



# Borno - Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL)

## Assessment of Hard-to-Reach Areas in Northeast Nigeria

June 2020

### 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 assessment 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 key informants (KIs) who either (1) are newly arrived internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have left a hard-to-reach settlement in the last 3 months or (2) 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.)<sup>1</sup>

If not stated otherwise, the recall period for each question is set to one month prior to the last information the KI has had from the hard-to-reach area. 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.

Results presented in this factsheet, unless otherwise specified, represent the proportion of settlements assessed within a LGA. Findings are only reported on LGAs where at least 5% of populated settlements and at least 5 settlements in the respective LGA have been assessed.

The findings presented are indicative of broader trends in assessed settlements in June 2020, and are not statistically generalisable.

Due to precautions related to the COVID-19 outbreak, data was collected remotely through phone based interviews with assistance from local stakeholders. Data collection took place from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Assessment Coverage

**508** Key informants interviewed

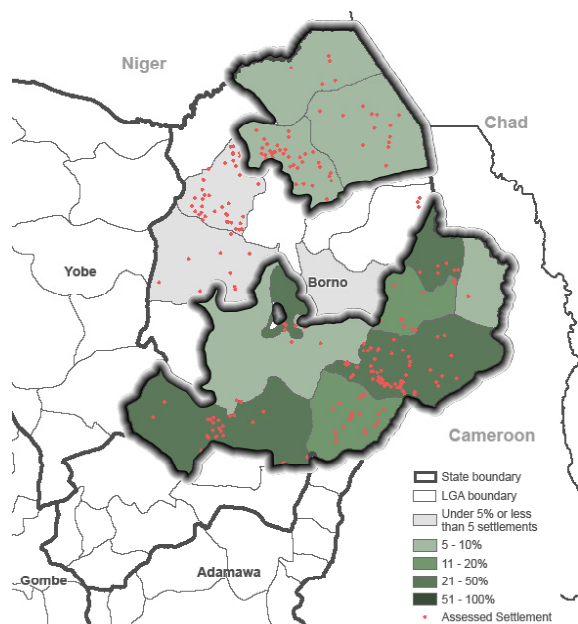
**310** Settlements assessed

**14** LGAs assessed

**11** LGAs with sufficient coverage<sup>2</sup>

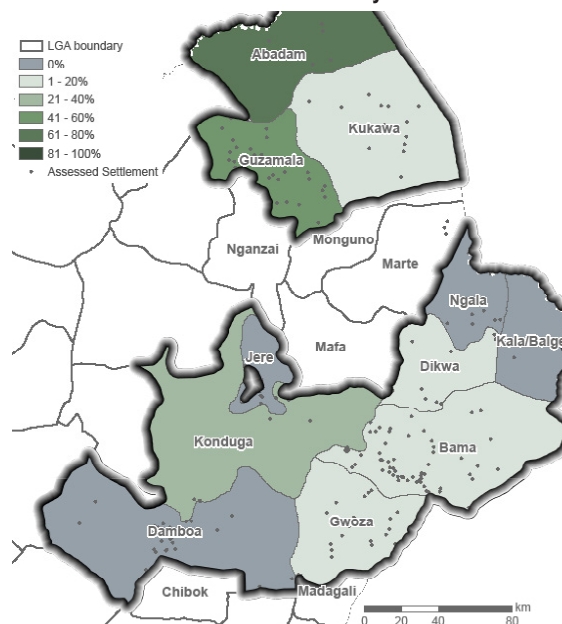
### Assessment coverage

Proportion of settlements assessed:



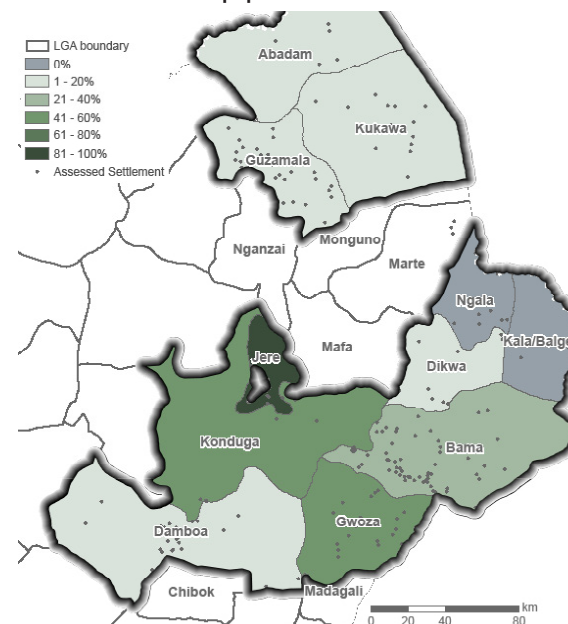
### Access to livelihood

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that most people have access to their usual livelihood activity:



### Access to markets

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting access to a functional market that the population could walk to:



<sup>1</sup> Where possible, only KIs that have arrived very recently (0-3 weeks prior to data collection) were interviewed.

<sup>2</sup> LGA level data is only represented for LGAs in which at least 5% of populated settlements and where at least 5 settlements have been assessed. The most recent version of the VTS dataset (released in February 2019 on [vts.eocong.org](https://vts.eocong.org)) has been used as the reference for settlement names and locations, and adjusted for deserted villages (OCHA 2020).



