



Centre for Community Development and Research Network  
(CCDRN)

# CCDRN DIGEST

## CCDRN REGISTERS OVER 2612 HOUSEHOLDS TO BENEFIT FROM LIVELIHOOD PROJECT

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*Beneficiaries being registered at the registration stand*

In continued efforts to bring about succor and relief to communities affected by conflicts by helping them build resilience, the Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) has successfully finished the scoping of beneficiaries who will benefit from the Resilience and Social Cohesion (Peace) in Northeast Nigeria project funded by the German Government BMZ.

The exercise which was preceded by community leaders' engagement meeting, community sensitization and awareness, census data capturing, community wealth ranking, and spot check of individuals has taken a step further by distributing token cards as a household identifier to beneficiaries.

To ensure proper and smooth flow of the

exercise, several units such as: crowd control/waiting area, verification unit where every beneficiary will come with his/her token card as well as his/her family members to be verified were created. After the verification, the beneficiaries were directed to the duplication desk so as to ensure there are no cases of duplication and to know both new or existing beneficiaries. For the nutrition aspect, children under age five were screened so as to identify children with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) as well as those that are suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM).

To successfully complete the process, the beneficiaries will go to the phone edit where all their information will be captured including their pictures after which their biometrics are captured and stored.

CCDRN will work with WFP to implement the livelihood and nutrition component of the project in Bade LGA. 3250 people will benefit from livelihood activities which consist of crop production, livestock production, and Income Generating Activities. 5600 people will benefit from the nutrition aspect of the project which is designed to promote nutrition practices, dietary diversity, and demand for health and nutrition services, among mothers, caregivers, and families.

This intervention will empower families and communities to improve their nutrition with locally available foods while enabling an understanding of the extent to which integrated nutrition and livelihoods contribute to reducing malnutrition.

## 8000 people to benefit from livelihood project in Jigawa state



Team with HRH the Emir of Dutse



CTC formation at Sindimina



Team with Special Adviser to the Governor

With the aim of strengthening food systems to promote increased value chain employment opportunities for youths in Nigeria, the Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) will be implementing a livelihood project in Birnin Kudu and Mallam Madori local governments of Jigawa state where 8,000 people are to benefit from it.

Knowing fully well that the success of every intervention lies on the understanding, goodwill and acceptance of a project to the community by stakeholders and influential leaders, CCDRN team embarked on a community entry advocacy visit to community leaders and relevant security

personnel in Dutse, Birnin Kudu and Mallam Madori LGA of Jigawa State, to brief them about the intended project.

As part of activities to roll in the three years project, the team first point of call was an advocacy visit to the Emir of Dutse HRH Alhaji Dr Muhammadu Nuhu Sanusi at his palace in Jigawa state Nigeria. Other stakeholders visited were Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Commissioner of Finance, budget and economic planning, Commissioner of Police, The Director DSS, DPOs of both LGAs and DSS offices in both LGAs as well.

The Emir responded by appreciating WFP and

CCDRN for bringing such activity to them and urged the organization to work hand in hand with the district heads and traditional rulers in these LGAs in other to identify the right beneficiaries for this activity and achieve the stated goal.

Center for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) will implement the project in these two local governments. The project entails among other things provision of support to small holder farmers on market linkages and empowering youths with hands-on skills to enable them be resilient.

## COVID – 19 awareness and response – 2000 women to benefit in Yobe state



Advocacy visit to state commissioner of health



CCDRN team with the Emir of Damaturu

In continuous effort to preventing the spread of COVID – 19 among women and girls especially in conflict affected communities of the Northeast Nigeria, the Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) with support from United Nations Women will be rolling in a COVID – 19 awareness and response project in Bade, Damaturu and Potiskum Local governments of Yobe state.

The seven months project has kickstarted with community entry, consultations and advocacy visits to key stakeholders both at the state and LGA levels. Stakeholders at the state level that were visited were: the Commissioners from ministries of women affairs, health, youth and

sport including the Executive Secretary State Primary Health Care Board and the Commissioner of Police. Also, across Bade, Damaturu and Potiskum Local Government Areas, advocacy visits were paid to Local Government Chairmen through the directors of primary health care services, the Emirs and other traditional leaders, the Divisional Police Officers and directors of department of state security service were not left out.

