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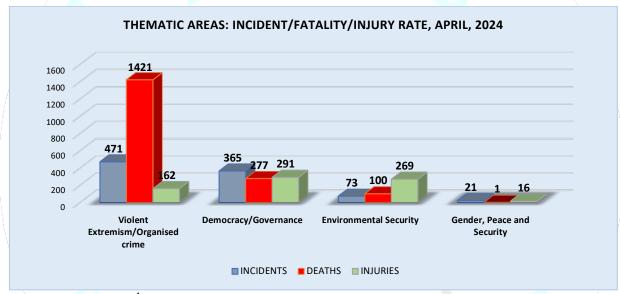


(APRIL, 2024)

I. INTRODUCTION

As of April 2024, 930 incidents were recorded in the *Monthly Conflict Census* from the WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS).¹ A cumulative fatality of 1,799 and 738 injuries and infected cases emanating from criminal attacks, road accidents and diseases related incidents were recorded in April 2024.

As shown in the thematic graph below, Violent Extremism and Organised Crime recorded a total fatality of 1,421, accounting for the highest of the total number of fatalities (1,799) recorded in the reporting period while Democracy and Governance theme recorded 277 deaths.² Also, Environmental Security theme recorded 100 deaths while the Gender, Peace and Security thematic area recorded 1 fatality in the reporting period.³ (see annex for the monthly census).



Source: WANEP-NEWS⁴.

The *Monthly Bulletin* presents an analysis of the security challenges identified from monitoring trends of incidents through the WANEP NEWS and the mass media. It also offers recommendations for stakeholders' interventions and mitigation.

2. ORGANISED CRIME AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

The threat of extremist attacks by Boko Haram and ISWAP terrorists remains pervasive, particularly in rural communities of Borno State in the North-East region with an escalation of Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks intended to maximise fatalities. The increasing frequency in IED attacks (particulary landmines) on critical routes not only disrupts the safety of travel but also indicates a persistent threat to livelihood activities and IDP resettlement. Further reports have identified the critical routes in Borno State as hotspots to include Gamboru Ngala,

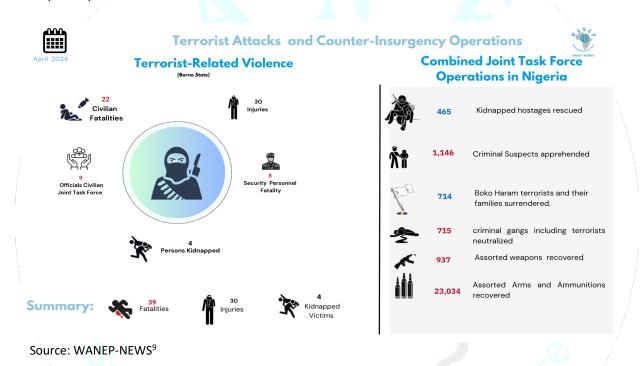
Source: WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS): www.wanep.org/news/

² Source: WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS): www.wanep.org/news/

 $^{^{\}rm 4}$ Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : www.wanep.org/news/

Kukuwa and Gajibo.⁵ Likewise, a failed attempt by ISWAP terrorists to plant explosives targeted at Nigerian Army troops in Dogon Gida Village, Marte Local Government Area (LGA) of Borno State resulted in the death of 6 ISWAP terrorists.⁶

The WANEP NEWS recorded incidents of terrorist attacks in Biu, Damboa, Kukawa and Dikwa LGAs of Borno State, resulting in an increased fatality of 39 people including 8 security personnel and 30 injured victims.⁷ The reporting month of April 2024 recorded a significant increase of 39 deaths compared to the one (1) fatality reported in March 2024. A further breakdown of the fatalities also indicates that 31 out of the 39 victims were involved in IED attacks. Additionally, a factional clash between Boko Haram and ISWAP terrorists from April 19 to 24, 2024, at Lake Chad Axis of Borno State resulted in the death of 100 terrorists.⁸



Nevertheless, the Nigerian Military and the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) in collaboration with the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) have continued to intensify security clearance operations in intelligence-driven air strikes and ground operations across terrorists' enclaves. As part of the counter offensive operations, the Nigerian Army uncovered an IED manufacturing factory in Abulam-BUK, Damboa LGA of Borno State. As indicated in the infographics above, 715 criminal gangs including terrorists were neutralized across states in Nigeria while a total of 1,146 suspects were apprehended and 465 kidnapped hostages rescued in the period. Also, a total of 714 Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists and their families surrendered with 937 assorted weapons and 23,034 ammunition recovered. 11

