



# Centre For Community Development And Research Network (CCDRN)

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## Over 12,000 Vulnerable Households Benefit as CCDRN Facilitates First Ever Delivery of WFP Door to Door Food and Cash Assistance in Abuja



Door to door delivery of food and cards across different locations in the FCT

No fewer than 12,520 vulnerable households have started receiving food and cash assistance across 3 area councils in Abuja, Nigeria's capital as the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) expands its humanitarian assistance across Nigeria into urban areas to assist populations hardest hit by the socio-economic impact of the COVID 19.

The Centre for Community Development and Research Network, a leading National Non-Governmental organization is leading the implementation of the FCT component of the intervention which is part

of a joint effort by the Federal Government of Nigeria and the United Nations World Food Programme to provide Cash and Food Assistance to enable vulnerable populations in targeted Urban Hotspot locations to meet their basic food needs and access nutritious food during the pandemic.

According to WFP, the intervention is aligned with national priorities contained in Nigeria's National COVID-19 Multi-sectoral Pandemic Response Plan, developed by the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, with focus on the security, logistics and mass

casualty components of the Government's response plan. The Cash and Food Assistance in Urban Hotspot locations is targeting some of the most vulnerable groups who are not yet registered in the national social registry and have not received any support through the national social safety net, including the elderly, chronically ill, people with disabilities, women and child-headed households, unemployed youth, refugees and migrants who have lost access to employment and livelihood opportunities, exposed to the impacts of the pandemic.

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## 2,436 Beneficiaries Reached with October Livelihood Food Assistance in Madagali, Adamawa State



Beneficiaries pictured by food rations received in Madagali

In the month of October, the Centre for Community Development and Research Network C (CDRN) facilitated the distribution of Food Assistance to 2,436 targeted individuals under the World Food Programme's 2020 Livelihood Project in Madagali local Government Area of Adamawa state.

Madagali is one of the hardest hit town in Adamawa, by the over ten year old insurgency in the Nigerian northeast, with far reaching disruption of food system and livelihood of already vulnerable population.

Through the Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) initiative in affected communities across Madaga-

li, CCDRN with support from WFP is helping to address immediate food needs of targeted beneficiaries through food distribution, while at the same time promoting the building and rehabilitation of assets that will improve long-term food security and resilience

Since the livelihood initiative kicked off in January, 2020, targeted vulnerable persons have been receiving monthly food based assistance to take care of their immediate food needs, and in return, these beneficiaries are participating in assets creation activities that aimed at improving their livelihood and strengthening their resilience capacity.

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The FCT as one of the 3 states where the project is being implemented was selected as part of the intervention location via a geographical targeting process informed by mobile vulnerability and assessment mapping (mVAM) at the national level and triangulated with other information sources to select pilot project communities among the most-vulnerable within the states.

With support from WFP team on the ground, CCDRN facilitated beneficiary selection through a community-based targeting process which encompasses registration of households in the selected communities and identification of vulnerable households through a consultative process with a representative community targeting committee after agreement on targeting criteria. These criteria are generally similar to those used for the national rapid response registry and include households in slums or other low-income, densely populated urban areas whose livelihoods were deteriorated or were completely lost; depend on informal employment, remittances and other informal support; or are led by women, elderly or chronically ill individuals. Each target household is receiving a single transfer equivalent to two months rations of the transfer value through a bank transfer to their bank account or to a mobile wallet. The total transfer value per Household in the

FCT is N38, 000. Beneficiaries identified during the registration/targeting process as having no bank account and SIM are being given a prepaid debit card which they can use to withdraw cash or make purchases at local retail outlets. The total prepaid card value per household representing two months rations for FCT is N14, 000. This is in addition to 3x 25 kg of rice, millet or sorghum per household from the 2,000 MT donated by the Federal Government towards this initiative.

“We want to appreciate the government and the world food programme for providing us with this assistance. It will go in a long way to help us. I never dreamt of receiving this food as I thought it was not a possibility. The cash that has been added to this food will also help me and my family to buy other things we need to feed in this difficult time” says Joy Yakubu, a beneficiary who received food and cash support in Bwari area council.



A beneficiary displays food and card received as part of the COVID intervention in Abuja



## CCDRN Team Defy Odds, Deploys Canoes to Deliver Food and Nutrition Sensitive Items in Hard To Reach Yobe Communities



CCDRN Nutrition team journey to Azamkura in Bade LGA to deliver food and nutrition assistance to beneficiaries cut off by flood

In a bid to ensure that no beneficiary is left out of the WFP monthly food and nutrition assistance to targeted vulnerable individuals, the Centre for Community Development and Research Network is defying odds and challenges of inaccessibility to reach out to communities cut off and made inaccessible due to flood which has created a River-like channel around some communities in Bade Local Government Area of Yobe state.

