

NIGERIA

OPERATION OVERVIEW



TYPE OF EMERGENCY:

CRISIS

ETS ACTIVE SINCE:

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SITUATION OVERVIEW:

An estimated 7.7 million people across Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states of Nigeria are in need of life-saving assistance as a result of years of ongoing violence in the North-East of the country.

With telecommunications infrastructure having been severely damaged by the conflict, provision and restoration of communications services are required to support the response community.

As global lead of the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC), the World Food Programme (WFP) is convening the Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) in North-East Nigeria to meet vital communications needs. In this capacity, the ETS is working closely with government, private sector and humanitarian organisations to ensure a coordinated response.

KEY DATA



OPERATIONAL AREAS WITH ETS SERVICES

9



PLANNED OPERATIONAL AREAS WITH ETS SERVICES

7



TRAINING CONDUCTED

- **Radio user** training for the humanitarian community, including drivers, security officers, ICT staff and radio room operators, among others.



FUNDING STATUS

- **44%** of US\$5.5 million has been received.



CHALLENGES

- **Security** situation remains volatile across North-East Nigeria and staff movements are restricted. This is affecting ETS deployment and maintenance missions.



PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Deployment of **security telecommunications** and **Internet connectivity** services in identified common operational areas across Borno, Yobe and Adamawa states.
- **Building IT capacity** of humanitarians and government counterparts.
- Provision of **autonomous hybrid power supply system** for the ETS infrastructure only in the humanitarian hubs.

RESPONSE

Security Communications

- Provision of security telecommunications services in two state capital cities, Maiduguri and Damaturu, including the deployment of a COMCEN in each of those locations.
- The ETS deployed security telecommunications services at the humanitarian hubs in Bama, Banki, Damasak, Dikwa, Gwoza, Maiduguri, Ngala and Monguno.
- The ETS has finalized of the phase 1 of the Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) network in Maiduguri. The ETS is engaging with the humanitarian community to join the network. To date, 410 radios from 10 organisations have been registered in the new system.
- Ongoing programming of handheld radios for humanitarians to access security telecommunications services in North-East Nigeria.
- Delivery of radio training to almost 900 staff members from 37 humanitarian organisations across North-East Nigeria, including drivers, security officers and radio operators. In September 2017, the ETS delivered a ETS Analogue/Digital radio training in Maiduguri to 11 humanitarians from 8 organisations.
- The ETS is sponsoring the recruitment of 26x radio operators for the COMCENs in Borno and Yobe states of which 7x are already onboard. The ETS supported UNDSS with training for 7x radio operators which took place in Maiduguri at the end January 2018.
- The ETS and UNDSS elaborated best practices to conduct daily radio check efficiently in Maiduguri.

Internet Connectivity

- The ETS provides Internet connectivity services to an average of 68 humanitarians in Maiduguri, 32 in Dikwa, 29 in Monguno, 25 in Bama, 22 in Gwoza and 18 in Ngala on a daily basis. In 2018, the ETS has provided Internet connectivity to over 1,300 humanitarians from 92 organisations.

Coordination & Information Management

- Strengthening coordination and information management services provided to the humanitarian community to ensure an effective and coordinated response.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- In line with the ETC Services for Communities (S4C) initiative, the ETS is planning to conduct a S4C assessment mission in the last quarter of 2018 to gather the communications needs of the affected communities and evaluate how the ETS can fulfill them.
- As soon as the rainy season ends -expected in October- the construction works of the hub in Rann will resume. As soon as the hub is completed, the ETS will deploy vital communications services- Internet and security telecommunications.

CHALLENGES:

- The delay in the recruitment of radio operators by the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) / UN Development Programme (UNDP) remains a challenge as the Communications Centres (COMCENs) deployed by the ETS in the hubs in Bama, Banki, Damasak, Dikwa, Gwoza and Monguno are not yet operational. WFP is supporting this recruitment process by identifying short-term qualified radio operators while the recruitment of longer-term radio operators by UNDSS/UNDP is underway.

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