multiple security incidents, including a landmine explosion in Borno State that killed 7 people and the abduction of 50 people in Zamfara State. These events, alongside ongoing attacks by Boko Haram and ISWAP and the emergence of a new terrorist group, "Lukarawas," heighten the risk of GBV and limit access to maternal healthcare for women and girls.
- **Crime and Violence:** The media reported on various criminal activities, including the recovery of unexploded ordnances and explosives in Borno, highlighting the ongoing threat of violence. The police have also recovered grenades and other explosives in Borno.
- **Growing Food Insecurity in Northern Nigeria:** In Northern Nigeria, a projected 33 million people, including 5.44 million children and 787,000 pregnant and lactating women, will face acute food insecurity by 2025. This crisis forces women and girls into harmful coping mechanisms, increasing their vulnerability to exploitation, abuse, and GBV.
- **Child Protection Concerns:** Media reports highlight the arrest and detention of minors in Nigeria for alleged involvement in protests, raising concerns about their increased risk of experiencing GBV while in custody. This situation can also damage trust in authorities, hindering children, especially girls, from reporting GBV incidents or seeking help.

UNFPA Response

To support women and girls in vulnerable situations, UNFPA has implemented targeted interventions in the following areas::

- 18,066 individuals received sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services through UNFPA-supported facilities. Services provided included the clinical management of /Rape (CMR), antenatal and postnatal care, assisted births by skilled personnel, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and family planning.
- 9,451 individuals received protection/GBV services, including case management, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), temporary safe shelter, psychosocial first aid (PFA), security and legal support, and referrals to other specialized services.
- 4,734 women and adolescent girls have participated in skills acquisition sessions.
- Through its frontline workers, UNFPA has reached 21,784 community members with key SRH/GBV messages, including family planning through community outreach and awareness campaigns.
- 35 teachers in Maiduguri, Borno State received psychosocial support training to help students cope with trauma. The programme taught them how to improve students' well-being, spot signs of distress (including GBV), and work together as a supportive team.
- A 'Training of Trainers' programme was conducted to enhance the capacity of local professionals in managing cases of GBV.
- Over 200 young people, mostly adolescent girls, in Yobe and Adamawa States participated in digital literacy programmes, including a youth summit and training in social media marketing. These programmes aim to empower girls with essential digital skills.
- UNFPA supported a three-day CMR and GBV case management training for 8 frontline workers of the newly established OSC in Gashua, Yobe State.

- UNFPA actively participated in the 2024 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign in Borno and Yobe States. Activities included community awareness events, a symposium, and the distribution of start-up kits to 100 vulnerable women and girls in Yobe State.
- UNFPA demonstrated its commitment to inclusivity by supporting the Disability Working Group and commemorating World Disability Day in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe States. This involved raising awareness and ensuring the needs of people with disabilities are included in humanitarian efforts.

Results Snapshots



18,066
People reached with **SRH services**
71% Female 29% Male






79
Health Facilities supported



9,451
People reached with **GBV prevention, mitigation, and response activities**
77% Female 23% Male



48
Safe Spaces for Women and Girls supported

	310	Dignity kits distributed to individuals
	5	Youth spaces supported by UNFPA
	25	Reproductive health kits provided to service delivery points to meet the needs of 5,081 individuals

Coordination Mechanisms

Gender-Based Violence:

UNFPA, through its leadership within the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR) and in collaboration with key partners, has achieved significant milestones in addressing GBV in the region, these include:

- Providing essential GBV services to 464,961 women and girls in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe states.
- Mobile outreach programmes that successfully reached over 664,000 people with information about GBV.

- Training 3,869 people to enhance GBV response capabilities. These efforts prioritized case management, psychological support, and community capacity building.
- Distributing 10,677 dignity kits to survivors of GBV and vulnerable women and adolescent girls.
- The GBV AoR has submitted a response plan for the 2025 Humanitarian Response Plan, targeting 1.8 million people in need, with 1 million as the focus group, and appealing for US\$ 2 million to support GBV prevention and response efforts.
- Organizing an annual retreat from 5–7 November, fostering strategic discussions among partners and stakeholders. Key outcomes include strengthened coordination mechanisms for GBV interventions across Nigeria and agreement on priority areas for 2025, focusing on service delivery, prevention, and advocacy.
- The 16 Days of Activism against GBV campaign in Nigeria, launched on November 25th, 2024, focusing on addressing the root causes of GBV to create long-term solutions. The campaign raised awareness and strengthened partnerships among stakeholders committed to combating GBV.
- GBV AoR representatives participated in two international conferences: the Sexual Violence Research Institute (SVRI) Conference in South Africa and the Prevention from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Workshop in Italy. This participation strengthened their expertise and positioned Nigeria as a leader in the global fight against GBV. Ultimately, this leads to better services and support for survivors in Nigeria.
- Organizing the GBV Case Management Training of Trainers (ToT) to update Nigeria's cadre of GBV trainers.
- Drafting the GBVIMS Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) workshop, and representing Nigeria at the Primero 10th Anniversary, showcasing GBVIMS+ implementation, achievements, and next steps.

Sexual and Reproductive Health:

- SRH Working Group meetings were held on November 26, 2024, in both Borno and Yobe. The Director of Emergency Services led the meeting in Borno, while the State Reproductive Health Coordinator led the Yobe meeting. UNFPA provided technical support to both meetings.
- UNFPA organized a two-day workshop on GBV job aid development, held on November 12-13, under the framework of the SRH Working Group and the CMR Task Force, to enhance healthcare responses to GBV.
- Through the Centre for Comprehensive Promotion of Reproductive Health (CCPRH), UNFPA is conducting SRH and GBV needs and gap assessments in selected LGAs across Northeast and Northwest Nigeria. To ensure thorough and inclusive evaluations, concept notes and assessment tools were shared with SRH Working Group members for their input and feedback.
- 25 IARH kits were delivered to SRH WG partners including IRC and PUI to ensure the continuity of SRH service delivery.

Other working groups led by UNFPA:

- UNFPA is an active Dignity Kit Task Force member and continues to lead and support the working groups' activities.

- UNFPA coordinates the Clinical Management of Rape Task Force through the SRH Working Group, under the leadership of the State Ministry of Health.
- UNFPA coordinates and supports Justice Sector Reform Teams across BAY states to hold monthly coordination meetings to improve access to justice for GBV survivors.

Funding Status

UNFPA Nigeria requires US\$ 20,928,452 to fund its 2024 Humanitarian Response Plan. To date, only 31% of the funding has been mobilized (US\$ 6,675,000 from KOICA, Canada, and Norway) leaving a funding gap of 69% (US\$ 14,253,452).

