



NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDP) AGAN CAMP BENUE STATE

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INTRODUCTION

Strategy and Innovation for Development Initiative (SI4DEV) believes that grassroots civic and community leadership is the bedrock for positive social change. We bring together individuals and groups and equip them with practical skills towards achieving strong governance, improved health, quality education and economic development for their communities.

SI4DEV is a non-governmental organization registered in Nigeria as Strategy and Innovation for Development Initiative. SI4DEV was registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission in November 2017 and is a Nigerian affiliate organization of The Spring Development Initiative in the USA.

Our Vision: Communities with more participation in governance, accountable leadership, sustainable businesses and access to high-quality healthcare and education for all.

Our Mission: Train and upskill change makers on how to successfully implement community driven projects, how to effectively access resources to be able to deliver a better quality of life for local communities and how to contribute to sustainable national growth and development.

PURPOSE

The purpose of collecting this data is to assess individuals' current beliefs, experiences, and needs within the IDP camp. On the 22nd day of April 2018, the SI4DEV Benue Makurdi team namely Bem Timothy, Emmanuella Ikomon and Dooufan Dema visited the Agan IDP camp at 12 Noon Nigerian time. This humanitarian outreach was done as part of the Global Youth Service day, and pencils and eggs were shared to over 400 school aged children at the camp.

Subsequently, the team organized a needs assessment survey for adults at the camp as a means to help in program design and planning towards improving the quality of life of the camp residents. This paper describes recent results from an IDP camp survey consisting of respondents primarily from Guma and Keana. By providing this information, partners may be better equipped to develop action plans and goals towards improving the lives of those resident at the IDP camp.

DATA COLLECTION

A total of 12 participant responses were collected using printed surveys. All responses were handwritten. Questions included on the form are included in below sections. In particular, respondents were asked about five main topics: demographics, influential politicians, needs and services gaps, peace and security, and challenges by demographics.

It is important to note that because survey responses were handwritten, some responses were illegible or difficult to interpret. To indicate when responses were uninterpretable, a (?) label is attached in the below sections.

SUMMARY OF NEEDS

Individuals provided mixed responses regarding major issues at the IDP camp. Depending on the way the question was asked, respondents identified food, water, and unemployment as the biggest issues. All respondents came to the IDP camp as a result of the Fulani herdsman conflict. Food was viewed as a serious issue for children, young adults, and older adults. Other issues were also identified, including health problems/sickness/disease and water.

Below is included more details from the responses to the survey. **The main conclusions are presented at the top of each section.**

1. Demographics

- **Total respondents:** 12 total respondents
- **Age:** Nearly half of respondents (46%) were between 30 and 39 years of age. There were also a significant amount of respondents (38%) that were 40 years or older. The remaining respondents were between 20 and 29 years old.
- **Local government:** Half of respondents (50%) reported Guma as their local government area. Other local government areas included Keana, Awe (?), Nasarawa, Gwer West, Markurdi. All respondents had lived in their government areas for at least 20 years, with most respondents having lived there for their entire lifetime before they were forced to leave their homes and towns.

2. Influential Politicians

Respondents provided a wide variety of responses.

- **Influential politicians:** When asked to name two influential politicians in the state that the LGA produced, respondents provided a wide variety of individuals. Generic chairmans (3 times) and senators (2 times) were the only politicians listed more than once. Other individuals included Hon. Chairman Franci Drogu, Dickson Tarkighiv (?), Dr. Samuel Ortom, District Head, John Tonlu, John Enger (?), Ajoh, and Kwaghbo

3. Needs and Service Gaps

Individuals provided mixed responses regarding major issues at the IDP camp. Depending on the way the question was asked, respondents identified food, water, and unemployment as the biggest issues.

- Respondents all agreed (100% agreement) that the following were major issues for residents of the IPD Camp:
 - Food/drinking water
 - Lack of primary and secondary schools (17% noted that only secondary school was an issue)
 - Teachers, books, and other educational materials
 - Lack of water for washing, soap, and other cleaning materials
 - Unemployment
- Respondents were asked to identify the top two major problems of the IDP camp from a preselected list. The majority of respondents selected lack of food (77%) and water (54%). Less commonly selected issues were shelter (31%), education (15%), and clothing (8%).
- When respondents were asked to write the top issues in the IDP camp, they listed (in order), unemployment (44%), education (17%), alcoholism and drug abuse (17%), dirty environment (11%), lack of modern gutters/roads/bridges (6%), and water (6%).

