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ICRC ACTIVITIES FOR 2018 IN YOBE STATE


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About the ICRC Damaturu

In 2014, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) established an office in Damaturu, Yobe state to assist victims of armed conflict. Today, the ICRC carries out activities in six priority areas; Damaturu; Geidam, Gujba, Gulani, Potiskum and Yunusari local government areas. With an improved security situation in some parts of Yobe state, many internally displaced persons have returned to their homes. Working closely with the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), the ICRC has been helping families to rebuild their lives.

PROVIDING EMERGENCY RELIEF AID AND RESTORING LIVELIHOODS

The ICRC continued its support to the people affected by conflict in Gujba, Geidam and Yunusari local governments. Its activities have been centered on supporting the livelihood of returnees and residents in their various communities. The aim is to ensure that their main sources of income are boosted by the provision of agricultural inputs and the provision of cash grants.


11,200 People

9,980 returnees and residents in Gujba, Geidam and Yunusari LGAs received agricultural inputs including seeds to start farming and increase their crop production, while over 1,140 heads of households in Damaturu received cash grants and trainings to improve their livelihoods and businesses.


12 Entrepreneurs funded

12 entrepreneurs across Yobe state received cash grants towards providing local solutions to local problems. The ICRC partnered with the Tony Elumelu foundation as part of its goal to foster sustainable development systems to conflict affected areas.

PROVIDING SHELTER AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

Due to the armed conflict, many houses were destroyed and the ICRC embarked upon a shelter project in Buni Yadi, Gujba local government area. The project aims to assist the most vulnerable population – the aged, female headed household, orphans, and people with disabilities, to rebuild their houses. At the heart of the project is building the capacity of community members. This is aimed at having a skilled set of people who can be self-sufficient when it ends.


395 Housing Units

Over 395 units of houses have been built which benefits 2,120 persons.


100 Carpenters and Masons

About 100 carpenters and masons living in the community have been trained in the processes of contributing their skills to the building project.


300 Employed

In collaboration with Yobe Investment Company, about 300 manual labourers from the community have been employed in the brick manufacturing process.

IMPROVED ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

The ICRC in Yobe State is supporting three primary healthcare facilities in Gujba, Gambir and Kanamma. The ICRC supports the facilities by equipping the health centers. It also provides medications on a monthly basis. Furthermore the organization builds the capacity of health personnel and even community members by training them on key topical health issues.


360 Deliveries

Over 360 deliveries took place at three of the primary health care centers supported by the ICRC.


39,860 People

Over 39,860 people received medical care at ICRC supported health care centers.


5,210 Women

Nearly 5,210 women received antenatal care services.


28,200 people with improved access

The rehabilitation of the Kanamma primary health care center which serves the community of Kanamma and surrounding villages benefitted a total population of about 28,200 people.


12,555 Community members sensitized

With the support of the NRCS over 12,555 community members and 70 ward development committee members learned about preventing and handling cholera, whooping cough and cerebral spinal meningitis.


16 Medical personnel trained

The ICRC health team in collaboration with state facilitators trained 16 staff on integrated management of childhood diseases.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE NIGERIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (NRCS)

Building the capacity of the NRCS to respond during times of emergencies.


50 Volunteers supported

More than 50 volunteers including 20 from Buni Yadi were trained on how to carry out hygiene promotion campaigns and conducting baseline surveys as well as the use of specific tools to conduct household assessments on the field.


105 Volunteers prepared

105 NRCS volunteers were trained in cholera preparedness and intervention while 75 volunteers were specifically trained on the prevention and management of cerebral spinal meningitis and whooping cough.

REUNITING SEPERATED FAMILIES

During incidences of violence, separation of family members occurs. The ICRC with the support of the NRCS and other Red Cross Societies in the Lake Chad region, helped restore family links broken as a result of the conflict.

 **25** Volunteers trained

25 NRCS volunteers involved in tracing missing persons during armed conflict were trained in a refresher course on the process while the Yobe NRCS branch was supported with tools to aid the process of finding missing persons.

 **45** Free calls

45 free phone calls were provided by the ICRC to help re-establish contact between family members.

