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2019 Response Overview

The Child Protection Sub-Sector's (CPSS) humanitarian response interventions were focused on four thematic areas: (a) case management of vulnerable children and children at risk; (b) mental health and psychosocial support services to children and caregivers affected by the conflict; (c) mine risk education for children and caregivers and (d) reintegration of girls and boys formerly associated with armed groups.

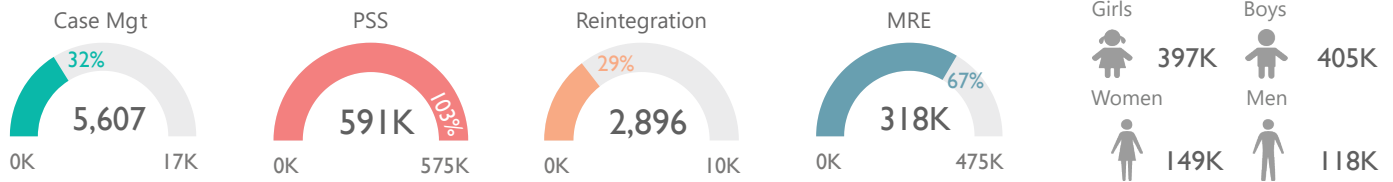
PEOPLE IN NEED



PEOPLE TARGETED



Child protection actors in northeast Nigeria reached 801,581 children (girls: 397,020 & boys: 404,561) with CP services from January to December 2019. This included 515,344 children reached with psychosocial and mental health support services; 5,515 unaccompanied, separated and children facing other protection risks who received integrated case management services; 2,366 beneficiaries of socio-economic reintegration services; 220,736 beneficiaries of mine risk education and 57,620 children/adolescents who were sensitized on child protection issues.



PROGRESS ON INDICATORS BY CORE COMMITMENT

Case Management of Vulnerable Children

INDICATOR	REACH	%
Family tracing and reunification of separated and unaccompanied children	343	25%
Placement in alternative care arrangement of children affected by protection risks	1,222	20%
Follow up of children affected by protection risks	4,050	68%
Provision of specialized support services to children and adolescents affected by protection risks	4,165	104%

Psychosocial and Mental Health Support

INDICATOR	REACH	%
Children and caregivers benefitting from psychosocial, mental health support services and multi-sectoral livelihood support	581,591	101%
Awareness raising and sensitization of community members and caregivers on child care and child protection	152,722	61%