In Azamkura, a village on the outskirts of Gashua town, where CCDRN is impending WFP's interventions, the flood restricts movements of people as many villagers are unable to access the main town by road. Faced with this challenge, CCDRN resorted to canoes as means of transporting food assistance to the affected communities. "It is very challenging delivering food

assistance in such circumstances but we know that these people are in dire need and depend on this food ration to survive. CCDRN team has no option than to take risks and confront the challenge by reaching out to the communities with this intervention using the best available means of transportation which

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is locally made canoes" says Amina Jabu, CCDRN's Head of Nutrition in Bade.

"Our team defied the difficult terrain, using canoes to get to communities to distribute WFP monthly food and nutrition assistance to beneficiaries comprising women and children. Many cannot leave their homes as most of the roads have been cut off" she adds

"We are glad that we are doing this and it shows our commitment and dedication as humanitarians."

Torrential rainfalls and flash floods hitting these communities have had a devastating impact on a significant number of IDPs and host communities. Heavy rainfall and flooding continued throughout August and continue until the end of September as beneficiaries appeal for intervention to forestall recurrence.

## Kano, Katsina and Sokoto State Governments Receives CCDRN's Research Report on Sustainable Model for Almajiri Integration in Northern Nigeria



CCDRN's Research Team lead presents report to government officials in Kano, Sokoto and Katsina

The government of Sokoto, Kano and Katsina states have officially received the report of the much-awaited Research on sustainable model for Almajiri integration conducted by the Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN)

Through the month of October, CCDRN's research team engaged with critical stakeholders especially state government officials to validate and disseminate the research findings as well as submit copies of the state's report and policy brief to the responsible state government ministries/agencies. In Kano state, the full research report and policy brief was shared with the state Commissioner of Education, Alhaji Muhammad Sanusi Saidu Kiru in his office. While receiving the report, the commissioner commended CCDRN for contributing to the delicate educational issue through research.

He mentioned that the state received a lot of criticisms from some stakeholders due to a misunderstanding of the state's plan to remodel the century-old Almajiri education system. "A research work of this nature conducted by an independent organization like the CCDRN will surely serve as bridge-builder" He added.

In Katsina State, the research documents were received by the Chairman of the State Government Committee on Identification of Almajiri Schools, Alhaji Hussaini Adamu Karaduwa. The Chairman said the CCDRN's research work is timely, as his committee ponders on the most feasible approach of addressing the issue of Almajiri education in the state. He ex-

pressed assurance that the committee will make good use of the research report to triangulate the findings of the committee's data which will lead to the provision of policy recommendations to the state governor.

Similarly, a dissemination event was held in Sokoto state at the conference hall of the Arabic and Islamic Education Board. A copy of the research report was formally submitted to the Board's Executive Secretary, Dr. Umar Altine Aliyu who also chairs the state committee on Almajiri reform.

Receiving the report on behalf of Sokoto State Government, the Executive Secretary commended CCDRN for conducting the research, which he said "is normally expected from multinational organizations" He added that the research work reflects the kind of genuine supports that governments appreciate from non-governmental organizations.

Findings from the study are expected to provide a course of action for a sustainable model for Almajiri reintegration that will guarantee access to education (basic, Quranic, and vocational) that is affordable, pragmatic and acceptable by all stakeholders and help review the existing policy climate around Quranic education, Almajirai, and interventions targeting the Almajiri system in northern Nigeria.

CCDRN will produce a harmonized report for all the states and produce a general policy brief with key recommendations for Almajiri remodeling system in the country.



## WFP Income Generation Activities: CCDRN Empowers More Vulnerable Individuals across Gujba and Gulani in Yobe state

The Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) has continued to empower targeted vulnerable individuals under the Income-Generating Activities' initiative of the United Nations World Food Programme in Gujba and Gulani LGAs of Yobe state Northeast Nigeria, providing them with vocational skills and starter kits to help them recover and build resilience.

From 5th to 8th of October 2020, targeted conflict-affected individuals whose capacity has been built with skills in various Income generating activities (IGAs) such as leatherwork, tie and dye, Phone repair/charging, Local Pasta, Knitting, barbing saloon, were provided with various Non-Food Items (NFIs) to successfully kick start their trade

The Income Generating Activities Initiative of the World Food Programme



Elated beneficiaries displaying NFIs

across Gujba and Gulani LGAs of Yobe state has been on since January of 2020. The project has been contributing to women economic empower-

ment in conflict-affected communities and providing them with a pathway out of hunger towards a more resilient future.

