Overview
The continuation of conflict in Northeast Nigeria has created a complex humanitarian crisis, rendering sections of Borno state as hard to reach. To address information gaps facing the humanitarian response in Northeast Nigeria and inform humanitarian actors on the demographics of households in hard-to-reach areas of Northeast Nigeria, as well as to identify their needs, access to services and movement intentions, REACH has been conducting a monthly assessments of hard-to-reach areas in Northeast Nigeria since November 2018. Using its Area of Knowledge (AoK) methodology, REACH remotely monitors the situation in hard-to-reach areas through monthly multi-sector interviews in accessible Local Government Area (LGA) capitals with the following typology of Key Informants (KIs):

- KIs who are newly arrived internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have left a hard-to-reach settlement in the last 3 months¹
- KIs who have had contact with someone living or having been in a hard-to-reach settlement in the last month (traders, migrants, family members, etc.)²

Selected KIs are purposively sampled and are interviewed on settlement-wide circumstances in hard-to-reach areas, rather than their individual experiences. Responses from KIs reporting on the same settlement are then aggregated to the settlement level. The most common response provided by the greatest number of KIs is reported for each settlement. When no most common response could be identified, the response is considered as ‘no consensus’. While included in the calculations, the percentage of settlements for which no consensus was reached is not displayed in the results below.

All percentages presented in this factsheet, unless otherwise specified, represent the proportion of settlements assessed within a LGA reporting this specific response. Findings are only reported on LGAs where at least 5% of all settlements in the respective LGA have been assessed.

The findings presented are indicative of broader trends in assessed settlements in September 2019, and are not statistically generalisable.

Assessment Coverage
1,560 Key Informants interviewed
434 Settlements assessed
19 LGAs assessed
6 LGAs with 5% or more coverage²

Assessment coverage
Proportion of settlements assessed:

Access to assistance
Proportion of assessed settlements reporting having received food assistance from a non-local organization:

Access to markets
Proportion of assessed settlements reporting access to a functional market the population could walk to:
Access to food and livelihoods

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that people eat wild foods that are not part of their usual diet:

- Borno
- Damboa
- Dikwa
- Guzamala
- Gwoza
- Jere
- Kala/Balge
- Konduga
- Mafa
- Marte
- Monguno
- Ngala
- Nganzai

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that most people eat on average one meal per day:

- 0%
- 1 - 20%
- 21 - 40%
- 41 - 60%
- 61 - 80%
- 81 - 100%

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting most people having access to land for cultivation:

- 0%
- 1 - 20%
- 21 - 40%
- 41 - 60%
- 61 - 80%
- 81 - 100%

Main sources of food reported by assessed settlements:

- Own production (cultivated) 88%
- Foraged for wild foods 6%
- Given by family, friends, or others 2%
- Other 2%

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that most people rely on own farming and harvest as their main source of food:

- Borno 82%
- Marte 25%
- Kala / Balge 19%
- Ngala 15%
- Dikwa 10%
- Gwoza 0%

Main livelihood sources reported by assessed settlements (multiple answers per settlement possible):

- Crops for sustenance 65%
- Hunting 49%
- Crops for cash 10%
- Fishing 8%

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that any community members own livestock:

- Marte 25%
- Borno 19%
- Kala / Balge 19%
- Dikwa 15%
- Ngala 8%
- Gwoza 2%