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⁶https://twitter.com/ZagazOlaMakama/status/1779967337174606174

⁷ Source: WANEP-NEWS

⁸ https://guardian.ng/news/escalated-iswap-boko-haram-clashes-claim-over-100-fighters/

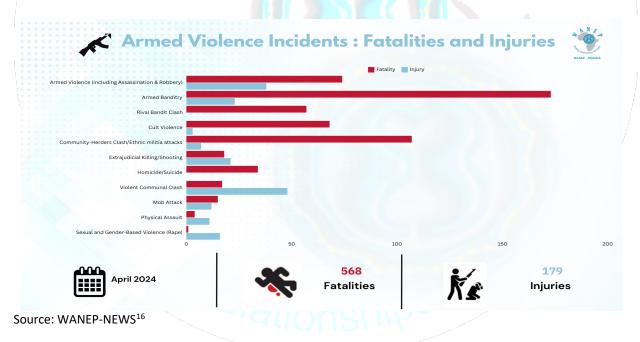
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https://www.thecable.ng/troops-discover-ied-factory-in-borno-kill-many-iswap-terrorists/ https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/05/military-kills-715-terrorists-rescues-465-kidnap-victims-in-april-dhq/

Moreover, the security landscape remains inundated with incidents of **Organized Crimes** including weapons trafficking, armed banditry, human/drug trafficking, cult violence, kidnapping, armed violence by militia gangs, amongst other forms of organised crimes reported in the month. The WANEP NEWS recorded 422 incidents of organized crimes resulting in 568 civilian and security fatalities. Out of the 568 recorded deaths, 22 were females, 9 children, 13 security personnel and 54 members of the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) and Vigilante Groups.

In the month of April 2024, **armed banditry** resulted in the highest fatality of 173 people including 7 security personnel and 51 Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) and Vigilante Groups members in Katsina, Zamfara, Sokoto, Kaduna in the North-West and Niger State in the North Central.¹² Other criminal incidents perpetrated by bandits in the period include kidnapping, theft, cattle rustling and arms trafficking. Moreover, the supremacy tussle between bandit groups in Zamfara and Katsina States resulted in the death of 57 armed bandits in the period.¹³

Armed attacks by ethnic militia gangs/armed herders resulted in the second highest fatality of 107, while armed violence incidents including robbery and murder accounted for 74 deaths. 14 Other armed violence incidents including cult/gang violence and culpable homicide/suicide resulted in the death of 68 and 34 people, while extrajudicial killing and mob violence led to 18 and 15 deaths respectively. 15 Below is the graphical representation of armed violence incidents and fatalities as documented by WANEP NEWS in April 2024.



The frequency in kidnapping adds an additional layer to major human security challenges in Nigeria. April 2024 recorded a significant decrease in the statistics of kidnapped victims with

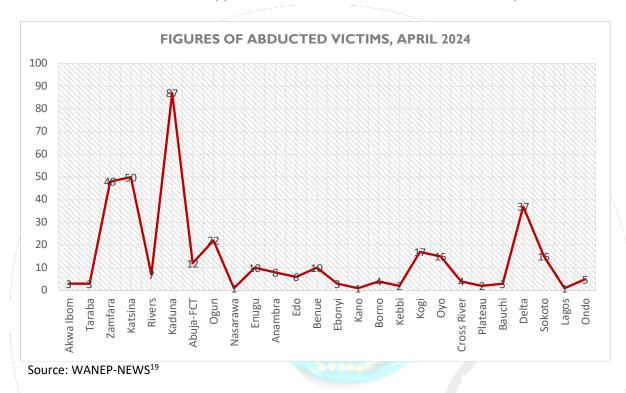
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¹⁴ Source: WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS): www.wanep.org/news/

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376 compared to March 2024 with 1,051 kidnapped victims.¹⁷ However, the month of April 2024 recorded a higher frequency of kidnapping incidents (84) across 26 States in Nigeria including the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) – Abuja compared to March 2024 with 82 incidents recorded in 23 States. Also, out of the 376 kidnapped victims in April 2024, 69 were children, 50 females, 4 security operatives and 3 Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF).¹⁸ The graph below illustrates the statistics of kidnapped victims across the affected States in the period.



