



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 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Nigeria, many of whom live in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions. The IDP crisis in Nigeria has persisted for many years, with the most severe displacement occurring in the northern region due to Boko Haram insurgency and banditry. States such as Borno, Yobe, Zamfara, and Sokoto are the epicenters of this crisis, leading to the displacement of people to nearby states like Abuja. However, most IDPs in Abuja camps lack access to essential facilities that would improve living conditions and healthcare.

Objective

To conduct a baseline assessment of health services and living conditions of IDP Camp Residents in Abuja, Nigeria

Methodology

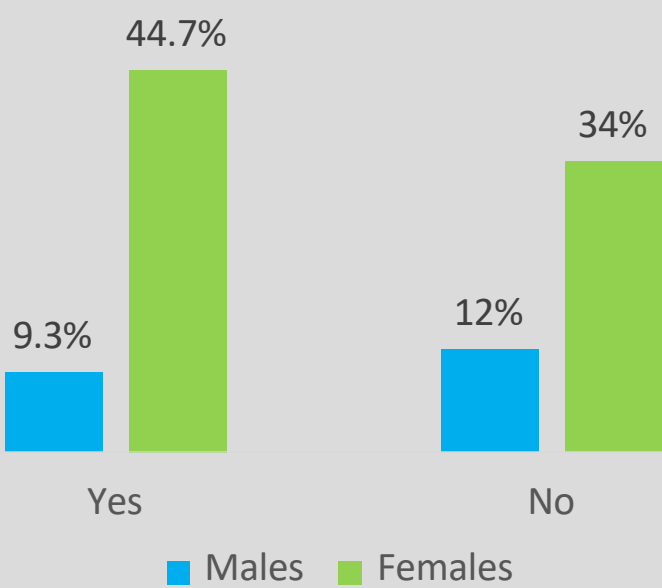
The research was conducted in three randomly selected camps in Abuja. A descriptive cross-sectional study was employed which involved the collection of both quantitative and qualitative data

Results

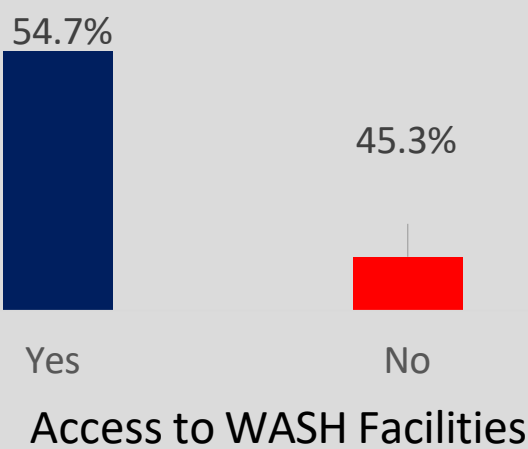
A total of 150 respondents were recruited for the study. Seventy eight percent identified as female, and 63.3% were married. The majority of IDPs resided in camps that lacked access to water, sanitary facilities. Results also revealed a higher prevalence of sexual violence and mental health challenges amongst Female IDPs. However access to services such as psychosocial support, nutrition, sexual and reproductive health was limited in the camps assessed.

Conclusion

This study revealed that IDPs lacked access to basic living conditions such as availability of WASH facilities and appropriate shelter, making them vulnerable to poor health outcomes. Furthermore, healthcare services were severely limited or nonexistent in many camps, exacerbating these challenges. To improve health outcomes for IDPs, it is crucial to ensure that these essential services are consistently and readily available in the camps.



Gender and the Experience of Abuse, Violence and Exploitation at the Camp



Access to WASH Facilities

