

Integral Disaster Response – Nigerian refugee and IDP Crisis

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The Integral Disaster Relief process was initiated on 20th March 2015 for the current IDP and refugee crisis in Nigeria and neighbouring countries. Conflict and inter-communal violence have displaced an estimated 1.2 million people, 5.6 million people are in need of help, notably food, shelter and healthcare assistance, and a further 194,000 have fled to the neighbouring countries of Chad, Niger and Cameroon (source [here](#)).

Five Integral Members are actively responding to the situation – SEL (France), Tear NL, Tearfund (UK), World Concern and World Renew. MAP international also have ongoing work in Niger with a hospital who is working with a large number of new arrivals from Nigeria. A number of other Members are as yet undecided and looking at how they could be involved.

Integral Member Tearfund (UK) is providing immediate humanitarian relief, prioritising WASH, Food Security and Protection. Martin Jennings, Tearfund's Geographical Head for West and Central Africa says, "The need in Nigeria is great at the moment, and the scale of the crisis is such that we need to work closely with other organisations to make sure that the most important needs are being addressed quickly and effectively. We are keen to find the best way to respond working together with other Integral Members. Creating opportunities for personnel in country to work collaboratively will be vital to enabling us to respond and implement projects in the short timeframe needed."

Chris Sheach, Deputy Director of Disaster Response for World Concern is currently in Chad visiting border areas where displaced people have fled for safety. He says, "This response shows that crises do not respect borders, or status ... Fishermen have fled to the desert, and businessmen are left with only the clothes on their back as they travel for months. Our response needs to be as flexible as the disaster, moving across borders, helping people get back to what they do best, and adjust to their new environment."

Chris says about the Integral response, "I am excited about this opportunity to work together. This week I have been planning and coordinating with Integral Members and their partners in Chad, and we will continue to look at how we can help those in Nigeria and other countries. We each bring different skills and resources, and these can be maximized through collaboration."

Adding to the complexity of the situation are the upcoming Presidential and National Assembly elections on Saturday 28th March. Besides the challenges of Boko Haram, there are real fears of post-election violence, as happened in 2011 when 800 people died. The UN fears up to 1.8 million could be affected this time round.

Integral will continue to facilitate teleconferences and the sharing of information and resources for all of its Members with work and partners in the region.

Integral's website: www.integralalliance.org

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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INTEGRAL

All Integral Members sign up to the [Red Cross Code of Conduct](#) and [Sphere Standards](#), and Integral has developed an agreed [Quality Standards Statement](#) amongst its 20 Members.

Integral has 20 Members who work in over 80 countries, with more than 650 local Partners, in more than 40 sectors. Our Members have a combined income of over \$663m USDs and are:

[CEDAR Fund](#) - **Hong Kong**
[Food for the Hungry](#) – **USA**
[Integra](#) - **Slovakia**
[MAP International](#) - **USA**
[Medical Teams International](#) - USA
[Medair](#) – Switzerland
[Missions Alliance](#) - **Norway**
[Mission East](#) - **Denmark**
[SEL France](#) - **France**
[TEAR Australia](#) – **Australia**
[Tear-](#) **Netherlands**
[Tearfund](#) – **Belgium**
[TEAR Fund](#) – **New Zealand**
[Tear Fund](#) - **Switzerland**
[Tearfund](#) – **UK**
[Transform Aid International](#) – **Australia**
[World Concern](#) - **USA**
[World Relief Canada](#) - **Canada**
[World Relief](#) – **USA**
[World Renew](#) - **Canada & USA**

The Integral Disaster Relief Process:

Integral Members have developed a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters as Integral, with the Disaster Response Process co-ordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need.

2015: Cyclone Pam, Vanuatu

2014: The Philippines (Typhoon Hagupit), Ebola outbreak in West Africa, South Sudan, CAR, Syria, The Philippines (Typhoon Haiyan), Kenya unrest, Iraq

2013: Cyclone Mahasen (Bangladesh), North India Flooding (Utterakhand), Syrian Crisis, and Tropical Cyclone Phailin (East India), Typhoon Haiyan (The Philippines)

2012: South Sudan (displacement), Philippines Flooding, Democratic Republic of Congo (displacement)

2011: Cote d'Ivoire, Libya, North Korea, South Sudan, Japan earthquake, Middle East, East Africa food crisis

2010: Haiti earthquake, Sahel food crisis, Indonesia earthquake, Guatemala Hurricane, Pakistan floods

2009: Sri Lanka (internally displaced people), Pakistan floods, Asian disasters
2008: Kenya Unrest, China Earthquake, Myanmar Cyclone, Democratic Republic of Congo, East Africa Food Crisis, India floods
2007: Bangladesh Floods, Zimbabwe Humanitarian Crisis
2006: Indonesia Earthquake
2004: Indonesia Tsunami, Sri Lanka Tsunami

Integral Vision:

- Integral's vision is a world without poverty.
- Our mission is to work in collaboration as national relief and development agencies committed to maximising the holistic impact of our Christian response to the poor worldwide. Integral's main focus is on working together when disasters happen, and to find opportunities for our Members to collaborate and so maximise our resources and impact following a disaster.

On Integral Collaboration:

- Integral's goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively. This means making sure that Integral Members share information and play complementary roles with the resources they have available when an emergency happens. The Integral Secretariat plays a co-ordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

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