OVERVIEW

Nigeria's North Central and North West Zones are afflicted with a multidimensional crisis that is rooted in long-standing tensions between ethnic and religious groups and involves attacks by criminal groups and banditry/hirabah (such as kidnapping and grand larceny along major highways). The crisis has accelerated during the past years because of the intensification of attacks and has resulted in widespread displacement across the region.

In the evening of 3 December 2021, Sabon Birni town in Sabon Birni LGA in the state of Sokoto was attacked by armed bandits. Following this event, a rapid assessment was conducted by DTM (Displacement Tracking Matrix) field staff with the purpose of informing the humanitarian community and government partners, and enable targeted response. Flash reports utilise direct observation and a broad network of key informants to gather representative data and collect information on the number, profile and immediate needs of affected populations.

Following the event, DTM identified an estimated number of 1,436 individuals who were affected by the attack. The affected population was displaced from Kurawa ward to Sabon Birni West ward, both located in Sabon Birni LGA in Sokoto state. Of the 1,436 individuals who were displaced, 2 persons were injured in the attack.

MOST NEEDED ASSISTANCE (FIG. 2)

GENDER (FIG. 1)

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