## CCDRN and WFP Team meet Community Stakeholders, Conducts Sensitization Ahead of COVID-19 Palliative Distribution in Bade



A joint team of CCDRN and WFP on an Advocacy visit in Bade

As part of preparation to ensure a hitch free distribution of the WFP COVID-19 scale up Palliative to vulnerable persons across Bade LGA. CCDRN and WFP jointly sensitized Community Leaders on plans for the scale up intervention and the need to ensure proper coordination and complementarity during the exercise. The team, led by the Executive Director Centre for Community Development and Research Network Umar Yusuf and the Program Policy Officer, WFP Damaturu Sub office, Emmanuel Bimber paid an advocacy visit to the Emir of Bade, (Mai Bade) HRH. Alh. Abubakar Umar Suleiman, at his palace,

to intimate him on the plans for the activity.

The Team also sat with Community Targeting Committee and Community Leaders all across Bade seeking their support and buy in for the success of the exercise.

A total of 8,236 beneficiaries are targeted for this phase of the WFP COVID-19 scale up exercise in Bade Local Government Area of Yobe State.

*Working  
Together during  
COVID-19*

## Creating Pathway for Vulnerable Women Once on the Brink to Find their Way out of Poverty: Maryam's Story



Maryam Abdullahi

**B**ade Local government area of Yobe state is home to a significant number of IDPs fleeing attacks by Non-state armed groups who have been viciously perpetrating over a decade-long insurgency campaign against the Nigerian state in most parts of the Northeastern axis of the country.

Maryam Abdullahi, a 30-year-old mother of 7, is one of the many women and families affected by the conflict. Forced to flee her hometown in Jere, a local government area in Borno state due to relentless attacks in 2014, Maryam who now lives as an Internally Displaced Person in Abujan-Amare, a hamlet close to Gashua town in Bade Local Government Area of Yobe state shares a very touching story of her near death experience.

“It was on a Wednesday night, sometime in 2014, we heard shooting and came out to see houses on fire, and so, we ran out of our homes and spent the entire night on foot, walking in search of a place to take refuge. I was pregnant. On the day we eventually came to Gashua, that night, I gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl. Thereafter life becomes difficult” says Maryam

Facing her new reality without any support system, Maryam and her family suffered untold hardship, depending only on handouts and humanitarian aid to survive.

“We endured a lot of sufferings before we started receiving WFP food intervention. My travails were unimaginable, my twin was two years old, there was no food and they were sick and there was no money to buy medicine, as a result of lack and one of the twins, the boy, died” she says

“When WFP intervention for Internally Displaced Persons came, I was given a card to go for screening and got enrolled in the general food assistance which has since been helping me to feed with my family. Yet, I still couldn't afford other essential needs like soaps, clothing, and medicine and have no source of income to address these needs. All I could do was to hope that one day my fortune will change” Maryam Adds

Although Maryam is a trained tailor, she could not afford to buy or replace her sewing machine which she left behind among other belongings when she fled the attacks by insurgents. As the breadwinner of the family and without a sewing machine to continue her trade in her newfound environment, she had no source of income and was still struggling to take care of her family.

“Tailoring has been my business back then in Maiduguri. But my tailoring machine and all our belongings I left them behind as we ran for our lives with only the clothes on my body” she recalls.

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### From Struggling to Feed to Empowerment and Recovery

In January 2020, the 2nd phase of the United Nations World Food Programme's livelihood initiative was launched across 16 communities in Bade local government area of Yobe state to support the self-reliance and resilience capacity of conflict-affected IDPs, returnees, and vulnerable host communities. Maryam was one of the 60 participants empowered in tailoring under the Income generation scheme of the intervention implemented by the Centre for Community Development and Research Network.

The project provided an opportunity and latitude for Maryam and other participants to deepen their knowledge of tailoring learn new skills and trends in fashion design, entrepreneurship, and business development skills. Participants were also provided with tailoring kits to launch their trade. For Maryam, it was a great breakthrough in her life. A chance to access tailoring kits and use her already acquired skill to earn a sustainable livelihood and feed her children was a dream come true.

"It was a great moment of joy for me. Through this intervention, I received additional training and learned what I really didn't know previously. After the training, I was given a brand new sewing machine, tailoring materials, and supplies/accessories together with some clothing materials to start the business and now God is helping us through this business" says Maryam

### A Pathway out of poverty

The project is already changing the life of Maryam and these other women and positioning them to better take care of their future and meet their immediate needs. Since receiving the training and tailoring kits, Maryam and other participants in the scheme are beginning to witness positive changes in their lives.

