



Swiss Humanitarian Aid in Nigeria



Geographic Focus: Northeast Nigeria

Since 2014, Switzerland has been providing humanitarian aid to communities in Nigeria affected by the armed conflict in the Lake Chad Basin.

Now in its fourteenth year, the protracted crisis persists in the northeastern Nigerian states of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY). The severe protection and food security crisis is exacerbated by underlying conditions such as widespread poverty, socioeconomic and environmental challenges and demographic pressure. Civilians are exposed to prolonged displacement in IDP camps or host communities, as well as abuse and human rights violations. For this reason, Switzerland provides emergency assistance and implements capacity building programs in the BAY states.

Switzerland also supports humanitarian emergencies in other parts of Nigeria, such as the worsening malnutrition crisis in the Northwest.

SDC Thematic Priorities in Nigeria

The Swiss humanitarian portfolio focuses on food security/livelihoods and protection of the civilian population, including child protection,

education in emergency and prevention and response to gender-based violence. Examples of supported activities include:

- Food assistance for the most vulnerable population in the form of cash transfers, vouchers or food rations.
- Livelihoods and skills acquisition
- Psychosocial support and referral to appropriate basic services for victims of human rights violations such as human trafficking or gender-based violence.
- Reintegration of children formerly associated with armed groups.
- Support for longer term solutions to displacement aimed at establishing safer, more secure conditions with access to livelihoods, nutritious food, basic health and education amenities.
- Support to security and risk analysis for humanitarian aid workers.
- Enhancing humanitarian actors' accountability towards affected populations
- Strengthening partner capacity by deploying Swiss experts as secondments.
- Support to strengthening response capacities of local responders





longstanding relations with several organisations while constantly seeking new partnerships and innovative approaches to respond efficiently to the needs of the affected populations. Switzerland also closely collaborates with the Nigerian Government, local authorities and civil society organisations.

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Funding

While funds are primarily allocated for emergency assistance, Switzerland contributes to longer-term solutions to displacement, and peace building benefits, in line with the “nexus” approach. In this regard, Switzerland also supports longer-term local institutional capacity strengthening and the promotion of localization of aid in line with Switzerland’s Grand Bargain commitments.



Partners

Switzerland responds to the above-mentioned thematic priorities through partnerships with several United Nations agencies and NGOs active in the target areas, building on