

Support for social stability and security of conflict-affected communities in North-East and Middle Belt of Nigeria



FACTSHEET

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BUDGET: US\$5,766,127

KEY PARTNERS: Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japanese private sector.

OBJECTIVES

The proposed project aims to support the social stability and counter terrorism of the conflict-affected communities in the North-East and Middle Belt of Nigeria. It will adopt the integrated community peacebuilding and recovery approach to provide the selected target communities with a package of multiple supports in four inter-related areas. The project will target the six states that are most heavily affected by conflict: Adamawa, Borno, Yobe in the North East, and Taraba, Nasarawa, and Benue in the Middle Belt.

PROJECT OUTPUTS

Output 1: Livelihood of the target communities is stabilized.

Output 2: Basic services are restored in target communities.

Output 3: Effective and accountable local governance is emerging in target states.

Output 4: Social cohesion rebuilt and community security re-established.

CONTRIBUTION TO SDGS

The project will contribute to SDGs 1,4, 5, 8, 9, 10, and 16.



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DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

Nigeria faces multiple crises, with a protracted conflict in its North East region, which has spread to neighbouring countries and intercommunal clashes in other regions of the country. The effects of the conflict in the North East, together with climate change and desertification, has made grazing of livestock difficult and has driven herders to migrate south.

This has given rise to the prevalence of violent clashes, most notably in the Middle Belt region. With these crises, Nigeria today is amongst the countries with the highest overall projected conflict risk index and increased risk in socio-economic vulnerability, inequality, and food insecurity.

The crises in the two regions have been rapidly exacerbated under the outbreak of COVID-19 virus since March 2020. The numbers of confirmed cases is 1,502 in BAY state and 1,870 in Middle Belt as of 10 January 2021.

The spread of virus has deteriorated the security situation in the states with increased number of casualties under incidents and attacks.

In fact, the total number of casualties in incidents in the six states through 2020 was 3,680, which is much higher than 2,631 as the total number of casualties during the whole of 2019.