



Humanitarian Situation Update – April, 2022 Bulletin

Cadre Harmonisé Task Force on Inaccessible Areas



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- *The findings from the HSM showed concerning food consumption deficits and limited diversity of diets in the inaccessible areas surveyed. More than half of the surveyed households (55 percent) struggled to have sufficient food intake and nearly 77.3 percent experienced a crisis or higher levels (CH Phase 3 and above) of food deprivation and hunger, further evidenced in the pervasive use of food-based coping strategies;*
- *40 percent of the households relied on either crisis coping strategies to meet their food needs, which heightens economic vulnerability due to the negative impact on the future productivity of the most affected households;*
- *The levels of acute malnutrition among new arrivals from the inaccessible areas are serious (Phase 3 IPC Acute Malnutrition Classification) with the overall Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rates 14.6% and Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) at 4.5%. The high levels of acute malnutrition indicate an extremely stressed population in relation to food insecurity, poor water, and sanitation access, and poor health conditions as the key underlying causes of acute malnutrition.*
- *Detailed analysis among new arrival population with good quality and adequate sample size showed extremely critical (Phase 5) in two of the areas analyzed, Critical (Phase 4) GAM in 3 of the areas analyzed and alert (Phase 2) in 2 of the areas analyzed. According to the HSM, a sizeable proportion of the children are suffering from stunting and underweight. This is characteristic of a chronically stressed situation of poor nutrition and persistent infection.*
- *Overall, both crude and under five mortality rates (CMR and U5MR) were above the emergency threshold of 1 death/10,000 population/day and 2 deaths/10,000 population/day respectively with values of 3.47 deaths/10,000 persons/day for CMR and 4.32 deaths /10,000 under-fives/day. Analysis of the data for the 5 LGAs with the highest number of new arrivals reveals both CMR and U5MR is highest in Gwoza with CMR of 5.37 deaths/10,000 persons/day and U5MR of 11.35 deaths/10,000 under-fives/day.*
- *The elevated levels of consumption gaps, malnutrition, mortality, and unsustainable usage of emergency coping strategies, is largely driven by the limited availability of food stocks, restricted access to functional markets and poor water, health and sanitation services, which might heighten morbidity risk, and, impact more negatively on households' ability to engage in labour for food or resource gathering.*

To address information gaps facing the humanitarian response in Northeast Nigeria and inform humanitarian actors on the demographics of the population in inaccessible areas, and identify their needs, access to services and movement intentions, there have been joint efforts by various stakeholders' proffer solutions.

Several cycles of the Cadre Harmonisé (CH) analysis unveiled the problem situation of populations in some inaccessible areas. From the results of March 2022 CH analysis in which 423,886 and 504,234 persons for the (March – May) and (June – August 2022) periods, respectively, were classified in phase 3 – 5 of acute food and nutrition insecurity across the inaccessible areas of the BAY states. The final results from the March, 2022 CH round further reveal presence of over half a million people in CH Emergency phase in March to May, 2022, with high risk of further deterioration to more than a million in Emergency at the peak of the lean season next year (June to August, 2022).

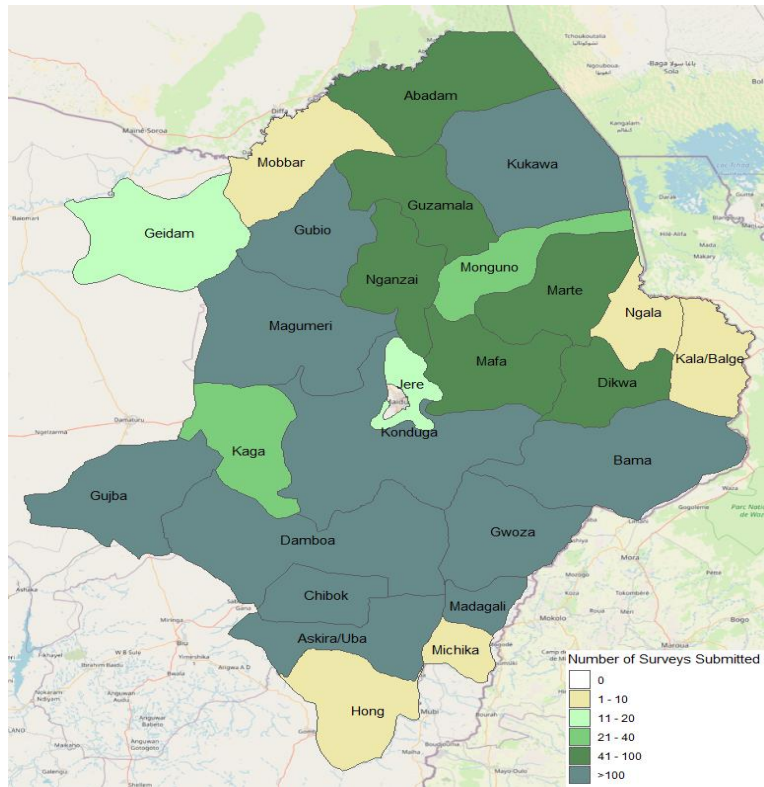
Majority of the people in Emergency and those projected to experience Catastrophe-like conditions are from the inaccessible areas. Moreover, the findings suggest a famine-like food consumption pattern among minority of the inaccessible population (≤ 10 percent), which was reflective in severe food consumption deficits, extremely limited diversity of diets and pervasive use of food-based ration control with wild food foraging remaining a major food source in these areas. However, higher-level indicators (acute malnutrition and mortality) were insufficient to confirm famine conditions in these areas. Therefore, it became necessary to undertake close monitoring of the food and nutrition security situation of the vulnerable population in these areas for emergency preparedness against possible further deterioration into famine, especially during the lean season (June-August, 2022). Thus, the Inaccessible Areas Task Force, working in liaison with the various partners, planned a real time monitoring system, including monthly data collection, for tracking the evolution of emergency needs during CH projection periods.

