

# ***NIGERIA: COMMUNAL CLASHES***

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### ***The Disaster***

Communal clashes between the Aguleri/Omo Ba-Anam and the Umuleri communities in Nigeria's north-eastern state of Anambra broke out on April 2, and continue today. Approximately 8,000 persons have been displaced. The economic activities in the area of conflict have come to a complete standstill, markets have been closed down, and most of the people (predominantly farmers) are unable to work their land as the movement of people is severely restricted.

Schools and other government establishments have been shut down, many people have been killed, and many are injured and hospitalised.

### ***Red Cross/Red Crescent Action***

The Anambra State branch of the Nigeria Red Cross Society (NRCS), with the support of the government security forces, has been assisting the victims of the communal conflict with First Aid, evacuation to hospitals in safe areas, psychological support, and assessments of the impact of the conflict. NRCS National Headquarters staff have visited the conflict area to assess the situation and to determine the most vulnerable victims, consisting mainly of women, children and elderly persons.

In order to reduce the vulnerability of 2,791 identified victims, the NRCS is planning to assist with food and non-food items. The NRCS has distributed 20 bales of Swedish Red Cross-donated used clothes out of their emergency stock. The ICRC Regional Delegation in Lagos has provided dressing material, 1,000 blankets, 25 plastic sheets, 200 jerry cans, 200 cooking pots and 1,000 plates, cups and spoons. The ICRC has also promised more support in the form of non-food items. The NRCS plans to provide soap and baby food as well as 12 kgs of rice, 2 kgs of beans and 1 kg of vegetable oil per person for a month. All items shall be distributed in the latter half of May. First Aid, psychological support, and regular visits to the victims in the hospitals will continue.

NRCS First Aid Squads made up of volunteers have been organised, supervised by the Branch Secretary and the Training Officer. The National Training and Emergency Preparedness Officer, supported by the Secretary General, will co-ordinate and monitor the operation.

The International Federation has released CHF 60,000 from the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) for the purchase of soap and food items as well as for transport and distribution.

## *Needs*

The Federation requires CHF 60,000 to reimburse the DREF allocation.

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