

# DREF operation



## Nigeria: Population Movement

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

**CHF 70,000 (USD 64,073 or EUR 43,730) is requested from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 2,000 families. Un-earmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary: the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) has been providing basic humanitarian services such as food and non-food items as well as health education to 2,000 families at a temporary camp for Chadian refugees in Nigeria. The DREF support has enabled the NRCS to continue its assistance, pending a voluntary return or a longer-term operation. The NRCS, with support from the Federation, is working in collaboration with other stakeholders in providing humanitarian assistance to the affected families at the camp in Ngala, north eastern Nigeria. It also plans to replenish contingency stock in its branch warehouse to prepare for further humanitarian needs.**



Refugees from Chad receiving Cameroon Red Cross-distributed relief items (photo courtesy of the French Red Cross).

**This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by May, 2008; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by August 2008).**

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## The situation

Ongoing conflict near and in N'djamena, the capital of Chad, has provoked mass population movements, with thousands seeking assistance, protection, and shelter in neighbouring countries. While thousands of these people found their way into neighbouring Cameroon, others moved to the border town of Ngala in Nigeria's north eastern state of Borno. The fleeing populations which include nationals of Nigeria, Togo, Ghana Niger and Chad had to walk over 700 kilometres to reach the Nigerian border town of Ngala. Most of them who arrived in family groups were already dehydrated and showing signs of precarious health from

malaria, respiratory problems, and flu. The local population was said to have initially sheltered most of them while the state government provided temporary refugees camp at Ngala.

While the Nigerian returnees have found their way to their respective homes in Nigeria, most of the refugees had either returned to their countries or stayed in some communities in the area. Some 499 Niger nationals who refused to stay in the temporary camp were repatriated to their country. Presently, there are 45 Chadian refugees in the camp in addition to 26 Chadian families who have relations in Borno State.

Meanwhile, the state government and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) provided food and non-food items to the refugees while the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) response team has been providing them with basic humanitarian services such as first aid. The national society has also carried out an assessment of the situation in the camp.

## Coordination and partnerships

The NRCS is working in collaboration with the Borno State Government, NEMA, the Nigerian Immigration Service, National Commission on Refugee and the Ngala Local Government Authorities in the registration of the refugees and in the provision of basic food and non-food items to the refugees. During the Red Cross assessment mission to the camp, officials of the Red Cross had consultation with these stakeholders on how better to coordinate activities in the camp. With support from the Federation, the NRCS hopes to continue to play the lead role in humanitarian activities in the camp.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Fifty-six Red Cross staff and volunteers are managing the refugee camp set-up by the government by providing various humanitarian services ranging from the provision of hygiene and sanitation services, preparation and distribution of wet rations to the refugees, distribution of non-food items, and registration of refugees and missing persons.

The NRCS has also deployed Women Focal Group (Mothers' Club) volunteers who have been providing care and related assistance to women and children in the camp. The Red Cross team has opened a registration centre for proper documentation of the returnees and refugees as well as tracing and reunification of possible missing persons with their families.

A joint Red Cross assessment mission (NRCS, the Federation, and the ICRC) was deployed to the field and supported the national disaster response team in their intervention by analyzing the situation. The Red Cross Movement is coordinating with the different partners so as to fill humanitarian gaps.

## The needs

**Beneficiary selection:** the NRCS will continue to maintain its services at the camp to attend to the humanitarian needs of refugees residing there. The NRCS also plans to replenish stock at the North East Zonal warehouse in Maiduguri, Borno State.

## The proposed operation

### Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

**Objective:** To improve the lives, health and well being of the refugees at the Camp through the provision of hot rations and non-food items.

#### Activities planned:

- Replenishment of stock at the NRCS North Eastern Zonal Disaster Management Store used for receiving the Chadian refugees mainly NFI (1,200 blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, cooking sets, plastic bowls and buckets respectively; 2,000 soap bars, spoons, cups and plates);
- Distribution of NFI to the 2,000 target families at the camp;
- Preparation and serving of hot rations to the refugees at the Ngala camp.

### Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

**Objective:** To maintain proper hygiene and sanitation behaviour and conditions thereby preventing outbreak of diseases at the refugee camp.

**Activities planned:**

- Provision of hygiene and sanitation equipment at the refugee camps;
- Promotion of health and prevention of diseases through health education at the camp

**Emergency health**

**Objective: To ensure the control and prevention of HIV/AIDS infections at the refugee camp.**

**Activities planned:**

- HIV / AIDS awareness campaign;
- Provision of IEC materials for HIV/AIDS campaign at the camp.

