



# Northeast Nigeria Mine Action Update

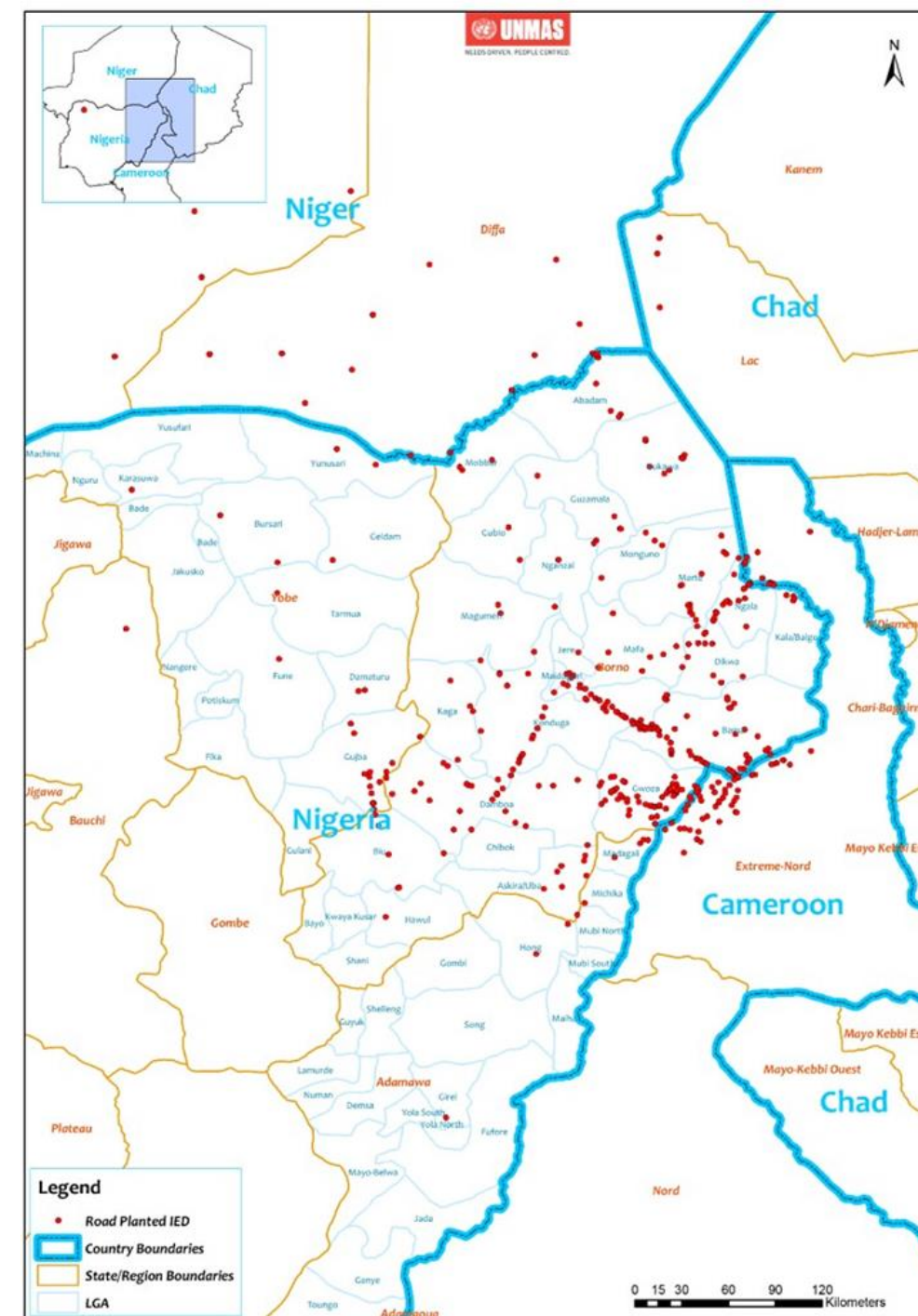
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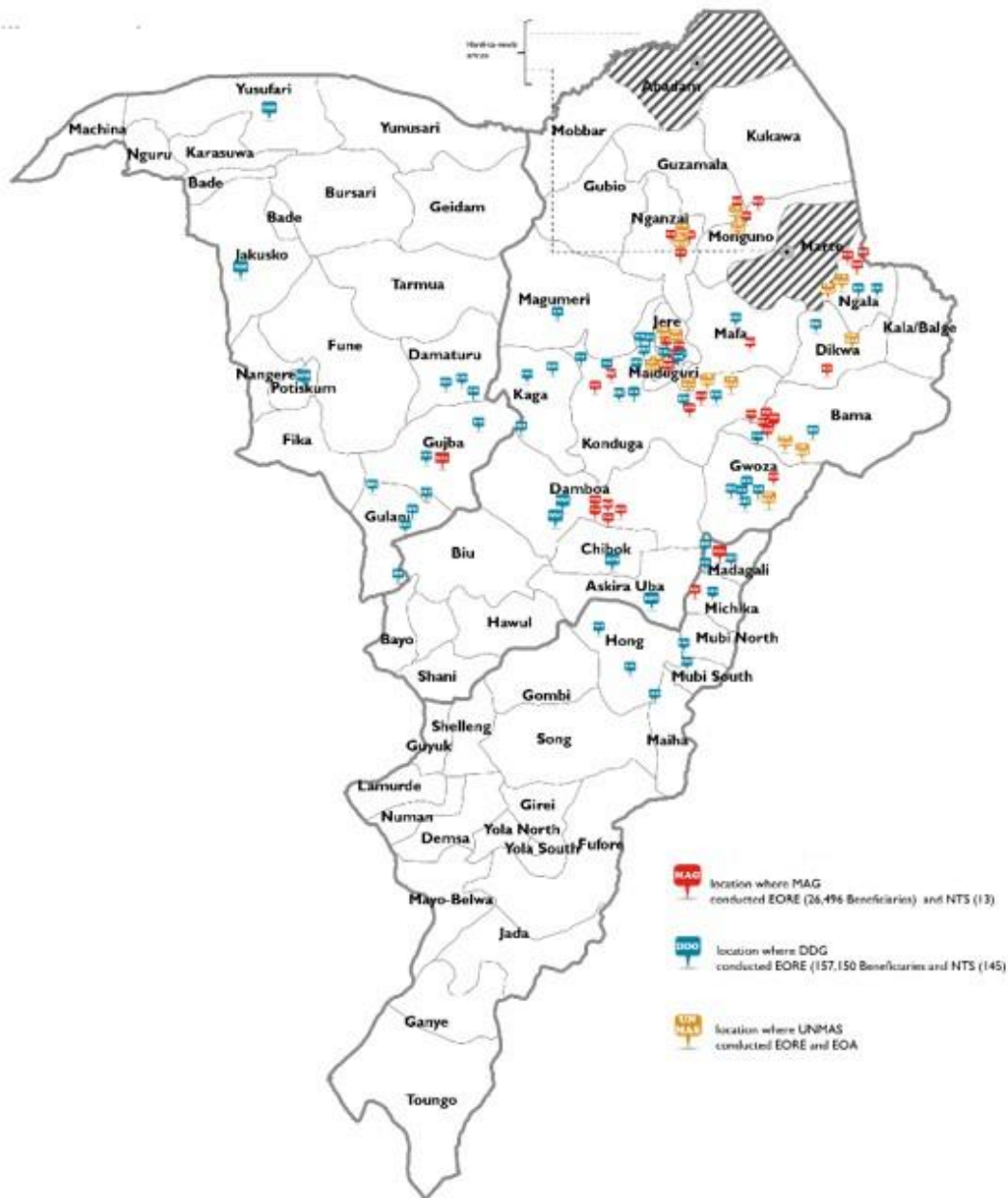
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# Explosive Threat in Northeast Nigeria

