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OVERVIEW

27/09/2021

In North West Nigeria, unidentified armed men have attacked civilians, engaging in criminal activities including village raids, sexual violence, kidnapping for ransom, killing, and large-scale cattle rustling. The criminal groups have jeopardised the livelihoods of about 21 million people living in Kaduna, Katsina, Kebbi, Niger, Sokoto, and Zamfara. There is concern that militant extremist groups such as Boko Haram might have influenced these criminal groups either directly or indirectly. Such influence may have caused the rise in school abductions observed since 2020 December. A boom in weapons trade in this area has also encouraged the growth of criminal activity. There have been reports of activities such as village raids, cattle rustling, and attacks on farmers overlapping with farmer-pastoralist violence.¹

The violence in North West Nigeria has resulted in an estimated 80,000 refugees crossing the border into the Maradi region, Niger, since 2019.²

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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

08/09/2021

08/09: On 1 September, armed men abducted 73 students from a secondary school in Kaya village (Maradun LGA, Zamfara state). Since March 2020, at least 1,400 students have been abducted for ransom in northwest Nigeria. The frequency of abductions has increased since December 2020. Zamfara has been one of the states most affected by these attacks, with around 419 students abducted. Frequent attacks by armed men in northwest Nigeria have hindered economic activities and affected the standard of living of the affected communities. In the aftermath of the attacks, schools are subject to closure and restrictions are imposed over travel and telecommunications for security reasons, temporarily limiting movement and access to education. Psychosocial support and counselling services for affected parents and students have been identified as a priority in the humanitarian response.¹

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CRISIS SEVERITY ?

0 Very low 3.9 Very high 5

IMPACT ?

0 Very low 3.2 Very high 5

HUMANITARIAN CONDITIONS ?

0 Very low 3.8 Very high 5

COMPLEXITY ?

0 Very low 4.4 Very high 5

ACCESS CONSTRAINTS ?

No constraints 4.0 Extreme constraints

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KEY FIGURES

446,000 PEOPLE DISPLACED ¹
2,441 FATALITIES REPORTED ²
5,600,000 PEOPLE IN NEED ³

Notes

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KEY CONCERNS 27/09/2021 In addition to displacement, the violence has hampered agricultural activities and heightened the risk of acute food insecurity.¹ Livelihoods have been disrupted, as fear and insecurity among the population have increased. IDPs and host communities are competing for scarce resources such as water, land and food.² Protection concerns are heightened for women, children and the elderly. Women and girls are at risk of gender-based violence, while all children face the risk of abduction.³ NOTES 1. FAO/WFP 07/2021 http://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb6054en PUI 12/2020 https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/pui_nga_msna_north_west_report_finalv_external.pdf 2. PUI 12/2020 https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/pui_nga_msna_north_west_report_finalv_external.pdf Nextier SPD 07/01/2021 https://reliefweb.int/report/nigeria/refugees-and-host-communities 3. USAID 12/03/2021 https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/03.12.2021_-_USG_Nigeria_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_2.pdf PUI 12/2020 https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/pui_nga_msna_north_west_report_finalv_external.pdf	SCHOOL ABDUCTIONS 08/09/2021 Between March 2020–June 2021, over 1,400 students and staff have been kidnapped in several school abductions reported in northwest Nigeria. These abductions took place in Kankara and Mahuta (Katsina state), Kagara and Teginia (Niger state), Jangebe and Maradun (Zamfara state), Mando, Afaka, and Kasarami (Kaduna state), and Birnin Yauri (Kebbi state). While kidnappings by armed groups involved in the banditry crisis are motivated by ransom money and not uncommon in northwest Nigeria, mass abduction of schoolchildren by bandits is a new development in the region. Boko Haram had previously conducted mass abductions of schoolchildren in Chibok (Borno state) in 2014 and in Dapchi (Yobe state) in 2018. Evidence suggests that Boko Haram, which is mostly active in the northeast, collaborated with armed groups in some of the recent abductions in the northwest.¹ With more than ten million children currently not attending school, Nigeria has the highest number of out-of-school children in the world. In northern Nigeria, only 53% of primary-school-age children receive a formal education, and the Nigeria Union of Teachers has expressed concern that the rising number of kidnappings could keep more children out of school. The mass abductions have led local authorities to temporarily shut down some schools. It is also highly likely that students who were kidnapped or who witnessed the attacks will need psychosocial support.² NOTES 1. The Guardian 12/12/2020 https://www.theguardian.com/world/20	SPECIAL REPORTS 24/07/2020 24/07/2020 Nigeria: Banditry violence and displacement in the Northwest BRIEFING NOTES VIEW MORE Download

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