**Food Security Situation Update in Monguno amongst New Arrivals (IDPs)**

According the current scenario, Monguno is hosting more than 25,000 displaced people from Bagha, Cross kawa and adjoining areas due to insecurity. New arrivals are almost in every part of the Monguno main road under the tree shadows using as a shelter. Some of the new arrivals are also hosted by those IDPs who have been living in IDP camps since a year ago. We managed to visit all the locations where new arrivals are located in Monguno and also met with different some stakeholders (CAID, SEMA & IOM). Please see below details:

**New arrivals beside the main Monguno road:**

- There are more than 1,500 families who are sheltering under the trees with their children as they don't have anything except their clothes and some cooking items.
- Most of their male members and elderly women have been begging in order to fulfil their food needs which is negative mechanism they have adopted after displacement.
- According to the families, they have been in Monguno since last three weeks and have received some wet ration food from SEMA in first week of their arrival. Since then, they have not received any food assistance from any other organization (this is their third week).
- Women expressed that their first priority is to arrange food for their children. Most of them are missing 1 or 2 meals every day. The number of meals they consume during the day is dependent on how much food the family is able to obtain during the day. During our discussion with many women we also realized that they were either skipping meals or eating less to make sure that the children had food.
- Sorghum, rice and millets are the staple food of the new arrivals.
- Some male members of the family have gone to Maiduguri in search of casual labor or for begging.
- Most of the families are facing difficulties in finding fuel, utensils and suitable space to cook food. Women have to wait for their turn and/or borrow cooking pots from other women.
Reception Centre and its Surroundings:

- There are 419 Household inside in reception center where CAID is managing in-kind food assistance on weekly basis. According to CAID representative at the reception center, they will exit all households by today and register new families.
- According to IDPs, they are not willing to go outside of the reception center as they do not have shelter and food. They want to stay there until they receive shelter and ration for couple of weeks.
- There are hundreds of families just outside the reception center and are waiting for their formal registration in reception center.
- According to them, few of the families have ration for next 2-3 days while most of the families are dependent on begging from shopkeepers and borrowing from those families who have some food.
- Some of the women admitted to eating less than male members in the family as the male members are going to beg or for casual work in the town.

Registration of New arrivals at Local Government Secretariat LGS by Action Against Hunger:

- Action Against Hunger (AAH) field team was managing a big crowd of new arrivals at LGS and doing registration of new arrivals for their numerous projects (WASH & Food Security). According to the team, they have registered more than 1,500 HHs as of Friday, January 11, 2019. According to team, there are more than 25,000 people which are located in Monguno and humanitarian organization are still unable to have accurate number of new arrivals due to different challenges.

Meeting with CAID

- We managed to meet with CAID team at their office in Monguno. According to team, they are planning to support new arrivals for In-Kind for 5,000 People where they are already doing their e-vouchers in camps.
- They have some discussion with IOM in terms of the data and will start registration of new arrivals by early next week.
- At the moment, they are focusing on reception center and provide continuous support for weekly in kind assistance over there.
- They promised to share with AAH the list of selected 5,000 beneficiaries to avoid duplication of intervention.
Meeting with SEMA:

- We met with SEMA to discuss the ongoing efforts of them for new arrivals, according to them, they initially provided wet ration to new arrivals but at the moment, they do not have any more food and recommending to humanitarian actors for food assistance (CAID & AAH).
- Beside the reception center, they are giving some tokens to beneficiaries which are later on registered by humanitarian actors for different activities like NFI kits, Food and Shelter.

Hunger separates families

A Story from Children who missed their parents for food

Adams Aminu is nine years old presently living in open shade of trees beside the main Monguno road. He along with his three brothers and parents moved to Monguno from Bagha last week of December 2018. His Mother went back to Bagha as she heard that NSAGs had vandalized some of the places of food stock and were sharing the food among people, therefore, mother decided to go back to get food, leaving her children with their father. Since the time was knocking up and mother did not came back after three days, father also decided to go to Maiduguri to look for food too and leaving their children at the mercy of fate. It has been eight days now, these children have neither seen their mother nor father and are hoping that their parents come and cover them in hugs.

Currently, Adama Aminu is begging for food in Monguno town to feed his (03) brothers & (01) Sister who are presently sheltering under the tree with just the cloth they had on them since they arrived.