**How we work**

*All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.*

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

**Global Agenda Goals:**

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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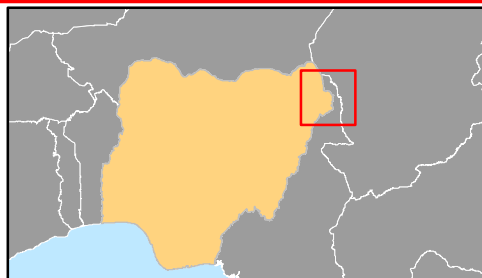
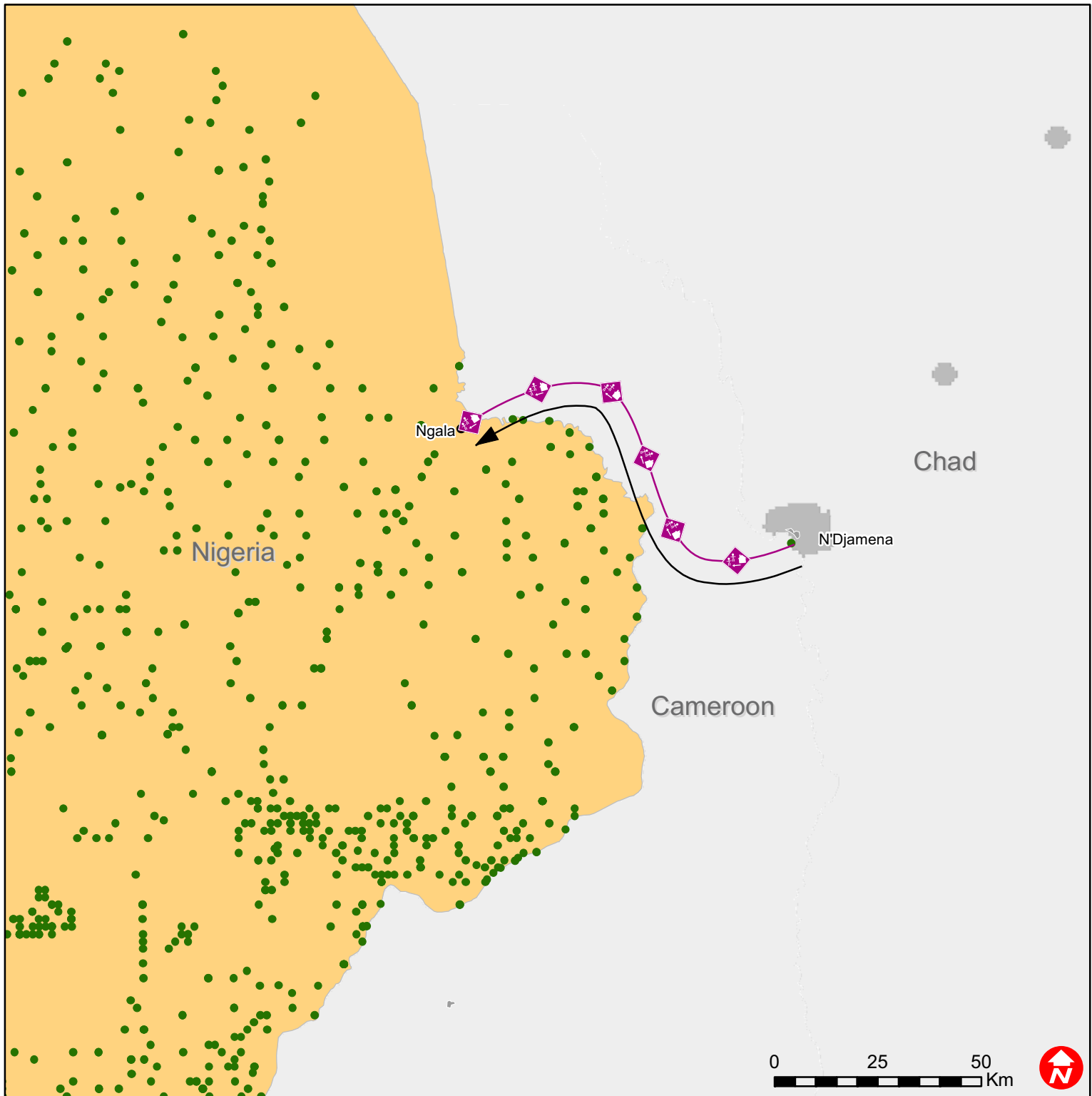
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<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>VALUE IN CHF</b>
<b>BENEFICIARIES NEEDS</b>	
Shelter	
Clothing & Textile	15,847
Food	
Water & Sanitation	4,811
Medical & First Aid	12,452
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	14,527
Other Supplies	
<b>TOTAL BENEFICIARIES NEEDS</b>	<b>47,637</b>
<b>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</b>	
Programme support (6,5% of total)	4,543
<b>TRANSPORT &amp; STORAGE</b>	
Transport & Vehicles	5,660
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	
National staff	8,603
<b>WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	
Workshop & Training	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE &amp; GENERAL SERVICES</b>	
Travel	1,089
Information	817
Other General Expenses	1,361
Stationery	
Communication	189
Professional Fees	
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS</b>	<b>22,261</b>
<b>TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES</b>	<b>69,898</b>



