

Baseline Assessment of Health Services and Living Conditions of IDP Camp Residents In Abuja, Nigeria

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Background

There are over 3 million IDPs in Nigeria, with many living in crowded and inadequate conditions. The Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) crisis in Nigeria has been ongoing for many years, with the most severe displacement occurring in the northeast region of the country mainly because of the Boko Haram insurgency. The violence in these parts of the country has led to the displacement of persons to nearby states such as Abuja. Sadly, majority of IDP residents in the country lack access to basic facilities and healthcare.

Objective

The objective of this study was to conduct a baseline assessment of health services and living conditions of IDP Camp Residents in Abuja, Nigeria

Methodology

The research was conducted in three randomly selected camps in Abuja. A descriptive cross-sectional study design was adopted which consists of both quantitative and qualitative aspect

Result



Graph 1 :Gender and the Experience of Abuse,
Violence and Exploitation at the Camp



The study surveyed 150 respondents in total. Among them, 78% identified as female, and 63.3% reported being married. The majority of internally displaced persons (IDPs) residing in the camps lacked access to water, sanitation, toilet facilities, psychosocial support, shelter and nutrition. Furthermore, healthcare services were not available in the assessed camps. Results also revealed a higher prevalence of sexual violence and mental health challenges amongst Female IDPs

Conclusion

This study revealed that IDPs are faced with a lot of challenges and concerted effort must be made in addressing them



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