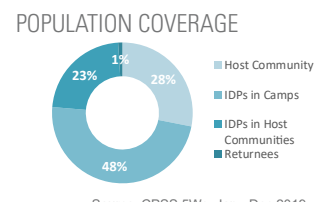
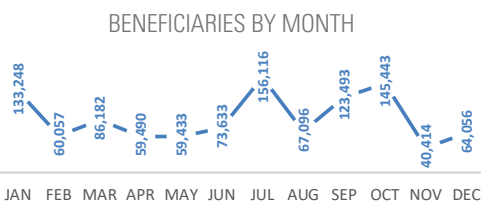
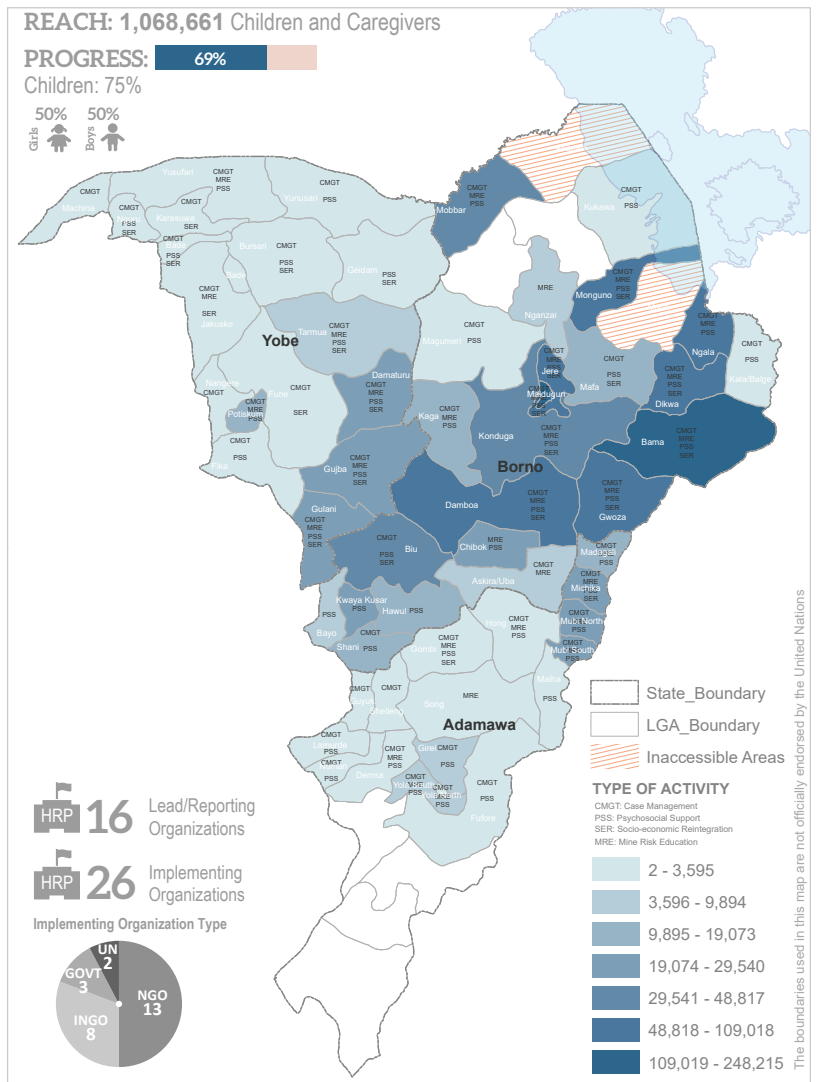
Socio-Economic Reintegration

INDICATOR	REACH	%
Socio-economic assistance to successfully reintegrate children and adolescents who have suffered from grave child rights violations	2,366	24%
Raise awareness of children and caregivers on grave child rights violations	7,156	4%

Mine Risk Education

INDICATOR	REACH	%
Provide mine risk education to children, adolescents and caregivers	318,249	67%

ACTIVITY COVERAGE MAP (JANUARY - DECEMBER 2019)



Improving quality of child protection services

In order to improve the quality in the delivery of child protection case management services, the Case Management Task Force (CMTF) developed a technical and operational quality assurance checklist to be completed by all partners providing case management services. The tool was designed to identify gaps for technical support and capacity strengthening based on the analysis of the checklists completed. To facilitate case conferences for complex cases in MMC and Jere LGAs in Borno, Save the Children International was assigned as the focal agency for convening case conferences with the support of the CMTF lead (UNICEF) and co-leads (CHAD International). Case Management Task Forces were established in Adamawa (Mubi axis led by the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development and Plan International) and in Yobe, led by the Ministry of Youth, Sport, Social and Community Development and North East Youth Initiative Forum.

The GBV Sub-Sector and the CPSS conducted a joint training for 30 GBV case workers and 12 child protection case workers on caring for child survivors; the aim of the training was to improve the management of response services for child survivors including timely and confidential referral of cases.

In preparation for the roll-out of the Case Management Information Management System+ (CPIMS+), a consultative review of the revised case management forms was undertaken to inform the development and adaptation of the CPIMS+ platform for the case management work in north-east Nigeria.

In addition to the Case Management Task Force, a Technical Working Group on Reintegration of Children formerly Associated with Armed Groups (CAAG) was established to promote responsive, inclusive, coordinated and sustainable reintegration services for former CAAG, vulnerable children, youth and families in communities affected by the humanitarian crisis in north-east Nigeria. The Technical Working Group aims at developing guidelines for packages of services and approaches for community-based reintegration for former CAAG and other vulnerable children and youth in affected communities.

