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INTEGRATED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NORTHEAST NIGERIA (IHANN): FACTS & FIGURES

The humanitarian situation in northeast Nigeria remains critical. Nearly **7 million people need humanitarian assistance**, and more than **1.3 million people are internally displaced in Borno State alone**.

Even as the Nigerian government forces make progress in liberating local government areas from insurgents' control, essential services are scarce. Many families do not feel safe returning to their home villages and continue living in major towns and ward capitals in the liberated areas. Where internally displaced persons are highly concentrated, people urgently need health care, nutrition, clean water, sanitation, hygiene, and protection services.

FHI 360's **Integrated Humanitarian Assistance to Northeast Nigeria (IHANN)** project currently in its second phase is responding with an integrated set of services to meet the most pressing needs of internally displaced people in Borno State. Funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), FHI 360 is working together with local nurses, doctors, midwives, engineers, caseworkers and hundreds of community volunteers to serve approximately 294,564 targeted population including internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), returnees, and host communities.

APPLYING OUR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE WITH AN INTEGRATED APPROACH

IHANN (January 2017 – March 2019) deliver an integrated response addressing multiple urgent needs, simultaneously, providing humanitarian assistance in IDP camps, including primary and reproductive health care, nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services, and protection. Project staff coordinates these efforts to produce the quickest, most effective results. FHI 360's WASH and health technical teams have used this approach to tackle outbreaks of Hepatitis-E and cholera. Through close collaboration, identified the sources of the outbreak, stopped the spread and managed hundreds of cases. *See achievements below.*



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Implementing Agency: FHI 360

Life of Project: IHANN January 2017 – March 2019; (IHANN II April 2019 – March 2020)

Geographic Areas: Banki, Damasak, Dikwa, and Ngala (Borno State)

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services including testing, disease management, and immunization where appropriate to treat malaria, cholera, and hepatitis E. FHI 360 is also supporting health facility staff to conduct reproductive healthcare services including antenatal and postnatal care, and individualized clinical case management of sexual and gender-based violence. Recognizing the needs at the community level, we are also supporting community health extension workers (CHEWs) to deliver health outreach, disease surveillance, and referrals to static health clinics. CHEWs also serve as effective social mobilization agents for national immunization campaigns.


HEALTHCARE SUPPORT


FHI 360 is delivering both primary healthcare and reproductive health services to conflict-affected and displaced communities in Banki, Damasak, Dikwa, and Ngala while serving as health sector coordination lead in three sites aside Damasak. We are providing clinical


Achievements in Health



457,216 consultations for patients provided at **five health facilities** at the community level;

 **19,836** women have attended at least two comprehensive antenatal clinics;

 **4,906** women/newborns have received postnatal care

 **102 CHEWs** directly engaged in public health surveillance




WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)


FHI 360 is implementing a core set of WASH interventions in sanitation and water supply infrastructure that involves the community and household hygiene promotion through community volunteers. As the WASH sector lead in Dikwa, and Ngala, FHI 360 is coordinating partner activities to meet the most critical needs, especially related to water supply and cholera prevention. Hand pump water sources have been upgraded to solar-powered with a standby generator to meet the needs of the IDPs with treated water sources serving **105,000** people. To prevent diarrheal illness, continuous desludging of existing latrines is conducted and construction of new latrines and bathing facilities in the field sites. IHANN distributes hygiene kits, waste collection bins and organizes weekly cleanup campaigns in IDP camps with the participation of community volunteers, community leaders, and IDPs across the sites to promote hygiene and preventative health.





Achievements in WASH


245,011 people reached through direct hygiene promotion

 **953** newly constructed latrines benefitting **146,200** people

 **20** solar-powered water points rehabilitated serving **105,000** people

 **36,933** hygiene kits distributed benefitting **295,464** people

 **708** community volunteers/leaders trained in solid waste management

 **1,163** latrines desludged and waste safely disposed

CHILD PROTECTION

FHI 360 child protection sub-sector provides improve access to timely and quality case management services for children at risk, especially for orphans, unaccompanied and separated minors who are at high risk of hard labor, sexual abuse, kidnapping, and exploitation. IHANN established four Safe Healing and Learning Spaces (SHLS) to provide support to children age 6-11 years. Each space has a counseling room used for case management, a storage space, a hall for indoor games and meetings.



An additional classroom is available for holding Social Emotional Learning (SEL) classes and adolescent club meetings. 42 children (21 boys and 21 girls) of reported cases of abuse were provided services. Most of the cases were reported to the SHLS by community volunteers who came across the cases during community awareness sessions and outdoor activities. IHANN trained child protection assistants and caseworkers on the SHLS module; mentored recruited SHLS facilitators to deliver SEL and parenting skills. Subsequently, as part of the integration, child protection is mainstreamed into nutrition, health and WASH sectors.






GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) PROTECTION

FHI 360 has extended critical protection interventions to GBV survivors as GBV subsector coordination lead in Banki, Dikwa, and Ngala as well as co-lead for the GBV sub-sector working group. We are providing focused support to survivors and vulnerable women and girls through case management and psychosocial support. We have also trained community volunteers and protection staff, to disseminate information to

communities as part of creating a protective environment where community members have knowledge of GBV prevention, services available and tackling stigma. These volunteers and protection workers engage closely with community members in supporting survivors and tackling social stigma related to sexual abuse. Between April 2017 and March 2019, GBV case management services were provided for 495 survivors across the four project implementation locations. FHI 360 has established four safe spaces to provide private and safe counseling for survivors of GBV.



Achievements in Protection

-  **8,654** women have benefitted from GBV protection services (case management and PSS)
-  **112,477** males sensitized on GBV prevention and referral
-  **143,303** females sensitized on GBV prevention and referral
-  **1,916** women and adolescent girls have received dignity kits
-  **599** people trained in GBV prevention and response

NUTRITION





FHI 360 established comprehensive nutrition programs in Banki, Damasak, Dikwa, and Ngala. This includes community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) and Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergency interventions. 10 OTPs were established across the project sites to treat cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) without



complications with ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF). Three stabilization centers were created to admit cases of SAM with medical complications such as oedema, pneumonia, and others.

Likewise, FHI 360 conducted a Knowledge, Attitudes to and Practices (KAP) study on IYCF-E, WASH and health practices among mothers with children aged 0 to 23 months where suboptimal IYCF indices and barriers to effective IYCF in emergency were identified. Consequent on the KAP result, FHI 360 towards ensuring optimal Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices in the first 1,000 days of life, scaled up the nutrition intervention, establishing five IYCF corners and 1,040 father and mother support groups across all field locations to promote early onset of and exclusive breastfeeding. Furthermore, FHI 360 administers albendazole for deworming and vitamin A for children as well as iron folate and folic acid for pregnant and lactating women. Presently, FHI 360 is a member of the nutrition Strategy Advisory Group (SAG) and the Strategic Review Committee for Northeast Nigeria. In addition to FHI 360 active participation in Nutrition in emergency sector working group meetings and part of CMAM, IYCF, and Information management technical working groups.

Achievements in Nutrition

-  **1,468** children 6-59 months admitted and treated at stabilization centers with **95.3%** cured
-  **7,838** children 6-59 months for SAM without medical complications at **10** OTP sites
-  **61,127** women of childbearing age reached through IYCF support groups and counseling
-  MUAC screening conducted for **174,244** children 6-59 months

OUTBREAK PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



FHI 360 integrated WASH and health responses to water-related diseases such as cholera and Hepatitis-E (HEV), pose one of the most effective and efficient ways to respond as demonstrated in 2017 and 2018. HEV was further spread by children playing in water contaminated by waste from overflowing existing

shallow emergency latrines due to rain. FHI 360 worked with CVs, community leaders to decommission the latrines. Awareness was raised on the dangers of using them and communicated to IDPs.



In collaboration with the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), FHI 360 conducted intensive waste management activities in Ngala to clean drainage. Subsequently, FHI 360 established the Cholera Treatment Center (CTC) in Dikwa and a 20-bed Cholera Treatment Unit (CTU) in Ngala through the rehabilitation of the existing hospital structure. Also, as part of a comprehensive strategy for cholera-affected communities, FHI 360 established temporary Oral Rehydration Points (ORPs) in hotspot areas across the field locations. CHEWs and community volunteers worked together to do active case finding, contact tracing as well as referral to health facilities for treatment. Further integration with the protection sector allowed CHEWs and volunteers to conduct disease prevention and response sessions directly at the safe space to reach many women with messages at one time. As women are commonly caretakers who fetch water and manage household hygiene, these sessions proved especially useful. In total, FHI 360 treated **1,291 cases of cholera** in 2017 and 2018.

COORDINATION

FHI 360 is in the health, WASH, and nutrition sector coordination working groups in addition to serving as co-lead for the GBV protection sub-sector technical working group in Maiduguri. At the LGA level, we serve as coordination lead partner in Banki, Dikwa, and Ngala for health, WASH and GBV protection, as well as Nutrition lead for Dikwa and Ngala. FHI 360 coordinates daily with camp leadership, *Bulamas*, and other local and traditional leadership mechanisms. We also coordinate with WHO, UN, national and international NGO partners on the ground in addition to various government entities including Borno State Ministry of Health, State Primary Healthcare Development Agency, Hospital Management Board Ministry of Water Resources, Borno State Environmental Protection Agency, National/State Emergency Management Agencies and others. FHI 360 was also selected to represent the Nigeria WASH Cluster at the Annual Global WASH Cluster meeting in Berlin on April 2018 on the merits of successful

programming and leadership in the sector. During this forum, FHI 360 presented on the cholera response on behalf of the Nigeria WASH Cluster.

At the state level, FHI 360 is one of five INGO that sits on the Operational Humanitarian Country Team as well as the Humanitarian Hub Taskforce platforms.

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