- Explosive ordnance (EO) contamination including explosive remnants of war (ERW), victim-operated improvised explosive devices (VOIEDs) or landmines of an improvised nature
- Use of other IEDs, including person-borne IEDs (PBIEDs), and vehicle-borne IEDs (VBIEDs) by non-state armed groups (NSAG)
- In 2019, 156 IED incidents and 32 ERW incidents; 231 civilian casualties
- From January to June 2020, 123 IED incidents and 16 ERW incidents; 158 civilian casualties
- Trend of VOIEDs being emplaced on roads, NSAG targeting civilians
- Cumulating and transborder





# Mine Action Response

- Coordination of Mine Action Area of Responsibility under the Protection Cluster
- Humanitarian mine action interventions:
  - Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)
  - Non-Technical Survey (NTS)
  - Victim Assistance
- Mine Action as an enabler, facilitating protection of civilians and safe and dignified returns of IDPs
- Support to national authorities and the Lake Chad Basin stabilization strategy

# Progress Toward Treaty Compliance

- Nigeria is State Party to APMBC
- Establishment of Inter-Ministerial Committee
- Submission of Article 5 Extension Request in October 2020
- Intent to elaborate a national strategy and to establish National Mine Action Authority



# Key Challenges and Impact of COVID-19

- Insecure environment and limited access
- Continued displacement of populations
- Access to beneficiary communities in hard-to-reach areas; out-of-school children
- Sustained support to mine action
- Impact of COVID-19
  - Travel restrictions exacerbating access issues for mine action programming
  - Adaptation in response to adhere to COVID-19 prevention measures
  - Delaying progress toward establishment of National Mine Action Authority

# Way Forward

- Support to Federal level effort (national ownership)
- Assisting the development of a normative and operational framework
- Assisting the development of local technical capacities
- Reinforcing school-based and community-owned protection and resilience
- Regional approach



# Questions?

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