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An Overview of the Humanitarian Coordination Structures in Nigeria For the Nigerian Diaspora

Introduction

Since 2009 the conflict in North-East Nigeria has continued to uproot the lives of those who have now and continue to be rendered refugees. According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), over two million people have fled their homes and it is estimated that nearly 8 million people in the states of Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe are in need of cross-border humanitarian assistance. There are a number of NGOs and international humanitarian organisations that coordinate projects to provide the assistance needed in multiple capacities. This paper provides information regarding organisations that have programmes that could support or partner with diaspora organisations.

Institutional Organisations and Funding

OCHA Nigeria

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Nigeria aims to mobilize and coordinate humanitarian assistance for people in the region who are in need. This is done through various initiatives such as the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) and the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund (NHF). HRP is a general budget created by OCHA with the purpose of addressing the most critical humanitarian needs and responses around the world. The Humanitarian Response Plan allocates \$295,365,812 of their budget to NGOs, of which \$7.2 million is pooled into the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund.

The **Nigeria Humanitarian Fund (NHF)** is a pooled source of money under the Humanitarian Response Plan that is used to aid complex emergencies and support the highest-priority projects of the best-placed responders, such as international and national NGOs. Since its operationalisation in May 2017, NHF has raised \$49 million, which includes the \$5.4 million raised to date in 2018.

In order for an NGO to receive funding, the funds must be channelled by way of standard or reserved allocation, a process in which eligible partners submit project proposals that address the priorities identified in the allocation paper. In order to apply for funding under the NHF, NGOs must go through an eligibility process to become a partner. The eligibility and assessment process has five steps, which are as follows:

1. **Registration:** A prospective partner must request training in and thereby access to the NHF Grant Management System (GMS) by contacting the Humanitarian Financing unit (HFU) and submitting a copy of their national NGO registration certificate. Further details may be requested on a case-by-case basis. An eligibility guidance PDF can be found at <http://www.unocha.org/nigeria/eligibility>.
2. **Due diligence:** Once the registration process is completed, the partner is granted access to the GMS (gms.unocha.org) and the Due Diligence (DD) process begins. A detailed PowerPoint presentation of the Due Diligence process can be found at <http://www.unocha.org/nigeria/eligibility>.



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3. **Capacity assessment:** The objective of the capacity assessment is to review the institutional, technical, management and financial capacities of the partner and to ensure that the Nigerian Humanitarian Fund has the necessary information to make informed decisions about the overall eligibility and risk rating of the partner.
4. **Risk rating:** Based on the score obtained during the capacity assessment, eligible partners will be categorized in three risk-level categories: low, medium and high. The risk level will determine the operational modalities and control mechanisms that are applicable to the partner.
5. **Performance index:** The rating of the performance of partners in the implementation of projects will be used alongside the original capacity assessment to determine and adjust partner risk levels as necessary. Further resources and information can be found at <http://www.unocha.org/nigeria/eligibility>.

The overall objectives guiding this and future NHF allocations, include:

- Support principled, prioritized life-saving assistance.
- Strengthen coordination and leadership through the function of the Humanitarian Coordinator and the sector coordination system, promoting synergies and multi-sectoral responses.
- Expand assistance to hard-to-reach areas through frontline responders and enabling activities by way of aiding in the continuation and expansion of humanitarian air services for these responders.
- Leverage the Nigerian private sector in support of humanitarian response.

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OCHA - The 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan (Nigeria)

To alleviate the suffering of 6.1 million people in need of life-saving aid across north-east Nigeria, the United Nations and its partners appealed for \$1.05 billion in order for 176 projects to be implemented by 60 humanitarian organisations in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states. As of 19 June, \$481.7 million (42 percent) of the needed funds have been received. According to the funding levels reported on the Financial Tracking Service (FTS), \$38.4 million of this has gone to NGO's. This includes an estimated \$185 million carry-over from 2017, reported on FTS so far.

In April, humanitarian organisations developed a multi-sector Rainy Season Contingency Plan with concrete preparedness and response measures to address the expected rise in humanitarian needs resulting from: flooding of camps and towns; the damage and destruction to shelters and houses as well education and health facilities; and the heightened risk of waterborne disease transmission, including cholera and Hepatitis E. This is one of the key activities from the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan. The overall objectives of the Humanitarian Response Plan are as follows:

1. Provide life-saving emergency assistance to the most vulnerable people in conflict-affected areas ensuring that assistance is timely and appropriate and meets relevant technical standards.
2. Ensure that all assistance promotes the protection, safety and dignity of affected people, and is provided equitably to women, girls, men and boys.
3. Foster resilience and early recovery, and strengthen the humanitarian development nexus by working towards collective outcomes.

UNHCR Nigeria Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP)

It is estimated that 218,000 Nigerian refugees will be living in camps and their surrounding areas with host communities in Cameroon, Chad, and Niger. The Nigerian refugee population has been fluctuating since 2015 due to new arrivals, departures to Nigeria, and the pendular movement between countries



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of asylum and Nigeria. This can be attributed to the prevailing insecurity and substandard living conditions in the refugee's country of origin.