 **156** Tracing requests

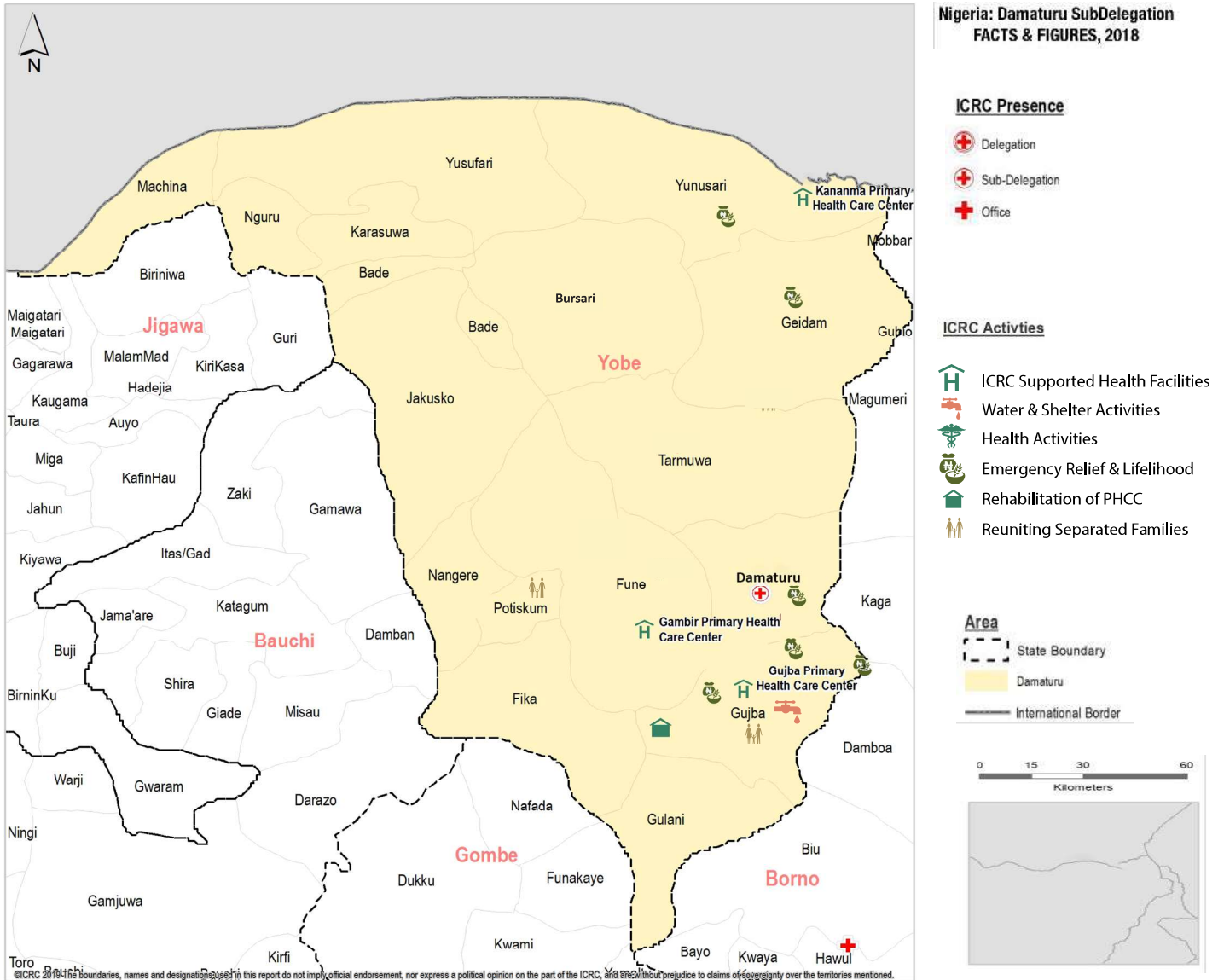
156 new tracing requests were opened by persons looking for their relatives.

 **21** Messages

21 Red Cross messages containing family news were exchanged among separated families.

 **03** Minors reunified

03 Minors have been reunited with their families in Gujba and Potiskum.



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The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence and to provide them with assistance. The ICRC also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles.

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