The integrated child protection and education approach to programming was implemented in 2 LGAs in Adamawa, 7 LGAs in Borno and 2 LGAs in Yobe by organizations that are members of the CPSS and the Education Sector. Part of the value addition by the integrated programming was observed as:

- The learning environments provided structured platforms for inclusion of prevention activities on child protection, life skills and mine risk education with well-trained teachers and facilitators;
- Vulnerable children at the community level were linked to education opportunities and vulnerable children within the school were supported with case management by case workers;
- Opportunities for linking cash-based support to school enrolment and retention and support to families of vulnerable children were identified.

Strengthening coordination of child protection services

Field level coordination mechanisms for child protection were established in Bama, Banki (Bama), Dikwa, Bama (excluding Banki), Gwoza, Pulka (Gwoza), Konduga, Magumeri, Damasak (Mobbar) and Ngala; focal point agencies were designated and trained to support the identification, resolution and report of child protection issues including coordination aspects. As a result, service mapping was conducted in Bama, Dikwa and Ngala to address coverage by child protection actors, eliminate duplication and inform the development of referral pathways at LGA-level.

The terms of reference for the CPSS were revised and validated through a consultative process; the revision was informed by the evolving needs of the affected population and capacities of child protection actors as well as increased ownership of the Sub-Sector through shared responsibilities and localization.

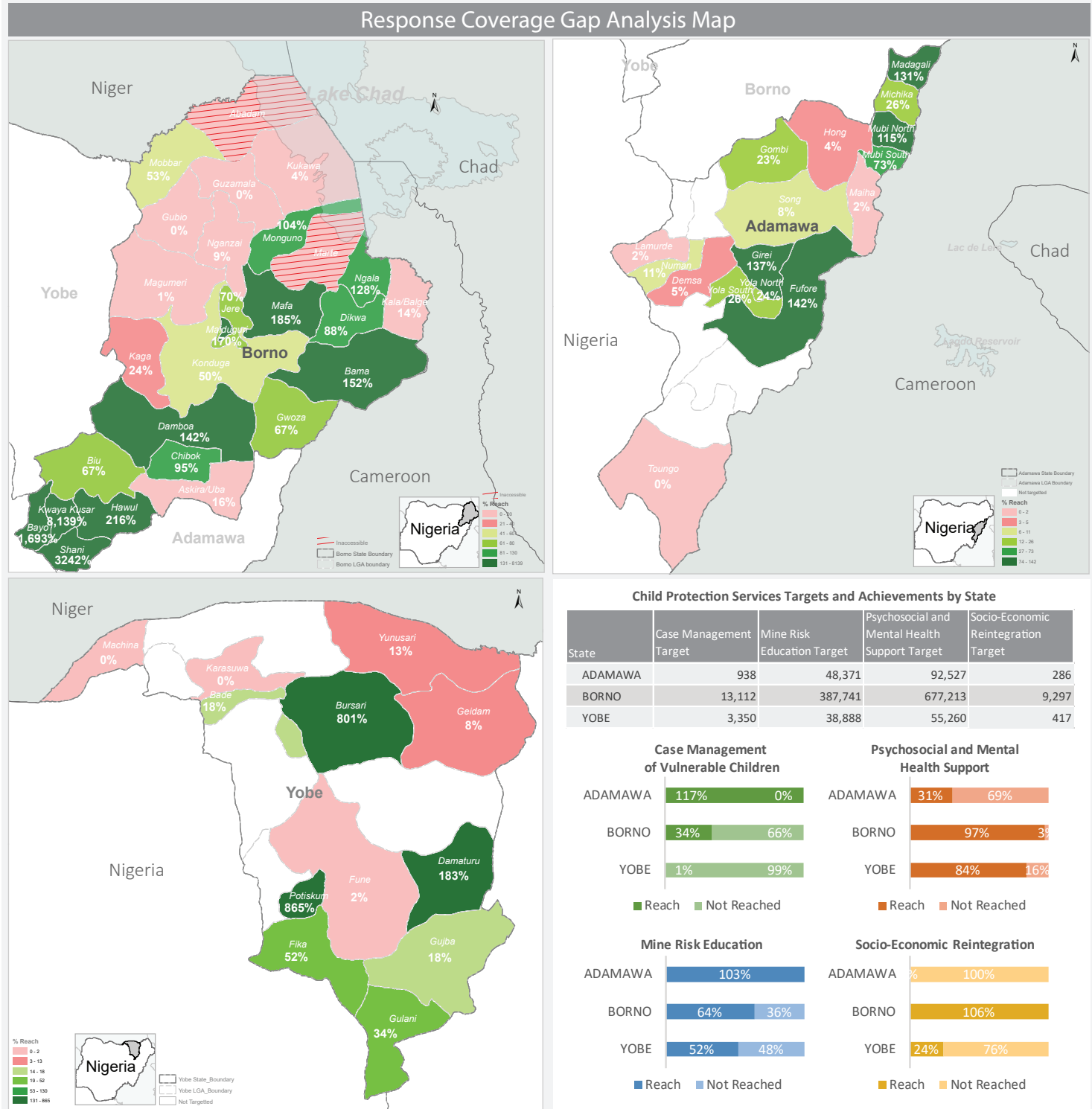
Initiatives were undertaken to improve inter-sectoral collaboration and mainstreaming of child protection; this included training of Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) enumerators on basic child protection concepts and terminology and review of the DTM tools to enhance the quality of information collected on child protection needs through the DTM.