"Now I know how to make fashionable dresses of different styles for both older people and children, I'm even sewing ladies Caps and decorative pillows and face masks. The income I am generating from this is helping me and my family.

"Actually the business is moving people are patronizing me. I'm making enough money to take care of my family's needs and even pay my children school fees because right now I'm the only one taking care of my seven children.

***"This intervention has wiped away my tears beyond expectation. I know how I suffered in the past, and even lost my dear son due to lack. I really appreciate WFP for this intervention. My children are eating well now and going to school too".***



"Look at these pillows, I make and sell them at the rate of N1500 each especially when there is a wedding ceremony. When I take away the capital I spent, at least in every three pillows I can make a profit of N1000 naira. The money is helping me a lot and I am saving some for the future"

### Tapping Opportunities in the rarest Circumstances

The COVID 19 pandemic slowed down many businesses. But Maryam saw an opportunity in it and started sewing face masks and selling in her community to reduce the spread of the virus

"During the COVID-19 lockdown, my business was not affected because I am doing it at home. In fact, I earned more money because I was sewing nose masks for people.

"CCDRN trained us especially on how to make nose masks and really made money through it. I even made some masks for WFP and CCDRN team when they came for monitoring, and they all paid me.

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The World Food Programme Livelihood-Food Assistance For Assets Initiative is promoting lifelong self-sufficiency in targeted communities through a myriad of income-generating activities. This also includes the establishment of valuable sustainable assets that are helping communities focus on recovery, sustaining their lives, and building resilience.

Maryam's story is not unique, just like her, many lives have been changed via the WFP livelihood intervention in Bade communities. And many more lives are being transformed. The stories will be told, many more years to come.

## CCDRN Intensifies Monitoring and Supervision of Rain fed Farming Beneficiaries across Yobe and Adamawa



Onsite Monitoring of Rain fed Farmers

The Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) has intensified monitoring and supervision to track the progress of WFP rain-fed farming beneficiaries across targeted communities in Yobe and Adamawa states

The monitoring process provides an opportunity for CCDRN to interact with the farmers on sundry issues and

take feedback that helps in providing further support and onsite assistance to the farmers.

This process which is still ongoing is helping CCDRN to track progress and source information about the current status of their farming activities' successes, challenges, and possible remedial actions.

Before the farming season, CCDRN had support conflict-affected small-holders farmers and other vulnerable host community members with training and farm inputs such as seeds and fertilizers to boost Agricultural productivity boost food security and improve the resilience of affected population

## Vulnerable Youth and Men Empowered to Earn Livelihood via Tie and Dye Business In Adamawa

Vulnerable Youth and Men Empowered with training and Kits to Start Modern Tie and Dye Business

As part of effort to empower vulnerable persons to work their way out of poverty by creating their own business enterprises, CCDRN has conducted training for some targeted beneficiaries on modern tie and dye skills across communities in Michika LGA of Adamawa.

The training which was conducted with support from the United Nations World Food Programme is aimed at to equip participants with basics skills

that could help them set up profitable ventures in tie and Dye. During the training, the beneficiaries were taken through selection of cloth and different techniques of tying and dyeing, block printing techniques on cotton cloth including color schemes and selection of material for tie and dye and block printing.

The beneficiaries were at the end of the training provided with Non Food Items to enable them set up their enterprises, earn income and support their families



Beneficiaries watch as expert demonstrate tie and dye process in Michika, Adamawa state



# PHOTO NEWS: Cash and Food Assistance in Abuja





# PHOTO NEWS: COVID Scale up intervention in Bade, Yobe state





# PHOTO NEWS: NFIs Distribution across Yobe and Adamawa





# PHOTO NEWS: IGAs Monitoring across Yobe and Adamawa





## PHOTO NEWS: Food and Nutrition Distribution in Yobe



## WFP Livelihood Project: Monitoring of Income Generating Activities takes center stage as CCDRN tracks Beneficiaries progress across Adamawa and Yobe

The Centre for Community Development and Research Network has intensified monitoring and supervision of IGAs beneficiaries empowered under the WFP's 2020 livelihood initiative across Yobe and Adamawa state.

This is part of effort to track progress, achievements and overall performance of the activities to generate information and provide support to beneficiaries where necessary.

