Government Leadership in the Nutrition Sector Response in Borno State, Nigeria

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Context

Insurgency impact in numbers

- 1,373,564 displaced in Borno as of August 2017
- 90.45% of Local Government Areas (LGAS) accessible
- Largest No of IDP populations are located in Borno (78%) Adamawa (8%) and Yobe (6%)
- 96% of the displaced were due to the insurgency.
- Estimated 300,000 children under five with SAM in 2017 Borno state.
Nutrition and Food Security Surveillance: Global Acute Malnutrition (weight-for-height)

Legend

WHO Crisis Classification: GAM Prevalence (WHZ)
- No data
- Alert (0.0% - 10.0%)
- Serious (10.1% - 15.0%)
- Critical (15.1% - 30.0%)

Survey domains and associated LGAs

Round 1: Oct - Nov 2016
Round 2: Feb - Mar 2017
Round 3: Jul - Aug 2017

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Seasonality

Nigeria - Number of new SAM admissions in the North Eastern states
Context for coordination

• Strong and committed government leadership

• Increase in number of partners delivering nutrition services in the epicenter of the crisis Borno.

• High needs with mixed coverage

• Build trust and strengthen capacity of local government counterpart by jointly preparing for the cluster meetings with prior discussions and briefings on the technical issues.

• Establish link with technical counterpart in government and sensitize them to tools, good practice, the key issues emerging in terms of the humanitarian needs and processes,

• Consider the establishment of a body that brings together government sector leads together with international actors sector leads to build trust and dialogue and ensure common understanding of the humanitarian situation.
Achievements

• Minimum Nutrition Services package
• Community Nutrition Monitor’s approach
• Scale-Up Stabilization Care strategy
• Harmonization of incentives for human resources
• Task force for monitoring RUTF utilization
• Nutrition and food Security Surveillance
4. Challenges & Lessons learned

• Competition for space between partners
• Competing priorities by government
• Low commitments from partners on coordination activities
• Leveraging on government resources
Thank you