Engagement with the Camp Coordination, Camp Management, Shelter and Non-Food Items Sector involved sessions aimed at broadening understanding of the role of camp management and camp coordination and identification of points of collaboration with the CPSS. The need for availability of disaggregated data on children at camp level and the need for child protection actors to strengthen communication with camp management agencies were highlighted.

The Country Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism Task Force on grave child rights violations trained 96 staff of child protection actors to enhance knowledge and skills on monitoring and reporting of the grave violations. This resulted in an increased network of agencies providing information and related services for children affected by the grave violations.

The GBV and Child Protection Sub Sector issued a joint briefing note on *Inter-Agency Efforts Needed to Avert Child, Early and Forced Marriages* highlighting serious concerns regarding the well-being of adolescent girls following a spike in reports of cases of child marriage in December 2019. The GBV and Child Protection Sub Sectors call for concerted efforts to avert incidents of child marriages; the briefing note can be accessed at -

https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/sites/www.humanitarianresponse.info/files/documents/files/gbv-cp_ss_briefing_note-concerted_actions_to_prevent_child_marriages.pdf



2019 Child Protection Funding Analysis (As Reported by CP Actors)

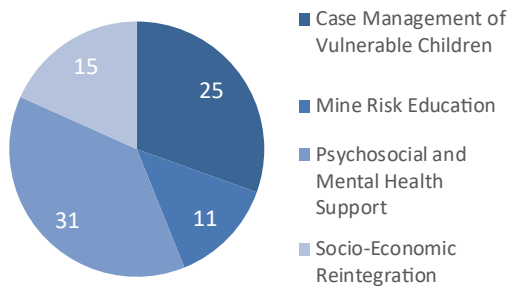


Required (US\$)	Funded (US\$)	Coverage (%)
36,640,877	7,920,653	22%

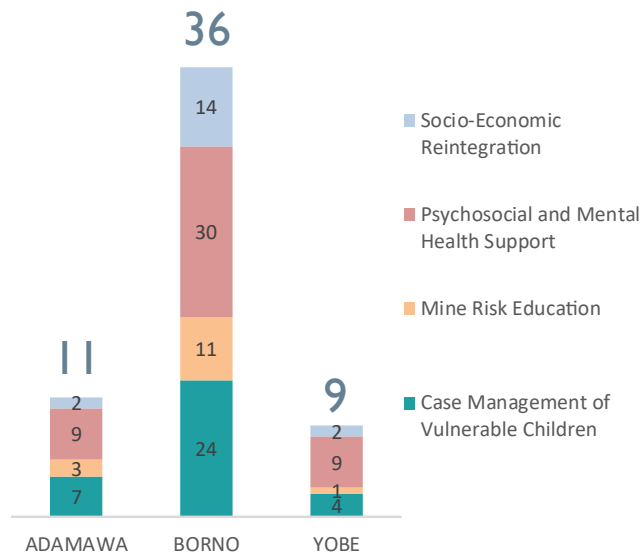
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37 donors funded CP services in 2019

