



High-Level Conference on the Lake Chad Region

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Side Event: Call to Action

GLOBAL LAUNCH OF THE CALL TO ACTION ROAD MAP FOR NORTHEAST NIGERIA FOR THE PROTECTION FROM GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN EMERGENCIES

3 September, 2018, 12:30 - 13:10, Listening Room ('Europasaal')

The Federal Government of Nigeria, the Government of Norway, the European Commission for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management (ECHO), UNFPA and the Gender-based Violence Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR), are pleased to invite you to the Global Launch of the Call to Action Road Map for northeast Nigeria. The session seeks to highlight challenges related to gender-based violence (GBV) in the Lake Chad Crisis and showcase the Call to Action Road Map for northeast Nigeria, a multi-stakeholder initiative committed to transform humanitarian response.

Speakers

- Ms. Zainab Ahmed, Minister of State for Budget and Planning, Nigeria
- Mr. Christos Stylianides, European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management
- Ms. Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- Ms. Monica Ferro, Director of UNFPA Geneva
- Amb. Ahmed Shehu, Executive Director of the Network of Civil Society Organisations, Borno State
- Ms. Astrid Haaland, GBV AoR Deputy Coordinator

GBV remains a horrifying reality for those affected by conflict, particularly women and girls. It continues to plague crisis-affected communities in the countries of the Lake Chad Basin. GBV is an immediate threat to those at risk, and a longer-term barrier to stability, the empowerment of women and girls and sustainable development. It is important that participants at the high level Conference on the Lake Chad Region give full attention to this issue, and commit to taking the urgent actions required to strengthen GBV prevention and response efforts in the region. The challenge is not only to increase awareness but also to focus on solutions.



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WHAT IS THE CALL TO ACTION ON PROTECTION FROM GBV IN EMERGENCIES?

The Call to Action is a solutions centered initiative. It is a multi-stakeholder network launched at the global level in 2013 with the goal of ensuring that every humanitarian response, from the very start, provides safe and comprehensive services for survivors and mitigates the risks of GBV.

The operational framework for the global initiative is the 2016-2020 Road Map that identifies the priority outcomes and actions to achieve this goal. States and donors, international organizations and non-governmental organizations that are partners in the Call to Action have committed to take collective action to address GBV, to be mutually supportive in this lifesaving work and to hold one another accountable for action. The Call to Action is currently being led by the European Union (through its humanitarian department, DG ECHO).

WHY IS THE NORTHEAST NIGERIA ROAD MAP SUCH A GROUND-BREAKING INITIATIVE?

The 2018-2019 Call to Action Road Map for northeast Nigeria (Adamawa, Borno State and Yobe) is the first country Road Map to be developed, bringing together 31 key stakeholders as active members of the initiative. Partners have joined the Nigerian Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development and other key stakeholders to implement this initiative where humanitarian needs are most urgent. New stakeholders are invited to sign up to the Road Map over time as outreach to additional national and local partners is expanded. The Nigeria Road Map is being implemented in synergy with the GBV sub-sector to augment the impact of inter-agency GBV response under UNFPA coordination leadership.

In her statement in the 2018 Nigerian Humanitarian Response Plan, the Honorable Minister of State, of the Ministry of Budget and Planning, in the 2018 Nigerian Humanitarian Response Plan noted that the implementation of the Call to Action “is a pivotal point and critical foundation for stability and solutions in affected areas.”

Objectives of the session:

- Encourage new stakeholders to join the Call to Action in northeast Nigeria through raising awareness on the GBV challenges in northeast Nigeria and on the Call to Action initiative
- Build additional donor support for implementation of the northeast Nigeria Road Map
- Provide a platform for current stakeholders to re-affirm their commitment to collective action and accountability



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