

## Oslo Consultative Group on Prevention and Stabilization in the Lake Chad Region ¶ Key Recommendations

We ask stakeholders from the Oslo Conference ¶ W R I R U P O N R E to take into account the full range of commitments made during the conference, and consider the worsening humanitarian situation in addition to stabilization discussions.

### Step 1: Put Protection of Civilians at the Centre of Response

We call for all parties to the conflict to uphold international humanitarian law (IHL) and ensure that affected populations are being reached with food, water, health and life-saving services.

- x Further funding to invest in the development of specific livelihood and prevention strategies ;
- x Strengthen community based protection mechanisms ;
- x Develop and implement functional referral pathways.

### Step 2: Scale-up the Food and Nutrition Response in Nigeria and the Region

We call for greater coordination and communication between all actors .

- x Finalize and roll out clear contingency plans ;
- x Develop and implement a coordinated multi-sector approach which includes capacity building , strengthening health facilities and community education .

### Step 3: Increase Access to More, Better and Safe Quality Education

We call for the immediate cessation of attacks against educational facilities, personnel, and students as well as a stop to the military use of such infrastructures in line with the Safe School Declaration. <sup>1</sup> We continue to call on all actors , including governments, to channel more funding to the Education Sector.

- x Funding should be made available for the following areas; (1) systems strengthening; (2) reconstruction of school buildings; (3) payment and training of teachers; (4) strengthening of community participation ;
- x Explore alternative solutions to formal education including mobile schools and vocational training programmes ;
- x Tackle negative perceptions of formal education through community sensitization .

### Step 4: Safeguard Humanitarian Space: Safe Movement to Reach more People in Need

We call for unhindered humanitarian aid. ¶ ET 1 0 0 1 329.35 241.97 Tm0.57 Further, we request the government of Nigeria to develop clear procedures on bureaucratic procedures and appoint a focal point .

- x Continue funding UNHAS as a crucial life-saving service;
- x Invest more resources to facilitate access negotiations ;
- x Expedited implementation of the newly developed action plan for civil military engagement ;

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<sup>1</sup> The Safe Schools Declaration is an intergovernmental political commitment that express political support for the protection of students, teachers, and schools during times of armed conflict. As of July 2017, 68 countries have endorsed the Safe Schools Declaration, including Chad, Niger and Nigeria .

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- x Draft and finalize Civil -military coordination guidelines without further delay.

## Step 5: Strengthen Leadership of the Response and Improve Humanitarian Coordination

We call upon the government of Nigeria to continue to support the response and we stress the need for greater collaboration between all actors .

- x Further funding to strengthen the collection and sharing of data , including increasing the number of information managers and better identifying needs and gaps;
- x Greater clarification on roles and responsibilities of Sectors and Clusters to improve prioritization, orient operational partners and adapt responses to ensure all actors are contributing to designing a needs based response
- x Develop a clear resource mobilization plan