Over the course of the year RRRP partners will focus on interventions aimed at implementing durable solutions, while continuing to support and ensure access to asylum and protection for persons fleeing the conflict. These partners are comprised of the Young African Refugee for Integral Development (YARID), the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Jesuit Worldwide Learning, the World Taekwondo Federation, SCORT Foundation, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, as well as over 130 host countries,

The Tripartite Agreement, signed in March of 2017 between Nigeria, Cameroon and UNHCR, provides the framework for the safe, dignified and voluntary return and sustainable reintegration of Nigerian refugees living in Cameroon once conditions are conducive to return to the areas of origin. However, given that the security situation remains precarious and that access to basic services is severely limited in many areas of Borno State, where most Nigerian refugees come from, these parts of Nigeria are not yet safe for return. Therefore, RRRP partners will continue providing humanitarian assistance throughout 2018 and in parallel, will implement interventions that support the local integration of those refugees who want to stay. The Regional Refugee Response Plan strategy is divided into three categories with varying sub-categories, they are as follows:

Protection

- Access to asylum and protection
- Civil registration and documentation for refugees
- Maintenance of the civilian and humanitarian character of refugee hosting areas is maintained and humanitarian access as well as civil-military coordination are strengthened
- Persons with specific needs are safe and receive appropriate preventive, responsive and restorative services
- Refugees are assisted through a comprehensive solutions approach

Humanitarian Assistance and Basic Services

- Education
- Food Security
- Health and Nutrition
- Shelter and Non Food Items (NFIs)
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
- Self-reliance and Environment Protection
- Livelihood
- Environmental Protection

Each of the categories contain a comprehensive response, which can be found in the 2018 Nigeria Regional Refugee Response Plan January - December 2018.

How to get involved

North-East Innovation Makeathon (NEMakeathon)

The Makeathon is a creative and rigorous hands-on co-creating program initiated to crowdsource and support brilliant and innovative ideas that can be developed to scalable solutions to the humanitarian challenges faced by the internally displaced persons and other affected persons in North-East Nigeria. North-East Innovation Makeathon is a collaborative effort created by the Office of the Vice President of Nigeria and its partners; The Presidential Committee on North-East Initiative (PCNI), the International



Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the American University of Nigeria. It is an opportunity to work side by side in an innovation and tech hub for two months in order to create solutions to challenges that address the heart of social consciousness in Nigeria and for a grand prize.

Challenges relevant to the area have been identified through consultations with NGOs and affected persons, identifying the main areas of interest for aid as food security, early recovery and livelihood, camp coordination and management, education, health and protection. Participants are expected to select one field of interest amongst the challenges mentioned and create a solution to it.

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North East Intellectual Entrepreneurship Fellowship (NEIEF)

NEIEF is a youth led program that consists of a socially active and enriched engagement forum for the next generation of vibrant intellectuals to brainstorm & articulate the challenges of addressing violent extremism in the North-East.

The fellows are currently working towards this via social media campaigns focused on:

- Countering violent extremism
- Promoting religious tolerance
- Promoting support for gender and social inclusion
- Promoting dialogue and reintegration

For more information contact: neieffellows@gmail.com

Diaspora's at work

ARISE! Nigerian Women Foundation (ARISE)

ARISE is the Diaspora partner of Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) that advocates for good governance for all Nigerians, especially women. ARISE has worked with CISLAC in an effort to build the technical capacity of local actors in order to implement content on issues of migration and humanitarianism.

ARISE and CISLAC have also made donations to various vulnerable children including those in IDP camps in the north of Nigeria. In addition they have facilitated sensitivity training for volunteers who are going to the North to offer assistance. This is similar to the work they currently do conducting capacity building sessions for NGOs, as well as preparatory training to organizations working in IDP camps in the North-East.

For more information contact info@arisenigerianwoman.org

Foundation for Refugee Economic Empowerment (F.R.E.E)

Foundation for Refugee Economic Empowerment addresses the immediate and long-term needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and communities affected by the Boko Haram insurgency by way of focusing on things such as water-access (boreholes) in Borno State. Additionally, they work to raise funds to support IDPs with relief material and, subsequently, rehabilitative empowerment, as well as raise as much awareness about the situation in Nigeria as possible.

Main Objectives:

- To provide relief by supplying basic essentials such as food, clothing, medications and other consumables to IDPs.
- To raise awareness of the plight of the refugees nationally and internationally by sharing their stories and encouraging balanced reporting of the attacks of the Nigerian people.
- To collaborate with existing local organisations in order to provide much needed aid.



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They are currently working on a number of projects including:

1. Empowerment - a priority project at the moment, the Empowerment project aims to impart and teach skills by providing tools which beneficiaries can use to rebuild their lives and become independent.
2. Welfare - F.R.E.E. plans on building one hundred boreholes this year in order to provide clean water in Camps and host communities.
3. Orphan Scheme - an ongoing project that aims to work with families in order to find solutions to support orphans and guardians.
4. Healthcare - in partnership with International Health Partners (IHP), a UK based charity that provides medical supplies and medication, health clinics are operated twice a month in various camps within Yola.

For more information visit their website: <https://free-ng.org/> or contact them via email: info@free-ng.org

African Healthcare Development Trust (AHDT)

AHDT was established in 2001 with the purpose of improving the delivery of healthcare to disadvantaged people in Africa. They work particularly in Nigeria given that it is continental Africa's most populous country where millions of people do not have access to adequate healthcare. As a result there is a high infant and maternal mortality rate and generally very poor health outcomes. AHDT works with local partners through their health care projects in order to provide interventions that bring assistance to thousands of people in Nigeria through:

- Direct healthcare interventions
- Capacity Building
- Policy advice & advocacy

For more information please visit their website: <http://ahdt.org.uk/index.html> or contact them via phone: +44 01484 650 646

Further information and resources can be found at www.demac.org.



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