The result is an evidence-based approach improving the capacity for analysis of emergency needs through identifying areas to scale up data collection prior to CH analyses workshops and using real time analysis for flagging areas with increased risk of severe outcomes during the CH projected period. Therefore, the Humanitarian Situation Monitoring System attempts to provide data needed to support analysis for the risk of catastrophic or famine-like conditions in hard-to-reach locations, either increasing the amount of data provided to the CH analysis process or improving the frequency of reliable data to support real time analysis of proxy outcomes when unexpected events develop outside the CH analysis cycle.

INTRODUCTION

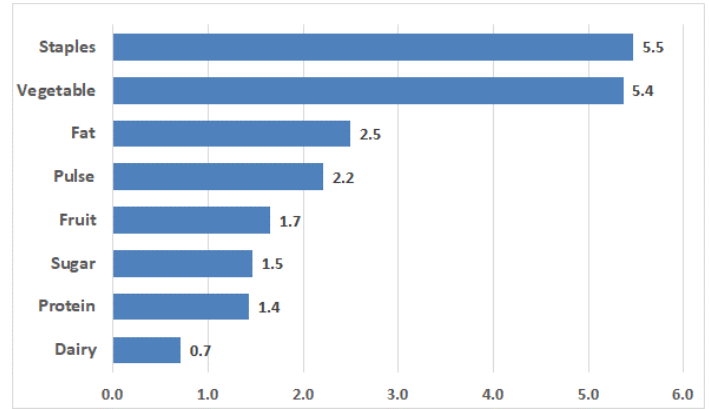
The insurgency in the North East States of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe continues to render some areas totally or partially inaccessible to humanitarian response agencies/partners. The protracted nature of this conflict has made the humanitarian crisis in the North East much more complicated, and, rendering parts of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe State inaccessible.

Map 1: Inaccessible Areas Covered from October to January, 2022



Regarding the diversity of diets, overall, households consumed cereals and vegetable for 5 out of 7 days on average, while all other food groups (pulses, proteins, dairy, sugar, fruits, and fats) were consumed for two days or less in every typical seven-day period. In Askira-Uba and Damboa LGAs where more than 5 in 10 households had poor food consumption, on average households consumed cereals for just 2.6 and 3.2 respectively out of 7 days on average. The extremely limited diversity of diets in these inaccessible areas is indicative of significant macro and micronutrients deficiency, which has implications for the health, wellbeing, and economic productivity of the people trapped in these areas.

Chart 1: Average Number of Consumption Days for Groups



RESULTS

Outcomes – Food Security

Food Consumption (FCS, rCSI and HHS)

The food consumption for the HSM is measured in three dimensions in line with the provision of the CH version 2.0 – food consumption score (FCS), reduced coping strategy index (rCSI) and Household Hunger Scale (HHS).

Households in hard-to-reach areas continue to face significant food consumption gaps and less diverse diets, owing to several factors including poor access to markets, limited access to own produced stocks due to constrained access to agricultural inputs, coupled with the fragile security environment. The findings from the HSM shows concerning food consumption deficits and limited diversity of diets in several of the inaccessible areas surveyed. Overall, more than half of all households (52 percent) faced inadequate food intake (poor and borderline food consumption score) during the last 30 days spent in their inaccessible places of origin of which 23 percent of such households were reportedly affected by poor food consumption. This implies that the FCS is at the emergency level (CH Phase 4), the most severe classification in the FCS categorization.

While the global findings on the proportion of households with inadequate food consumption were consistent in some of the areas at indicative levels, Madagali, Askira/Uba, Bama and Damboa LGAs, which have a relatively higher level of confidence interval given their sample size, showed quite concerning findings as 78, 94, 58 and 69 percent respectively of the surveyed households had inadequate diets (poor + borderline food consumption) in their places of origin. In the specific case of Askira-Uba and Damboa, more than 50 percent of such households had poor food consumption – particularly reflecting severe consumption deficits in these areas.

Reduced Coping Strategy Index (rCSI)

The reduced coping strategy index which is an indicator of household food access calculates the frequency and severity of five standard food consumption behaviors into a score to determine the magnitude of food access challenges. A high score in the reduced coping strategy index reflects severe use of food-based coping strategies and the prevalence of considerable food access challenges in the household. Some 40 percent of households reported reduced coping strategy index (rCSI) scores equal or greater than 19, which is the most severe categorization according to the CH guidelines (CH Phase 3). In general, households in Damboa, Magumeri, Marte, and Gujba LGAs contributed significantly to the global average as 69.6, 63.2, 70.9, and 78.9 percent of households respectively were in CH Phase 3 with an rCSI score equal or greater than 19. In this given context of the rCSI, households in inaccessible areas adopted multiple alimentary based coping strategies such as reliance on less preferred or less expensive food, reduction in the number of meals or portion size for an average of three days out of a typical seven-day period.