Targeted conflict-affected individual whose capacity has been built with skills in various Income generating activities (IGAs), such as food pro-

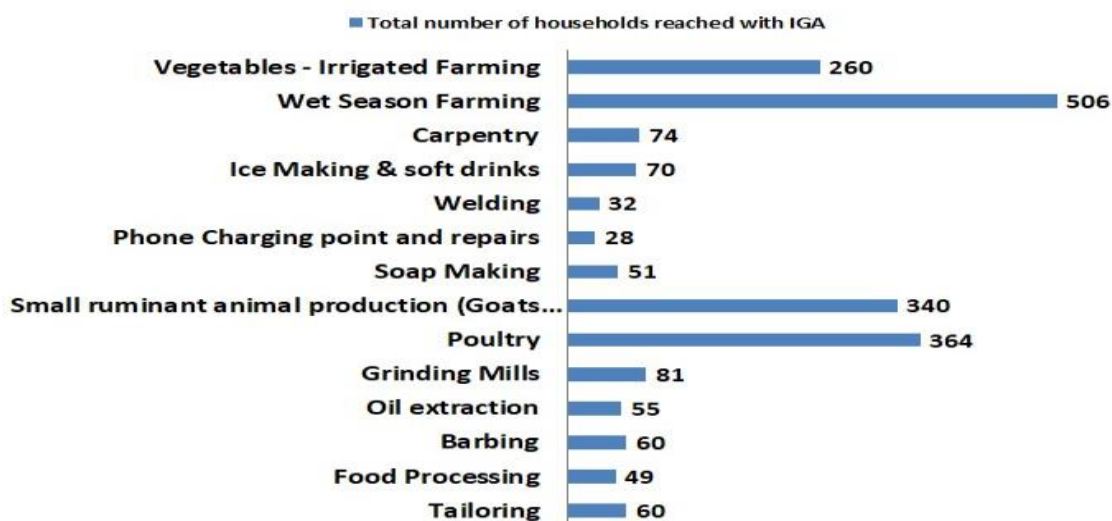
cessing, tailoring, barbing saloon, shoemaking, carpentry, knitting and weaving, cap making, soap making, Groundnut oil processing, welding, Ice and soft drink making, grinding mill and other micro-enterprises had received different startup kits to enable them startup and launch their various micro-enterprises to re-establish and regain lost sources of livelihood, support their family and meet their immediate food needs

The overall intervention is framed to help beneficiaries to increase their household income through livelihood diversification

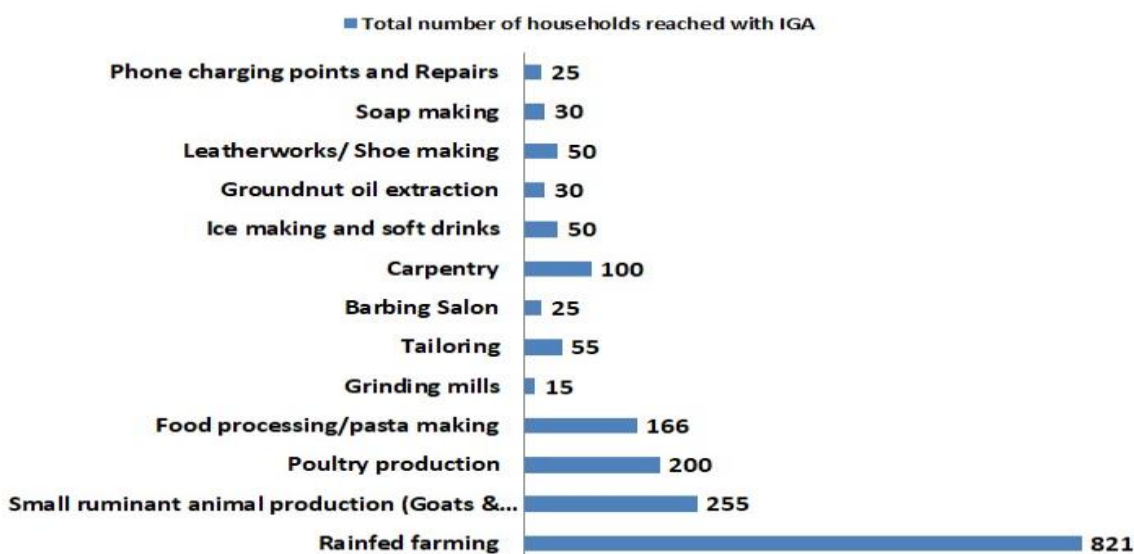
The WFP livelihood intervention CCDRN is implementing in Yobe and Adamawa has a holistic approach encompassing many components of Agriculture, health, infrastructure, education, vocational skills training and empowerment, environment/hygiene, capacity building, and entrepreneurship. The projects work in sync with local authorities, community stakeholders and beneficiaries and facilitate linkages to key social services and schemes for the project beneficiaries and host communities.

