

## Food Assistance to Nigerian Refugees

- Boko Haram-related violence and conflict in Nigeria continues to drive thousands of displaced families into neighboring countries—Cameroon, Chad and Niger. Approximately **1.7 million people have been displaced** within northeastern Nigeria’s three most conflict-affected states and **more than 208,300 people have fled** across the border, according to the United Nations (UN) Refugee Agency (UNHCR).
- USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (FFP) is providing much-needed food and nutrition assistance to refugees and internally displaced populations in the Lake Chad Basin Region—encompassing Cameroon’s Far North Region, Chad’s Lac Region, northeastern Nigeria, and Niger’s Diffa Region. This assistance addresses emergency food needs and aims to reduce the strain placed on host communities.
- To date in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, FFP has contributed **\$35 million** to the UN World Food Program (WFP) to support operations assisting Nigerian refugees, internally displaced persons, and host communities in Cameroon, Chad and Niger. WFP emergency food assistance includes U.S. in-kind food, locally and regionally procured food, cash transfers, food vouchers, and nutrient-enriched supplementary foods. FFP NGO partners also provide cash-based emergency food assistance to Nigerian refugees and conflict-affected populations in Niger’s Diffa Region.
- In response to urgent nutrition needs, FFP supports the UN Children’s Fund to provide ready-to-use therapeutic foods to children suffering from severe acute malnutrition.
- Since FY 2016, FFP has contributed more than **\$190 million** to provide food assistance to those affected by conflict in the Lake Chad Basin Region.

<b>NIGERIAN REFUGEES</b>	
<b>Niger</b>	<b>105,500</b>
<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>94,200</b>
<b>Chad</b>	<b>8,600</b>

Refugee figures provided by UNHCR as of April 24, 2017



*A group of children in Minawao refugee camp in Cameroon’s Far North Region.  
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