The frequency of adoption of these strategies was relatively higher in Mobbar where households utilized all the five standard food consumption behaviors on an average of 4.5 out of seven days which suggests widespread vulnerability in this location. The pervasive use of food-based coping strategies such as reduction in the number of meals and portion size has implication on nutrition, if protracted and unabated.

Household Hunger Scale (HHS):

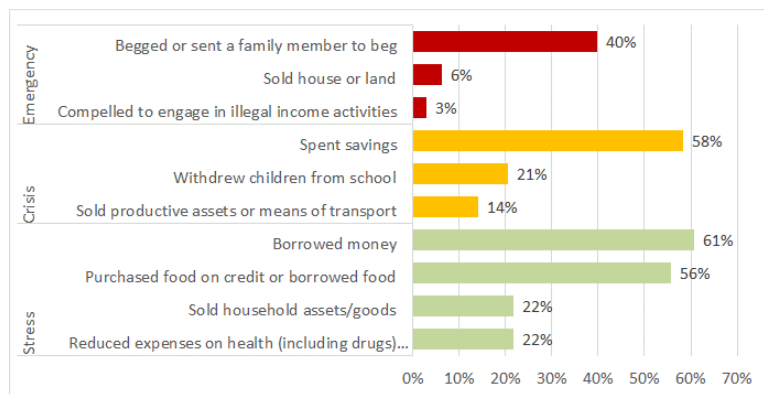
Findings from the HHS, which is a perception-based measure of food deprivation and experience of hunger in the surveyed households, showed that most households (77.3 percent) experienced crisis or higher levels (CH Phase 3 and above) of food deprivation and hunger according to the CH analysis guidelines. Specifically, 1.5 percent and 0.3 percent of households reported emergency and catastrophe/famine levels of HHS respectively while 75 percent report crisis level of HHS. Based on the metrics presented, HHS for inaccessible areas of BAY States was classified as CH Phase 3 (crisis), although Michika and Gubio LGAs were classified in CH Phase 4 (emergency) because more than 20 percent of the surveyed households fell within the emergency

category (33 and 21 percent respectively). This suggests worrisome HHS trends and significant food deprivation and significant incidence of hunger especially in the highlighted LGAs in emergency CH phase classification.

Evolution of Livelihoods

Livelihood-based coping strategies depicts the status of households' livelihood stress and the consequential longer-term impact on future coping capability and productivity. Livelihood coping strategies are classified into the following three severity categories 'stress', 'crisis' and 'emergency', with emergency being the most severe category and is classified in CH Phase 4 (Emergency) based on the CH guidelines. Overall, the livelihood coping indicator was classified in CH Phase 4 with 51 percent of the interviewed households using emergency while 8 percent used crisis coping strategies to meet their food needs during the last 30 days spent in their inaccessible areas of origin. In terms of individual strategies specifically for emergency, 40 percent sent family members to beg, whereas in the crisis category, 58 percent of households spent their savings and 21 percent withdrew their children from school. While reliance on these severe livelihood coping strategies (crisis and/or emergency) might alleviate the brunt of food insecurity in the short-term, their pervasive usage is particularly worrisome on the longer-term given their negative impact on future productivity of the affected households.

Chart 2: Livelihood Coping Strategies



Outcomes – Nutrition Malnutrition

Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) is determined by taking the weight, height and MUAC measurement for children 6- 59 months. Acute malnutrition is most responsive to changes in diet and disease and the most dangerous form of malnutrition in terms of mortality risk.

Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM): According to the HSM findings, the overall levels of acute malnutrition among new arrivals from inaccessible areas for the month of April is serious (Phase 3 IPC Acute Malnutrition Classification), with significant improvement compared to previous reporting period. The overall Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rates were 14.6% and Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) at 4.5% which was much less than the 19.2% GAM and 6.7% SAM in the previous month. Although there is improvement compared to the previous month, the levels of acute malnutrition remain high. The high levels of acute malnutrition indicate an extremely stressed population including food insecurity, poor water and sanitation access, and poor health conditions as the key underlying causes of acute malnutrition.

Detailed analysis among arrival population with good quality and adequate sample size showed extremely critical (Phase 5) GAM rates in Askira-Uba and

Damboa LGAs and critical (Phase 4) in Gwoza, Chibok and Bama.