### Livelihood/IGAs Data Snapshot across Michika, Madagali and Bade

**Beneficiaries reached with WFP Livelihood/IGA intervention in Bade LGA in 2020**



**Beneficiaries reached with WFP Livelihood/IGA intervention in Madagali LGA in 2020**



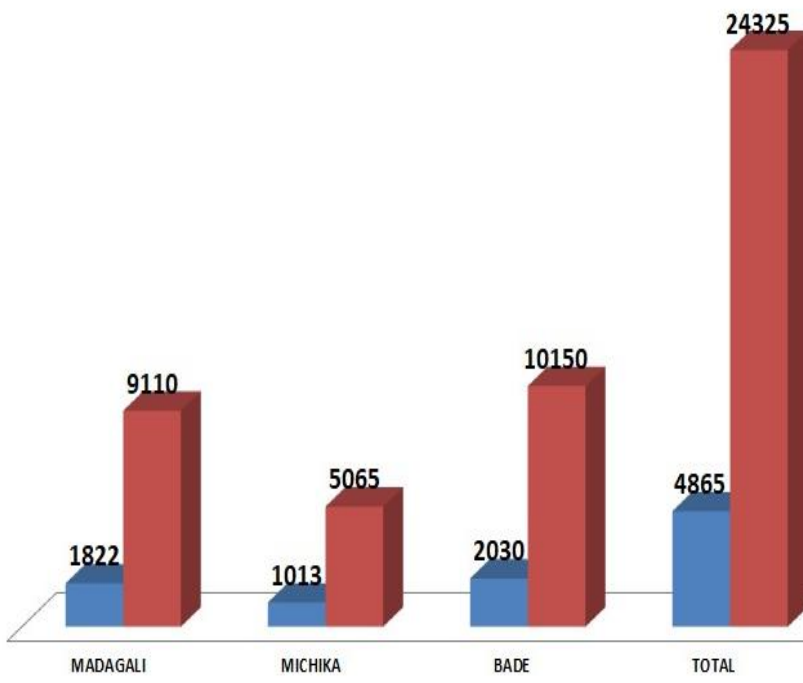


**Beneficiaries reached with WFP Livelihood/IGA intervention in Michika LGA in 2020**

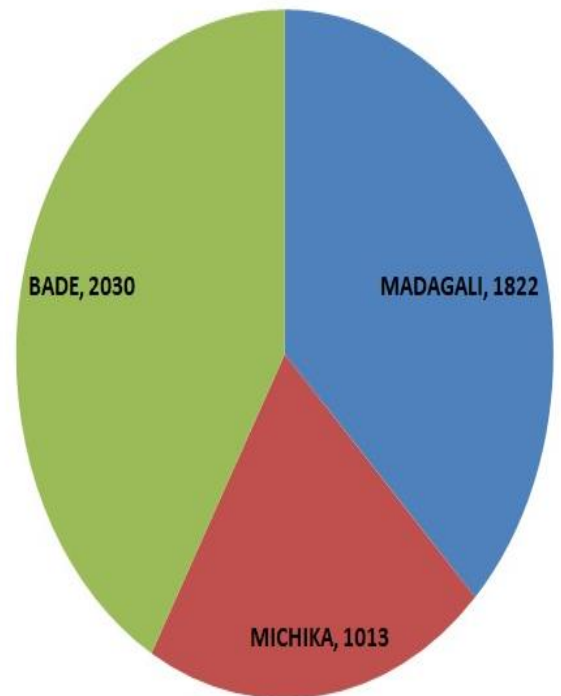


**Households with number of persons reached through the WFP Livelihood/IGA intervention in Adamawa and Yobe State.**

■ Households empowered with IGA/Livelihood activity ■ No. of persons involved



**Beneficiaries reached with NFI/Start up kits under WFP Livelihood/IGA intervention across three (3) LGAs of Adamawa and Yobe State**



## Beneficiaries Cry out as Flood Destroys Crops in Bade, Seeks Emergency Assistance

Some WFP Beneficiaries under the Rain-fed Farming livelihood intervention in Bade LGA Flood destroyed their crops.

The Communities largely affected by the Flood include Dagona, Azam Kura, Dala Azbak, Bizi and some parts of Gashua all in Bade Local Government Area of Yobe State.

The Beneficiaries who spoke with Bade Base

CCDRN monitoring team says, all they have laboured for have been destroyed by the flood leaving them with no means of livelihood.

Worried about the disaster they said they are in need of emergency assistance to enable them feed their families.

They also ask for early distribution of farm inputs and relevant materials necessary for them to commence the next farming season in good time.