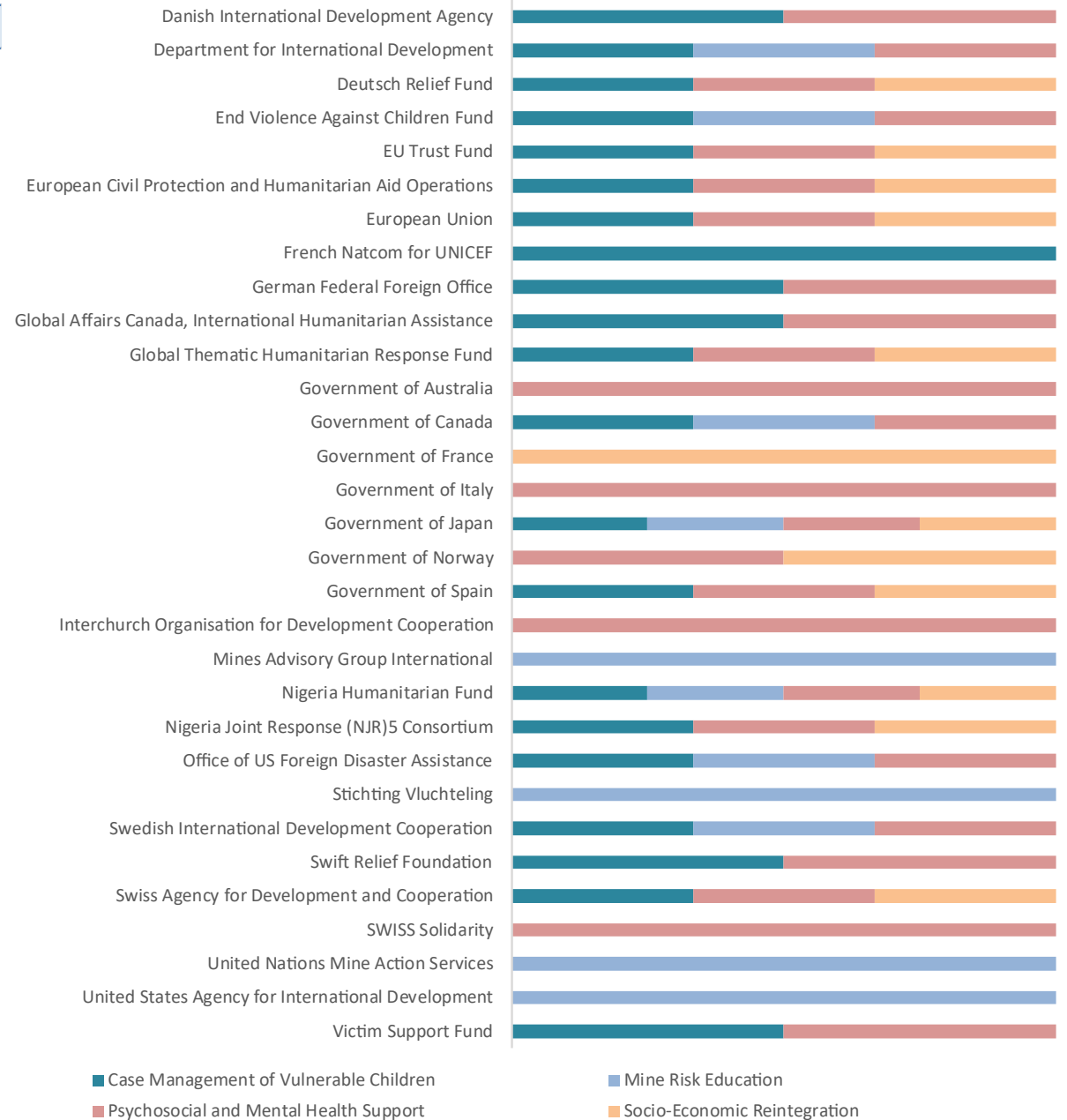
Number of donors per activity type



Number of donors per activity type by state



Child protection services as funded by donors



Capacity development

An assessment was conducted in 1st quarter of 2019 assess the technical and institutional needs and gaps of child protection actors in the humanitarian response in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States. The assessment looked at technical and institutional capacities including human resources, information management and prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation. A capacity development plan was developed for June 2020 – June 2021 and implementation commenced. The Child Protection Sub-Sector Capacity Needs and Gaps Survey Report which includes a capacity development can be accessed at -

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/nigeria/document/child-protection-sub-sector-capacity-needs-and-gaps-survey-report-june>

Case management was ranked as the foremost area where actors require further capacity building; in line with this, the Sub-Sector conducted training on core case management and on family tracing and reunification for a total of 51 child protection workers in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states. A total of 24 partners utilized the CPIMS platform for case management and partner staff of 32 child protection agencies were trained on the utilization of the CPIMS in 2019.

Ranking of priority areas for capacity building

1 st	Case Management
2 nd	Family tracing and reunification
3 rd	Psychosocial support services
4 th	Life skills education for adolescents
5 th	Reintegration support for former CAAG
6 th	Monitoring, reporting and responding to grave child rights violations
7 th	Community-based structures for the protection of children
8 th	GBV prevention, reporting and referrals

Ranking of priority areas for organizational support

1 st	Coaching and mentoring to strengthen the institutional capacity of your organization (financial, human resources, supply management, etc)
2 nd	Training on use of appropriate child protection terms in relevant local languages
3 rd	Accountability to affected population and beneficiaries
4 th	Ethics and integrity
5 th	Gender-sensitive programming