The WANEP NEWS documentd 181 incidents of arrests in April 2024. The arrests cuts across various criminal incidents such as kidnapping, drug/human trafficking, arms/ammunition trafficking, violent demonstrations, physical assaults, robbery, banditry, vandalism, fraud, cyber-crime, election violence, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), amongst other criminal and civil offences.²⁰

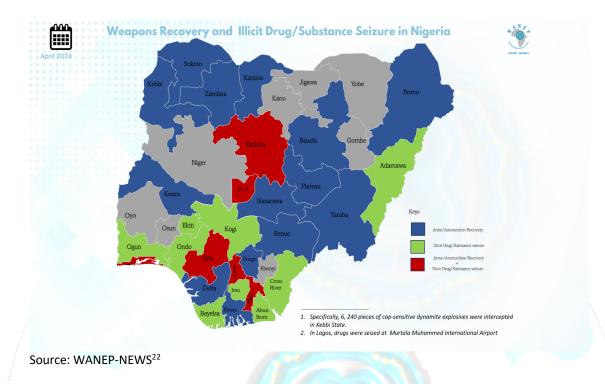
As reflected in the map below, security agencies intercepted several illicit drugs and weapons across states with 97 suspects including 9 females arrested for drug-related offences as recorded in the WANEP NEWS.²¹

 $^{^{\}rm 17}$ Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : www.wanep.org/news/

¹⁸ ibid

¹⁹ Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : www.wanep.org/news/

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3. DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE:

The trend of election-related violence and political intolerance continues to have significant implications for democratic processes and public safety, discrediting political parties commitment to peaceful elections. In the reporting month, the State gubernatorial and House of Representatives primary elections conducted by the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ondo State were marred by incidents of armed violence, demonstrations, physical assaults, thuggery and allegations of irregularities, necessitating the deployment of security personnel to maintain law and order.²³ The violent incidents involving suspected political thugs and constituency members, resulted in several injuries of journalists and security personnel with properties destroyed. The ward coordinator in Akoko South-West LGA of Ondo State was also assassinated in the state.²⁴ Similarly, in Edo State, several political party leaders and supporters of the APC were injured by aggrieved persons during the installation of an erstwhile Federal lawmaker as the political party's apex leader in Ikpoba-Okha LGA.²⁵ The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has fixed the Edo and Ondo States governorship election for 21st September and 16th November, 2024 respectively.²⁶

The outcome of military troops invasion of the riverine settlement in Okuama-Ewu Community in Ughelli South LGA of Delta State over the killing of 17 military operatives had resulted in internal displacement of residents mainly trapped in the forests for safety since March 2024. In addition to reports of human rights violations allegedly perpetrated by the Nigeria Army, over 12 displaced persons in the forests have been reported dead from starvation, ill health and

²² Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : www.wanep.org/news/

²⁸ https://guardian.ng/news/condemnations-trail-ondo-apc-guber-primaries/; https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/05/violence-mars-apc-primaries-in-ondo-as-thugs-disrupt-process-beat-up-journalists security-personnel/; https://www.arise.tv/protests-trail-ondo-apc-guber-primary-over-alleged-irregularities-aspirants-want-ododo-replaced-2/; https://dailypost.ng/2024/04/20/ondo-apc-primary-aived-aive

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²⁵ https://independent.ng/many-injured-as-thugs-unleashes-mayhem-on-apc-leaders-supporters-in-edo/

snake bites in April 2024.²⁷ The April 2024 National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Human Rights Assessment Dashboard showed that 5,259 complaints of rights abuse out of the 19,470 reported in the month across states were filed against state actors including the police, the military and other security agencies.²⁸

Recongnising the consequences of the inflation rate in Nigeria, the interventions by the Federal and State Governments to cushion the impact is yet to result in a significant impact on livelihoods of citizens, as the cost of goods and services remains high.

The WANEP NEWS recorded 29 public demonstrations and 3 indusrial strikes in the reporting period. The demonstration in Zamfara and Plateau States degenerated into violence following the death of a female resident and student of the Plateau State University hit by stray bullets fired by security operatives. The recurring strikes particularly in the health and educational sectors continue to hamper effective public service delivery, further revealing the weak state capacity to respond citizens' welfare. Unresolved issues over non-payment of salaries, palliatives, hazard allowances as well as poor welfare and health infastructures resulted in strikes by the Association of Resident Doctors (ARD) at the University of Medical Sciences Teaching Hospital (UNIMEDTH) in Ondo State and the Delta State University Teaching Hospital (DELSUTH).²⁹ In addition, the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) at the University of Abuja-FCT declared an indefinite strike over issues of administrative issues including employment, amongst others.³⁰