The project which will be integrating gender perspectives in the COVID – 19 responses, will benefit 2000 women, young girls and the implementing communities at large. The project will ensure that women and girls in affected communities have increased awareness and

access to accurate information on COVID-19 prevention, response and mitigation, national and local platforms are strengthened and sustained to promote women and girls' participation in decision-making to inform the COVID-19 response plans and address gender-related barriers, particularly for women and girls mostly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and other humanitarian emergencies. Other goals the project will work on achieving are ensuring that women and girls in affected communities have improved access to the COVID-19 prevention and treatment tools, including rapid antigen test kits, vaccines and personal protective equipment.



## 32793 people to benefits from WFP/CCDRN food assistance project in Machina LGA

In its relentless effort to deliver food assistance to people in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience, the World Food Programme funded project implemented by the Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) has scaled up its coverage that will see 32793 people benefits from the food assistance in Machina local government of Yobe state.

The project that is at the early stage has kickstarted with advocacy visits to major stakeholders in the local government such as the Local Government Chairman, the Local Government Community Development Officer, the Emir, the Hakimi (District Head), Lawans (Ward Heads), Bulamas (Village Heads), and security agencies. This is aimed at briefing them about the project, establishing mutual relationships and gaining their supports as well as trust to ensure that the project implementation is a success.

The three-month project which is still at the household census and targeting stage will chose from households that are headed by a female with food gaps or without support, those headed by a child with a food gap, households headed by the elderly with food gaps or without support, household affected by flooding with food gaps or without support, and households headed by Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) as well as Persons Living with Disabilities (PLWD). Others are youth headed household without support and households affected by drought.

These beneficiaries will be drawn from 10 communities. This will go a long way in helping these people/communities to improve nutrition and build resilience.



CCDRN Team with the Hakimi



CCDRN Team with the Chairman of Machina LGA

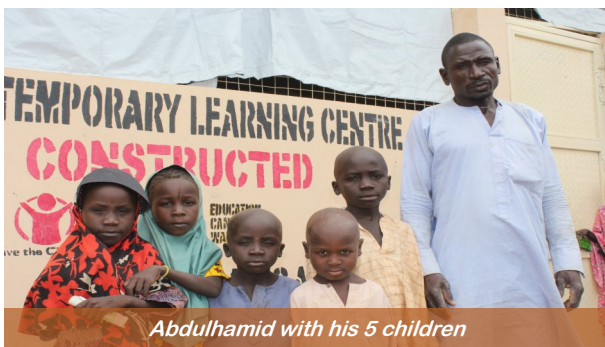
## WFP scales up 84,800 CBT beneficiaries in Gujba LGA

To ensure a wider reach of beneficiaries in its quest to provide life-saving assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs), and vulnerable host community members across Gujba and Gulani LGAs, the World Food Programme (WFP) in partnership with the Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) has scaled up its beneficiaries with 84, 800.

The scale up is in the component of **Cash-Based Transfer (CBT)** aimed at rejuvenating the local market which in turn helps to revive the local economy targets five wards of Gujba local government that have not been benefitting before. These wards are Goniri, Dadingel, Ngurbuwa and Gotala/Gotumba.

Now more than ever that malnutrition is on the rise, and food security is at stake, this will go a long way in building the resilience of these people. There would have been no better time for this scale up than now.

## Education cannot wait for Abdulhamidu - A Story of Change



Abdulhamidu with his 5 children



Abdulhamidu with his 5 children and CCDRN staff

People living in conflict-affected communities especially adolescents and youths often occupy a vulnerable position within their communities. Many of these set of people may be displaced or may have lacked access to education or other skill-building opportunities throughout their lives. This can severely constrain the social development and livelihood opportunities of not only the adolescents and the young people living in conflict situations but the entire community at large.

It is with the desire to meet this need that the Education Cannot Wait (ECW) project implemented by The Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) with support from Save the Children International (SCI) came in handy. Here is the story of Abdulhamidu.

Abdulhamidu a native of Buni Yadi ward a community 56 kilometers from Damaturu the Yobe state capital but currently residing in Sabon Garin Mai Mai Mala enrolled 5 of his wards in school voluntarily as an effect of the continued messages he encountered

as a member of one of the numerous community based committee facilitated by our team and partners Save the Children, Nigeria

“Being a member of the community-based committee was an eye opener for me on the need for children enrollment in school especially the girl child; during our periodic meetings the importance of enrolling our kids took the center stage and it prompted me to also enroll my wards in school”. Abdulhamidu speaking attributed his actions to the continuous messages from the committee which he belonged to.

