



# SITUATION REPORT

## LAKE CHAD CONFLICT



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NIGERIA - CAMEROON - CHAD

### SITUATION

Three countries (Nigeria, Cameroon and Chad) in the Lake Chad region have been continuously overwrought by the ongoing, Boko Haram conflict. As the needs continue to increase, the communities impacted by this slow-onset, "forgotten" crisis need immediate aid to save lives and maintain human dignity.

Approximately 21 million people live in the conflict-affected areas, of which 2.6 million are displaced and in dire need of support.

The conflict continues to have a devastating impact on the region, visible, not only through the widespread destruction of homes, livelihoods, infrastructure and large-scale displacements, but also in the conflict-induced trauma and fear within the affected communities. The already grim situation is further compounded by climate change, as Lake Chad – the people's' main source of income and livelihood – is receding at an alarming rate.



### RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response, through Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Brethren Lutheran Church of Cameroon is responding to this crisis in Chad and Cameroon.

In Chad, Lutheran Disaster Response, through LWF, will support communities through the distribution of hygiene/dignity kits to 300 households; providing 3,600 cash grants; and helping to increase agricultural production to improve families' food consumption; and increase social cohesion between divergent groups through conflict management committees.

In Cameroon, Lutheran disaster response is partnering with LWF and the Brethren Lutheran Church of Cameroon to establish safe drinking water access, pit latrines, and distribute sanitation and hygiene kits to 9,720 households. Together, we will also offer faith sensitive psycho-social support to internally displaced people (IDPs); assist unaccompanied minors and separated children in accessing basic necessities, protection, and reunite with their families or receive special care; and train IDPs and host communities in income generating activities and conflict sensitization.



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