Other recorded peaceful demonstrations related to security concerns in the month include; demonstrations over protracted armed attacks and extrajudicial killings by security personnel in Benue, Plateau Oyo, Lagos and Yobe, states. 31 Also, farmers in Lagos State demonstrated against the alleged takeover of farmlands and armed assault of farm workers by Nigerian Army operatives. In the reporting period, members of the National Association of Polytechnic Students (NAPS) in Osun State demanded an end to the continuous disparity between Higher National Diploma (HND) and Bachelor's degree (BSc) and the delay by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to assent the Bill to abolish the existing HND/Bsc dichotomy.³² The rising protests against livelihood challenges and poor condition of services are not only an indicative of dwindling trust and confidence of citizens in the state as well as fractured social cohesion in the country, but have also impeded access to social services including health and education.

The documented cases of building collapse and boat mishap in Nigeria are majorly due to the non-adherence to building codes and standards as well as violations of maritime safety precautions. The WANEP NEWS recorded 7 incidents of building/bridge collapse in Lagos, Niger, Kano and Ebonyi States, resulting in the death of 6 people and 5 injured victims while reports of pit collapse in Kebbi³³ and Kano States recorded 11 deaths and 3 injured victims.³⁴ Additionally,

https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/04/okuama-ewu-over-12-residents-trapped-in-forests-die-of-hunger-sickness

^{*}https://dailypost.ng/2024/05/12/govt-agents-highest-offenders-as-nhre-records-19470-complaints-of-rights-abuse/

*https://guardian.ng/news/ondo-doctors-down-tools-over-non-payment-of-salary-dearth-of-personnel/; https://saharareporters.com/2024/04/27/doctors-delta-state-teaching-hospital-commence-strike-over poor-infrastructure-salaries#google vignette

https://dailytrust.com/uniabuja-asuu-declares-strike-over-illegality-in-employment-promotion-others/

³¹ Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : www.wanep.org/news/

³² https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/04/polytechnic-students-protest-hnd-bsc-dichotomy/ 33 https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/nwest/687715-eight-children-die-in-kebbi-pit-accident.html

³⁴ Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : www.wanep.org/news/

four (4) boat mishap incidents in Anambra, Niger and Kano led to the death of 9 people while over 250 people were rescued onboard a capsized boat in Rivers State.³⁵ Also, road accidents accounted for over 206 fatalities and 236 injuries from a total of 60 vehicular incidents across 20 States.³⁶

4. ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY:

The Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA) in its 2024 Annual Flood Outlook (AFO) indicated that 148 Local Government Areas (LGAs) in 31 States of the Federation are at risk of high flood between April and November, while 249 LGAs in 35 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) are within moderate flood risk areas.³⁷ In the reporting period, the WANEP NEWS recorded the devastating impact of windstorm accompanied by heavy rainfall in Nasarawa, Taraba, Osun, Akwa Ibom, Kogi, Kwara, Abuja-FCT, Ogun, Lagos, Niger, Ekiti and Edo States. A total of 10 fatalities were reported and several properties destroyed in the month. The flood incidents also accounted in the internal displacement of over 2600 people in Osun, Kwara and Kogi States³⁸. While the risk of of water-borne diseases during floods remains imminent, incidents of Lassa Fever, Measles, Polio, Cholera Cerebro Spinal Meningitis (CSM) and Idiopathic disease (unknown diseases) were recorded in the reporting month. A further breakdown of Lassa Fever reveals a gradual decline in fatalities and confirmed cases between April 1 to 28 2024, with a total of 2 deaths, 51 confirmed and 503 suspected cases compared to March 2024 with 21 deaths and 125 confirmed cases.³⁹

Also, an outbreak of measles led to the death of 40 children with over 160 infected children in Mubi North and Gombi LGAs of Adamawa State⁴⁰ while Cholera outbreak in Abia, Bayelsa, Katsina, Kano, Akwa Ibom, Bauchi, Lagos and Niger States resulted in 3 deaths and 57 suspected cases from March 25 – April 28, 2024. 41 As the Kano State Ministry of Health continues investigation to determine the cause of deaths (45 deaths) following the outbreak of an unknown disease in the State, the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) highlights the challenges of late presentation of cases and poor health-seeking behaviour due to the high cost of treatment resulting in increasing fatality rate⁴². Other challenges include poor environmental sanitation practices, contaminated water, and low awareness in high-burden communities, amongst others. Other health-related cases include Cerebro Spinal Meningitis (CSM) in Yobe State and one (1) suspected Polio case in Gombi LGA of Adamawa State in the month.⁴³ These instances of diseases risks further undermine health security of vulnerable populations and the already weak healthcare systems in the affected areas.