In collaboration with the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services Working Group conducted training on basic counselling skills for 31 staff of national non-governmental child protection organizations in Borno State; the aim of the training was to equip psychosocial support staff with knowledge and skills on basic counseling specifically for children.

Training on grave child rights violations was conducted for 96 child protection workers in Adamawa and Borno states. The training was aimed at enhancing knowledge and skills on identification, monitoring, documenting and reporting grave child rights violations and this resulted in improved information sharing for monitoring, reporting and service provision to those affected by the grave violations. Additionally, the CPSS delivered training sessions on children and armed conflict for senior officers of the Nigeria Army in Abuja and Kaduna. The training focused on the dynamics of armed conflict and its impact on children, the international standards on children and the protection of children affected by armed conflict in north-east Nigeria.

Localization Strategy

In June 2019, the CPSS issued a localization strategy note aimed at highlighting the gains made towards achievement of the localization agenda within the CPSS, identifying challenges and proposing approaches for advancing the localization agenda within the Child Protection Sub-Sector in north-east Nigeria. Importantly, it also highlighted how progress on localization would be measured and evaluated. The Child Protection Sub-Sector Localization Strategy was finalized and can be accessed at - <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/nigeria/document/child-protection-sub-sector-nigeria-localization-strategy-note-june-2019>

With the support of the Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility, the Promoting Local Response Capacity and Partnership (PLRCAP) Initiative is being implemented by Street Child UK, working closely with the CPSS. Nigeria is one of the four pilot countries implementing this project which aims to: (a) increase inclusion and participation of local level actors in child protection coordination structures, including decision making and funding mechanisms; (b) contribute to expanding and enhancing access to funding for local level actors; (c) strengthening the capacity of local level actors to compete for funding and deliver quality, efficient emergency programmes; and (d) generate evidence on the impact of localization, share lessons learnt and advocate to scale and spread effective and efficient localization strategies.