Chart 3: Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM%) Rates per Location

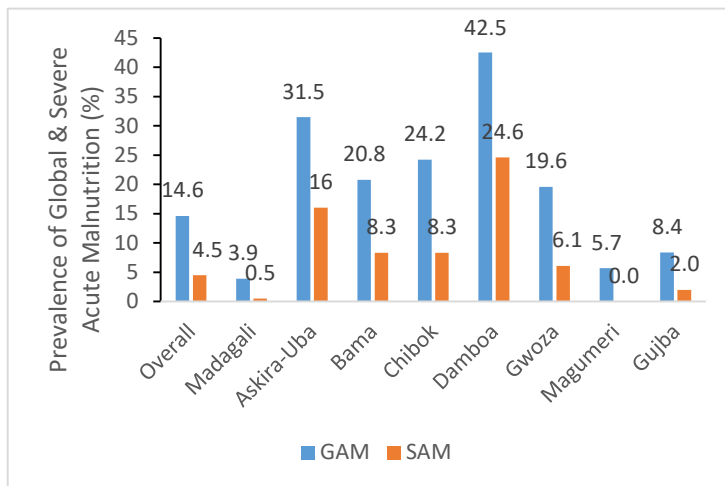
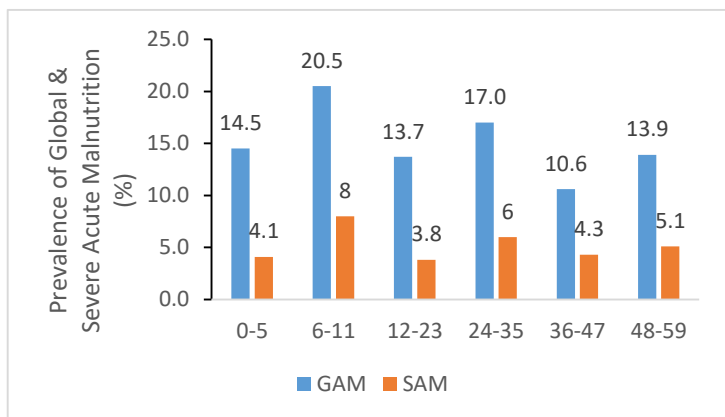


Chart 4: GAM Prevalence of Acute Malnutrition by Age



There is no significant difference in GAM rate between younger children (6-23months) and older children (24 – 59 months). The younger children are more vulnerable to shocks but also an indication of poor infant and young child feeding practices especially continued breastfeeding up to two years and poor complementary feeding. Thus the lack of significant difference between the 2 age groups is an indication of a highly stressed population.

The nutritional status of the inaccessible population continues to be very poor even during the harvest and post-harvest seasons, the slight improvement for this reporting period is not consistent with the season findings, a clear indication that the population is not accessing adequate food both at the origin and arrival locations or the other underlying causes of malnutrition including poor health conditions and poor water sanitation and hygiene access are persistent and don't change with seasonality.

Chronic Malnutrition

Chronic malnutrition (stunting) is determined by comparing the height and age of the children measured. Stunting is a measure of chronic malnutrition that occurs because of inadequate nutrition over a longer period. Underweight refers to the proportion of children with low weight-for-age.

Stunting and Underweight: According to the HSM a little more than half of

the children are stunted (53.2%) and just less than half underweight (40.1%). The high stunting and underweight rates is a clear indication of a population that is chronically stressed with poor nutrition and repeated infection. Stunted children fall sick more often, miss opportunities to learn, perform less well in school and grow up to be economically disadvantaged, and more likely to suffer from chronic diseases. Other nutrition sector data sources (such as the ETT screening) show that new arrivals from inaccessible areas are 5 times more likely to be acutely malnourished compared to those from accessible locations. This indicates the HSM data is highly probable and confirms the extremely poor nutritional status of the inaccessible population.

The data on acute and chronic malnutrition must be interpreted with caution due to the overall sample size (low arrival numbers) and data quality challenges.

Mortality

Crude Mortality Rates (CMR) and Under-Five Mortality Rates (U5MR) are measures of all-cause mortality occurring during the period. Deaths both from conflict as well as natural causes contribute to all-cause mortality.

Overall, both crude and under five mortality rates were above the emergency threshold of 1 death/10,000 population/day and 2 deaths/10,000 population/day respectively with values of 3.47 deaths/10,000 persons/day for CMR and 4.32 deaths /10,000 under-fives/day.

Analysis of the data for the 5 LGAs with the highest number of people reveals that both CMR is highest in Gwoza with 5.37 deaths/10,000 persons/day and U5MR at 11.35 deaths/10,000 under-fives/day.

Interpretation based on these thresholds should be done with caution considering that the adapted methods used to gather information from inaccessible areas may over-estimate mortality rates.

Note:
Data on malnutrition and mortality must be interpreted with caution, due to the overall small sample size (low arrival numbers) and data quality challenges. Only data that met the quality threshold (LGA sample size, standard deviation and confidence interval of collected data) was included in the analysis.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Hazards and Vulnerabilities

Protracted insecurity associated with over a decade-long insurgency, compounded by the lingering negative economic effects of COVID-19, and above average staple food prices; are the major drivers of the prevailing food and nutrition insecurity in the inaccessible localities of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) States. The over 10-year armed insurgency triggered and has prolonged the vulnerability of hundreds of thousands of farming households to food and nutrition insecurity through massive displacement associated with reduced household productivity and declined food production, erosion of basic livelihoods and breakdown of social services. Humanitarian assistance is only significant among the displaced and accessible populations, while the most hard-to-reach localities remain vulnerable yet inaccessible to humanitarians and public services.

Staple food prices have also remained atypically higher than long-term averages and continue to increase, thus significantly affecting food access. Sickness and loss of employment are other major shocks considered to affecting households in hard to reach areas. Due to the prevailing violence and socioeconomic hardship in those areas, dozens of households continue to flee

their homes to seek for safety and support to rebuild their livelihoods, and better services in internally displaced camps and host communities.