CCDRN Team members assessing flood situation in affected Beneficiaries farms

## CCDRN Educates Vulnerable Smallholder Farmers to minimize Post-Harvest losses in Adamawa Communities

As part of its efforts to support smallholder farmers under the Agricultural production component of the World Food Programme Livelihood initiative, CCDRN has commenced training on good harvesting and post-harvest systems management in targeted communities across Michika, Adamawa state

Post-harvest losses have significant

nutritional, health, and financial impacts for conflict affected smallholder farmers, disproportionately affecting women, who are largely responsible for managing post-harvest drying, cleaning, and storage. For vulnerable families in rural communities, many of whom already live on the edge of hunger due to effects of conflict, lost food means lost land, water, fertilizer and income for those who can least

afford it. Lost food during harvest has the potential to deprive beneficiaries of the opportunity to strengthen their resilience.

Thus, as farmers commence crops harvesting in Michika LGA, CCDRN launched advocacy, monitoring and awareness creation on crops storages to avoid loses of crops in a bid to improve food security and income-generating opportunities through the reduction of post-harvest losses in the value chains.

CCDRN is carrying out onsite monitoring and awareness as harvest begins having identified it a critical loss point, and supported the piloting of good practices and solutions to reduce post-harvest losses and improve handling and storage in the pilot and possible replication across other project locations and communities.

The awareness covered post-harvest operations and best practices, broken down by type of operation: Threshing or shelling; cleaning or winnowing; drying and transport



CCDRN Field Staff discussing post harvest processes with a beneficiary in Adamawa



## 45 Vulnerable Women Empowered with training and Kits to Start Groundnut Oil Extraction Business in Michika and Madagali

No fewer than 45 vulnerable women have received a comprehensive training on groundnut oil processing and starter kits under the WFP livelihood Income Generating Activities in Michika and Madagali LGAs of Adamawa state.

This activity is aimed at economically empowering affected women to improve their livelihood and help them build resilience.

Across Michika and Madagali communities in Nigeria's Adamawa state, women continue to produce groundnut oil as an ancient tradition and trade. The livelihood of many depends on this trade. Groundnuts are of very high quality and the labour input of women is immense and the output is extremely low. In the absence of advanced skills, efforts always remain rudimental and in the last ten years, stagnation or retrogression set in due to disruption by conflict.

Hence, in a bid to better the lots of conflict affected women and help them with a pathway out of poverty, CCDRN with support from WFP as part of the Income Generation component of the livelihood intervention provide Ground Oil Extraction Machinery and Training facilities for the benefit of affected women across communities in Michika and Madagali, thereby exposing them to the modern modus operandi of the trade in terms of Production and Packaging in a more hygienic manner.

Through this intervention, a more advanced machine is replacing barehands efforts, including other starter kits needed for seamless business takeoff

While the ultimate goal is to improve livelihood and help these affected women to earn income to sustain them, the intervention also serves to eliminate the hard labour input, greatly improve production, protect the health of



Beneficiaries observing keenly during training on oil extraction in Adamawa

both producers and the consumers of the oil produced, and enhance the satisfaction of local demand and an opening for resilience building.

## New Arrivals Enumerated and Enrolled for WFP Food Assistance across Bade, Gulani, and Gujba LGAs in Yobe state

The Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) has captured a number of newly arrived internally Displaced Persons and returnee households across Gujba, Gulani, and Bade local government area of Yobe state ahead of their enrollment into the World Food Programme monthly food and nutrition assistance



CCDRN Staff carrying out spot check of new arrivals in Gujba

The humanitarian situation in Yobe State is generally strained by pockets of severity in the return areas and in some impoverished communities hosting IDPs. There are a constant influx and arrivals of internally displaced people from other conflict-affected areas due to the relatively calm security situation in Yobe. Lingering poverty further exacerbated by the conflict is increasing vulnerabilities and humanitarian needs that are driving these influxes

In October 2020, newly arrived households, most of which are from neighboring insecure villages with volatile security situations within their communities were enumerated by CCDRN. While 400 new IDPs households were targeted and registered in Bade LGA, 800 were also registered and enrolled for WFP intervention in Gujba LGA.

Upon arrival, the IDPs were first screened and admitted by IOM before their registration for enrolment on WFP's general food distribution (GFD).

Plans are already being perfected to deliver food and nutrition assistance to the newly arrived IDPs household that has so far been enumerated and verified.

## WFP Scale up COVID Intervention Reaches Over 8000 Affected Households in Bade LGA, Yobe State

Exactly Eight thousand, two hundred and thirty-six vulnerable households in Bade Local Government Area of Yobe state have benefited from the World Food Programme's COVID-19 Palliative Distribution as part of its scale-up operation in Northeast Nigeria to serve more people in response to the new challenges of more food insecurity posed by COVID-19

The one-week distribution exercise which commenced with sensitization of the Community Targeted Committee and a visit to the Emir of Bade (Mai Bade) at his palace, by the WFP and CCDRN Team had beneficiaries who were carefully targeted across six wards of Bade LGA.