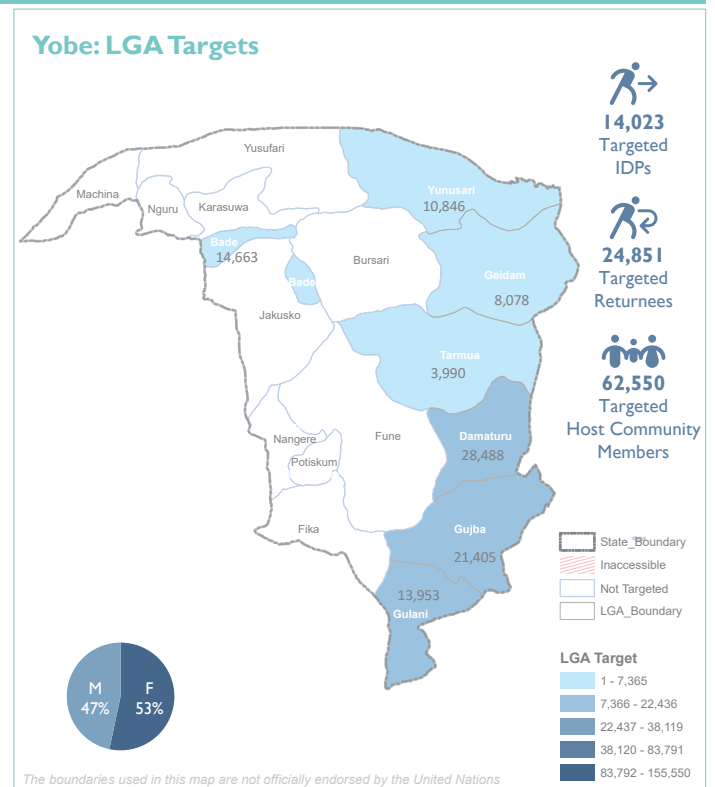
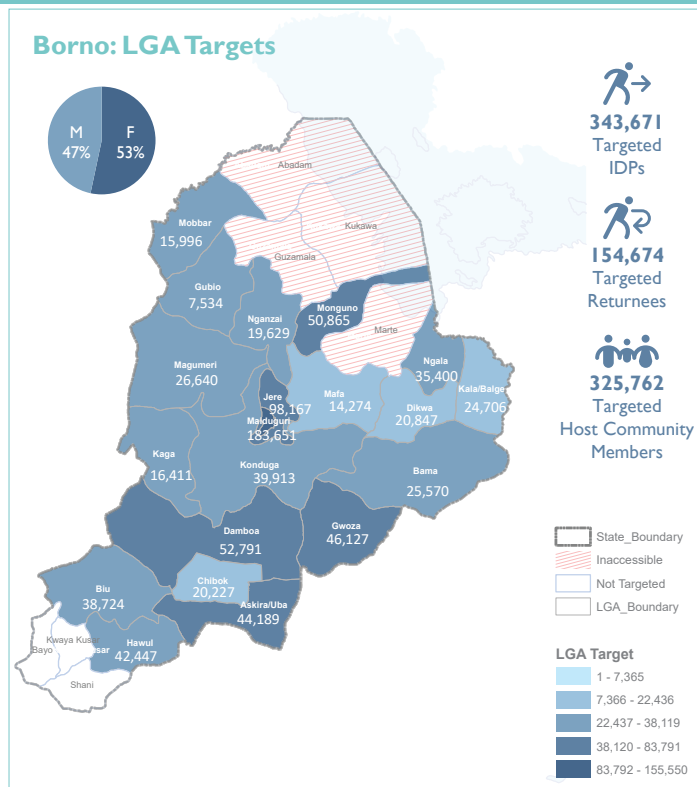
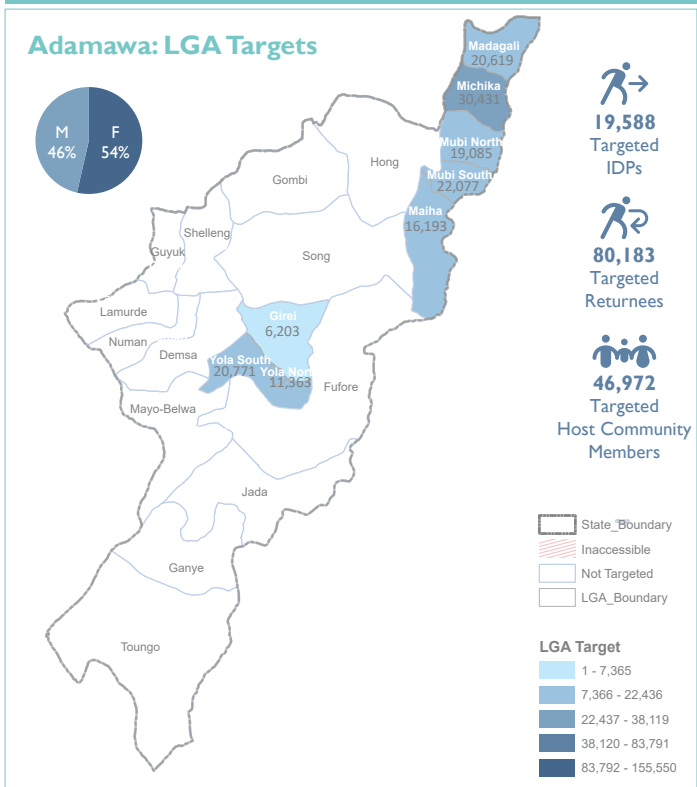
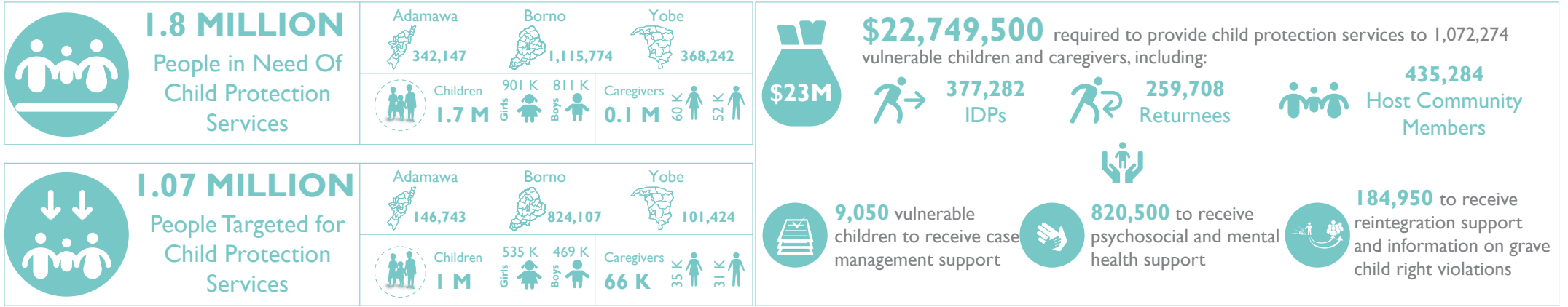
In December 2019, Street Child UK in collaboration with the CPSS conducted training on proposal development was conducted 15 NNGOs actively engaged in child protection in Borno State; the aim of the training was to address identified gaps in formulating viable proposals.

With the support of Translators Without Borders funded by the United Kingdom Department for International Development, a glossary of child protection terms translated into key languages for use in north-east Nigeria was made available to child protection actors. The terms are now available in Bura-Pabir, Fulfulde, Hausa, Kanuri, Kibaku, Mandara, Marghi, Shuwa Arabic and Waha.



Charts showing the membership and participation of NNGOs and INGOs in the CPSS since its inception

Overview of priorities for 2020 response



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