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INNOVATION IN MINE ACTION: LESSONS FROM NIGERIA

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NIGERIA: OVERVIEW



- Population ~ 212m
- Decade long violent insurgency in north east Nigeria with EO Contamination
- Farmer herder clashes in north central
- Banditry in the north west
- Stockpile of landmines in south east from the civil war of 1967-1970



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2019

Ad-hoc Inter-ministerial Committee for Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention set up

2022

Presidential directive to set up HMA Committee for all types of Explosive Ordnances + Inclusion of MA in North East Stabilization & Development Master Plan of NEDC

2023

Development of draft Nigeria National Humanitarian Mine Action Strategy (2023 – 2028) – to be validated by all mine action stakeholders in July, 2023

Submission of Article 7 Report (last time report was submitted was 2012)

2023

Identification of contaminated areas in the south-east

EORE efforts by UNMAS, NEDC, MAG, DRC, UNICEF and local NGOs

Destruction of anti-personnel mines in the inventory of the Nigerian Army

**NIGERIA'S MINE
ACTION EFFORTS**



WHERE ARE WE?



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1

Technical survey not conducted - extent and size of contaminated areas not determined

Approval obtained to establish a National Mine Action Centre (NMAC) and field offices in the NE and to re-activate a mine action field in the SE

2

Nigeria needs great support to meet Article 5 obligations by 2025

NHMAC working with ICRC and the 10th Assembly to draft and pass a Bill to give legal backing to Nigeria's humanitarian mine action programme

3

Limited EORE in affected communities including IDP camps in the north east

CONVENTIONAL EFFORTS IN MINE ACTION



Military – conventional use of metal detectors for roadside and victim activated IEDs



Humanitarian Actors – mine risk education (using local languages) and victim assistance



From Belabuhari B. M. be
Edmond Kaiser

* Code of conduct ✓
* Child safeguarding policy

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50-3

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Rules 1/6
1. Punctuality
2. Active participation
3. Respect each other
4. No...
5. No...





Proven technologies that have worked in other climes may not work in Nigeria

For e.g. in Mali the robots used to destroy roadside IEDs

CHALLENGES

Bureaucracy and its attendant delays in setting up the national mine action centre

Transition period – new government

No concrete information on mined areas as surveys have not been done

Lack of advanced detectors for road-side IEDs



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Use of Technology

- Nigerian Army exploring the use of new technologies to mount on drones for the identification of IEDs
- Expanding membership of the NMAC committee to include relevant MDAs to support use of technology innovation

Risk Education

- Electronic talking device used for literacy and numeracy transfer in nomadic communities employed for EOORE
- Peer training for primary school children