The wards include Katuzu, Lawan Musa, Lawan Fannami, Sarkin Hausawa, Zango and Sabon Gari.

"We are concerned by conflict-affected communities in northeast Nigeria who already face extreme hunger and who are especially vulnerable. They are on life-support and need assistance to survive," said Elisabeth Byrs, WFP senior spokesperson, in reference to Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe.

"That's why WFP is distributing now two months' worth of food and nutrition assistance in IDP camps and among vulnerable communities to ensure that people have enough food while they are on full or partial lockdown", Ms. Byrs said, outlining plans to help a total of 1.8 million people there according to a UN News report.

Speaking on the essence of the intervention during the Palliative Distribution, Haruna Mohammed Goni from WFP's Damaturu sub-office says the program is targeted at most vulnerable people who are the most affected by the pandemic.

"This is COVID-19 Distribution assistance by WFP in Bade through its partners CCDRN. This COVID-19 Distribution is meant to support vulnerable people in Bade LGA who have suffered the issue of COVID-19 and has affected their means of livelihood".

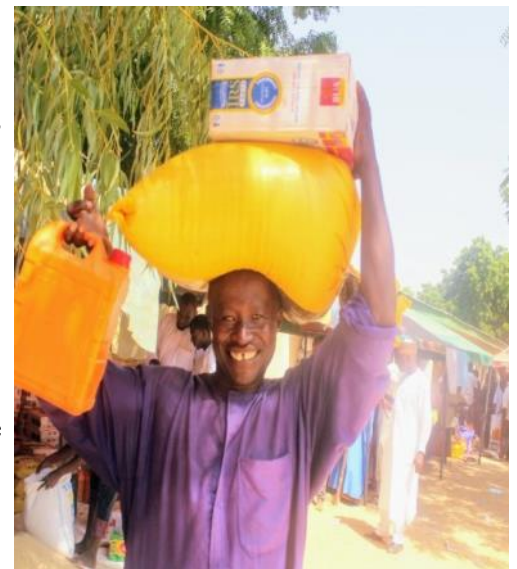
"As you can see the Distribution is through e-voucher, we have twenty food baskets available for the Beneficiaries to choose among the commodities in the retailer's shop ... based on the food needs for their families".

According to Goni, the entitlement for each household benefiting from the COVID-19 Palliative is foodstuffs worth N22,000. Adding that WFP'S mandate is to serve the people with food and no beneficiary should expect any option of Cash.

Some Beneficiaries of the World Food Programme's COVID-19 Palliative Distribution exercise 2020 in Bade also expressed satisfaction about the exercise.

Usman Babawo, 55 years old IDP says "there are many problems especially since I have no farm or handwork we are just strangers here. We bought rice, spaghetti, Oil, and Maggi. This will help us a lot, we appreciate WFP and CCDRN for this food assistance".

According to Hauwa Muhammadu "during this Corona Virus lockdown, we entered serious problems, no going to the market to get food, no income, no food we are just suffering but now we get this assistance. I chose what I bought, told them I need spaghetti, rice to cook for my children to eat and be satisfied. You see as I am just coming back the children welcome me with great joy, right now we are going to cook one and eat".



Beneficiaries joyfully display food items redeemed under WFP COVID scale up in Bade



## 7,465 Beneficiaries Reached with WFP's Nutrition Assistance Across Gujba, Gulani and Bade LGAs of Yobe State in October



The Centre for Community Development and Research Network, CCDRN has facilitated the distribution of nutrition sensitive packages to 7,465 vulnerable women and children under the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP) of the United Nations World Food Program across Gujba, Gulani and Bade local Government Areas of Yobe state.

The intervention, being a component of WFP's food and nutrition response

in Northeast Nigeria, emphasizes a preventative nutrition approach that delivers both nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive assistance to prevent and manage malnutrition amongst the most vulnerable populations.

On a monthly basis, CCDRN is reaching targeted vulnerable women and children with nutrition dense rations via the WFP's blanket supplementary feeding programme, an intervention aimed at to prevent widespread malnu-

trition and to reduce excess mortality among those at-risk by providing food/micronutrient supplement for all children under five, pregnant women and nursing mothers.

WFP is working to end malnutrition in all its forms. This efforts focus on preventing malnutrition and treating it where it does occur, helping to ensure people have access to nutritious diets in all circumstances.

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