

Emergency appeal №: MDRNG042 Emergency appeal launched: 26 May 2025 Operational Strategy published:	Glide №: FA-2025-000077-NGA
Operation update #1 Date of issue: 20/06/2025	Timeframe covered by this update: From 26/05/2025 – 08/06/2025
Operation timeframe: 12 months (26/05/20235 – 25/05/2026)	Number of people being assisted: 1,000,000
Funding requirements (CHF): CHF 2.5 million through the IFRC Emergency Appeal CHF 5 million Federation-wide	DREF amount initially allocated: CHF 1 million

To date, this Emergency Appeal, which seeks **CHF 2,500,000**, is **20%** funded. Further funding contributions are needed to enable the National Societies in the region, with the support of the IFRC to continue with the response efforts by providing humanitarian assistance and protecting the people affected by the malnutrition.

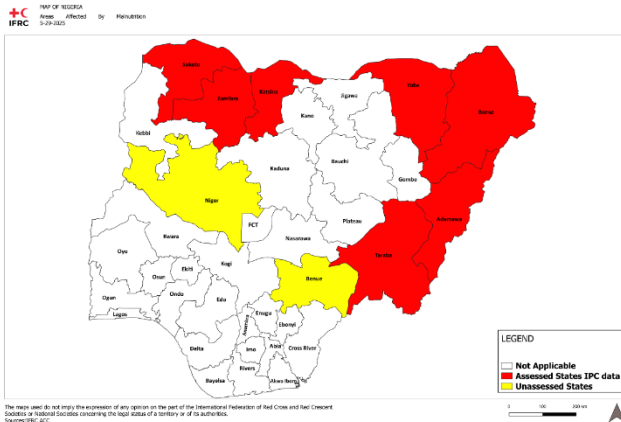


Members of the Nigerian Red Cross Society Mothers' Club in Borno state distributing supplementary feeding therapeutics to mothers as a way of reducing infant malnutrition. @Nigerian Red Cross Society

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the crisis

Nigeria is facing a national emergency due to escalating food insecurity and malnutrition. On 14 April 2025, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu declared a state of emergency on food security, citing rising food prices, widespread hunger, and acute malnutrition. He assigned responsibility for food and water security to the National Security Council and called on humanitarian partners to increase their support for the government's response efforts. The IPC Acute Malnutrition Analysis (May 2024–April 2025) estimates that 5.44 million children in Nigeria's North-East and North-West are malnourished -1.8 million severely and 3.6 million moderately. Around 800,000 pregnant or lactating women are also affected. Alarming, 63% of local government areas in these regions are in serious or critical phases of malnutrition. Despite the scale of the issue, only 20% of affected children receive the necessary treatment. Malnutrition contributes to 45% of all deaths among children under five.



Summary of response

Overview of the host National Society and ongoing response

The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) is one of the country's largest volunteer-based organisations with over 800,000 volunteers nationwide, spread across 36 States and the FCT, with divisions at the Local Government Area (LGA) level and detachments at the community level. The branches are managed by branch secretaries working with programme officers to coordinate the activities of the NRCS and its volunteers.

The nine targeted branches work through designated programme officers to coordinate and support implementation of all NRCS responses, including health programming activities. This appeal will strengthen the capacity of branch teams (Branch Secretary, Health Coordinator, PMEAL, Branch Communication Officer, Mothers Club Coordinator, Disaster Response Teams) and volunteers to equip them with the technical knowledge and skills needed for effective and impactful implementation of the nutrition appeal. Volunteers and health staff have received several training sessions on epidemic control for volunteers (ECV), community-based health and first aid (CBHFA) and are well-equipped to respond to health emergencies in their domains, in collaboration with the sub-national governments.

Branch health officers coordinate activities of members of the Health Action Team (HAT) and support active management of the core functions of the society at the divisions/LGAs and detachment levels, where Health Action Teams (HATs) and Mothers Clubs provide strong support to the NRCS. This structure supports the implementation of Health and Care programmes at the community levels, harnessing the capacity of volunteers on community engagement and accountability and outbreak response, together with the requisite MHPSS skills to support and engage communities during public health emergencies and disasters.

The NRCS recently implemented a SAM DREF operation in the BAY States (Borno, Adamawa and Yobe) through which it trained volunteers and scaled-up malnutrition screening and referral activities, promoted nutrition education, including promotion of good Infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices, and provided therapeutic feeding support in collaboration with the Norwegian Red Cross. Building on the Mothers' Clubs, the NRCS created Papas'

Clubs, an innovation aimed at enhancing family participation in nutrition activities, while also providing similar health and nutrition services to Cameroonian refugees across seven states (Lagos, Oyo, Cross River, Benue, Taraba, and Akwa Ibom) under the UNHCR health and nutrition project. The NRCS aims to replicate and scale up similar interventions in the proposed areas supported by this emergency appeal.