In April 2022, 50 percent of interviewed households reported to have witnessed previously displaced persons (IDPs) returning to their localities of origin, which is a significant improvement from 41 percent in March. The rate of IDPs return vary significantly between LGAs. The rate of return witnessed in April, based on the number of respondents affirming returns, was highest in Madagali (347 respondents), Gwoza (158), Askira/Uba (139), Magumeri (139), Gujba (132), Kukawa (131), Abadam (76), Marte (69) and Damboa (64 respondents). The increase in the rate of returning IDP households is partly a result of government’s programme which encourages closure of some IDP camps in Maiduguri metropolis so that they can return to their localities of origin to rebuild their livelihoods.

For those still fleeing, the most significant shocks in the localities of origin reported were conflict (81 percent), followed by high food prices (50 percent, which is a significant increase from 44 percent in March), sickness of the household member as reported by 47 percent, loss of employment (38 percent, up from 35 percent March) and temporary relocation (18 percent down from 23 percent in March) – *see chart 6.*

Chart 5: Stock Availability and Farming (Percentage of Households)

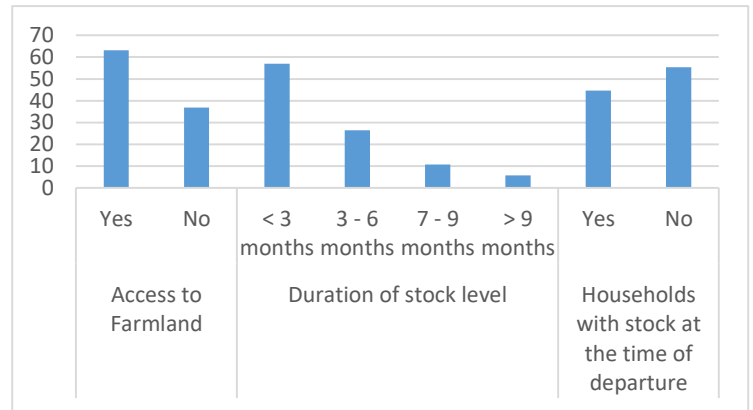
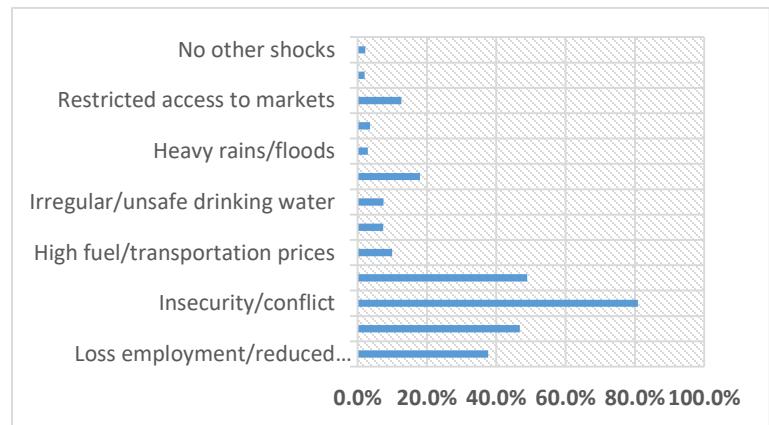


Chart 6: Most Significant Shocks before Arrival



Food Availability

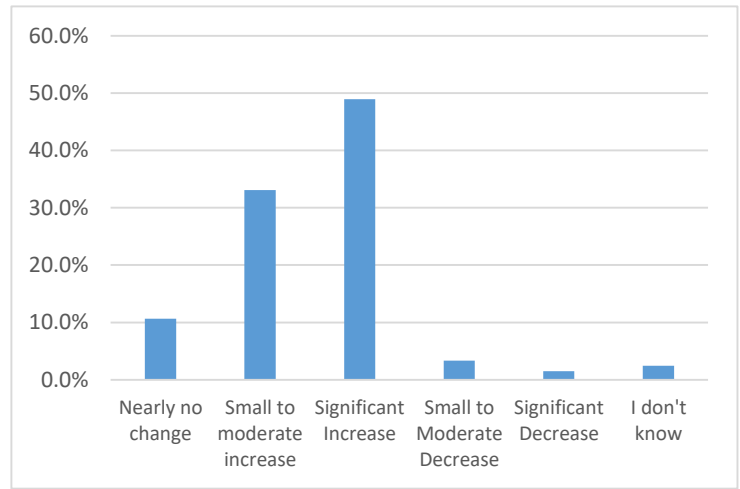
Among the assessed households, about 55.4 percent in most of the inaccessible LGAs reported not having stock of foods from last season’s harvest. It was pronounced in places such as Damboa (79.7 percent), Marte

(78.5 percent) and Mafa (73.2 percent). Others who reported not having stock include Kwaya Kusar, Mobbar and Ngala, (100 percent) has the highest proportion of households that fell within this category. For about a third of all surveyed households that had food stock left, the majority (57 percent) indicated that it would have lasted for less than 3 months, thus suggesting a severe food deficit in inaccessible areas despite the ongoing dry season harvest. Generally, land access was relatively high with about 63.1 percent of households reporting such access. However, of the (54 percent) of households with land access across most of the areas, the amount of land cultivated remains minimal with most households reporting only about 1 hectare or less was cultivated. 40.2 percent of households reported access to about 0.5 to 1 hectare of land being available for cultivation while another 13.8 percent of households only had access to less than 0.5 hectares of farmland and 18.5 percent have access to 1 to 2 hectares of land. While only 14.3 percent of households have access to more than 2 hectares of land in these previously agrarian-dominated areas. Despite these challenges highlighted, farming continues to remain the mainstay for food availability in households with arable land access as about 82.5 percent of such households were engaged in farming during the month that preceded their departure from places of origin.