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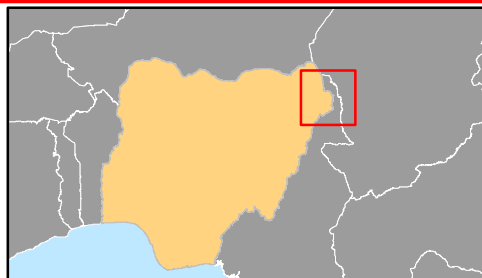
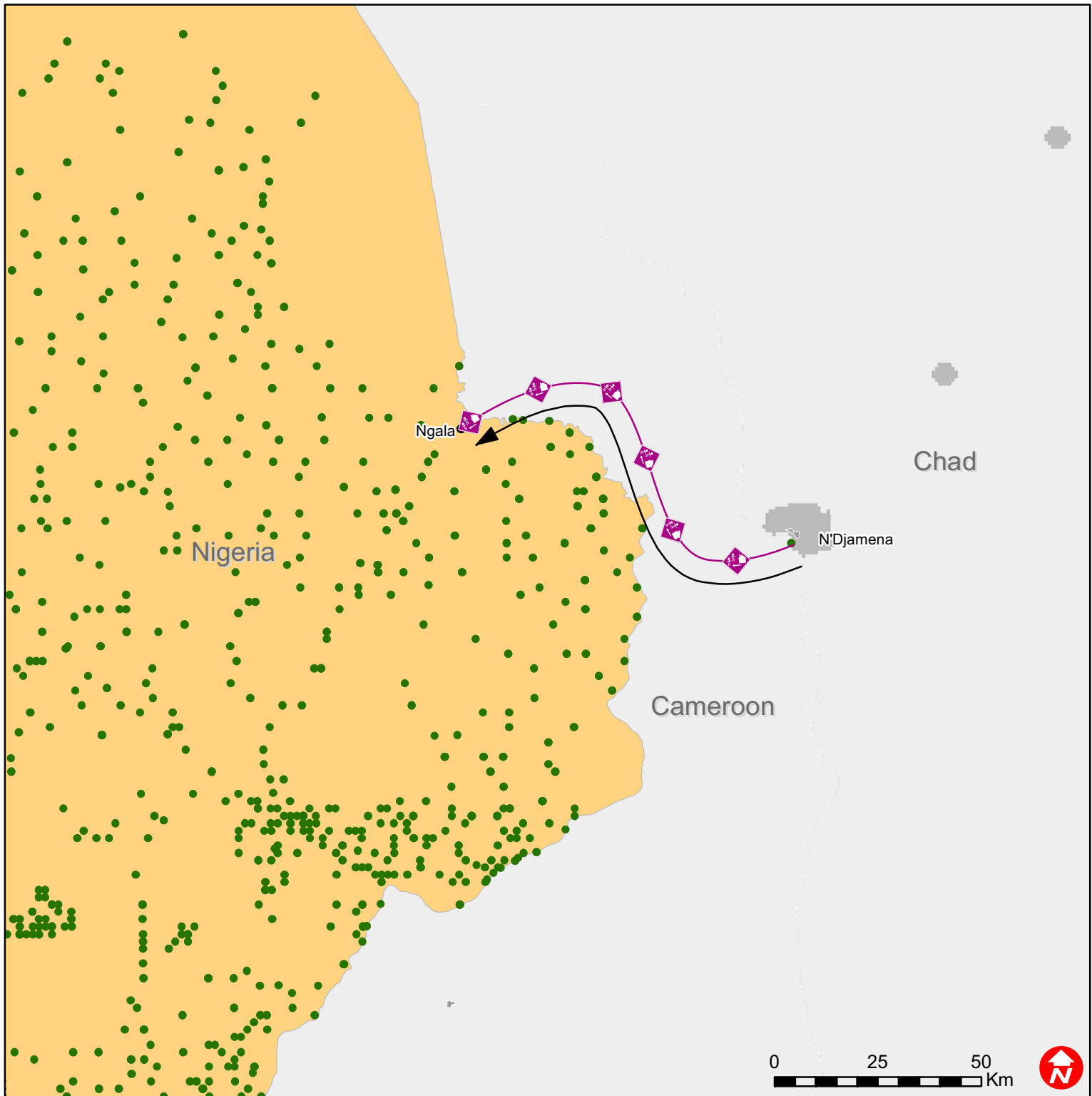
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