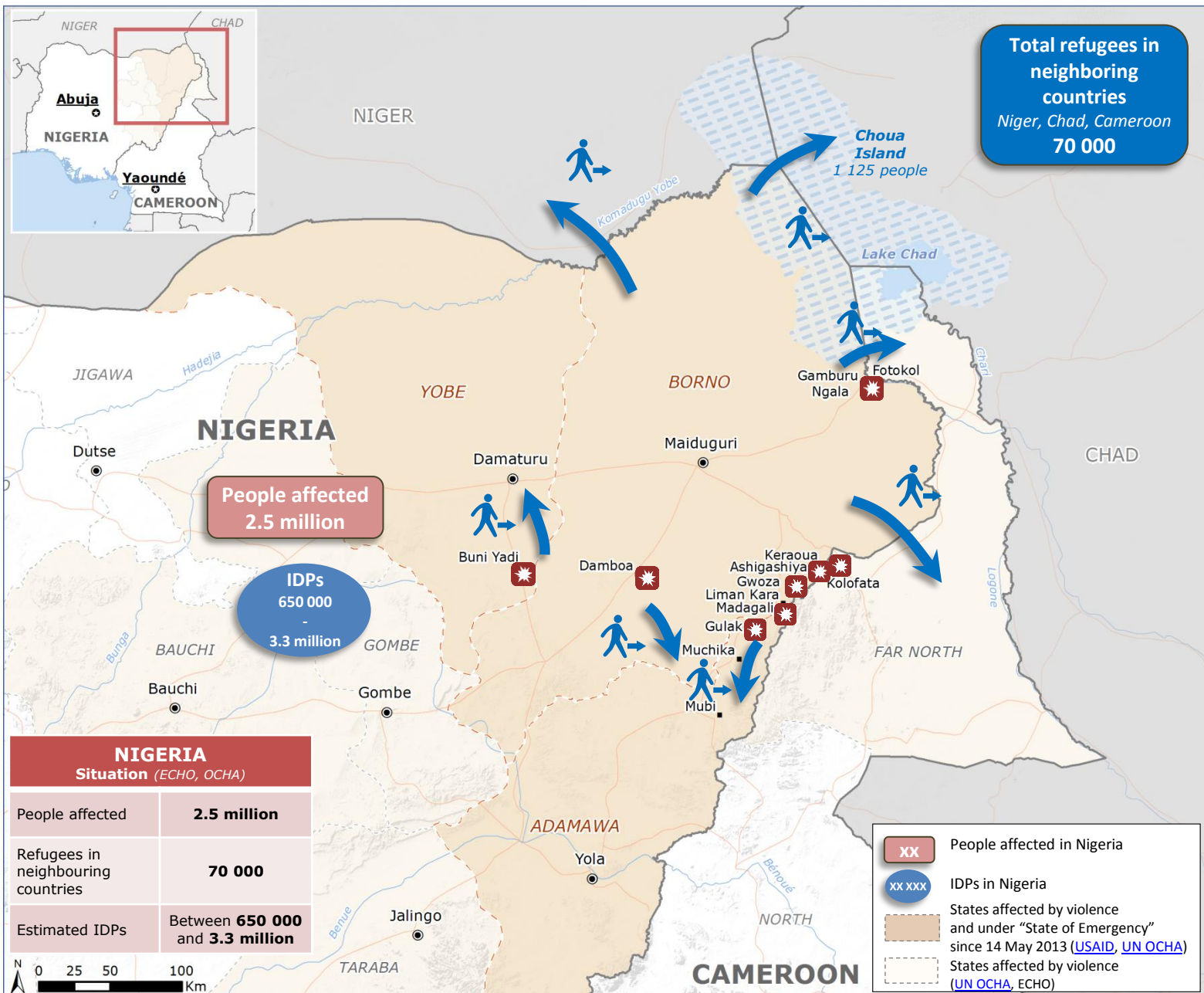


28 August 2014: Nigeria, Cameroon – Upsurge of violence



SITUATION

NIGERIA

- Since mid-April 2014, the north-eastern part of Nigeria has seen a significant upsurge of violence due to Boko Haram insurgency and resulted into large displacements of population. An inter-agency assessment conducted in May 2014 identified nearly 650 000 IDPs in the north-eastern states but NEMA estimated that up to 1.5 million people may have been internally displaced in the North East. Most of the IDPs are hosted within host families. There are 18 camps hosting more than 60 000 IDPs that are located in Borno, Taraba, Gombe and Lagos states. Overall, there could be up to 3.3 million IDPs in Nigeria according to IDMC latest figures.
- Following a series of attacks perpetrated by Boko Haram insurgency against Damboa (July 2014) and Gwoza (August 2014) that left several hundreds of people killed and properties destroyed, there have been large displacements of population towards South in search of security and assistance.
- On 20 August, Boko Haram insurgents seized the city of Buni Yadi in Yobe state with many people reported fleeing the area. In the meantime, Boko Haram repeated attacks on the border town of Gamburu Ngala forced several thousands of people to flee.
- Most of the fleeing population from Gwoza and Damboa areas headed towards northern part of Adamawa state.
- In the past few days the insurgents advanced from Gwoza towards Gulak.
- IDPs are looking for protection and support.

CAMEROON

- In the last 48 hours, Boko Haram has intensified its raids in Cameroonian territory.
- Clashes between the Islamic sect and the Cameroonian Army were reported in the village of Fotokol, located in Northern Cameroon, resulting in the death of 27 members of Boko Haram and one Cameroonian soldier. On 26 August, Boko Haram also attacked the Cameroonian village of Kolofata, which was finally won back by the Cameroonian soldiers.

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