

Assessment of hard-to-reach areas: Protection

October - December 2022

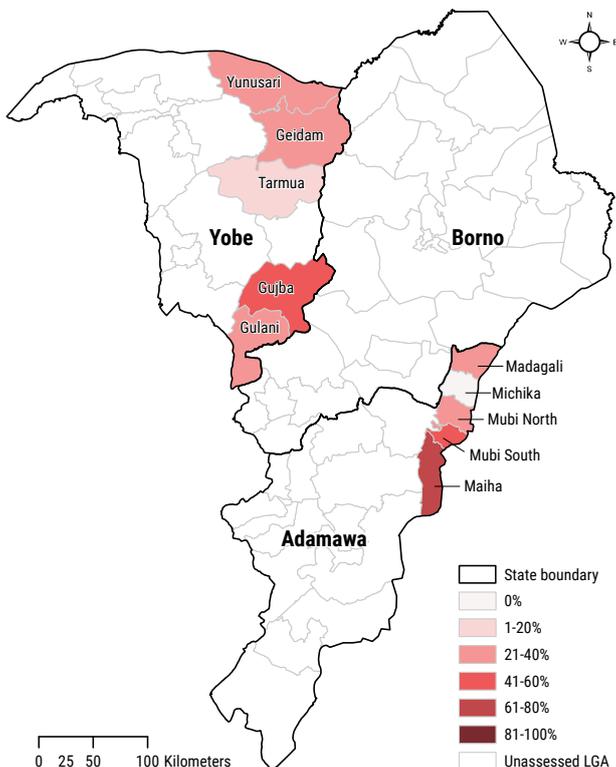
Adamawa and Yobe States, Northeast Nigeria

KEY FINDINGS

- In nearly one-third (30%) of assessed settlements, key informants (KIs) reported that at least one incident of conflict occurred in which a civilian had been injured or killed. Moreover, in the vast majority of assessed settlements (84%), incidents of property looting by armed forces or groups had occurred, according to KIs.
- Looting and criminality was the most commonly reported main safety concern for both men and boys (36% and 25%, respectively), while for women it was domestic violence (21%) and for girls it was early marriage (32%).

CONFLICT

% of assessed settlements where it was reported that at least one incident of conflict resulting in any injury or death of a civilian had taken place in the month prior to data collection:



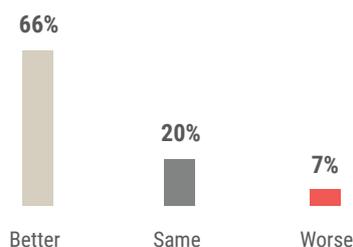
CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

The continuation of conflict in Northeast Nigeria has created a complex humanitarian crisis, rendering sections of Yobe and Adamawa states as inaccessible. To address information gaps facing the humanitarian response 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 monthly assessments of hard-to-reach areas in Northeast Nigeria since November 2018.¹

Using the Area of Knowledge (AoK) methodology, REACH collected data from 12th October to 13th December 2022. Results presented in this factsheet, unless otherwise specified, represent the proportion of settlements assessed within an LGA. **The findings presented are indicative of broader trends in assessed settlements in October, November, and December 2022, and are not statistically generalisable.** Find more methodological information on the last page of this factsheet.

In **30%** of assessed settlements, KIs reported that at least one incident of conflict occurred in which a civilian had been injured or killed in the month prior to data collection. Nevertheless, in more than half (60%) of assessed settlements, KIs indicated that safety had gotten better for most people compared to the previous month.

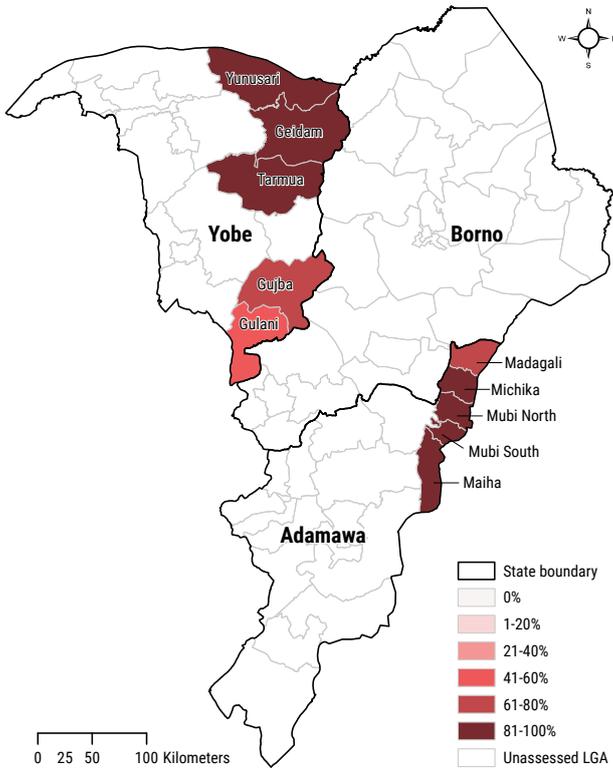
Reported estimations of whether for most people, the safety in the settlement has gotten worse, gotten better or stayed the same as the previous month, by % of assessed settlements:



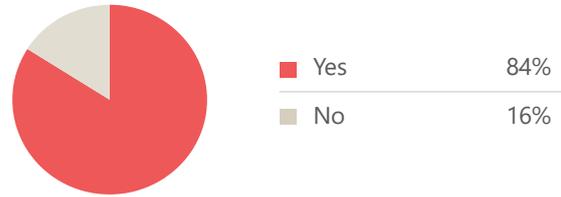
1. REACH H2R sectoral factsheets from [November 2020 to September 2022](#).

