



According to the UN “Nigeria is Facing Famine Unlike We have Ever Seen”³

In 2017,
the U.N. predicts
75,000
children will die
from hunger

That's
1 Child
every
7 minutes¹

Policy Engagement for US Government:

- ◇ **Support no less than the House level of \$2.8 billion** for the International Disaster Assistance account and at least the Senate level of \$1.6 billion for Food for Peace in the final FY17 Omnibus, as well as the FY17 budget amendment for national security activities.
- ◇ **Encourage the United Nations** to designate the famine an L3 crisis
- ◇ **Exert oversight** through private letters and briefings to ensure that U.S. agencies involved are confident that the appropriate inter and intra-agency coordination is taking place.
 - Inter: UNDP, USAID, World Food Program, Food and Agriculture Organization, International Committee of the Red Cross, and other agencies.
 - Intra: USAID Foreign Disaster Assistance, Food for Peace, and Transition Initiatives
- ◇ **Form strong congressional coalitions** committed to a comprehensive response to security in Nigeria including particular focus on addressing humanitarian concerns as root causes and drivers of conflict and specifically Boko Haram recruitment.
- ◇ **Initiate fact-finding visits to Nigeria**, meetings with local NGOs working in the Northeast, and high-level US official engagement with humanitarian crisis and response to ensure that various agencies at the national and international levels are responding with actions and initiatives that are available within the structures of those agencies and relevant to the level of crisis that is developing.
- ◇ **Seek accountability from the Nigerian Government** on camp conditions, famine response, and gender-based violence as part of an overall security strategy and relationship development between the United States and Nigerian governments.
- ◇ **Continue to increase support** for integrated famine-relief, crisis, and stabilization responses through Food USAID’s offices of Foreign Disaster Assistance, Food for Peace, and Transition Initiatives, including to conduct analyses of areas where relief workers and aid cannot reach, mechanisms to distribute larger pool funding to on-the-ground NGOs, and strategies for dealing with trans-border famine issues.

→ **4.5 million people** face a crisis level famine in Northern Nigeria²

→ **Famine caused by Boko Haram violence and insufficient humanitarian response**⁴

→ **\$559 million** needed to deal with food crisis for just three months

→ **Mothers and daughters** are having to sell sex just to get food and supplies⁵

¹<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2016/10/14/75000-children-in-nigeria-could-die-from-hunger-over-the-next-year/>

²http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Fiche-Nigeria%20aout2016%20ver3_ASG.pdf

³<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/nigeria-facing-famine-unlike-ever-seen-040244807.html>

⁴<https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-partisan/wp/2015/11/13/nigerias-worrisome-humanitarian-situation-demands-more-attention/>

⁵<http://news.trust.org/item/20160927171504-7tpb5/>