Food Access

Markets were either completely non-functional or functioning at sub-optimal levels in some of the inaccessible areas as confirmed by 68.8 percent of the surveyed newly arrived households. Areas with a high preponderance of households reporting non-functionality of the market are Mafa (95.1 percent), Chibok (94.4 percent), Askira Uba (92 percent), and Gwoza (91.7 percent), reported a complete lack of functioning markets or sub-optimal functional markets in their places of origin. Although, 78.3 percent of the households from inaccessible areas said they had access to the market in the last three months. However, insecurity (15.6 percent), lack of money (3.9 percent), and market closure (3.6 percent) remained the main impediment to market access. Households from inaccessible areas acknowledged a significant increase (48.9 percent) and small to moderate increase (33.1 percent), a significant decrease (1.5 percent), and a small to moderate decrease (3.4 percent) in the prices of food commodities, which would potentially further weaken the already frail purchasing power of the inaccessible populace and consequently, deepen vulnerability. This is particularly pertinent to note as markets were reported as the main source for cereals in (32.4 percent) of interviewed households and this is high among Hong LGA reported 100 percent dependence on the market. Other notable sources for cereals recorded were own harvest (12.4 percent), and labour exchange for food (18.6 percent). Moreover, wild food gathering (21.9 percent) and begging (3.7 percent) account for cereal sources in almost one in every five households in inaccessible areas, which is quite worrisome given their characteristics as extreme coping measures. The prevalence of gathering was most pronounced in Bama (56 percent), and Gwoza (32.2 percent), While begging for food is most pronounced in Michika (33.3 percent), and Bama (16.6 percent).

Chart 7: Changes in price



Health and WASH

Protected well is the most reported source of water (by 41.9% of respondents), especially in Abadam, Kala/Balge, Konduga and Mafa LGAs where at least 80% of respondents use protected wells as their main source of water. Tube well is the second most reported source of water (by 26.3% of respondents) reported mainly in Monguno (87.5% of respondents) and to a lesser extent in Nganzai (75% of respondents). Surface water is the third most reported source of water (by 21.2% of respondents); in Hong (Adamawa), Askira Uba (Borno) and Chibok (Borno), the large majority of respondent (at least 80%) reported to rely almost exclusively on surface water. The majority of respondent (62.9%) spend more than 30 minutes to collect water. It is worth to note that in Gubio LGA (Borno) majority of respondents (66.7%) spend between 1 and 3 hours to collect water. In some areas of Gubio, Guzamala, Kaga, Kala/Balge, Kukawa, Magumeri, Marte, Monguno and Nganzai LGAs (Borno State) some respondents reported spending a half day or even a whole day (case of Monguno and Magumeri) to collect water.

Although the majority of respondent (69.7%) has access to a toilet facility, up to 30.3% of respondents still lack access to a toilet and go to the nearest bush or open field (18.1% of respondents), dig a hole (10.7%) or use a bucket or a hanging toilet to relieve themselves. Open defecation is mostly reported by respondents from Michika LGA in Adamawa State (100% of respondents), Chibok and Gubio LGAs in Borno (66.7% and 54.2% of respondents respectively) and in Geidam (44.4% of respondents) and Gujba (45.9% of respondents) LGAs in Yobe State.

The large majority of respondents (72.2%) said they do not have access to a health facility. This problem seems to be most acute in Hong LGA in Adamawa State, Abadam, Bama, Chibok, Guzamala, and Kala/Balge, Konduga, Kwaya Kusar, and Mafa LGAs in Borno State where more than 90% of respondents reported to have no access to a health facility in their respective areas. Where health facilities exist, the facility is fully functional, as reported by 74.1% of respondents and services are either free of charges or paid. In Abadam and Chibok, all respondents reported that there is a clinic building but it lacks personnel and supply; majority of respondents from Gubio (57.1%) and Jere (66.7%) reported the same problem. To reach the health facility, 41.3% of respondents travel less than 30 minutes, 39.6% between 30 minutes and one

hour whereas the remaining travel between 1 and 3 hours or even more. Fever, cough/flu were the most reported illnesses by respondents.

