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## Saving Lives in Eastern Borno

Since 2013, acute insecurity in northeastern Nigeria has uprooted Nigerian families and generated immense humanitarian needs. In cooperation with the Nigerian government, and in light of significantly improved access to people in need, the humanitarian community has worked quickly to launch a large-scale emergency response since 2016. However, conditions remain particularly fragile in eastern Borno State, where ongoing insecurity continues to restrict access to basic services and impede relief operations.

Despite the volatile security environment, USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) partner FHI 360 is providing vital health, nutrition, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services in eastern Borno's Bama, Dikwa, and Ngala local government areas (LGAs).

Since mid-January, FHI 360 has helped increase access to safe drinking water for

approximately 23,600 people in Dikwa and Ngala. The organization also works with community volunteers to construct and repair key sanitation infrastructure, such as drains, latrines, and showers, and deliver messages that promote healthy hygiene practices to reduce the spread of communicable diseases in displacement sites and host communities. Additionally, FHI 360 is distributing hygiene kits—which include buckets, water purification tablets, and soap—in Ngala, where populations have been coping with an ongoing hepatitis E outbreak since mid-June.

FHI 360 is also increasing access to primary health care services for thousands of people by training clinical health care workers to deliver services, conduct malnutrition screenings, and refer cases to specialist care. To help safeguard survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), FHI 360 is also establishing safe spaces, where vulnerable women and girls receive critical psychosocial support, and conducting community outreach sessions on GBV. As of late June, FHI 360 had reached nearly 21,000 people with GBV-related outreach activities.

In the face of unpredictable security, FHI 360 continues to succeed in expanding health, protection, and WASH activities to save lives and ensure that those most in need receive humanitarian assistance in Dikwa and Ngala.