4. Peace and Security

All respondents came to the IDP camp as a result of the Fulani herdsmen conflict.

- When asked what conflict brought them to the IDP camp, all respondents listed the Fulani herdsmen conflict. All respondents had been at the camp between 3 or 4 months.

5. Challenges by Demographic

Food was viewed as a serious issue for children, young adults, and older adults. Other issues were also identified, including health problems/sickness/disease and water.

Respondents were asked to identify at least one major issue for a variety of demographic groups (some respondents gave more than one issue).

- **Children:** The majority of respondents selected food (54%), with water (33%), health problems/sickness/disease (33%), and education (33%) as the other issues.
- **Teenage girls:** There was little consensus on issues, with each issue mentioned by only 23% or less of respondents. Issues include health problems/sickness/disease (23%), sexual problems (23%), lack of friendship (15%), shelter (8%), clothing (8%), and parental supervision (8%).
- **Teenage boys:** There were a large spread of responses, including sexual problems (33%), food (25%), health problems/sickness/disease (17%), lack of freedom (17%), shelter (17%), and education (8%).
- **Young adults:** The majority of respondents indicated food (58%). Other respondents included health problems/sickness/disease (25%), shelter (17%), sexual problems (17%), clothing (17%), and water (8%).
- **Older people:** The vast majority of respondents (75%) identified food as the major issue, with other responses including water (42%), health problems/sickness/disease (25%), clothing (25%), shelter (17%), and missing home (8%).

IMPLICATIONS FOR ACTION

Our results suggest the following priorities and needs for services:

- **Food and water (the most common issues across the majority of questions)**
- **Employment or a means of livelihood**
- **A number of other issues were identified.**

Our results, while not comprehensive, offer some suggestions about needs, service gaps, and structural issues that should be addressed.



Detailed Survey Results

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age

Age	% of people
Under 20	0%
20-29	15%
30-39	46%
40 or older	38%

“What is the local government you’re currently living in?”

Local Government	% of people
Guma	50%
Keana	17%
Awe (?)	8%
Nasarawa	8%
Gwer West	8%
Markudi	8%

“How long have you been in this Local Government Area?”

Length of time in local government	% of people
Less than 10 years	0%
10 to 20 years	0%
20 years to life	100%

“What is your town in this local government area?”

[All but 4 responses were too difficult to read]

INFLUENTIAL POLITICIANS

“Name two influential politicians in the state that our LGA produced”

Listed 3 times: Chairman (no specific name listed)

Listed 2 times: Senator (no specific name listed)

Listed 1 time: Hon. Chairman Franci Drogu, Dickson Tarkighiv (?), Dr. Samuel Ortom, District Head, John Tonlu, John Enger (?), Ajoh, Kwaghbo

PEACE AND SECURITY

What conflict or disaster brought you to this IDP Camp?

100% of respondents listed the **Fulani herdsman conflict**.

How long have you been living here at this IDP Camp?