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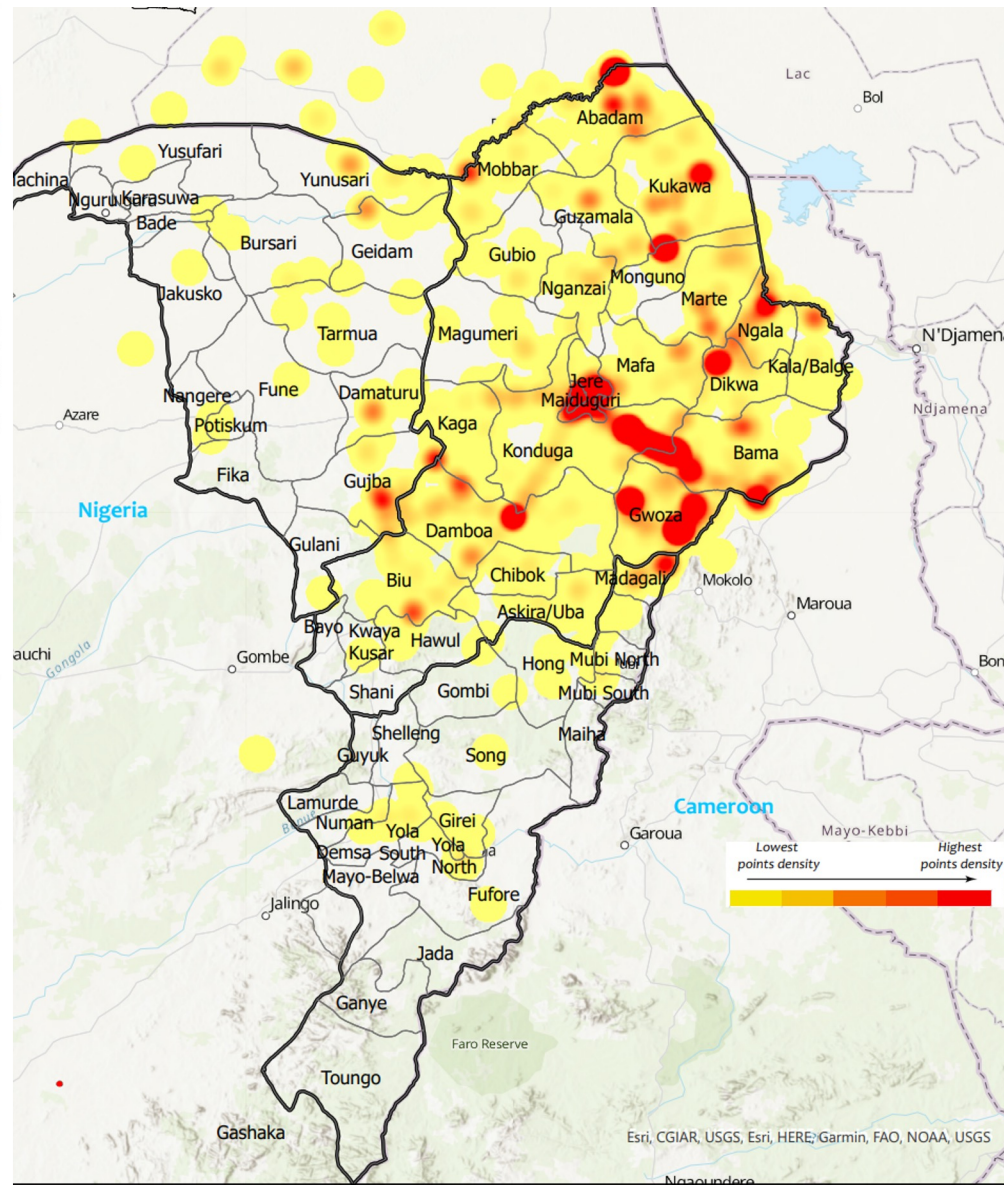
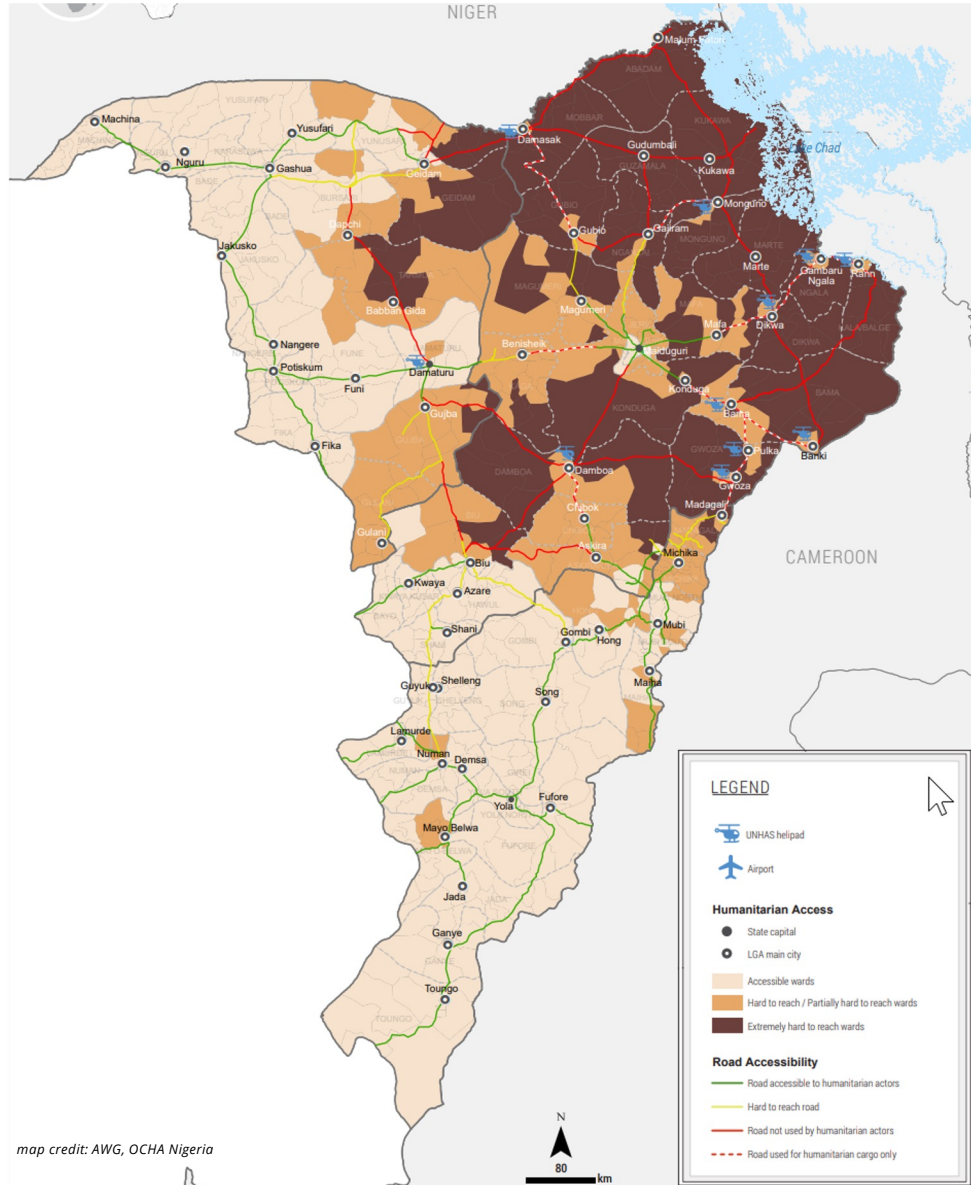
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Information Management

- Expanding membership of the NMAC committee to include relevant MDAs at federal and state level to drive innovation in mine action information management system
- Use of HEAT maps to define boundaries in the absence of technical surveys
- UNMAS's IMSMA will transition into the NMAC's IM system

EO Incidents Vs Access

HEAT MAP





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- Establishing and empowering NMAC
- Expanding membership of the NMAC committee to include relevant MDAs
- Regular mine action coordination meetings

Empowering Mine Action Operations

THANK YOU



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