Chart 8: Toilet facilities

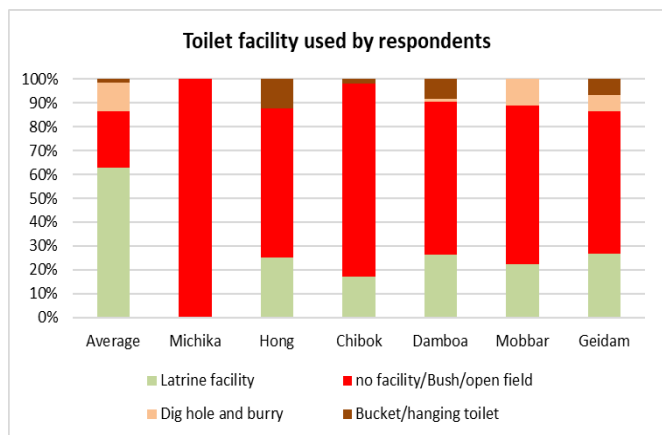
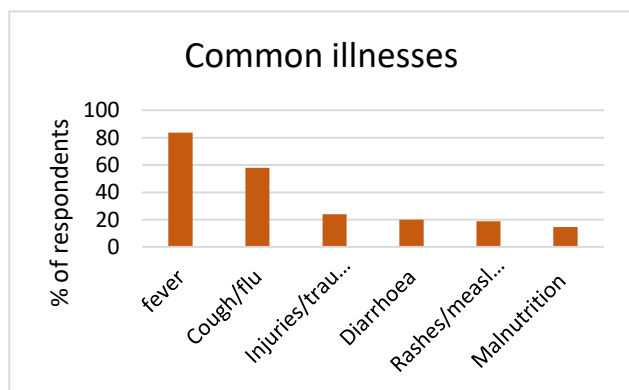
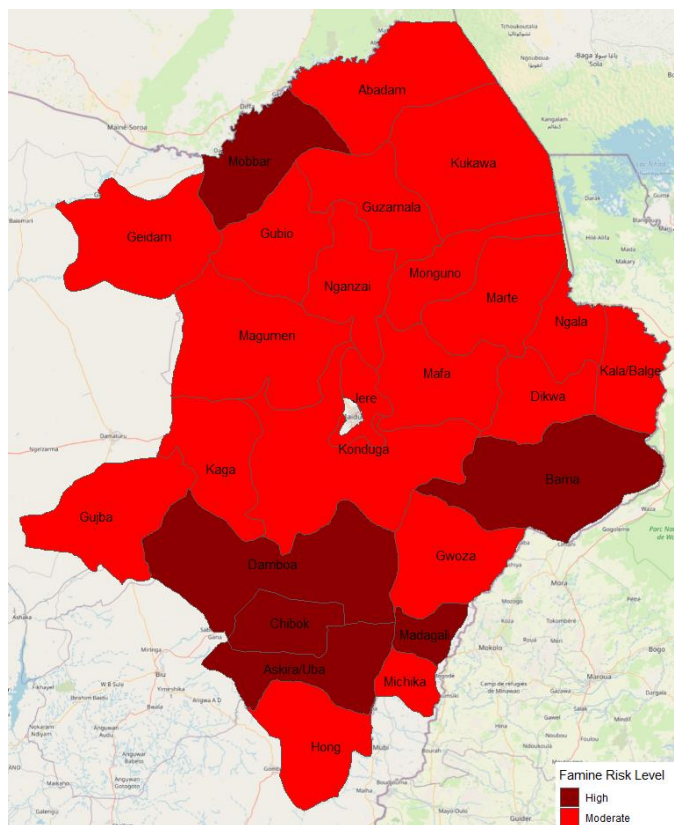


Chart 9: Types of Illness



Map 2: Famine Risk Levels – December 2021



Key Risk Factors to Monitor

Potential famine risk areas – Madagali, Askira-Uba, Bama, Chibok, Mobbar and Damboa – should be monitored closely on a continuous basis considering elevated levels of food consumption gaps, malnutrition and extensive/unsustainable usage of emergency coping strategies, largely underscored by limited availability of food stocks, restricted access to functional markets and health services;

- Rising health risk within a highly food insecure, vulnerable, and inaccessible population;
- High morbidity rates and illnesses affecting all age strata including the productive household members. The impact of morbidity on the household expenditure, food consumption and productivity require in-depth exploration and close monitoring;
- Majority of the households have no access to or have difficulty accessing health facility. Hence, the need to devise alternative options for managing illnesses within the communities (i.e. 'coping strategies' for limited formal health services);
- The poor access to clean water and dignified sanitation, coupled with low hygiene awareness may likely result in increased AWD diseases, impacting under 5 children, thereby aggravating malnutrition and other negative outcomes of food and nutrition insecurity; and

- The combined effect of the factors highlighted above, would raise the morbidity level and, likely impact households' ability to engage in labor-for-food or resource gathering— thereby deepening the vulnerability of the already fragile households.

Limitations of the HSM

- Progressive reduction in sample size arising from limited number of new arrivals from the inaccessible localities;
- Data quality issues, especially relating to nutrition and mortality;
- Some inaccessible /Hard-to-reach localities are yet to be covered due to lack of partners' operations in such areas.