These young chaps Ali, Amina, Maryam, Adamu and Adam Abdulhamidu all beaming with looks of hope as they now have the opportunity to experience school for the first time in their life.

Center for Community Development and Research Network - CCDRN will continue to engage with all stakeholders to build a case for continued efforts for school enrollment of children especially girls in the communities we implement.



## WBW 2022 – CCDRN equips 600 caregivers on family MUAC Approach in Yobe state



Happy women with their MUAC tapes after being trained during WBW 2022

To commemorate the World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) of 2022, the Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) conducted a sensitization on Family MUAC approach, distribution of MUAC tapes, and the training of 600 caregivers on MUAC screening and Referral processes in Yobe state.

The week-long activities (August 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>) that were conducted across the implementing communities of Bade, Gujba and Gulani LGAs, aimed at promoting exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life which yields many benefits, provide critical nutrients, protect from deadly diseases such as pneumonia and fostering growth and development. It also set out to continuously build the capacity of caregivers on how to screen their children and the necessary actions

to take to help a malnourished child through the family MUAC approach and to properly equip them with the skill set that will enable them take charge of their child’s health and wellbeing.

To enable them do these effectively, the caregivers were given MUAC tapes and were trained to aid the practice and adoption of the Family MUAC approach. The caregivers were sensitized to screen their children weekly to help them detect signs of malnutrition early and also emphasized how to detect other signs of malnutrition such as edema, Kwashiorkor, and Marasmus, and how to get help or treatment for them.

In the same vein, the commemoration of the week in Bade LGA of Yobe state sensitized women, community members, community leaders, religious leaders and youths in the 7 imple-

menting communities on key messages on their role in strengthening the warm chain of support for breastfeeding, breastfeeding as part of good nutrition, food security, and reduction of inequalities, and the importance of breastfeeding, which includes early initiation, exclusive breastfeeding and complementary/diversity to maternal and child health.

Other key messages shared were the importance of breastfeeding to the child, to the mother, and to the community at large. This can be seen as an effort in the right direction as concerted collective efforts are being marshalled globally to fight malnutrition and ensure children below age 5 grow to enjoy good health, we can’t but be part of this noble course.

## CCDRN carries out SGBV sensitization in Yobe state



Women with SGBV sensitization messages



Men participating in the sensitization



SGBV messages being delivered

Prevention, risk mitigation, and multi - approach response to Sexual and Gender -Based Violence (SGBV) remains crucial to promoting a favorable protection environment for the internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees especially women, men, boys and girls in conflict-affected communities of Northeast Nigeria.

It is in this light that the Center for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) organized a GBV outreach and awareness session with Community-Based Child Protection Commit-

tees (CBCPCs) and School-Based Management Committees (SBMCs) to sensitize and provide support through GBV materials and awareness session to the committees across the twenty-four (24) implementing communities in Fune, Fika, Potiskum and Jakusko LGAs of Yobe state.

The activity which was part of the project “Safe Schools Programming” through the NMFA Strategic Partnership project being implemented with Save the Children International (SCI) funded by Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs aimed at providing support to these committees and the communities with materials to carry out GBV awareness sessions in the 24 NMFA implementing

communities through the provision of materials such as banners with messages of sensitization so that they will fully be engaged to support the process of the outreach and awareness session in their respective communities.

Now more than ever, people in the rural communities that are affected by conflict need to know more about issues that could be prevalent in their communities because freedom from violence is a fundamental human right, and gender-based violence undermines a person's sense of self-worth and self-esteem. It affects not only physical health but also mental health and may lead to self-harm, isolation, depression and even suicidal attempts.



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*BMZ scope registration going on in Bade LGA*



*GBV sensitization going on in Fika LGA*



*Sensitization going on during the world breastfeeding week*





## ABOUT US

Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) is a local Non-governmental organization, with registration number: CAC/IT/NO 91160, under the Nigerian Corporate Affairs Commission Act. Our head office is located in Kaduna state with field offices across Yobe, Borno, Zamfara, Kano, and Adamawa states. CCDRN envision a society in which governance and development are communities driven. Our overall mission engenders partnership with communities/groups to achieve recreation and rebuilding on the principles of self-reliance, self-management, and collective peace. By this we mean, collaborating with key stakeholders to foster development and advancement by equipping the society with the requisite knowledge, information, and skills to champion their own course.

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