⁵ https://punchng.com/navy-rescues-250-passengers-onboard-capsized-rivers-boat/#:~:text=Personnel%20of%20the%20Nigerian%20Navy,pm%20on%20April%2028%2C%202024

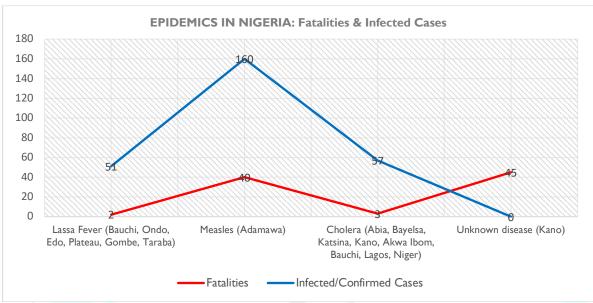
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³⁸ Source: WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS): www.wanep.org/news/
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https://ncdc.gov.ng/

⁴³ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3pUo2F40vU



Source: WANEP-NEWS44

5. GENDER, PEACE AND SECURITY:

The WANEP NEWS recorded incidents of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), especially rape of female adults and minors in Ogun, Bauchi, Kano, Enugu, Adamawa, Jigawa, Kwara, Anambra, Oyo, Ekiti and Ebonyi states in the month. Out of the 17 recorded incidents, an 11-year old female child was reported dead from complications sustained during a rape incident in Kano State. Also, over 62 victims (children) of human trafficking were rescued in Lagos, Ebonyi and Delta States in the month. The presence of illegal facilities that exploit vulnerable persons particularly young girls and minors remains prevalent in Nigeria. These illegal activities have been corroborated by the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), citing an alarming rise in the existence of baby factories and child trafficking across the country.

Furthermore, out of the 19,470 complaints of human rights abuses documented by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in April 2024, a total of 4,317 complaints of domestic violence as well as 1,457 complaints relating to violation of children's rights were recorded.⁴⁹ Strengthening the effectiveness and implementation of existing legislations and legal frameworks including the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) law and Child Rights Act (CRA) remains a critical component in Gender-Based Violence (GBV) reduction.

Implications for Peace and Security in Nigeria

The security development in Nigeria continues to have a cascading effect on public safety, food security and social cohesion. The humanitarian challenges, loss of livelihood and heightened

⁴⁴ Source: WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS): www.wanep.org/news/

⁴⁵ Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : www.wanep.org/news/

⁴⁶ https://dailytrust.com/father-of-raped-minor-cries-for-justice/#:~:text=23%3A10%20WAT-

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⁴⁹ https://dailypost.ng/2024/05/12/govt-agents-highest-offenders-as-nhrc-records-19470-complaints-of-rights-abuse/

vulnerability of women and children occasioned by a plethora of armed violence and conflicts are a cause for concern. Many of those affected and internally displaced have become dependent on others for survival, engaging in menial activities and street beeging which further exposes them to the risk of exploitation and trafficking by criminal groups. Reference to *March 2024 Monthly Bulletin by WANEP-NIGERIA* on food security projections had indicated that 26 States and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT-Abuja) have been incapacitated by food insecurity as 24.7 million Ngerians in the affected states are food insecure. *(see WANEP-Nigeria's March 2024 Monthly Bulletin)*⁵⁰.

Equally alarming is the existing trust-deficit among the citizenry for the government that has continuously metamorphosed into public demonstrations and press conferences. The series of demonstrations in the reporting period were linked to insecurity, poverty, economic hardship, inadequate public service delivery and frustration emanating from injustice, extrajudicial killings and other human rights violations. The inaccessibility of most rural communities due to insecurity, poor roads and telecommunication infastructures hampers effective public healthcare delivery, further contributing to the recurrent disease outbreaks and delayed responses. Addressing these infrastructural and security challenges is crucial to ensuring the well-being and safety of vulnerable populations.

The illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons (SALWs) continue to fuel increased crime rates in the country, undermining public safety and security. As the nation continue to tackle the threat of weapons proliferation through security intelligence and raids, the Nigerian Army between January and April 2024 recorded relative success in the recovery of 3,117 weapons and 63,575 ammunition.⁵¹

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In view of the human security threats and the analysis highlighted, the following recommendations are proposed for response and mitigation by stakeholders:

- The increasing spate of attacks further reveals a gap in intelligence gathering and tactical training of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF). Thus, the Federal and State Governments should continue to strengthen the capacity of security agencies and increase security presence in vulnerable communities. This should be strengthened with increased citizens engagement in communities.
- The State and Local Governments in partnership with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), traditional and religious leaders, women and youths groups, and the media should continue to increase efforts towards the effective implementation of the Child Rights' Act (CRA) and the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) law at all levels. This is effective to addressing recurrent cases of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and ensure the protection of women and children in the country.
- The State and Local Governments in partnership with the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) to strengthen collaboration with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), mass

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⁹ https://wanepnigeria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/MARCH-2024.pdf; https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/04/nigeria-battles-to-save-31-5m-people-in-26-states-from-food-

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https://punchng.com/military-recovers-66692-firearms-in-2024/#google_vignette

- media, traditional and faith-based organisations to increase public health, safety and hygiene awareness, particularly in remote communities to mitigate the recurring epidemic outbreaks Cholera, Cerebro Spinal Meningitis (CSM), Lassa Fever, amongst other unknown disease outbreaks. These efforts should include improvement of healthcare facilities and health risks early warning systems in the rural areas.
- The Federal and State Governments should increase funding and capacity building support
 to relevant disaster management agencies including the National/State Emergency
 Management Agency (N/SEMA) to effectively tackle flood disasters and its negative impact
 through sensitization campaigns, relief support to affected victims and disaster
 preparedness and response in local communities and States.

CONCLUSION:

The volatile security climate continues to have a negative impact on civilian lives. Therefore, the need for sustained concerted efforts of the Federal/State Government and security agencies to constantly review existing peace and security strategies to effectively respond to human security challenges, waning citizens' trust and confidence in the state is imperative. This process should create space for inclusive participation (including Civil Society) to harness their potential value to peacebuilding efforts in communities across Nigeria. Likewise, increased risk communication on environmental security threats by State Governments in partnership with health and disaster management agencies would also contribute to enhancing mitigation and resilience against epidemic outbreaks and other environmental concerns in the country.

CENSUS OF INCIDENTS FOR APRIL 2024

THEMATIC AREA	NO of Attacks.	VICTIMS	
		DEATHS	INJURIES
VIOLENT EXTREMISM: Boko Haram/ISWAP attacks/Inter-terrorist clash	6	- 139 (including 8 security personnel and 9 Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) officials)	30
Security Clearance/Counter-Offensive Operations	42	715	2
ORGANISED CRIME: (Armed-robbery, assassination, armed violence, armed bandits, mob attack, arson and cult/gang clash).	188	330	43
Rival Bandit Clashes Katsina and Zamfara States.	3	57	-
Abduction (evident across 26 States)	84	- <u>-</u>	-
Cybercrime/Fraud	10	-	-
Extrajudicial killing/Shooting by Security Personnel	15	18	21
Physical/Armed Assault	12	4	11

Herder-Community Conflict/Ethni Militia Attacks	18	107	7
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Violent Communal Clash	9	17	48
Looting	1		
Illicit Drug Trafficking	51	-	-
Homicide	26	27	-
Suicide	6	7	-
DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE:			
Demonstration (peaceful)	26	-	-
Demonstration (violent)	3	-	-
Strike	3	-	-\
Election-Related Violence (Ondo, Edo & Oyo States)	7	1	4
Arrest/Detention	217	-	-
Road Accident	60	206	236
Building/Bridge/Pit/Hill Collapse	7	17	8
Electrocution	4	5	1
Boat Mishap	3	9	10
Stampede (Sokoto)	1	9	30
Drowning	5	6	-
Fire Outbreak + Gas Tanker Explosion + Transformer Explosion	28	12	2
		18	
Starvation - related deaths (Ughelli South LGA of Delta	1	12	-
state)	eece		/
ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY:			/
Plant Disease (Tomato disease, Quela Birds)	13	-	/
Pandemic/Epidemics:			Confirmed/Infec
			ted Cases
a. Lassa Fever Outbreak	11	2	Lassa Fever: 51
b. Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM) Outbreak (Yobe	1	- 6	CSM: -
State)			
c. Measles (Kano)	1	40	Measles: 160
d. Unknown disease (Kano)	1	45	<u>-</u>
e. Polio (Adamawa State)	1	55 \	1
f. Cholera Outbreak	8	3)	57
Flood/WIndstorm	37	10	_
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GENDER, PEACE AND SECURITY:			
SGBV: Sexual Assault/Rape	17	1	16
Human Trafficking	4	-	-
Total	930	1,799	738

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