Length of time in IDP Camp	% of people
3 months	38%
4 months	62%

NEEDS AND SERVICE GAPS

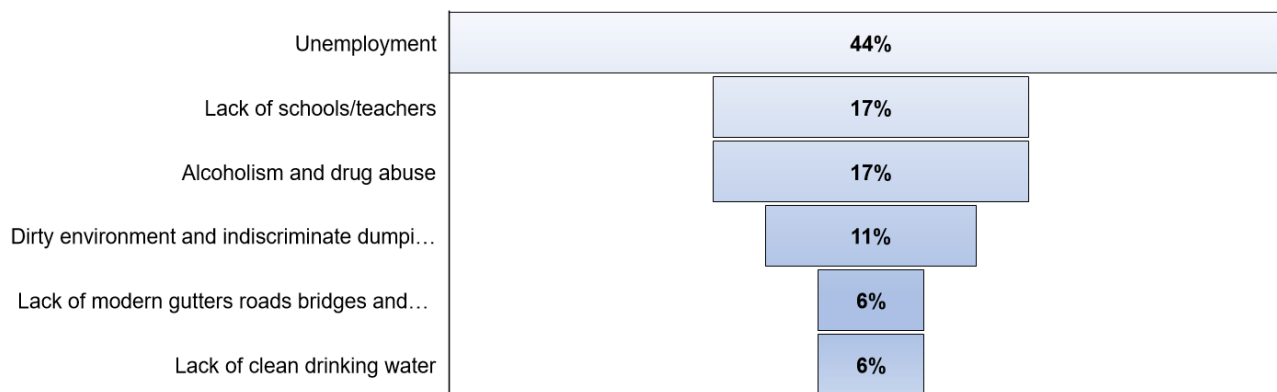
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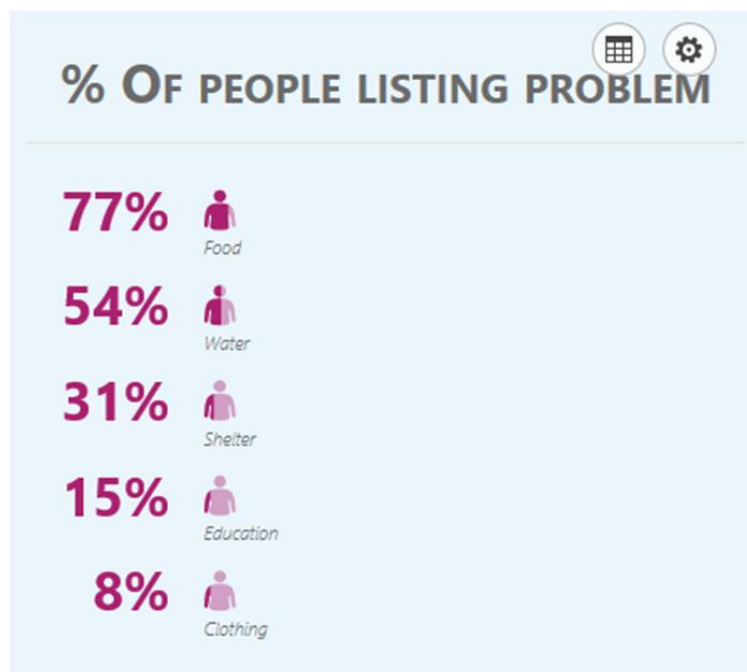
In contrast, for **alcoholism and drug abuse**, only 8% agreed it was a major issue in the IDP Camp.

“Of these issues you’ve identified above [in the previous question], list the top five starting from the worst problem”

[Note: only the top issue was recorded for each respondent]



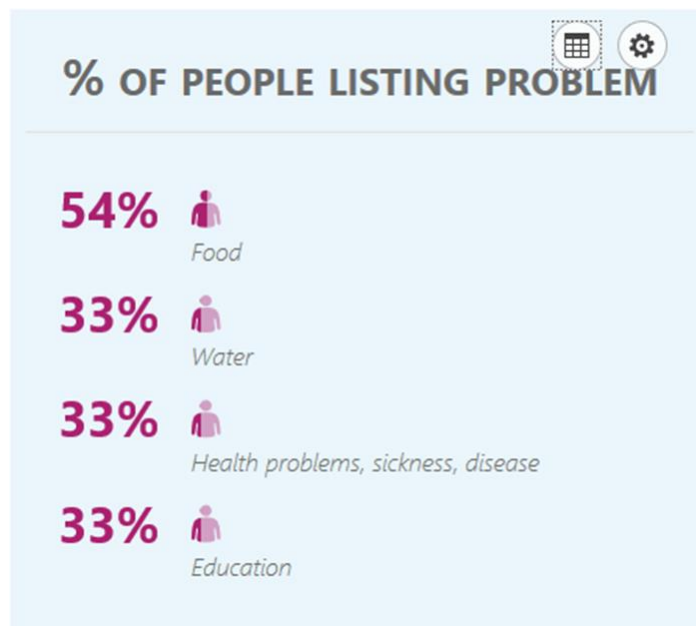
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CHALLENGES BY DEMOGRAPHIC

“What challenges do you think affect children in this IDP camp the most?”

[Note: some respondents listed more than one challenge]



What challenges do you think affect teenage girls in this IDP camp the most?

[Note: some respondents listed more than one challenge]



What challenges do you think affects teenage boys in our community the most?
[Note: some respondents listed more than one challenge]



What challenges do you think affects young adults in this IDP camp the most?
[Note: some respondents listed more than one challenge]



What challenges do you think affects older people in this IDP camp the most?

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