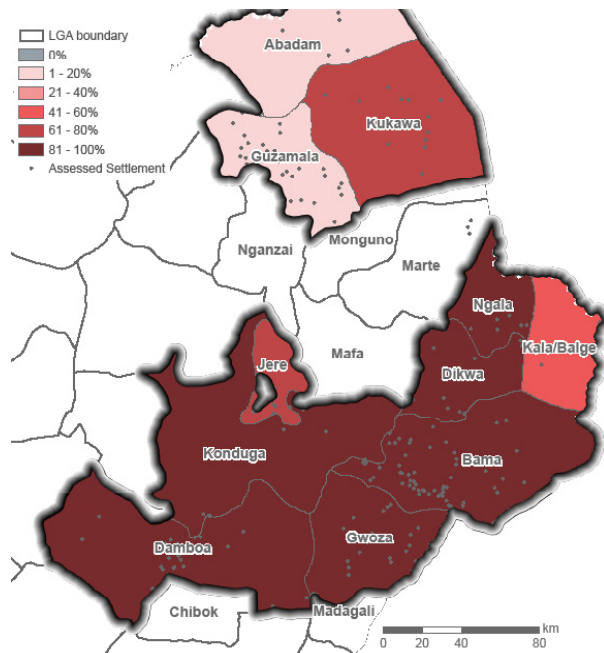
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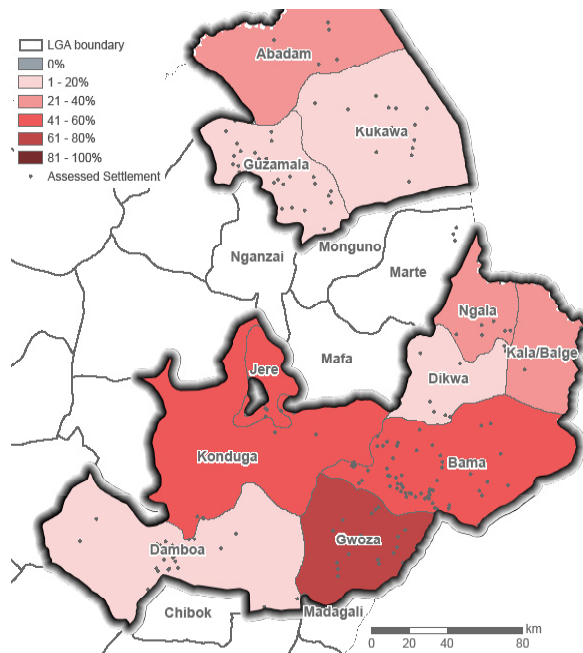
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### Access to food and livelihoods

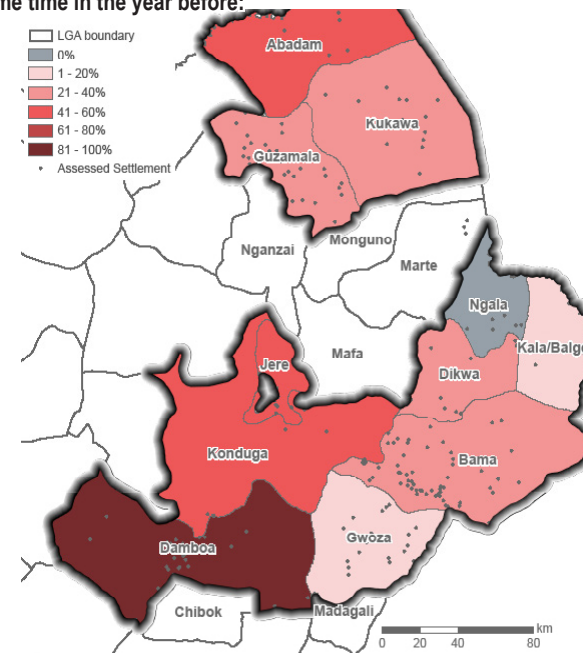
Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that people eat wild foods that are not part of their usual diet:



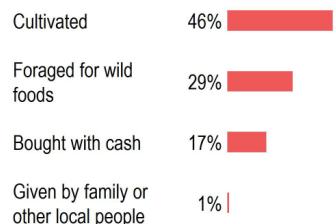
Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that most people eat on average one meal or less per day:



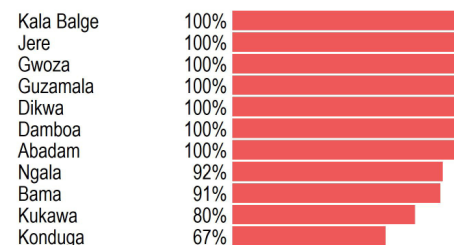
Proportion of assessed settlements reporting most people having less land for cultivation available as compared to the same time in the year before:



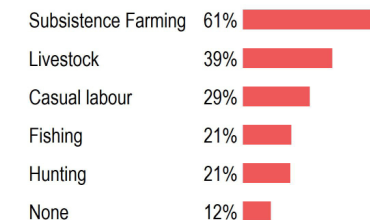
Main sources of food, by proportion of assessed settlements:



Proportion of assessed settlements reporting that at least one community member planted and harvested in the previous rainy season:



Livelihood activities community members engaged in, by proportion of assessed settlements:<sup>3</sup>



<sup>3</sup> Multiple answers possible