LOOTING

% of assessed settlements where it was reported that at least one incident of looting by armed forces/groups had occurred in the month prior to data collection:



By % of assessed settlements, in the month prior to data collection, has there been any incident of property looting by armed forces/groups in the settlement?



LANDMINES/UXOS

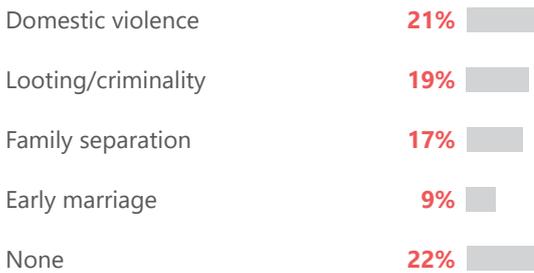
In the month prior to data collection, there were reportedly no landmine or unexploded ordnance (UXO) accidents in any of the assessed settlements in Adamawa or in Tarmua and Yunusari LGAs in Yobe. However, KIs reported landmine/UXO accidents in 21% of assessed settlements in Gujba and 1% of assessed settlements in both Gulani and Geidam.

UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

KIs reported the presence of children aged 17 or younger with no caretaker or relative looking after them living in 28% of assessed settlements in the month prior to data collection.

SAFETY CONCERNS

Most commonly reported main safety concern for women aged 18 and above, by % of assessed settlements:



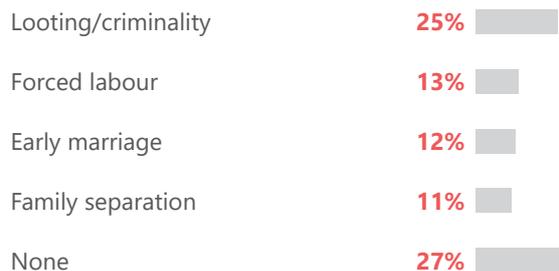
Most commonly reported main safety concern for girls aged 17 and below, by % of assessed settlements:



Most commonly reported main safety concern for men aged 18 and above, by % of assessed settlements:

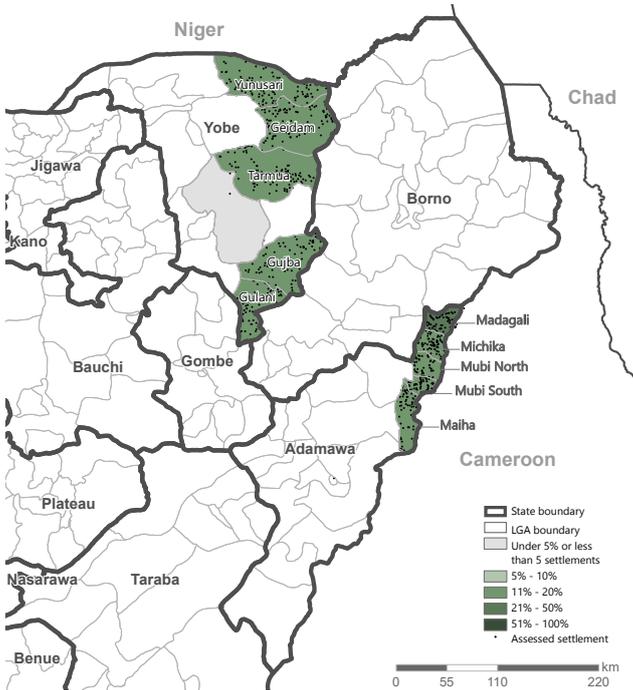


Most commonly reported main safety concern for boys aged 17 and below, by % of assessed settlements:



METHODOLOGY AND COVERAGE

Proportion of assessed settlements², October - December 2022



State	LGA	# of assessed settlements
Adamawa	Madagali	74
	Maiha	73
	Michika	103
	Mubi North	53
	Mubi South	75
Yobe	Geidam	107
	Gujba	82
	Gulani	75
	Tarmua	102
	Yunusari	101

Number of key informant interviews: 1339
 Number of assessed settlements: 845
 Number of assessed LGAs: 11
 Number of assessed LGAs with sufficient coverage: 10

Using the 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 are either (1) newly arrived internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have left a hard-to-reach settlement in the last month 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.).

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'.

Results presented in this factsheet, unless otherwise specified, represent the proportion of settlements assessed within an 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 October, November, and December 2022, and are not statistically generalisable.**³ Due to precautions related to accessibility and insecurity in some LGAs, data were collected remotely through phone interviews with assistance from local stakeholders. Data collection took place from 12th October 2022 to 13th December 2022.

More information on the methodology can be found in the [Terms of Reference](#).

2. The National Population Estimates v1.2 on grid3.gov.ng/datasets has been used as the reference for settlement names and locations, and adjusted to account for deserted villages based on information shared by OCHA.

3. Due to changes in migration patterns, the specific settlements assessed within each LGA vary each month. Changes in results reported in this factsheet, compared to previous factsheets, may therefore be due to variations in the assessed settlements instead of changes over time.