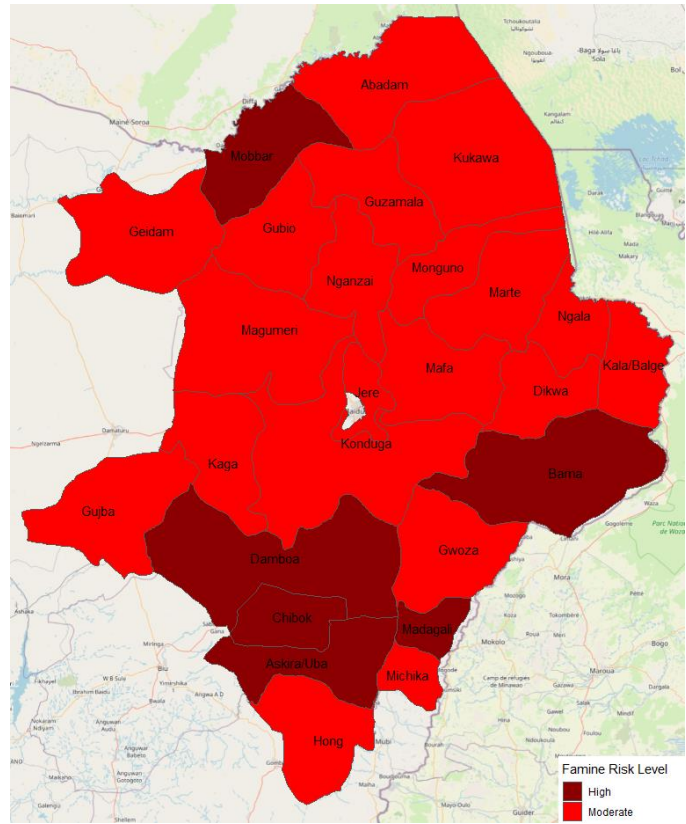
Note:

Famine risk level defined based on convergence of: a) severity of food security and nutrition outcomes plus contributing factors; and b) sample size. Mortality was not considered in the convergence due to LGA level low sample sizes and quality issues. For areas adjudged "Moderate Risk", sample size was relatively small in most of them, and so, the reason for the classification. This, however, does not completely eschew the possibility of higher levels of famine risk in such areas. Thus, these results should be interpreted and utilized with some caution.

Number of New Arrivals from Inaccessible/Hard-to-reach areas by LGA (Jan – Mar 2022)

LGAs of Arrival	INDIVIDUALS	PERCENTAGE
BAMA	7,986	85%
DAMBOA	36	0%
GOMBI	31	0%
GWOZA	880	9%
KALA BALGE	111	1%
MICHIKA	38	0%
MONGUNO	2	0%
MUBI SOUTH	29	0%
NGALA	234	2%
SONG	23	0%
YOLA NORTH	9	0%
Grand Total	9,379	100%

Source: IOM, 2022



Note: Please click on the link here for LGA level breakdown of the HSM results (sample size, food security and nutrition outcomes including contributing factors): [Data Tables for this December bulletin is available for Download Here.](#)

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About the Humanitarian Situation Update for (HSU) for Inaccessible Areas

The Humanitarian Situation Monitoring (HSM) system is an approach put in place by the Food Security Sector and Nutrition Sector (both having their operational bases in the North East) under the leadership of the Nigerian Government, for tracking the trend of acute food and nutrition security situation in such areas that had been analyzed to be in the emergency (phase 4) so as to be able to develop and issue alerts in case famine emerges. The HSM uses a methodology that combines both food and nutrition security monitoring strategies to assess the situation and then raise necessary alert, as the case may be. The HSM is basically conceptualized to support the Cadre Harmonisé analysis of the inaccessible areas in the BAY States.

The general objective of the HSM is to provide comprehensive information about the food security and nutritional situation of the population in inaccessible areas of Northeast BAY States. The HSM also informs the Cadre Harmonisé analyses and classification in different phases of food security and malnutrition of the inaccessible areas. The specific objectives of the HSM entails data collection through monthly monitoring in support of better classification of inaccessible areas between rounds of CH analysis with focus on:

- understanding the risk of a population to face severe, acute catastrophic or famine- like conditions;
- understanding the degree of livelihood change, including capacity to engage in traditional and emergency livelihoods, etc;
- understanding food consumption outcomes through the use of proxy information on Household Hunger Scale (HHS) and Food Consumption Score (FCS);
- understanding availability of health and nutrition services, including household and individual access to services by collecting information on functionality of nutrition/health services;
- understanding how households cope (including the severity of coping measures) during periods of hunger, thirst, morbidity or malnutrition in such areas of interest;
- understanding the malnutrition situation in such areas of interest through the collection of information on GAM prevalence (for children 6-59 months) in reception centres and other new arrival terminals; and
- understanding changes in crude and U5 mortality rates and indicative causes in such areas of interest.

Primary data was jointly collected by partners in many accessible towns of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States where there are new arrivals coming from the inaccessible areas with the support of the DTM from SEMA and IOM. Well-structured questionnaire was deployed by trained enumerators in collecting the information in the form of key informant interview and focused group discussions (FGD). The data collection focused more on six elements- causal factors of emergency needs, food consumption outcomes, livelihood change and coping strategies, access to life-saving services and assistance, detection of malnutrition through nutrition screenings (WHZ and MUAC), and mortality indicators as recommended by the CH analysis framework.

Consideration was also given to journey duration and patterns for the new arrivals interviewed. A combination of purposive and convenient sampling techniques was employed in selecting the recent new arrivals (within the last 30 days) who were the primary target. Total number of respondents covered for this reporting period of April was 3,153 households (from 23 LGAs) who were interviewed at the reception points. The period of data collection for this edition of the bulletin lasted from 1st November, 2021 to 30st April, 2022.

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