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On Nigeria

**Return
Home**



ICON is Calling for IDPs to “Return Home”

Millions of Nigerians remain displaced due to the ongoing genocide, religious hostilities and pervasive insecurity. The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) estimates that there are 3.6 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Nigeria, but ICON Estimates that there over 5 Million IDPs (i.e. official camps, unofficial habitations, or informal collective settlements).

They must return home!

Disastrous Reality

The decline in global oil prices, along with the increase of insecurity, corruption, and infrastructure neglect have created disastrous realities:

- UN reports over 20 million Nigerian children are out of school
- UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) 2022 report, Nigeria has highest rates of kidnapping in the world - over 10,000 kidnappings in 2020, majority who are women and children
- In 2021, the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) reported over 24,000 cases of missing children in Nigeria – 14,000 were girls
- Nigeria's GDP has decreased by cumulative of 3.3% since 2015
- UNDP reports the insurgency in Nigeria has killed over 350,000

Nigeria: Open Doors - 2023 World Watch List

The World Watch List is the Open Doors' annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face extreme persecution.

- 1 in Every 7 Christians is persecuted
 - 1 in 5 are in Africa
- 5,621 Christians were killed for their faith in 2022
 - 90% of these were in Nigeria
- Nigeria is #6 on the list of the most persecuted countries in the world (after N.Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Eritrea & Libya, respectively)
- Over 3.5 million acres stolen from Nigerian farmers by militants
- Over 13,000 Nigerian churches attacked or destroyed since 2015



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Return Home & Resettlement

Resettlement is the process of providing internally displaced persons (IDPs) with a permanent solution to their displacement. It is essential to ensuring that IDPs can return to a life of safety and dignity. We will identify IDPs who are eligible for resettlement (via interviews, surveys, and case studies). IDPs should be given the opportunity to express their preferences for resettlement.

IDP Resettlement

The process of IDP resettlement includes a security check and medical examination. They will also need to be provided with the necessary documentation, such as a passport or travel documents. There are three options of IDP resettlement:

- **Return to their place of origin:** As the preferred solution for IDPs, it requires that conditions are safe and habitable.
- **Local integration:** IDPs settling in the communities where they are currently displaced. If local host communities agree this can help those IDPs unable to return to their place of origin.
- **Resettlement to a third location:** This involves IDPs being resettled to a new location. This 'last resort' option is for IDPs who cannot return to their place of origin or integrate locally.

Key Considerations For Resettling IDPs

- Need for a durable solution
- Importance of consultation and participation
- Need for a coordinated approach
- Importance of long-term support

UN Commission of Inquiry on Nigeria

Through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, ICON is calling for a UN Commission of Inquiry on Nigeria to determine if there are war crimes and human rights violations which gravely impact civilians.

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