Needs analysis

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The needs analysis remained as is in the [Operational Strategy](#), with a needs assessment to be undertaken by NRCS with support from the surge team to commence in July 2025. The data collection tools are undergoing review by the NRCS technical leads and the surge team.

Operational risk assessment

The operational risks remained the same as highlighted in the [Operational Strategy](#). The security situation remained volatile, and a security assessment in the target areas will commence in the last week of June 2025.

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Update on the strategy

No changes were made to the [Operational Strategy](#) (OS) at time of writing. However, with the ongoing setup and deployment of an assessment cell as part of the IFRC rapid response system, the operation anticipates amendments to the OS when results become available.

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL REPORT

STRATEGIC SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

 Health & Care <i>(Mental Health and psychosocial support / Community Health / Medical Services)</i>	Female > 18:		Female < 18:
	Male > 18:		Male < 18:
Objective:	<i>Strengthening holistic individual and community health of the population impacted through community level interventions and health system strengthening</i>		
Key indicators:	Indicator	Actual	Target
	# of volunteers trained and deployed for nutrition screening and referrals	0	400
	# of community health workers trained in IYCF/OTP	0	180
	# of volunteers trained and deployed in CMAM, IYCF, CBS, and WASH	0	4,500
	# of children screened for acute malnutrition	0	180,000
	% of children screened and detected with SAM, referred for treatment	0	80
	% of children screened and detected with MAM supported by the	0	80
	NRCS with supplementary feeding	0	170,000
	# of households reached with health and nutrition messages	0	800,000
	# of persons reached with messages on health and nutrition	0	180
	# # of Mothers and Papas clubs formed	0	80
	% of Mothers and Papas club participants that demonstrate improved knowledge of key barriers and ways to overcome them	0	50,000
	# of pregnant and lactating women supported with micro-nutrient supplementation	0	TBD
	# of persons reached with OTP services	0	20,000
	# of households supported to develop nutritious home gardens	0	400
Activities are yet to commence at time of reporting.			



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Female > 18:

Female < 18:

Male > 18:

Male < 18:

Objective:

Ensure safe drinking water, proper sanitation, and adequate hygiene awareness of the communities during relief and recovery phases of the Emergency Operation, through community and organizational interventions

Key indicators:

Indicator

Actual

Target

of households reached with hygiene promotion messaging including hand hygiene demonstrations

0

170,000

of pregnant women reached with hygiene kits

0

50,000

of vulnerable households provided with hygiene kits

0

of households reached with water storage containers (jerry cans)

0

20,000

of households reached with multipurpose soap

0

20,000

of households reached with aqua tabs for water purification

0

20,000

of water supply units recovered

0

50

Activities are yet to commence at time of reporting.



Protection, Gender and Inclusion

Female > 18:

Female < 18:

Male > 18:

Male < 18:

Objective:

Communities identify the needs of the most at risk and particularly disadvantaged and marginalized groups, due to inequality, discrimination and other non-respect of their human rights and address their distinct needs

Key indicators:

Indicator

Actual

Target

of PGI assessments conducted and reported

0

1

of gender analyses conducted

0

1

of volunteers trained on PSEA/SGBV

0

4,563

of unaccompanied minors registered and supported through children's safe spaces

0

TBD

	% of people suffering from protection issues identified and referred to specialized services	0	100
Activities are yet to commence at time of reporting.			

Enabling approaches



Secretariat Services

Objective:	<i>Communities in high-risk areas are prepared for and able to respond to disaster</i>		
Key indicators:	Indicator	Actual	Target
	# of surge personnel deployed	5	10 (9)
The operation will onboard up to ten surge personnel, with six profiles identified and preparing for deployment in this reporting timeframe. The profiles identified include the Deputy Head of Operations, Primary Data Collection Officer, Supply Chain Coordinator and a PMER Coordinator. A stand down message for the Assessment Coordinator position was sent out on 6 June, with the responsibility for the assessment cell merged under the purview of the Deputy Head of Operations, bringing the total number of alerts to nine. A Nutrition Expert from the Norwegian Red Cross Nigeria delegation has been seconded at 60% in support of the operation and is already present in-country.			



Community Engagement and Accountability

Objective:	<i>Communities in high-risk areas are prepared for and able to respond to disaster</i>		
Key indicators:	Indicator	Actual	Target
	# of staff and volunteers working on the operation who have been trained in community engagement and accountability	0	4,563
	% of queries/feedback received through established feedback mechanisms that were responded to (feedback loop closed)	0	80
	% of sampled community members who say they are satisfied with the support received from RCRC	0	80

	# of Nutrition Ambassador sessions conducted with communities	0	200
Activities are yet to commence at time of reporting.			

D. FUNDING

Include summary of current financial status: income and expenditure.

Donor	Area of Intervention	Pledge (CHF)	Remarks
Japanese Red Cross	Unearmarked	28,000	N/A
ECHO		470,800	DREF Replenishment reallocated to the Emergency Appeal

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Reference documents



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- [Operational Strategy](#)

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